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Pedestrian peril

Broadway-Burr crosswalk gets special attention



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By Teresa Velasco
LOGOS NEWS EDITOR

Campus and San Antonio traffic administrators are taking a closer look at a proposal to increase safety for pedestrians and reduce

accidents at the dangerous Broadway-Burr crosswalk.

Campus police is engaged in a 90-day study with the City of San Antonio Public Works Department to

measure the speed of vehicles as well as the number of pedestrians crossing the intersection daily, officials said.

The study might lead to a proposed, 30-

second, four-way light since there is a 30-second crosswalk there, administrators said.

Any improvement might reduce the danger to motorists and pedestrians at the cross-

walk. Two University of the Incarnate Word students -- Maria Cervantes Wilburn, 40, and Gabriella Melissa Torres, 26 -- were in-

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Ismael Vasquez, a Purple Heart recipient, was at UIW's Veterans Day.

Veterans get recognition

By Erin Nichols
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word community honored and celebrated past and present members of the Armed Forces during the seventh annual Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 11 on Dubuis Lawn.

The ceremony featured performances by the Madrigal Singers from Incarnate Word High School; speeches from UIW campus veterans and President Louis J. Agnese Jr.; and a special presentation honoring undergraduate student and veteran Ismael Vasquez, who received a Purple Heart during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The ceremony also included the unveiling of a new memorial plaque honoring veterans, which now hangs alongside the memorial tree in front of Brackenridge Villa.

Dr. Glenn James, dean of the School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering, emceed the ceremony. The Air Force veteran marked the significance of the ceremony in his introduction.

"Today, communities across America begin their Veterans Day celebrations at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month," James said. "This morning, UIW is part of the fabric of a national celebration that blankets the world."

While Veterans Day honors those living veterans who served, the ceremony and day itself drew special attention on those killed Nov. 5 in the Fort Hood shooting.

"I'm happy to celebrate with everyone here, but also saddened by the tragedy at Fort Hood," Agnese said. "Anytime something like

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Chow down: free spaghetti, waffles on menu

By Brittany Valadez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Free spaghetti or waffles? Take your pick.

Or have both this week when Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., University of the Incarnate Word president, serves his annual spaghetti dinner, and the Student Government Association Senate does its traditional, pre-finals WaffleMania.

Spaghetti is served 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the Sky Room. WaffleMania takes place 7-10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in Marian Hall Ballroom.

Volunteer faculty and staff rolled meatballs Monday, Nov. 30,

in Marian Hall's dining area for the 24th annual President's Spaghetti Dinner. The meatball-rolling requires volunteers to wear aprons, hairnets and to thoroughly wash their hands before putting on gloves. Tableware also is rolled up in red-and-black cloth napkins.

Agnese prepares a secret family recipe known only to him and his family. The president begins the cooking himself.

"I participate in the whole program," Agnese said. "The day before I mix the meat for the meatballs. Then the following day I prepare the sauce."

Agnese and other administrators prepare the plates based on orders collected from the "waiters" -- volunteer staff and faculty.

"The students sit down and the faculty takes their orders," Agnese said. "It's a sit-down dinner."

Students just need their UIW ID for admission. Otherwise, they or their guests will have to pay. A vegetarian selection also is available.

A hostess greets the students and gets them seated. Then the waiters go to work.

"My favorite part of the spaghetti dinner is being seated and actu-

ally being served by the faculty of the school," senior Tasha Williams said. "Seeing our professors doing something different outside of the classroom and serving us students isn't so bad either."

After the main course is finished, a dessert tray is brought around. All dessert is prepared by or bought by a member of the faculty and staff.

The dinner caps off a busy semester of tests and stress.

Senior Taina Maya said when she graduates, "I think I'll miss the most the fact that you get to

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Nursing to move for renovations

By Tatiana Oben
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The nursing school will move off campus to Datapoint Drive next summer and fall while its current home undergoes a major \$6 million renovation that includes a third floor.

After 38 years, the nursing building will be "gutted," said Dr. Kathi Light, dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions.

The building, which opened in 1971 for the University of the Incarnate Word's oldest program, will undergo a series of renovations to improve the learning environment of nursing

students.

When the work is completed, the new 14,500-sq.-ft. building will consist of three floors and be similar to Bonilla Science Hall. In addition to a testing and simulation center on the new floor, this building will have larger classrooms, high-tech computer systems and most current up-to-date technology.

During the renovation scheduled to finished in January 2011, nursing classes will be taking place on and off campus, Light said. Other buildings throughout campus will be used, as well as the Datapoint location where the School

of Optometry is and formerly the home of the pharmacy school before the John and Rita Feik School was finished.

Classes at other nursing schools, such as San Antonio College, are a possibility for lab courses. Evening classes will still take place on campus. The nursing office and its staff will be moving to the second floor of Alice McDermott Convocation Center.

The displacement will inconvenience students and possibly require shuttling, administrators have said.

"We needed to increase enrollment and keep up with the way nursing is taught," Light said.



Word

Have you heard the news?

compiled by April Lynn Downing, managing editor



Guantanamo Bay, and more like it

President Obama admits Guantanamo won't be shut down by January as originally planned and has yet to give another specific date for the closure.

"We are on a path and a process where I would anticipate that Guantanamo will be closed next year," Obama said, according to Nation Digest.



Reports of secret CIA flights bringing in prisoners from Afghanistan to Lithuania have recently been found. It is believed a secret prison, much like Guantanamo, may exist in Lithuania and that it may have been built by U.S. contractors. This is the third time the issue is being investigated within the past three years.



Swine flu continues

Swine flu, an outbreak that began in Mexico last spring, is rapidly affecting Europe with 414 deaths reported throughout the last month, according to the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control.

Americans, don't get to comfortable. We aren't faring well either. Here are U.S. statistics since Nov. 12: 22 million infected; 98,000 hospitalized; 3,900 deaths, according to the San Antonio Express-News.



This map shows areas around the world infected with swine flu.


Presidents and voting

America

President Obama made a weeklong trip to Asia to visit with several leaders.

His trip included: Japan, Singapore, China and South Korea. Although the trip involved many world leaders it provided little to no solutions for a free and peaceful Asia.


In his visit to Shanghai, China, Obama talked to a group of university students. Students were questioned and "trained" before they were allowed to sit in on the speech but were also allowed to ask questions freely, surprising for the Communist regime. While Obama answered each question honestly and in regards to human rights the question still remains, do we want to step on the toes of Communist China, especially in our relations with Taiwan?



Middle East

Voting complications seem to be the main problem in the Middle East right now. First, Afghan President Hamid Karzai wins by default. Now threats are rampant in Iraq as groups demand more parliament seats and even to boycott the election altogether, causing the election for January to be delayed more than once. Under the Iraq Constitution however, the election must be by Jan. 31. The Iraq election is a vital event allowing our troops to withdraw by August 2010, a target date set by the Obama Administration.

On that note, Karzai was sworn in Thursday, Nov. 19, and set two key goals for the country: to be independent of foreign security within the next five years and to rid the political system of the corruption that has plagued the Afghanistan elections.



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see how the faculty and staff get to provide things for the students instead of us always having to provide stuff for them [papers, projects]. You can always see teachers you haven't seen in a while and reminiscence about times when you were in their class."

WaffleMania is a Senate project that has a different theme this year.

"This year we are putting a new spin on the event and calling it 'Twas the Night Before Finals,'" said Senate Liaison Erin Nichols. "It will have more of a Christmas theme."

"At the event, we are going to have a table set up for everyone to make Christmas cards for active duty military overseas," said Nichols.

WaffleMania is designed to let the students relax and enjoy each other's company. The planning takes place weeks in advance, beginning with the every-other-Wednesday Senate meetings discussing the event. Each member of the Senate is divided up into commit-

tees and is responsible for everything from decorating, to giveaways, to making Facebook pages.

"Some senators are in charge of different portions of the event. All the senators contribute in one way or another," Nichols said. "They make posters and advertise for the event, help with set-up and preparation, serve and make the waffles, organize games and other activities for the event, and cleanup."

Last year, Commuter Senator Michael Mejia recalled he was "in charge of making sure the flow of the line goes smoothly and that everyone gets a chance to visit the toppings table, so they can cover their waffles."

Sodexo provides the food. Senators arrive at 5 p.m. to prepare for the 7 o'clock door opening. Waffle choices include flavors such as blueberry, strawberry, chocolate and more. Toppings include syrup, strawberry glaze, chocolate chips, multi-colored candies, pow-

dered sugar and more.

"I liked the fact that you can mix anything on your waffles," junior Rogelio Solorzano said.

The waffles are freshly made, with some baked directly in front of the person who orders it. If a student is hungry for seconds or thirds, he or she can come back for more.

For entertainment, the Senate has retained the magical services of Dr. Michael Tallon, a Spanish professor known for his creative magic tricks, as he is a favorite among students.

Solorzano recalls his favorite trick that Tallon performs. "The foam bunnies... when he [Tallon] starts with two and suddenly multiplies to many."

For Nichols, the hardest part about planning WaffleMania is guessing the demand.

"The hardest thing is just making sure there are enough waffles ready by the time everyone arrives so lines don't become long," she said.

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this happens, it makes us thankful to be safe. And we can be thankful for the safety our veterans provided so America can be a place without fear."

The ceremony also drew attention to certain issues unique to veterans. Among those addressed, a portion focused on the number of veterans returning to college after the passing of the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. Thousands of returning veterans will take advantage of the new bill, which funds 100 percent of a veteran's undergraduate education if they have served at least three years since 9/11.

Mary Scaggs, an undergraduate nursing major and the president of the Student Veterans Association, is one of these veterans. After serving two tours in Afghanistan, Scaggs attained the rank of captain before leaving the Army to pursue having a family with her husband, who remains in the Army and is serving overseas.

During the ceremony, James asked all veterans to stand and be recognized as he called each branch of the military. Dr. Timothy Henrich, professor of kinesiology and sports management, stood in recognition of his service in the Army. Henrich spent five years in the Army during Vietnam, but instead of serving in the war itself, Henrich competed in international pentathlons for the Army team.

Even though Henrich looks fondly

on his experience, he also knows the trials of serving in the military.

"When you serve in the military it can separate you from the world as you know it," he said. "You have to go back to where you came from and regroup after so many of those you once knew have moved on with their lives. It's not easy."

This trial was similarly addressed in the ceremony, as James spoke of how non-military students can help returning veterans adjust to their new lives and feel welcome on campus.

"If a veteran has served anywhere other than San Antonio," James said, "just say to them, 'Welcome home.' And regardless of when or where they've served, it's always great to hear: 'Thank you for your service.'"

Scaggs, too, said saying thank-you is plenty, but also recommends other ways for students to help veterans and active-duty soldiers on and off campus.

"Students can also be considerate or sensitive to the experiences that some of the veterans have had," she said. "And can do simple things like greeting troops at the airport or donating blood at the Brooke Army Medical Center."

But apart from reaching out to veterans on a personal level, James said non-military students can keep in mind the significance of the Veterans Day Ceremony and those on campus who served.

Intersection

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jured and taken to a hospital after they were struck around 2:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at the intersection, according to the Alamo Heights Police Department.

No charges have been filed because the Alamo Heights Police Department's investigation determined the driver who was turn-

ing left onto Broadway from Burr was blinded by the sun, did not see the women and accidentally struck them.

According to the Alamo Heights records, there have been 36 accidents at Broadway and Burr recorded from June 2006 through November 2009 - 10 of the accidents involving

UIW students, staff or faculty, and three involving pedestrians, who were injured.

Alamo Heights considers the crosswalk a good safe one but because of the amount of traffic flow and the increase in students crossing the street there are likely to be accidents when people are not fully aware of their surroundings.

"Never assume anything even though you have the crosswalk signal telling you that it is OK to cross," Alamo Heights Police Chief Richard Pruitt said.

"You have to be aware that there could be conditions that keep people from seeing with distractions that go on within the vehicle such as talking on the phone, texting, etc. Always pay attention to the traffic before you step into the traffic."

Several UIW pedestrians contend drivers are in a hurry and not watching out for pedestrians at Broadway and Burr.

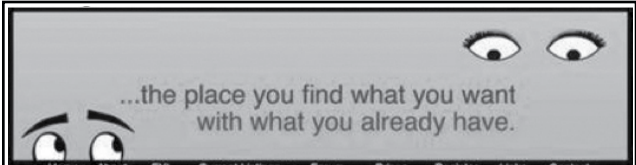
"I have to cross the street every day for work and it is sometimes kind of scary because I do not think

that the drivers are really paying attention to or respect pedestrians crossing," said Iris Ayala, who does work-study at Kathleen Watson Center. "I just think that they are concerned with turning and expect you to cross when it is convenient to them."

Meanwhile, a campus police officer is being posted near the intersection at random times to issue citations to vehicles not yielding to pedestrians, Capt. Jacob Colunga said. And the campus unit is working with the San

Antonio Public Works employees Christina De La Cruz, planning manager for the Traffic-Engineering unit, and David Haldeman on the 90-day study.

"We want to give student a chance to cross cause what we have seen is that cars are either turning left or right out of the turn lane, out of campus, or off Burr Road and are also not paying attention as well as sometimes looking for a chance to go before it changes and our pedestrians are still crossing the crosswalk," Colunga said.



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FALL FASHIONS

Fashion Society showcases four designers



KATIE GRINNAN LOGOS STAFF

The show didn't take long -- about 30 minutes in fact -- but several weeks of planning went into the benefit Fall Fashion show held Nov. 23 at the International Conference Center.

By Maureen Johnson
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Hip-hop beats brought a simple, student-made runway to life Monday, Nov. 23, when the Fashion Society presented its Fall Fashion Show in Dr. Burton E. Grossman International Conference Center.

Models rocked the catwalk wearing garments constructed by student designers Jason Avey, Rosie Isbam, Grace Manley and Cecilia Vasquez.

Each designer showcased their vision for fall fashion. Color burst onto the runway with Vasquez's purple and teal strapless dresses. Manley's designs embodied a Marie Antoinette look with corset tops and ruffled gowns. Isbam used large bows to make cocktail dresses and shorts pop and incorporated lace and high collars into her garments. Models sported wild and crazy teased hair.

"I really like one of the last outfits because it was so creative with the big sleeves and feathers," said Sarah Esquivel, a San Antonio College student who attended the show in support of a friend. Esquivel described one of the eight garments designed by Avey who featured sequined detailing, peacock feathers, and a love for showing off a woman's back.

Fashion Society President Austin Alegria, a junior fashion design major, emceed the event. She said her focus is to help incoming freshmen interested in the fashion world to network. The group has worked together to organize two shows on campus and four others off campus including shows during San Antonio's Fashion Week. Members gain experience dressing and styling models and have opportunities to meet others working in the fashion industry.

Not only models walked the runway but a little dog named Paris surprised the crowd mid-show. Alegria said Paris was incorporated because all proceeds from the show benefitted SARA Animal Sanctuary in Seguin.

The Fashion Society is currently working on its next fashion show which will benefit the San Antonio Aids Foundation.

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Several of the models tried out for the fashion show sponsored by the UIW Fashion Society. One of the four-legged models, Paris, is led down the UIW runway.

Aspartame: How safe is this sweetness?



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Aspartame, also known as NutraSweet® and Equal®, is a low-calorie sweetener used to sweeten a wide variety of low calorie foods and reduced calorie foods and beverages, including low-calorie tabletop sweeteners.

Aspartame is 200 times sweeter than sugar and is often used in very low doses in consumer products.

The debate: Is it a safe alternative to sugar or not? Many studies have been conducted to examine potential links between artificial sweeteners and cancers. One study on mice found a higher rate of leukemia and lymphoma when the rats were fed anywhere from eight to 2,083 cans of soda a day. On the other hand, the National Institute of Health examined another study on humans, which showed no relationship between aspartame consumption and either disease or brain cancer.

Some claims you can expect to find from various resources include links between aspartame and cancer, hair loss, depression, hyperactivity in

children, hives, headaches, dementia and behavioral changes, just to name a few. These are usually based on personal reports or speculations and should be relied upon with caution.

Michael Lean, a professor at the University of Glasgow, said, "adults need at least 10 cans of a drink fully sweetened with aspartame alone to reach the acceptable daily intake of 40 mg/kg/day."

If you are concerned you are consuming too much aspartame or have recognized some of the above side effects, begin decreasing your intake of aspartame and see if there are any positive changes. Remember, it is your role as a consumer and the caretaker of your body to pay attention to how foods affect you and to research the data if something isn't normal.

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FYI

You can find more information based on laboratory studies about aspartame from the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute of Health, and the American Dietetic Association websites.

Forum brainstorms ideas for updated student center

By Gabrielle "Gabby" Guereca
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

A new Marian Hall Student Center may be a few years away but students tossed out ideas about what they would like to see in it at a Nov. 19 forum in the lounge.

Student Center Manager Maria Edwards headed up the forum along with her staff to gain students' perspective on a new Marian Hall.

Rumors have circulated the campus with ideas such as a rock-climbing wall, a five-story building, a minimall, and many more. Dur-

ing the forum, Edwards was able to clear the fuss, speak of facts, and hear out students' ideas such as one wanting to see "an alumni area with a bar."

Ideas such as free printing, an all-Greek area, a veterans area, office space for each student organization, more food vendors on campus, alumni offices, and a bookstore came out.

Administrators hope to have a five-story student center that will include the essentials of student life. They want to make a centralized location for all students - commut-

ers and residents alike.

The cost: an estimated \$18 million to \$20 million. The projection for groundbreaking: 2012.

The current center is a popular gathering spot. It contains the main dining hall, a game room, a patio, lounge with a big television on each end, dormitory rooms and a variety of offices including Campus Life, Residence Life, the Student Government Association and Campus Activities Board.

Edwards estimates in one semester alone "a total of 35,494 students have used the game room.



BURGUNDI BERNAL/STAFF WRITER

Ideas for a new Marian Hall Student Center at Incarnate Word were discussed Nov. 19 at a forum held in the lounge of the center.



Counseling Center adds interns

The Counseling Center at the University of the Incarnate Word enlisted seven interns this fall – some of whom are bilingual – to help the permanent staff, the director announced.

The longtime director, Dr. Keith Tucker, and

Assistant Director Bunnie Saathoff are working to help prepare these future “personal counseling professionals.”

Additional help in training the new interns comes from:

Naomi Alvarez, who has completed her course work for a doctorate in counseling at St. Mary's University. A licensed counselor, she is working on her dissertation about career counseling education for ninth-graders. Alvarez completed her requirements for licensure here at UIW and at the Children's Grief Center in San Antonio.



Julian Gonzalez, an employee of UIW who is completing his master's in community counseling at UTSA. Gonzalez, who holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from UIW, has experience in community-based counseling where he works with the homeless and others in need.

Brooke Buck, who is completing her final semester for her master's degree in counseling at the University of Texas-San Antonio. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from UTSA. She works at a Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation home and has worked with troubled high school students.



Stacey Grossman, who is completing her master's in clinical psychology from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in Palo Alto, Calif. She has passed national and state exams for licensed professional counselors.

Samuel Garcia, a minister who received his master's in counseling from Sul Ross State University and is completing his doctorate in counseling and supervision at St. Mary's.



Juan Loya, a minister who has done a two-year internship at Walter Reed Psychiatric Hospital. He holds a master's degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary and is working on his doctorate in counselor education and supervision at St. Mary's.

Sherry Garrett, who supervises master's-level interns at UTSA. She is completing her doctorate at UTSA. She has been an English teacher and a high school counselor.



Kim Watts, who is director of career services at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin. Formerly assistant director of career services at UIW, Watts holds a bachelor's degree in political science from UIW, master's in counseling from UTSA and a law degree from Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas. She is working on licensing requirements on counseling.

Counseling Center Info

Location: Kathleen Watson Building at Broadway and Burr.

Office hours: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

All sessions are by appointment. Call (210) 832-5656, 829-3127 or 829-3129.

Coca-Cola blankets campus

By April Lynn Downing
LOGOS MANAGING EDITOR

The University of the Incarnate Word has recently initiated a 10-year contract with Coca-Cola – thus the vast amounts of soda machines that have arrived on campus.

The contract has been in negotiation for awhile as Coca-Cola representatives surveyed the campus for key high traffic spots for the soda machines.

“They [Coca-Cola representatives] reviewed existing locations where machines were located as well as new areas that could serve the community,” Dr. David Jurenovich, vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Services, said. “The directives given were to certainly comply with any fire or safety regulations for safe access and egress. In the end, Coca-Cola ultimately placed the machines where from their experience, they felt would provide the most convenient service.”

Jurenovich said the reason for so many machines is to find out which

areas students will use the machines the most, where the machines are placed currently is liable to change depending on the sales reports received in the next month.

“A machine's presence at a particular site is generally dictated by how much it is used, generally measured by sales volume,” Jurenovich said.

Another part of the negotiation was to determine what beverages to sell. Beverages available in the machines now include tea, water, Coke (regular, diet and Zero), and Sprite.

“[Directives were given to] ensure that besides caffeinated and sugar products, that water, decaffeinated, sugar-free and other healthier options would be available,” Jurenovich said.

The university does profit from the soda sales based on commission only, not on how many machines are placed on campus. In addition, Coca-Cola will aid in scholarship funds for UIW students each year.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Logos intends to do more in-depth research regarding this topic in the next issue. If you have any comments or questions relating to this story please contact the Logos at: logos@uiwtx.edu. Or contact the editor at: mehernan@uiwtx.edu.



Detail, José de Mota (active 1710-1728), New Spain, *Our Lady of Joy*, 1711, Oil on canvas, 78 3/4 x 66 7/8 inches, Collection of Casa Jesuita de San Ignacio, Parras, Coahuila [CNCA-DGSMPC]

This exhibit was originally organized by the “Mandato Antiguo Colegio de San Ildefonso.” The “Mandato Antiguo Colegio de San Ildefonso” receives financial support and is composed of the “Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM),” the “Consejo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes (CNCA),” and the “Gobierno del Distrito Federal (GDF).” The organizers, and museum participants, express their deepest appreciation to CNCA, the UNAM, the INAH, and the INBA for their generous collaboration. Furthermore, the organizers recognize the valuable support provided by the Terra Foundation for American Art, which is dedicated to promoting the exploration, understanding, and enjoyment of the visual arts of the United States for national and international audiences. By recognizing the importance of experiencing original works of art, the foundation provides opportunities for interaction and study, beginning with the introduction and growth of its own art collection in Chicago. To continue the cross-cultural dialogue over American Art, the foundation supports and collaborates on innovative exhibitions, as well as investigative and educational programs. Inherent in these activities is the conviction that art has the potential, at the same time, to distinguish and unite cultures. *Additional support for the project came from the United States Embassy in Mexico, and the UNAM-PAPYT.



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Participants sign a large replica of the 'Charter for Compassion' in a ceremony inside Marian Hall Ballroom observing the worldwide adoption of the document calling for people to be compassionate in their thinking and actions.

Group celebrates 'Charter for Compassion'

By Blanca Morales
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

In the last few weeks, a worldwide "Charter for Compassion" movement recognizing unity and harmony among all was unraveled across distinct traditions, ethnicities

and religions.

"The Charter of Compassion is a cooperative effort to restore not only compassionate thinking but, more importantly, compassionate action to the center of religious, moral and political life," according to Charterof

Compassion.org. "Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries."

The charter is a universal record that invites people of all faiths, all nations, and all back-

grounds to proclaim the principle embraced by all, often referred to as the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you."

Starting Nov. 12, the day the charter was inaugurated, an estimated 150,000 people from over 180 countries participated in various celebratory activities in places of worship, public spaces, schools, universities, and workplaces.

At the University of the Incarnate Word, faculty and students led by the Arts for Christian Worship class taught by Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a religious studies professor, held a celebration in Marian Hall Ballroom complete with guest speakers, dancing and fruit. Olive branches and colorful paper cranes -- symbols of peace -- surrounded a large copy of the charter which was signed by participants as they danced in a "circle of compassion" around it.

Compassion in various traditions was explained by Lama Passang Gelek, a Buddhist monk from Tibet; Anna Huth, of Catholic Relief Services in San Antonio; Judy Lackritz of the Jewish Federation in San Antonio; Dr. Lopita Nath, a native of India from the Hindu tradition, now a history professor at UIW; Narjis Pierre, leader of the San Antonio Muslim Women's Association; and Dr. Neeta Singh, originally from India from the Sikh tradition, now a nutrition professor at UIW; Robert Rodriguez, leader of STAND-UIW, the student group working against genocide in Darfur, spoke of acting compassionately. STAND is an acronym for Students Taking Action Now for Darfur.

Following the speakers, guests were invited to stand together in a circle and to come forward and sign the charter if they wished. As

students, faculty, and other members of the San Antonio community came forward, the rest joyfully danced and ate fruit that had been laid out on trays.

"My favorite part was at the end where one by one, each of the participants signed their name to the Charter for Compassion while the rest danced in a circle around them," said UIW student Howard Gill.

Nursing student Laura Boehm said, "You learn small things here and there about other religions, but to have so many different religions speaking about compassion from the viewpoint of their faith was definitely something inspiring. Compassion is something I am learning to use in my profession and throughout my whole life. I absolutely support any act or charter that will bring all people together to promote peace and well-being."



Lama Passang Gelek, a Buddhist monk from Tibet, addresses issue.

Executive director finds empowerment through WGC

By Rachel Cywinski
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

WGC Executive Director Tere Dresner-Salinas was personally empowered to change through the WGC. For years she worked for corporate "raiders," brokering businesses in the United States and Mexico, and filled the role of interim president when businesses were acquired. She began volunteering with WGC and then enrolled in the doctoral program in organizational leadership at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Dresner-Salinas said she "had boxes and boxes of research" but found herself no longer interested in acquisitions and mergers and depressed by researching layoffs, "which was always the part of my job that I hated." In 2007 she traveled to Zambia and founded a microentrepreneurship program through WGC. After she was named "volunteer of the year" in 2007, she was offered the position of director in March

2009.

Her dissertation topic is "Women's Empowerment and Economic Empowerment for Sustainability." She plans to use the Bukoba Women's Empowerment (BUWEA) Project, a WGC group working in Bukoba, Tanzania, as her case study.

Another UIW doctoral student, Elaine Talarski, gave preschool teachers training in first aid and the needs of children with HIV/AIDS during her WGC trip to Africa in June, which was her second trip. The goal of the three-day training was to provide information to teachers who would then train other teachers in their provinces.

Talarski trained 34 teachers from 22 schools in Mongu, Zambia, using materials published by the Zambian government.

"There has been an [attitude] that 'Because the child is going to die, we don't need to do much,'" Talarski said. "These children have the same needs as healthy children for

love and care. We stress that these children don't need to be considered differently. One of the issues is that many of these children are orphans, and some are not being cared for by relatives."

Reasons for the establishment of the project in Mongu, Talarski said, include lack of any training in early childhood for teachers (teacher education focuses on ages 7 and older) and the remoteness of Mongu compared to other regions of the country that receive government-sponsored training.

For Mary Walker, it took a white Kenyan woman's report of witnessing genital mutilation to shock her into a new mission there. Walker said she and her husband were in Kenya to develop a water project when the woman told her she had been invited by one of her employees to what she believed to be his daughter's birthday party. She was stunned when instead she became witness to other

women cutting off the daughter's genitalia.

Female genital mutilation is a tradition that has created international outrage for decades. The practice of cutting off girls' genitals with shards of glass or other sharp objects while they are held down by women elders is a tradition that is widely known to cause infection, death, miscarriage, pain during sexual activity and death during childbirth. It is frequently found in societies where traditions include forced childhood marriages. Although illegal in Kenya since 1982, 97 percent of Kisii and 89 percent of Masai tribes continue both traditions, according to a story by Scott Baldauf, a reporter for *The Christian Science Monitor*.

Walker's first trip to Tanzania led to many more visits where she learned rescue shelters run by Masai people did not have any support for the girls leaving the shelter. Walker said many girls were cut at age 9 or



Tere Dresner-Salinas

10 and sold into marriage to men in their 40s, who may have multiple wives. She met girls who had escaped from their husbands when they were 12 or 13, stayed at the shelter and graduated from secondary school, only to have nowhere to go other than to their husbands, who were generally about 30 years older.

Walker established a college fund to provide options for such graduates of Tasaru Girls Rescue Centre in Narok. At the same time, volunteers and donors support the efforts of the minority of the 800,000 Masai, who are actively dialogu-

ing to convince families the economic value of a daughter (the bride price) is less than the economic value of a daughter who completes an education and thereby becomes able to provide the steady type of monetary income that families often do not have.

The first girls to enter the shelter are now about to graduate from teacher education programs and teach primary school. Others are in programs for accountants and teachers. Two girls are waiting for funding to open their own tailoring business, and another graduate is a candidate to become the first female taxi driver ever in a nearby town. The Global Relief Resources, which sponsors the programs, are seeking to obtain a taxi for her. Many of these girls are unable to return to their villages and families, but they hope to change attitudes in the Masai society and are taking actions such as posting videos on YouTube.

Graduation = Grad School



By Rachel Walsh
LOGOS ASSISTANT EDITOR

Dec. 12, 2009. For some people, this will be a day like any other, a day to begin recovering from the fall semester and launch into Christmas break.

For others, including me, it will be a day like no other, a major milestone in our lives. It's time to graduate.

I'm not particularly looking forward to the whole facing-the-real-world thing, so I'm putting it off for a while by going to grad school. Our class is facing a major disadvantage with the shape of the economy, which is making it even harder to find a job at all, let alone a dream job, so staying in school is an increasingly common choice. In fact, a recent article posted on www.mustangdaily.net said graduate school enrollment has increased in every discipline, especially because for a growing number of fields, you have to have an advanced degree to even be considered for the best jobs.

Other people are biting the bullet and braving the job market. According to www.associatedcontent.com, computer science, psychology, political science, business and accounting are some of the more marketable degrees to have when you're just starting out, and CNN recently stated the key to finding a job with a decent starting salary is to have strong math skills. That is really not good news. I'm an English major for

a reason. But if the math parts of your brain work better than mine do, check out petroleum engineering – the average starting salary is \$83,000. Not bad! And get this: MonsterCollege ranked the best cities to find entry-level jobs in and San Antonio was second only to Austin. That sounds pretty promising, right?

No matter where you're going next, the choice has to be yours. People will try to push you in different directions, and they usually have good intentions, so be patient. As the big day approaches, your mom might be crying about the fact you're not a baby anymore or telling you to move out already (I'm expecting a little of each), and your friends might be trying to talk you out of your big plans to backpack across Europe or whatever other adventure you're dreaming up. The bottom line is, if you want to go, go. If you want to stay, stay. After all, we've worked so hard the past few years to become educated and prepared enough to make our own decisions. Now we just have to actually make them.

I have had a great undergraduate experience at UIW, and I'm confident about facing the future. I've learned a lot of academic and life skills I know will help me succeed, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me...and everyone who reads this column!

To conclude with the words of Dr. Seuss, "You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go."

Good luck on finals and congratulations, graduates!

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From the Editor's Desk :



By Melissa Hernandez
LOGOS EDITOR

Campus parking: Race for space

Circle, circle, dot, dot. Man, why can't I find a parking spot?

It's been a while since anyone has touched on the topic of campus parking (staff writer Gladys Schulze caught quotes from concerned students in her March 2009 article "Administrators address student concerns" and former Logos Editor Elva Garza focused on the problem in her article "Parking poses new prob-

lems" (September 2008).

Even with the addition of the Ancira parking garage(dedicated November 2008 – Happy birthday!), which added an additional 800 parking spaces, I can't help but notice the "vulturing" of cars around and behind the natatorium around 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Whether your reason for refusing to park in Ancira is late classes, an unreasonable shuttle schedule

or walking with a ton on your back (the first is my personal refusal to park in Ancira; look to the above-mentioned articles as well as "Sectioned parking should take a hike," written by former Logos writer Cali Griffith (February 2008), students have adopted new and annoying habits to find the optimal parking space. I'd like to take the opportunity to apply new terms to these vultures:

Space stalker:These are students who park and hide in optimal parking zones waiting to pounce on vacant spots.

Handicap hiders:The student parks in a handicap space and moves into an open space as it becomes available. (I've actually only seen this happen once.)

Parking mutualists:You're walking out to your car and someone slowly pulls up next to you. Ordinarily you'd remember Mom's words, "Don't talk to strangers," but in this case, the person is offering a ride to your car in exchange for your space.

Lot loiterers:These students are amazingly frustrating to others looking for a parking space.You're looking for a space and ah! There's someone tossing stuff in the back seat now and getting into the front seat, even turning on the car in some cases. But, no. There's the hand wave and mouthing, "I'm not leaving."

While administrators have tried their best to silence and/or satisfy our cries for parking, it's obvious we are taking matters into our own hands. On that note,

I've also noticed the appearance of bike racks on campus and, lo and behold, bike riders. If you're one of those students, contact the Logos at logos@uiwtx.edu

to contribute to an article to appear next semester.

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Government must bail out small business

By Paola Ortega
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The U.S. government bailout plan has been an extremely controversial topic since its introduction in 2008.

There have been many changes to the plan since it first came about, but the final plan involved bailing out the banks to prevent them from crashing, which led to an extreme economic downfall. The bank bailout plan was supposed to inject money into banks in the hope the money would eventually circulate and stimulate the

economy.

The bank bailout was something that had to come about to avoid an economic depression like that of the 1930s. Although a bailout was necessary, since the effects have not been as planned, it might be time for a change. It has been almost a year since the plan was introduced, and the economy has not changed much since then. A policy change that could result in a positive outcome could be redirecting money to the people.

If the government changes the policy so the money goes directly to the people, this could be a better and more effective alternative to help the U.S. economy. If

the government were to distribute the money to smaller businesses, that would help the economy move faster. Smaller businesses are at greater risk of closing down. If more and more small businesses close down, then other industries would be affected.

Take a local business dedicated to selling building materials as an example. You can analyze the entire situation as a circle. If people do not have enough money to buy houses, then this business does not have any money or anyone to buy their materials. That means employees lose their jobs, and if that business owner traveled a lot, he now has no money to take his family on trips. If the money had been distributed to all kinds of small businesses, it would help them survive this economic crisis and fuel other industries.

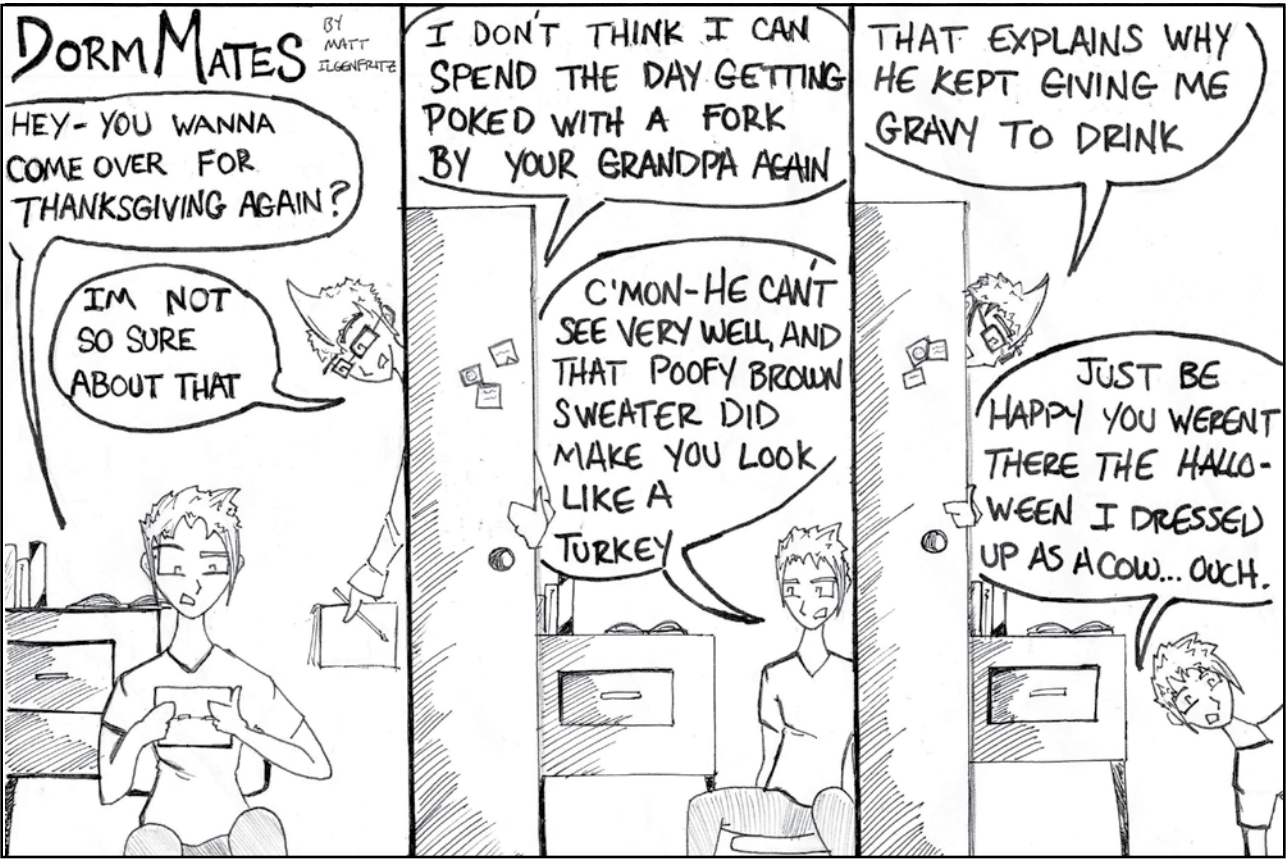
The money also could be used to pay off loans such as student loans. People are in debt \$30,000 or \$40,000 because of school loans. With the scarcity of jobs right now, people are unable to pay these loans off.

The economy of the United States works as a whole and has a domino effect. When one industry goes down, it eventually leads to the downfall of other industries. What the government must do is re-evaluate its options. After all, that money was meant to flow back into the economy, and all it is doing is going to bonuses for employees who are not spending that money because of the economic situation.

If that money is given to the people in different ways, people will start spending again, and then stimulate our economy until it fully recovers. It will take a while. There is no doubt about that. But it sure will be faster than spending millions of dollars on employee bonuses.

The government had a plan which seems to not be working out, so it is time to figure out a new solution. The clock is ticking. We need to act.

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letters to the editor



Jazz Ensemble thank-yous for trip supporters

The UIW Jazz Ensemble owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to a number of individuals and departments at UIW that worked very hard and creatively to make this momentous trip a reality.

The Montreux trip would not have been possible without Dr. Bob Connelly, dean of the College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences; Dr. Patricia Watkins, vice president for International Programs; and Martin Klingbacher, director of International Student & Scholar Services.

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tor of Development Kate Rawley.

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A special thanks to Sweetwater Music in Fort Wayne, Ind., for their generous donation for the Montreux trip.

Thanks to Steve Coben, owner of SACircular.com, for donating a free ad for the ensemble's fundraising.

Thanks to all the UIW students, staff, and faculty who contributed to our trip fund, supported our fundraisers, and bought a lot of Swiss chocolate and water

bottles. Many thanks to Professor Michael Mercer and reporter Alice Ramirez for the great article in the Logos.

A gigantic thank-you to Adela Gott who has videotaped every one of our concerts and who made the video demo we sent to the Montreux and North Sea Festivals!

Also, thank you to all the citizens of San Antonio who donated online and attended our fundraisers. We will do our best to represent all of you along with the University of the Incarnate Word, the City of San Antonio, the great State of Texas, the United States of America, and our Creator.

On a personal note – I would like to sincerely thank Jim Waller for the opportunity to join this ensemble and have this experience. UIW has truly opened doors for me, none of which would have opened had I not come here – both in meteorology and music. The gifts which have been bestowed on me are truly blessings and I owe a debt of gratitude to all who have made my collegiate experience amazing.

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China Incarnate Word watches Cardinal football

Cardinal fans from the other side of the globe cheered for the UIW football team as it successfully took its first win of the season against Monterrey Tech.

Living in Zengcheng City, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China, teachers at China Incarnate Word (CIW) watched the close game play-by-play via a live Internet stream. Moreover, to complement the viewing, the teachers set up a computer projector so that the broadcast of tackles, passes and touchdowns would all happen on a big screen.

The stream quality of the match allowed the teachers to view most of the game with unhindered perfor-

mance. Nevertheless, given transcontinental distance and data pipeline limitations, the stream did hit a few bumps, freezing at times—these freezes required a strategically stationed teacher to push the Internet browser's refresh button so that field goals would continue to fly into the next minutes of the game.

In reference to San Antonio, Texas time, the football game started at 7 p.m. Saturday; however, in China time, the game started at 8 a.m. Sunday—13 hours into the future. Thus, given the China-time of the game, the teachers put together a special western breakfast to celebrate—a feast consisting of breakfast

tacos, cappuccino and strawberry donuts and gallons of Starbucks blend coffee.

Overall, the teachers were impressed by the Incarnate Word football team's performance and its ability to maintain control in a long and demanding match. Furthermore, the teachers were also impressed by the Monterrey Tech football team's endurance and force—the game seemed like it could have gone either way!

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Professor comments on website sensations

I too love thrilling and chilling websites that send tingling sensations up and down my vertebral column. However, with most websites I go to the site index to find what I am really looking for and forgo the sensations.

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Professor of Kinesiology

Confessions of a recessionado: A guide to having a life without money

By Mallory Trujillo
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

As a student in my senior year of college and coping with rising tuition, I have felt the pinch of needs and pull of wants.

I live by myself, I work, I owe Incarnate Word my firstborn, and I go to school full time. Two years ago I did not have the same monetary problems. I had spending money, a full tank of gas, worked 30 hours a week, and could eat occasionally without feeling pangs of regret.

As of now, I constantly live in a state of panic. At the end of every month my anxiety kicks in and I wonder, "Will I make it this month?" Or will I slowly retreat into the recesses of squalor. The anxiety and the impending rent due date

induced a frenzied search for quick and easy cash.

The first wave of madness manifested itself by means of a vacuum cleaner. I laboriously vacuumed every square inch of my carpet and piece of furniture in my apartment and giving the vacuum license to consume everything and anything in its path. For what, one may ask? This act was then quickly followed by an excavation of the vacuum bag and its dusty contents for spare change.

After exhausting this resource, I moved on to bigger things. I began to scour my closet for clothes I could just barely part with—the far and few left were piled into bags. I took my Incarnate Word-learned marketing skills and applied them to the wonderful Ebay. I hitched rides to Buf-

falo Exchange in Austin to haggle, trade and sell my goods in bulk.

When I could no longer bear the loss of my wardrobe, the final phase of hysteria hit, and it hit hard. I embarked on a perilous journey to the local plasma donation center. I walked up the steps into the crowded, seedy waiting room and up to the front desk. At this point I was still on a mission. Politely I asked the receptionist what I needed to do. Coldly he told me "Fill this out, sit down, wait at least two hours, and you'll be here a while since it's your first time." I sat down and the musky B.O. and chain-smoked clothing of an old boozier wafted up my nasal cavity. I glanced at the source of the offensive odor and his drug-addled friend beside him. I rose from my seat,

excused myself, and thought, "I am not THAT broke," and returned home feeling somewhat defeated.

I always made ends meet, but the possibility always remained. For a while I had little to no life. I declined outing invitations because of my expense situation. I know you know my plight. But do not fret. This recessionado has made it her business to have a life with little money.

Look for part two in the next issue of the Logos in which I cover some of the more inexpensive ways you can still have a life in San Antonio.

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Korean classroom leaves indelible memories



By Sonia Ramirez
SPECIAL TO THE LOGOS

The city officials of Gwangju, South Korea, including the mayor, Kwang Tae Park, and the superintendent, Soon Il Ahn, sponsored an English Experience Camp which I and nine other UIW students had the opportunity to attend as an English teacher.

My teaching team consisted of Joe Ryan Urby, two Korean teachers, a translating assistant and myself. Joe and I taught

middle and elementary school students ranging in age from 12-15 at the Mudeung Library of Gwangju and stayed at Gwangju National Education University.

My camp philosophy was to engage the students as much as possible through interactive learning that had students singing, dancing and role-playing. The experience showed me that students mirror the enthusiasm of the teacher, which meant if the teacher had limited enthusiasm so did the students. Each day I asked the students to recite the rules for class, which were simple reminders to be nice and try to speak English. During the two weeks of summer camp,

I grew very close to my students and still communicate with several of them via e-mail. I still remember each of their names and career aspirations. They will always remain close to my heart and mind, and I hope they will continue to practice English daily.

When we weren't teaching, we were graciously chauffeured around the city of Gwangju, Seoul and other nearby cities by a city official, Young-jeon Oh, and our translator and good friend Si-nae Oh. We experienced hiking up Mudeung Mountain, where many Buddhist temples are located, and took a tour of Gwangju's "Silver City," which is a city dedicated to the elders of Gwangju. We

received VIP treatment at the World Cup Stadium of Gwangju, which housed the 2002 World Cup match against Spain, and walked around a scholar's garden, Bosung (the famous tea gardens of South Korea) and several prominent Gwangju uni-

versities such as Chosung University.

We were incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to teach English in South Korea. It was a learning experience that many individuals, regardless of major, would like to have because we

engaged in and gained a new appreciation of a different culture outside of textbooks. From beginning to end the experience was unique, and I hope more students from UIW decide to continue the learning experience.



Sonia Ramirez, ninth from left, and fellow UIW students at the World Cup Stadium of Gwangju, South Korea.

Project Africa male auction raises \$1,300 for Mali school



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Twenty different Cardinal male athletes were auctioned off for a 'cupcake date' at Project Africa's Date Auction night, Nov. 10. The benefit event consisted of the auction, cupcake date, and raffle prizes for the highest bidders.

By Gaby Canavati
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Project Africa, a group wanting to build a school in Mali, came \$1,300 closer to its goal with its Nov. 10 Date Auction in Marian Hall Ballroom.

More than 200 students packed the ballroom to see male athletes auctioned off for dates to the highest bidders.

Before the bidding started, Project Africa President Cisse Drame, a junior psychology major from Mali who plays tennis for UIW, welcomed the crowd with a brief personal story about her cause.

"My parents are illiterate, but still my dream was to attend college," Drame said. "I never imagined I would be at Incarnate Word. The idea behind Project Africa was really inspired by my family."

By 8 p.m., the auction began with the first male athlete escorted down the aisle by a cheerleader. Twenty different males were auctioned off for a "cupcake date" held later that evening.

Participants were volunteers from the tennis, soccer, basketball, baseball and football teams. Each participant was escorted down the aisle by a cheerleader or a female friend to the beat of his chosen music.

MBA student and Project Africa officer Zach Knight strutted the aisle in a white suit to the sounds of Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean," while Columbian soccer player Esteban Bayona chose Elvis Crespo's "Suavemente." The evening included performances by Jasmine Smith and Eric Stewart, not to mention Michael Terrel's poem, which helped sell him for \$110. The first athlete went for \$10 but as the crowd began warming up, the night ended with Andrew Mocio selling for \$130.

"This is real money, I hope you know that," said emcee David Ballenger.

Senior soccer player Jamie Scope said he participated as an auction date because "I knew it was a good charitable event, and I wanted to help out the cause. This was a brilliant turnout. Hopefully people will support Project Africa events in the future."

There was also a special participant, 7-year-old Diego Arrendondo, who auctioned for \$70. Some males sold to friends, and others to students who simply wanted to help out.

"I came to the event because of the cause, but I ended up bidding on Alex Wieland and winning," said math major Barbie Falcon. "I don't even know him, but he is cool."

As for the cause, "we are improving the lives of children through their education, that is what's important," Falcon said.

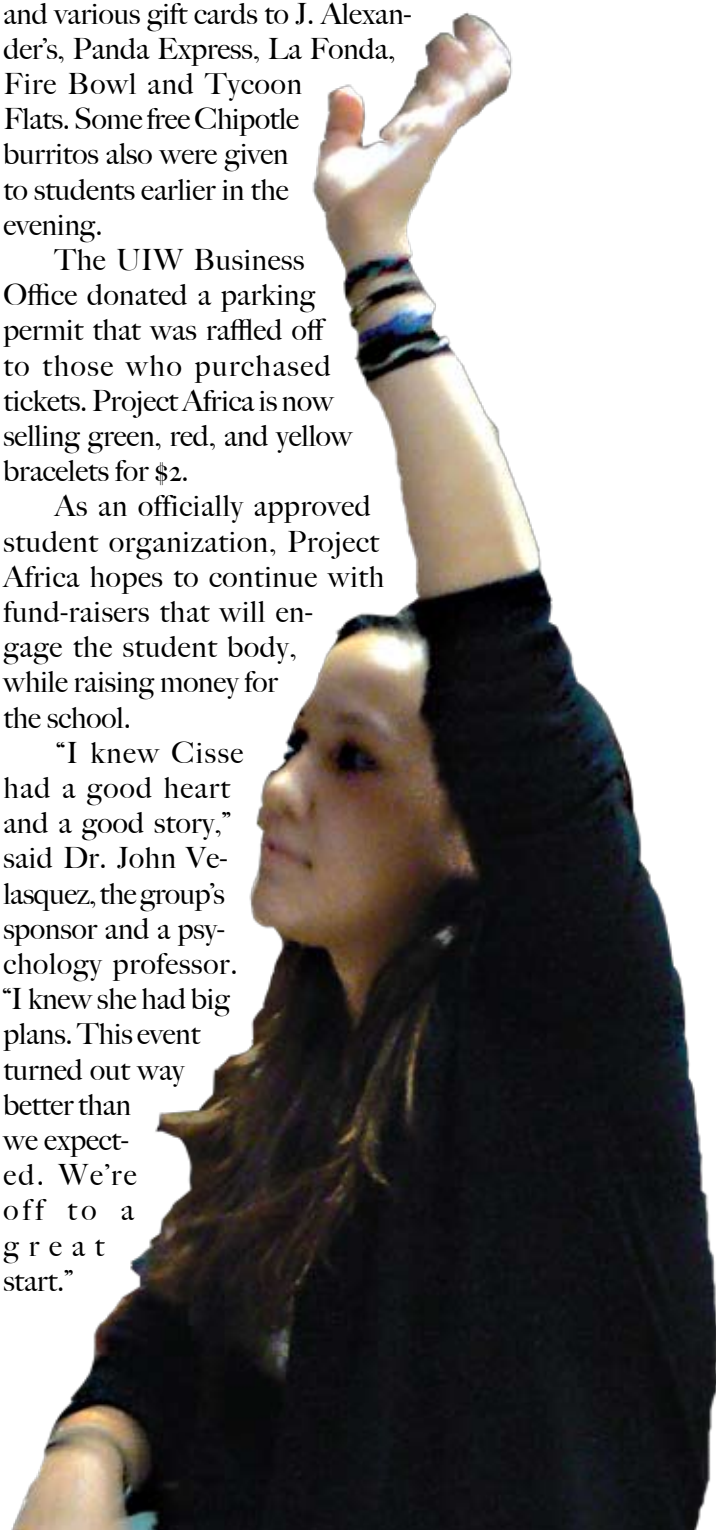
The highest bidders were placed in a raffle for prizes that were donated by different San Antonio businesses. The

prizes were three pairs of Spurs basketball tickets, a \$100 gift card to Fleming's, and various gift cards to J. Alexander's, Panda Express, La Fonda, Fire Bowl and Tycoon Flats. Some free Chipotle burritos also were given to students earlier in the evening.

The UIW Business Office donated a parking permit that was raffled off to those who purchased tickets. Project Africa is now selling green, red, and yellow bracelets for \$2.

As an officially approved student organization, Project Africa hopes to continue with fund-raisers that will engage the student body, while raising money for the school.

"I knew Cisse had a good heart and a good story," said Dr. John Velasquez, the group's sponsor and a psychology professor. "I knew she had big plans. This event turned out way better than we expected. We're off to a great start."



On Guard!

Fencing gets straight to the point

By Marisa Ayon
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The fencing class on campus is not new but holds a wealth of background and is looking forward to extending the program in the future in a proposed fencing center.

An earlier program even produced an Olympic fencer from the University Community in 1976.

For students who were looking for a new outlet or simply to fill a credit, the University of the Incarnate Word has been offering a fencing class as an option. The first fencing class on campus contained eight students, but since 1995 the class has grown.

This fall, Dr. Timothy Henrich, a professor in the Department of Kinesiology, is instructing the students. Henrich has been fencing about 13 years. He encourages anyone who is interested to join.

"I like it because a lot of people have an 'inner fencer' and they become more aggressive," Hen-

rich said.

Fencing is more a cognitive sport in that it requires the fencers to prepare tactics and think far ahead of their opponents. There are several different pieces to fence with, each with its own rules and targets on the body. The class focuses on using the foil which targets the upper trunk. Fencers wear a white coat and mesh mask to protect them as they duel.

Fencing has become more than a class though. Henrich has worked to procure \$2 million in grants toward building a fencing center for UIW. This future fencing center would be open to students as well as house programs, such as "Dreams for Youth," which would extend out to the community.

"(The program) can get inner-city development programs that get kids on campus who might not have exposure to a university," Henrich said.



MARISA AYON/LOGOS STAFF

Two fencing students duel in the Wellness Center. Fencing is an older program enjoying a revival of sorts under the tutelage of Dr. Timothy Henrich.

Soccer men, women wrap up campaigns

By Pamela Martinez
LOGOS SPORTS EDITOR

UIW men's soccer team ended the 2009 season with a three-game win streak but fell short of the Heartland Conference playoffs. And the women lost a regional

match.

In November, the men whipped Newman University, cross-town rivals St. Mary's and Texas A&M International.

UIW beat Newman 4-0 with Jeff Boyer, Troy Thompson, Jesus Cortez and Callum Riley all scoring a goal in the match. Senior goalkeeper Ryan Eschenburg recorded his eighth career shutout. In a intense match against St. Mary's, the first half was scoreless. UIW came out in the second half and in the 59th minute senior Jonathon Barbarin scored a goal to give UIW the lead 1-0. UIW added an additional goal from Thompson and beat St. Mary's 2-1. In the last game of the season the Cardinals took on Texas A&M, winning 1-0 over the Dustdevils. Cortez scored the only goal in the match in the 82nd minute.

UIW's men finished the 2009 season with an overall record of 9-7-3 and 7-3 conference finish.

The Lady Cardinals fall short in conference semifinals with a 1-0 loss to St. Edward's at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium.

The Cardinals had a five-game win streak going into the match against St. Edward's Hilltoppers. The Lady Cardinals struggled on the offensive end with the Hilltoppers dominating most of the time of possession.

EMILIA SILVA/LOGOS STAFF

Ashley Phipps, left, a senior forward from San Antonio, gets a kick in against St. Edward's Hilltoppers while Cassidy Ballantyne, a junior defender from Albuquerque, N.M., bumps opponent Kelly Servege in the regional playoff at Benson Stadium which the Lady Cardinals lost 1-0.



UIW cross-country runners reap recognition

By Pamela Martinez
LOGOS SPORTS EDITOR

Several men's and women's cross-country runners were named to Heartland All-Conference honors for the 2009 season.

Senior Shayn Weidner topped the list of runners at the No. 1 spot for the conference. Freshman of the Year Howard Gill, Adrian Carrillo, Robert Haves and Chris Flores all made the top 10 list for individual

runners as well. Robert Coronado made the honorable mention list.

In the last meet of the season, the men's team finish 12th overall in team results in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional Championship. Weidner led the way, finishing the course with a time of 33:01:05 placing him 37th out of 120 runners.

Several UIW Lady Cardinals received honors as well. Marie Troufflard received the top honor of confer-

ence Freshman of the Year. She also placed 6th among the top 10 runners on the All-Conference team.

Alyson Gonzalez and Alma Santos received honorable mentions team. In the South Central Regional Championship, their final meet, Troufflard finished 13th among 150 runners with a time of 22:23:28. The Lady Cardinals finished 14th for the tournament. Santos finished second for the UIW team with a time of 24:35:44 and overall took 83rd in the tournament.

Rock n’ Roll recap

Nervous. Anxious. Excited. Wearing a baseball cap, a gray and white hoodie, a pair of shorts and my running shoes, I was getting so excited to hit the pavement for the 2009 San Antonio Rock n’ Roll Marathon.

As No. 33017, it was truly an amazing experience to participate and watch tens of thousands of walkers and runners head down San Antonio streets and pass some of San Antonio’s most popular landmarks.

We were all energized by cheering fans and music along the route, as we headed down a mostly flat course. We all enjoyed



Yvette Reyna

going past the Alamo, San Pedro Park, The King William District and heading toward other local tourist sites.

But, I must admit I didn’t finish the race. Despite the amazing fans along the way, my right

ankle started hurting, so as my steps turned into an aching limp, I decided I couldn’t finish the race.

So as people were headed to finish their 13.1 miles or the full 26 miles, I limped over to the medical staff under a red-and-white tent. A medical volunteer named “John” helped wrap my right ankle.

I know it must have been a strange moment for my family to get a call from me just to say I’m injured and can’t go on with the race. But, ultimately they were happy I tried and I was happy I tried.

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UIW volleyball team nets notable season

By Pamela Martinez
LOGOS SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Cardinals finished the 2009 volleyball season with 24 wins, making it the third-most wins in a single season for UIW.

The 24-9 season ended Nov. 13 with a 3-1 loss to Dallas Baptist in the Heartland Conference tournament. The second-seeded Cardinals took a close first set against Dallas Baptist with a score of 23-25 but struggled for the rest of the game with scores of 25-16, 25-21 and 25-20.

Cardinal senior middle blocker Edie Weise led both teams with 18 kills. Sophomores Chera Smith and Chelsea Grayson each contributed 10 kills. Setter Sarah Nordman had 40 assists and Spencer Ladd had 16 digs.

Weise was named Heartland Player of the Year. Heartland coaches voted Weise as the top player in the conference. Weise averaged a .349 hitting percentage and

.341 hits a set. Overall, three UIW players were named to the All-Conference Team: Weise, Nordman and senior outside hitter Emily Kopecki.




Edie Weise: Heartland Conference Player of the Year

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Catch the Cardinals

December home games calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Men's Basketball vs. Our Lady of the Lake 7:00 pm.	3	4 Women's Basketball vs. Harding University 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Harding University 8:00 pm.	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Women's Basketball vs. T&M Univ.-Commerce 2:00 pm.	30 Women's Basketball vs. Univ. of Central OK 2:00 pm.	31		



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A national representative from Kappa Sigma Fraternity, right, talks to a prospective student in Marian Circle.

Greeks grow in number

By Lexi Salazar
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Greek life is growing and spreading with the addition of two more fraternities to join the two fraternities and four sororities already here that boast academic and community service requirements.

And it does take extra time to donate to local charities and get involved in Greek-sponsored events, according to UIW sorority and fraternity presidents.

"People would stereotypically say that a Greek organization pays for friends," Alpha Sigma Tau President Jessie Fernandez said. "That is not the correct answer for any Greek organization on this campus. Greek organizations are very charitable. There are always service projects going on either on or off campus."

For example, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity annually donates canned goods to local food banks and holds blood drives that benefit South Texas Blood and Tissue Center. Sorority, Alpha Sigma Tau donates to local philanthropies such as St. PJ's Children's Shelter,

Habitat for Humanity and the Animal Defense League. Sorority members from Delta Xi Nu are required to have 15 community service hours a semester. Sorority Delta Beta Chi has taken on community service projects to benefit breast cancer awareness and AIDS awareness. Along with the idea of giving to the community, some fraternities and sororities also make it a point to try to learn something from the community.

"Delta Xi Nu's purpose is to commit to the furtherance of multiculturalism, to promote cultural awareness, friendship, and diversity, not only to the University of the Incarnate Word, but to surrounding communities as well," Cielo Perez, president of Delta Xi Nu, said.

Greek life also promotes self-growth and acquiring skills that will be valuable in the future, leaders said.

"Most importantly, being a part of a Greek organization teaches you to better yourself," Fernandez said. "You absolutely must be able to manage your time. It also helps

with presenting yourself on a business scale, organizing events, trusting another sorority sister, team-building, communication skills. The list can go on forever."

Although hazing is often thought of as a part of Greek life, at Incarnate Word this does not seem to be a problem. Lambda Chi Alpha is proud of the fact it became the first fraternity to abolish the pledging system and hazing.

"Hazing is a very big issue that is often connected with the Greek community," Greek Life Coordinator Jacqueline Mendez said. "Does it happen? Yeah, of course it happens. Does it happen here? As far as I know, it hasn't. We recently had some of the members complete risk-management training, which included a section on hazing."

Lambda Chi Alpha President Austin Brown relishes the brotherhood he's found.

"Things that are special to me are the bonding activities, and the building of a brotherhood," Brown said. "These bonds will be tight for the rest of our life."

Golden Harvest reaps bountiful collection

By Diandra Escamilla
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Associated more than doubled the amount of canned foods collected this year from last for the 23rd annual Golden Harvest drive.

Collectors assembled 11.3 tons vs. 5.3 tons when the Oct. 24 drive was over, an effort that brought together more than 465 students and volunteers who targeted the Brook Hollow neighborhood, wearing "I CAN Make a Difference" T-shirts. Mayor Julian Castro also came to campus to thank the students.

The uniqueness surrounding Golden Harvest stems from the fact it's the only event on campus in which members from each student organization unite in participation. In contrast to last year, SGA did not have to recruit non-profits. Instead several organizations reached out to Incarnate Word asking for assistance to raise food donations.

Over the last year in San Antonio, the demand for food donations has increased by double digits.

"The San Antonio Food Bank notified us that people are in dire need due to the economic situation," said Gabby Canavati, SGA vice president.

More than non-profits shared in the cans collected including St. PJ's Children's Home and shelters for battered

women and the homeless.

The urgency surrounding the city's need sparked the idea to concentrate this year's Golden Harvest efforts in the Brook Hollow neighborhood.

"The advantages of Brook Hollow is that geographically it spans over a larger area of the city generating more contacts that are reached in hopes of donations," said SGA Secretary Christina Garcia.

For many people and their families, the effects of the economy can be felt across the board. "Several of my friends have lost their jobs, and so I understand where people are coming from," said Meghan Austin.

"The upside is that Golden Harvest participation has increased immensely," Canavati said.

"UIW is doing what students in universities across the United States should do," Castro said, pointing out that the city has around 90,000 students that are either in college or in graduate school.

"Think of the potential, the power, the contribution that 90,000 folks can make to a city of 1.3 million people," said Castro. "It's a good head start for your participation in the community after you graduate from Incarnate Word. You are really leading by example in doing that, and I just want to commend you for that."

Students seeking end to genocide in Darfur

By Laura Ellis
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

For decades rape, murder and the destruction of villages has plagued the country of Sudan located in northeastern Africa without any hope of restoration.

A group of University of the Incarnate Word students refuse to let the innocent civilians' voices be silenced any longer. Stationary bikes outlined the center of Marian Hall Circle to draw the attention of the student body on Nov. 9.

Sophomore Robert Rodriguez took the initiative to learn more about the situation occurring in Sudan. As he learned more about thousands of people dying each day, he decided to start a segment of STAND, a student-led division of the Genocide Intervention Network, to raise awareness and offer help. He is

now the president of the UIW chapter. STAND is an acronym for Students Taking Action Now for Darfur.

"I look at Darfur as a 21st-century Holocaust," Rodriguez said. "What we are doing is trying to keep their voices alive. The dead and alive."

Members of STAND encouraged each person who took an interest in the bikes to ride as a sign of commitment and interest in the cause. They also received a postcard addressed to President Obama that listed three specific desires.

The postcard, provided by savedarfur.com, listed "protection of civilians from violence, starvation and disease, sustainable peace for Sudan, and justice for victims and accountability for perpetrators" as the main priorities the presi-

dent should have in regard to this situation.

STAND members hope the mass of postcards will pressure the U.S. government to help end the atrocities occurring in Sudan.

"I was always curious about Darfur, especially after I watched Oprah," said Jessica Delgado, a junior. "I signed up for e-mails from savedarfur.org and saw the link for STAND. I joined."

African music flooded the center of campus as members of STAND rode the stationary bikes and handed out bracelets with the inscription, "Not on Our Watch: Save Darfur."

"I really love it," sophomore Marina Martinez, vice president of STAND at UIW, said. "I feel like I'm doing something for the world and also showing the community how you can save refugees in Darfur."

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'Light the Way' annually brings several thousand people into the cool night air at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Incarnate Word kicks off holiday season

By Martha Jasso and Annette Marroquin
LOGOS STAFF WRITERS

An estimated 5,500 people gathered under a clear night sky Saturday, Nov. 21, waited for more than a million twinkling lights to come on for the 24th annual "Light the Way" holiday celebration. Dr. Louis J. Agnese, the University of the Incarnate Word's president and originator of the annual spectacle, flipped the switch on the lights that will shine nightly for self-guided tours through Jan. 6.

The celebration, considered the university's annual gift to the community, brought a number of special guests including Congressman Charlie Gonzalez, San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro, Archbishop Jole Gomez, H-E-B Director of Public Affairs Dya Campos and Elf Louise representative Diane File.

As part of the evening's festivities, Agnese announced the creation of the Archbishop José Gomez Scholarship, which will be awarded to any student graduating from a Catholic high school beginning May 2010 who chooses to attend UIW. Graduates from UIW's Brainpower

Connection schools -- Incarnate Word High School and St. Anthony's Catholic High School -- will be awarded \$3,000 a year (\$12,000 over four years) and graduates of other Catholic high schools will be awarded \$2,000 a year (\$8,000 over four years) to attend UIW.

A formal Mass at 5:30 in Our Lady's Chapel was the start to the evening's activities. But people started filling the seats as early as 4:30. People strolled in, found a seat, and got comfortable. By 5, the chapel was full and it was standing room only. Pianist Nicole Valadez played a prelude.

Bishop Oscar Cantu and Father Eduardo Morales, as well as Father Tom Dymowski, UIW's chaplain, conducted them ceremony. The ministers spoke about the meaning of God's revelation and the relationship of freedom, truth and beauty.

Mission and Ministry student ministers helped out as ushers, helping guests find a seat when they could in the standing-room-only setting. Many stood outside the

chapel, lining up against the walls. The altar was illuminated with white lit candles and decorated with an abundance of fall-inspired flowers. St. Peter's Handbell Choir, under the direction of Ellen Rodgers, and Chancel Choir provided music including "Creator of the Stars at Night" and "To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King."

Mass participants then joined a much larger crowd gathered in Alice McDermott Convocation Center.

Upon entering the center, guests were greeted by Student Ambassadors who passed out programs and welcomed guests inside. Crowds quickly filled up the center to capacity, so much so that security began to usher people out to the lawn right outside the center where projectors were set up to broadcast the ceremony live. An Elf Louise Station was set up outside the center where volunteers accepted any unwrapped donated toys from guests.

The prelude of the ceremony was led by St. Anthony's Catholic High School Jazz Band

followed by a brief welcoming from the co-emcees, KSAT 12's Ursula Pari and Dick

McCracken, UIW prospect researcher and former alumni director.

The ceremony continued with Agnese presenting gifts to Elf Louise and H-E-B for their continued collaboration throughout the years. The gifting did not stop there as Agnese presented Santa Claus with a special gift, a "Light the Way" stick of his own. The UIW Cardinal mascot also joined Santa on stage.

A special dedication to our troops was announced by Agnese who said, "the lights represent each person who is out there fighting to protect our country." The sounds of holiday music then filled the air provided by UIW's Cardinal Chorale, Incarnate Word High's Madrigals, and choirs from St. Anthony Catholic School and St. Peter Prince of Apostles Catholic School. UIW Mariachi Los Cardenales also entertained the crowd. Tejano music legend Patsey Torres and Mariachi Sol de Tejas then closed out the

event.

Sophomore Alexandria Guerra pranced around to the Tejano beat. "This was a great way to start off the holidays," Guerra said.

"It was a beautiful experience," first-time visitor Jessica Garza said of the indoor activities.

"But having a chair in the warmth inside would've been nice."

Then the indoor crowd joined those outside for the lighting ceremony. Student Ambassadors handed out glowsticks for the children and lit candles for the adults. The crowd counted down the moments until Agnese and Mayor Castro flipped the light switches which would illuminate the night sky of the campus with a million twinkling lights.

The crowd cheered when the lights came on and fireworks went off. Along the scenic route, sandwich boards painted by UIW student organizations were displayed. Many guests stopped to snap photographs of family and friends alongside these boards.

Mariachis led the candlelight procession of guests through the campus and to H-E-B Central Market for a complimentary reception. H-E-B co-

sponsors "Light the Way" with UIW. About 200 gallons of Ghiradelli hot chocolate and apple cider awaited guests alongside 4,000 cookies. Tents were put up by the catering department where H-E-B employees greeted people in line to the special treats. It was estimated about 800 to 900 were present just at H-E-B.

"The path leading to Central Market was a delightful one," said UIW mom Anita Loera.

For many guests, it was their first "Light the Way."

Sandra Sotello said her family first heard about the event on radio and decided to check it out.

"It was a lot more than what we expected," Sotello said. "My favorite part was the performances by the different choirs, the light-switching, the fireworks, everything was beautiful. We're going to try and make it a tradition from now on."

Diane Hernandez of Floresville said this was the third time for her family who first came when their daughter was a student at St. Peter's.

"We're trying to make it a tradition," she said. "The drive obviously is well worth it."





Sandwich boards: An old tradition 're-vamped'

By Gabrielle "Gabby" Guereca
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

A Sandwich Board Contest – a blast from the past – has returned to help mark this year's "Light the Way" through Jan. 6.

"This (event) is something that was started in the '90s and I believe the last year was in 1998," said Crystal Campos, special events coordinator for the Office of Public Relations. "We definitely wanted to re-vamp it and bring it back. We wanted a lot of student involvement in regards to 'Light the Way' this year, and making it more a student-owned event."

Eleven organizations decorated boards. Requirements for the boards were to include the organization's name, the year, and to have the words "Light the Way." Students had free reign to interpret what the event meant to them.

The Visual Arts Society depicted a crowd of people holding candles. Student Ambassadors used their hands to create a Christmas tree. The History Club painted a cardinal on a branch with snowflakes all around.

"We wanted (the students) to get involved, and we wanted to make them feel like it was theirs," Debra Del Toro, director of public relations for UIW. "This is their way of creatively expressing themselves, while at the same time helping us to promote this event."

"(The contest) was a fun day, and I think everybody who came really enjoyed it," Del Toro added. "Hopefully they'll spread the word to their friends and next year we'll have even more."



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Sandwich Board Winners

Right to left: The Visual Arts Society won the \$100 grand prize in the Sandwich Board Contest. Second place (\$75) went to the Student Ambassadors. Third (\$50) went to the History Club.

The Student Ambassadors also received honorable mentions for Most Mission Friendly and Most Creative.

Other organizations participating in the contest included the Campus Activities Board, Math Club, Fashion Society, Chemistry Club, Engineer Club, American Society of Interior Decorators, and two Residence Life groups which participated as Julian's Crew and All Stars.



Students donate to Elf Louise Toy Drive

By Justin Ryan Gomez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Christmas spirit was high Wednesday, Nov. 18, on Dubuis Lawn, as students gathered to donate unwrapped toys for the Elf Louise Toy Drive.

Guests were treated to "Elf," a Christmas movie starring Will Ferrell, food and refreshments throughout the night's event.

Throughout the month of November, collection boxes were placed throughout buildings on campus for anyone who wanted to donate any un-

wrapped gifts.

Louis Locker Hall, a San Antonio psychotherapist, is the founder of The Elf Louise Project. Its mission is to donate toys

to less-fortunate children of Bexar County.

In 2008, Elf Louise donated gifts to more than 19,000 children around



the county with the help of 4,500 volunteers.

"I've always believed in the innate goodness in people and the potential for good," Locker said. She believes

that to be able to see the goodness in yourself, you have to help others.

This is the second year UIW has been involved with the toy drive and has

had success both years. The movie event was a night strictly dedicated to donating for the cause and getting Christmas underway.

"Christmas is my favorite time of year," UIW senior Raymond Guzman said. "Everyone comes together, and you can notice just how generous people are when you see them donating."

Josh Garcia, a freshman at UIW, said, "This is one of the reasons I chose Incarnate Word. It always gives back to the community."

Writer puts two MMORPG titans to the test

'World of Warcraft' vs. 'Guild Wars'



By
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Whenever I head back to school, I like to have my priorities in order. That means when I come home from a long day and I'm looking to unwind, I need something gratifying and completely free of lectures, notes and textbooks.

Being the cost-effective person I am, I finally decided it was time to look into one of the most well-known MMORPGs (massively multiplayer online role-playing games) and pit it against my personal favorite in the hope of saving fellow broke college students a few nickels when it comes to their gaming pleasure.

You'd pretty much have to be from Pluto to not know what "World of Warcraft" is. It's one of the most widely used and debat-

ed MMORPGs around. However, you may not have heard of a little ditty by the name of "Guild Wars." Despite the fact it has nearly as many expansions, equal (or better, in my opinion) graphics as "Warcraft," plus no subscription fees, it doesn't seem preferred by many over the original online titan.

So why am I blabbering on about this? It's simple. "Guild Wars 2." It's been in talks since 2007 and now it sounds like we're finally being given a tentative 2010-2011 release date for this amazing sequel, which features new classes, a higher-level cap and a completely underwater area.

If anything, new users to MMORPGs should probably start with "Guild Wars" because it's not as in-depth as "Warcraft," one of the reasons many do not prefer it. Beyond that, I did some research to break down the actual dollar amounts you'd have to shell out to own each game, and "Guild Wars" won every time. For starters, the basic game for each is only about

\$20, give or take your taxes. However, to own all of Warcraft's expansions, it'll run you about \$110, whereas the "Guild Wars" complete collection is only \$90. To actually play "Warcraft," you'll need to come up with \$15 monthly per account. Believe it or not, all this information is readily available on both games' websites, as per their listed prices in their online stores.

I could rant about the importance of plot all I want, but at the end of the day, you do pay an extra penny for some pretty rad graphics. I can't say I'm a huge fan of WoW's. They have a very cartoonish appearance more suited to their dwarf characters than the more exotic creatures they promote in official art. The in-game text also can get blocky and annoying, especially when you've accepted a quest or completed it. There is no doubt it runs smoothly, as would be expected from the high server cost. Despite some of its other setbacks, "Guild Wars" has a pretty impressive graphic package. Their worlds are crisp and believable, and their character renderings are absolutely gorgeous, almost to the point it

could literally be the box art walking around in the game. Despite the high graphic quality, there isn't much of a lag when you're in crowded towns trying to party up or sell your inventory. The same goes for "Warcraft," which is another wonderful aspect of having separate servers.

Pretty graphics are, well, pretty, but a game isn't a game without good development and a solid plot. Both titles have good formed plots, quests that make sense, and easy-to-understand ways of achieving the specific class you want. The fork in the road takes shape when you approach the topic of just how in-depth each game gets. If you want something very long-term and challenging, "Warcraft" is going to deliver it. With quests upon quests, added online content, leveling times and plot development, there's a reason kids spend eight hours a day trying to level their night elves on WoW. "Guild Wars" is a guilt-free MMORPG that you can let sit for months and pick up right where you left off (trust me, I am a habitual procrastina-

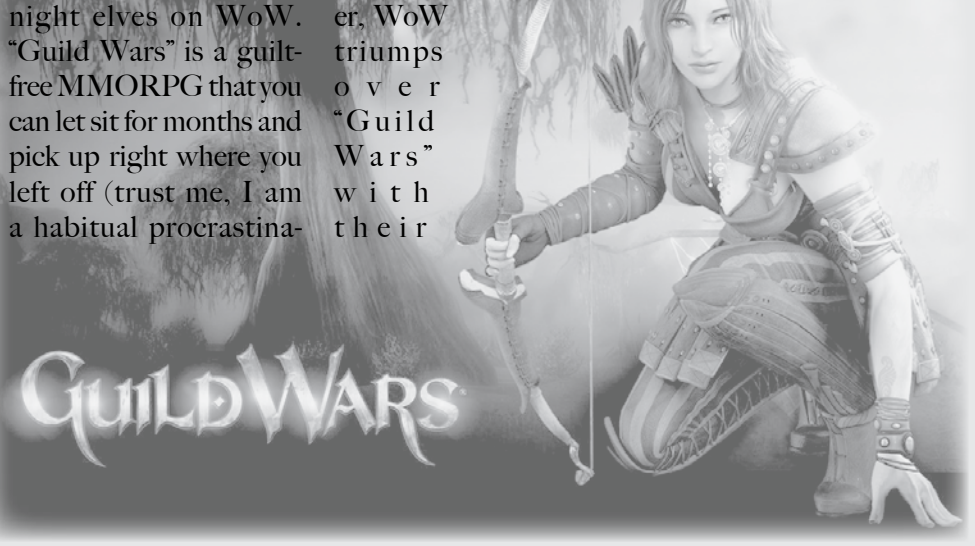
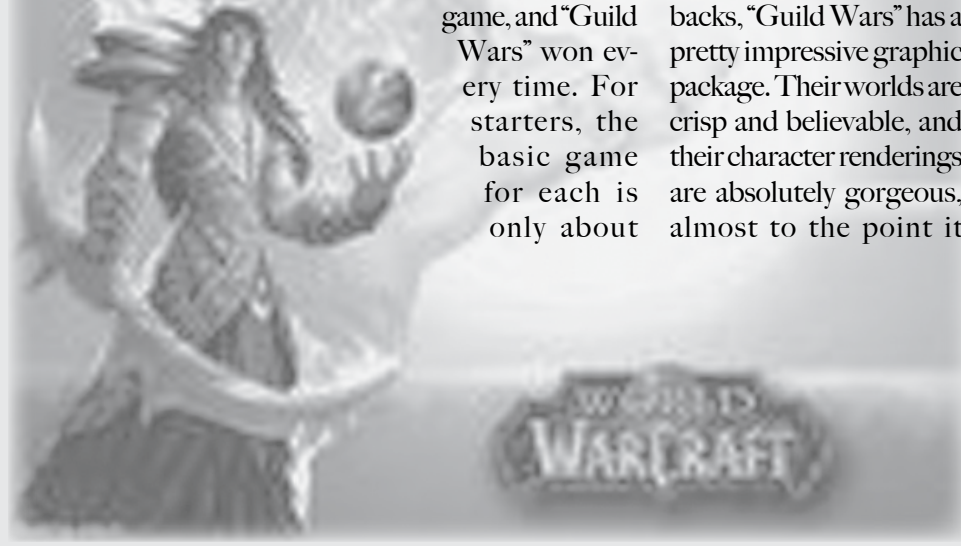
tor and have neglected this game more times than I can count) with no worry.

"Warcraft" is also more of a "you need online friends game," especially when it comes to bosses and particularly difficult quests. "Guild Wars" takes pity on those who lack Internet buds with the ability to pick NPC (non-playable character) party members before embarking on a mission. This is an absolute staple in "Guild Wars," especially since most of the quests and missions you are given are far too hard to complete with just yourself and one set of skills. The NPCs can be found standing along any wall leading into the areas outside of the towns where you set out to complete your quests. They offer six computer characters from different classes of magic that will aid you in whatever it is you need to do. However, WoW triumphs over "Guild Wars" with their

more than fair level cap. A level cap means your character can only go up to a certain level and once that level is attained, they will stay that level and cease bonuses. The "Guild Wars" base game has a level cap of 20, whereas the "World of Warcraft" base game level caps at 60. Later expansions do raise the cap, but not by much.

At the end of the day, it's really up to you if you want to shove out the big bucks for "Warcraft" or stick to something you can actually do between classes. Both games allow you to try them free for at least a week. Some alternative MMORPGs to these two big names would be "Ragnarok Online," "Runescape," "Neverwinter Nights" and "Maple Story."

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December Movies

compiled by April Lynn Downing

Dec. 4
Brothers
Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Look for: Tobey Maguire, Jake Gyllenhaal, Natalie Portman

Everybody's Fine
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Look for: Robert De Niro, Kate Beckinsale, Drew Barrymore

Dec. 11
Invictus
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama, True Story
Look for: Morgan Freeman, Matt Damon

The Lovely Bones
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Look for: Mark Wahlberg, Susan Sarandon

Dec. 18
Avatar
Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Sci-Fi
Look for: Sigourney Weaver

Dec. 25
Sherlock Holmes
Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Crime and Mystery
Look for: Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law, Rachel McAdams

The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus
Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Fantasy
Look for: Heath Ledger, Johnny Depp, Jude Law

Miss South Texas Pageant set at UIW

The University of the Incarnate Word will be host to a new Miss South Texas Scholarship Pageant on Saturday, Jan. 23, and organizers are seeking some UIW contestants.

"Our focus is to promote scholastic achievement, creative accomplishment, healthy living and community involvement for our young la-

dies," Pageant Executive Director Sandra Peter said.

The pageant is an official preliminary event in the Miss America organization, which is reportedly the world's largest source of scholarships for young women at the tune of more than \$45 million annually.

Special guests for the

initial pageant at UIW's Dougherty Fine Arts Center will be Miss Texas 2008, Rebecca Robinson; Miss Teen Texas 2009, Taylor Lowery; and instrumental performer Danny Wright.

Each contestant in the pageant is required to have a platform issue for which she has volunteered and supported, said Peter, who appeared earlier this fall before the UIW General Assembly to promote the pageant and seek contestants.

"You would be absolutely amazed at the growth in self-confidence

in the young women who participate in this program," Peter said. "Part of the selection process is a personal interview in front of seven judges where they must be able to state a well-informed position on the relevant issues of the day, such as the war in Iraq, promoting the arts, and closing our southern borders."



Miss Texas 2008, Rebecca Robinson, will be among the special guests for the initial pageant.

How to participate in Miss South Texas Pageant

For more information about how to be a contestant, sponsor or volunteer for The Miss South Texas Scholarship Pageant visit www.MissSouthTexas.org; e-mail Executive Director Sandra Peter MissSouthTexas@MissSouthTexas.org; call (210) 445-4920.

Christmas concerts feature band, chorus

The new band program will present its first Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in Our Lady's Chapel.

The Cardinal Choral and the Madrigal Singers from Incarnate Word High School will present their annual seasonal concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in the chapel.

The presentation will feature festive choral music of the season including Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," Robert Ray's "Gospel Magnificat," the Biebel "Ave Maria," and Lauridsen's "O Nata Lux." Guest harpist Rachel Ferris will perform.

Both events are free.

'UIW's Got Talent' rescheduled

The Logos will publish the new date as soon as information becomes available. E-mail the Logos at: logos@uiwtx.edu or mehernan@uiwtx.edu

'Quirk' ready to go to work

By Maggie Callahan
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Feeling Quirky?

Every spring, the English Department holds the Editing & Publishing class charged with assembling UIW's annual literary and artistic magazine, the Quirk.

The class will spend the first part of the semester learning the skills of pub-

lishing and editing. Then they'll handle submissions from students, staff and faculty, choosing the best pieces through a blind submission process.

Dr. Tanja Stampfl, the newest addition to the department, is in charge of the class next spring. Stampfl, originally from Italy, said she hopes students will realize "editing and publishing is a potential career."

Games

The future of education



By Phil Youngblood
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When we were children we delighted in games and never thought of questioning their value as social and educational tools (even when we could not express those concepts).

As we grew to adults though, we were told that games are frivolous or purely for entertainment and had nothing to do with "reality." I would argue the following: (1) "Real life" is as much a game as anything you could play. We role-play at work, home, on the road, and at church, following rules made for each occasion, making up objectives, and dealing with consequences. (2) We spend a third of our lives sleeping and dreaming, during which we essentially play a creative, fantasy game of paring new experiences with old ones (which accounts for the fantastical nature of dreaming) until we make sense of it all, store new memories, and discard temporary synaptic connections; (3) We include all sorts of games in our lives, from television and movies (alternative "realities" with similar or different rule sets

than "real life") and sports (in which we participate to varying passive and active ways). So gaming is an intrinsic part of our lives, whether we call it that or not.

But might some games have more educational benefit than others? Our own Dr. Mary Ruth Moore (2009-2010 UIW Moody Professor of Education) will be talking to us soon about "Play = Learning."

I asked her about the difference between play and games and she explained there are active, engaging games, in which users create the world and the rules and which can be very educational, and then there are passive, entertaining games, in which the world and rules are designed by someone else.

In a recent conversation between award-winning Harvard biologist E.O. Wilson and William Wright, creator of The Sims and Spore, Professor Wilson stated: "I think that games are the future in education," imagining instead that future students will use virtual worlds to visit different ecosystems (a rainforest,



tundra or Jurassic forest, for example), and pointing out that learning "by participating in the process" is the way the human brain is programmed to learn.

So next time when someone immediately dismisses virtual worlds such as Second Life because their first reaction is "Oh, it's a game" (meaning it has no "real" value), I will not act defensively because I know better.

In reality, virtual environments are extensions of real life, like other communications tools. But they are also much more – they are richly convergent media that only borrow the shell of a gaming appearance to create the 3D interactive environment. And if they must be called a game, then they are most of the educational kind, in which users entirely imagine, design, create and make up the rules. They are not only educational, but they just may be the future of education.

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Shows for Winter



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Now that Christmas break is on the horizon (just one more week!) that means all of us students should have more time to do...anything we want.

And I for one am excited to have the time to do whatever I want, which includes going to concerts. Because I'm in the giving mood, I'm giving this gift to all UIW students: a compiled list of concerts hitting the 210 area for December.

I'm sure your Christmas break will be filled with these concerts and others.

And don't be surprised to see me there with a drink in hand and a rockin' attitude. It's what I do.

These are the concerts I know about. I'm the concert junkie. I'm a music addict. As I've said before, it's always all about the music in my life.

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Sunken Gardens, 3875 N. St. Mary's St., www.sanantonio.gov

Dec. 1

Megadeth

If you love metal, make sure to check them out as they put on a rockin' show. (You'll most likely see me there, and who knows, KUIW.org might find the time to interview them!)

Sunset Station, 1174 E. Commerce St., www.sunset-station.com

Dec. 2

All American Rejects and Taking Back Sunday

w/Anberlin
When: Doors open at 6 p.m.
AAR makes for a great act to see and Taking Back Sunday, delivers an amazing show as well.

Cowboys Dancehall, 3030 NE Loop 410 at I-35, www.cowboysdancehall.com

Dec. 4

Kellie Pickler

When: 7 p.m.
A former American Idol contestant, she'll be singing those country blues.

Scout Bar, 19314 US Highway 281 N #110, www.scoutbar.com

Dec. 4

Bowling For Soup

w/ Smile Smile
Tickets: \$14.50 in advance; \$16 at the door
With the newest album out called "Sorry for Partying" released October 2009, the band, a native of Texas, decided to take it on the road.

Dec. 9

Bone Thugs N Harmony

When: doors open at 7 p.m.; show at 8.
Their second stop in town this year, Bone Thugs N Harmony remain to be one of the most unique and riveting hip hop groups to date.

Dec. 10

In This Moment

w/Motionless in White, AGRACEFUL, and In Fear and Faith.
Maria Brink has some tight vocals. Their album "Beautiful Tragedy," is a favorite of mine.

Dec. 17

MIMS

w/Skatterman and Snugbrim
Tickets: \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door.
The "Back in Session Tour" is in honor of his latest album, "Guilt."

Dec. 31

10 Years

They are best-known for their hits "Wasteland" and "Beautiful."

White Rabbit, 2410 N. St. Mary's, www.sawhiterabbit.com

Dec. 8

Trivium

w/Chimaira and Dirge Within
Trivium killed it during their show this October. Be sure to tune in to kuiw.org for an interview with the band!

Dec. 15

The Pac Sun Tour-Saasin

w/P.O.S., Inner Party System, and Eye Alaska.
Saasin has a killer following and I have to admit, their 2009 CD, "In Search of Solid Ground," is a major hit with me.

Dec. 19

LMFAO

w/Shwayze
LMFAO's single, which is also the theme song for Kourtney and Khloe Take Miami, hit the Billboard Top 100 at No. 51. They've done remixes of Kanye West, Katy Perry and Lady Gaga songs and put an RPM twist.

Freeman Coliseum, 3201 E. Houston St., www.freemancoliseum.com

Dec. 12

Chris Daughtry

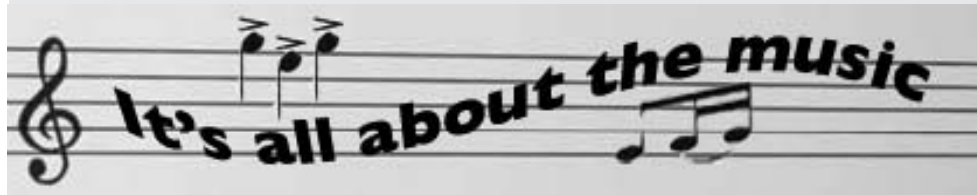
Another American Idol contestant; the last time Daughtry was in town, they played at the White Rabbit so this is a major step up for them.

AT&T Center, 3201 E. Houston, www.attcenter.com

Dec. 26

Trans Siberian Orchestra

When: 3 and 8 p.m.
Tickets: \$25 to \$70.
Can't beat prices like those, especially to see the Trans Siberian Orchestra! (Can someone say best Christmas gift ever?)



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SPRING 2010 Pre-Departure Session



The Study Abroad Office held a Pre-Departure Session on Saturday, Nov. 14, for all students studying abroad in the spring semester. Students and parents attended to learn valuable information about safety, health and culture. The Study Abroad Office holds a Pre-Departure Session every semester for departing students. Twenty students will be studying abroad this spring in England, France, Spain, Italy, the United Arab Emirates, the Dominican Republic, Chile, Mexico, South Korea and Hong Kong.

SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1) "Getting Started Session" - Tuesday, Jan. 19, 11-11:45 a.m., J.E. & L.E. Mabee Library Auditorium
- 2) "Gilman International Scholarship Overview" - Tuesday, Jan. 19, 12-12:45 p.m., Library Auditorium
- 3) "Getting Started Session" - Tuesday, Feb. 16, 12-12:45 p.m., Library Auditorium



Around the World in 80 Minutes

On Nov. 17, the International Student Association hosted its first event. Students from Austria, Brazil, China, Hong Kong, Japan, the Philippines, Russia and South Korea shared information about their countries, languages, food, dance, traditions and more.



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-Nathan Niles, London, England



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