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Optometry school to open in 2009

By Rae Williams
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word is opening the nation's only faith-based optometry school in 2009.

The formal announcement about the school and the introduction of its founding dean -- Dr. Hani Ghazi-Birry

-- came at a Feb. 1 news conference in the Sky Room foyer.

Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., UIW's president, credited Dr. Terry L. Dicianna, the recently named chancellor, for doing a lot of the work associated with starting the optometry school. Dicianna, formerly the

provost, also did similar work for the opening of the pharmacy school.

"The program will allow an increase in diversity amongst the practicing optometrists in the nation," Agnese said. Because the program is faith-based, its students will get an opportunity "to grow academically

and spiritually through the experience of the Incarnate Word."

Agnese pointed out that the new school will fill a need. There are 1,250 graduates from the 17 optometry schools in the country and that number is declining, he said.

UIW pre-optome-

try students, who must complete a minimum of 90 credit hours, can begin their program this fall on the main campus and move on to the north campus at Data-point and Wurzbach, where the pharmacy students attended classes before John and Rita Feik School of Phar-



Dr. Hani Ghazi-Birry

macy opened last fall. ADCAP students pri-

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UIW signs first football players



STADIUM RENDERING COURTESY OF MCCHESENEY/BIANCO ARCHITECTURE; BIANCA BOURGEOIS/LOGOS STAFF
Above: The Gayle and Tom Benson Football Stadium and Fieldhouse will be the home of the Cardinals for the initial fall 2009 football season. The fieldhouse will enclose 16,000 square feet and spectator seating for up to 3,000. The stadium is on the site of the present soccer game field near Alice McDermott Convocation Center. Officials, right, broke ground Jan. 17 near a tent.



By Annette Marroquin
LOGOS SPORTS EDITOR

The University of the Incarnate Word's Quarterback Club was host to a National Signing Day party Feb. 6 at Quarry Golf Club where the signing of the first recruiting class was announced.

Participants saw the home-and-away uniforms the team will wear as well as an architectural rendering of the Gayle and Tom Benson Football Complex under construction on campus.

Video highlights showing some of the players who

signed also were shown.

Those expected to commit to UIW included Trent Rios, a running back from Smithson Valley; Chaz Tav-liska, a quarterback from Floresville; James Perez, a defensive back from Fredericksburg; Thomas Fpapia,

a quarterback from the College of Du Page; and Steve Wallace, a tight end from Kilgore Junior College..

Coaches expected 22-26 players with scholarships are expected to be committed; 90 percent of them will be receiving academic aid.

"The response in the area from Austin to Brownsville is phenomenal," Head Coach Mike Santiago said. "I've been into a lot of homes."

So have Offensive Coordinator Jim Marshall, See Football/ Page 2

Scarlet dresses keep attention on heart health

By Bridget Butterworth
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

"It's never too soon to start. Love your heart." That's the theme of the fifth annual Red Dress Health Fair and Fashion Show taking place 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12.

"This event is done in an effort to bring into consideration cardiac disease, the No. 1 killer of women," said Dr. Laura Munoz, a nursing professor who is chairing the planning committee for the event taking place in Marian Hall Ballroom.

Cardiac disease is easily preventable with

a healthy diet and moderate exercise, yet it is highly overlooked in American society, health experts say.

Besides nursing, other departments involved in the health fair and fashion show include nutrition, pharmacy and kinesiology. Representatives will be available to help visitors create healthy diet plans, learn about drug interactions and make effective exercise plans

The guest speaker is 22-year-old Hilary Mof-



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Dr. Melinda Adams poses by designs.

fett, who had a heart attack and brain cancer at the age of 15. She is the niece of Dr. Sally Baynton, an English professor who directs the Bridge Composition program at UIW.

Moffett, a senior majoring in international relations at Washington State University, will be the guest speaker. See Dresses/ Page 2

Students can cash in on survey

By Rachel Walsh
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Attention students: UIW wants to hear from you! With the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), you have a chance to express your opinion and win cash prizes.

Since 2004, the NSSE has provided many schools with valuable feedback. It measures student involvement in classes, with faculty, on campus and in extracurricular activities. First-year students and seniors receive the survey via their Cardinal Mail accounts. Students' confidential responses go directly to the NSSE.

Dr. Denise Doyle, vice president of aca-

ademic and student affairs, strongly encouraged students to participate and emphasized that students have a new incentive: cash rewards. One randomly selected winner receives \$500, two more receive \$250 and 10 participants collect \$100.

Doyle said the results of the NSSE provide information about how UIW can improve. Already, outreach to first-year students has expanded, and faculty members have attended workshops about student involvement because of student opinions.

Dean of Student Success Sandy McMakin described the NSSE as "a wonderful

opportunity for students to give feedback about their Incarnate Word experience" that is "very important for freshmen and seniors."

"We take the data and feedback very seriously," McMakin said. She stressed that the NSSE has complete support from the UIW administration.

Freshmen and seniors can expect an email containing the details of how to participate during the spring semester. Undergraduate faculty members can also expect to receive the related Faculty Survey of Student Engagement, in which they can report their observations about student involvement.

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marily use the north campus now.

Optometry students will be required to spend some of their time at a new clinic the university will open on the east side of San Antonio at the corner of Walters and Commerce streets adjacent to St. Philip's College.

"The East Side clinic will be one of the clinics that all optometry students will rotate through beginning in their second year of optometry," Dicianna said. "It is located on the East Side because there are many in need of optometric and other medical services."

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University in St. Louis, is the official spokesperson for the American Heart Association in Oklahoma and Missouri.

Moffett, a Spanish minor who has developed areas of interest in higher education, will travel, as a representative of Washington University, to Shanghai this year to participate in a project with college students there on nuclear abolition.

After suffering from abnormally high heart rates in the eighth grade, Moffett had a heart attack while undergoing heart surgery in 2000, at age 14, to destroy part of the heart muscle and to restore normal beating patterns. With the help of surgeons and modern technological ad-



Hilary Moffett

vances, Moffett has been free of heart problems ever since.

However, doctors around the same time during the heart surgery also discovered a spot on her brain. After much consultation and guidance, the tumor was removed, two years later when Moffett was nearly

17, and it was found to be malignant. For five years, she has been cancer-free and heart-healthy.

A native of Tulsa, Okla., Moffett completed her fourth marathon last November and she teaches daily spinning classes at a local gym.

Another feature of the fair will be an exhibit by photographer Liz Garza Williams.

Participants in the fair and fashion show are encouraged to wear their best red attire, indulge in healthy snacks, get their blood pressure taken and enjoy the show.

Munoz also said she and other staff members "hand-made our own scarves to sell benefiting the cause."

Football- continued from page 1

Defensive Coordinator Todd Ivivic and Assistant Coach Kyle Kennan, who also is serving as director of football operations.

UIW's first football tryout was held in late November for college students interested in playing and another tryout held specifically for high school seniors is coming up in March. The athletes are recommended to show up in New Balance

gear since UIW has a contract with New Balance.

The season kicks off in 2009 but there's no word yet on the first opponent.

"We may have an announcement on an opening team very soon," said Santiago. However, there'll be no rivalry starting with neighboring Trinity, he said. "No Trinity at all! We're sticking to Division II."

Nominations sought for Presidential Teaching Award

The Faculty Senate is seeking nominations through Feb. 29 of faculty for the annual Presidential Teaching Award, which includes \$5,000 for the recipient.

Nominees will be invited to submit more materials needed for consideration by March 5 and a selection committee will narrow the field to three and send those names on to Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., UIW's president. The winner will be announced in April at the annual Faculty Appreciation Luncheon.

The Presidential Teaching Award was established by the Faculty Senate in fall 2004 upon Agnese's recommendation and support.

"(The award) acknowledges and rewards an individual who exemplifies excellence in teaching that leads to student engagement," Faculty Senate President Beth Senne-Duff said.

Students, staff, alumni or faculty may submit nominations on

an official form available online at the university's website or via e-mail from the Faculty Senate.

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must be teaching full time in the semester nominated.

According to a news release, the primary characteristic the judges will consider is "an extraordinary dedication to teaching," which should be demonstrated by excellence in the following areas: (1) Impact and involvement with students and (2) a teaching approach that encourages student engagement.

Nominations must be accompanied by a "rationale stating why the nominee is deserving of the award. Without this rationale, the nomination will be ineligible."

Nominations may be submitted online or to the Office of the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs (CPO 301). From there, nominations are forwarded to

the Senate Executive Committee which will check for eligibility, collate nominations, and notify all those nominated so they may complete the candidacy process if they wish.

To complete the candidacy, the nominee must submit a current vita and a short statement (no more than two pages) addressing teaching philosophy, methods to engage students and examples of professional accomplishments.

A selection committee comprised of the provost, a representative from the Office of Mission Effectiveness, and the past Piper Professor (Texas) awardees and recipients of the Presidential Teaching Award will review all nominee materials. The chairperson of this committee will be a faculty member selected by the committee at its first meeting.

The committee will review all submitted files and before sending three to Agnese for final selection.

Quirk sets Feb. 22 for submission deadline

The *Quirk 2008* journal of literature and art has a Feb. 22 deadline for submissions of poetry, fiction, nonfiction and visual arts from UIW faculty, staff and students.

For the first time ever, the entire University Community alongside the student body also may submit in one category or more. Submissions must be original and must not have been previously published or exhibited.

Important guidelines and the application for submissions are available online at www.uiw.edu/quirk. In addition, all visual art submissions must be in digital format. For example, scan all film-based photographs and digitally photograph all other media works.

E-mail submissions to quirk@uiwtx.edu

For more information, visit www.uiw.edu/quirk

CCVI Spirit Award nominees sought

The Office of Mission Effectiveness is accepting nominations through Feb. 17 for the 2008 CCVI Spirit Award.

The awardee should (1) Clearly represent the

values of UIW; (2) Be involved in activities that demonstrate major service to UIW and (3) Have a concrete record of service to the local/national community.

Selection will be

made by a committee composed mostly of former CCVI Spirit Awardees.

Nominations should be sent to the attention of the Chairperson, CPO Box 139.



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flourishes after first year

non-denominational prayer and worship group burns strong at UIW

By Rachel Cywinski
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

A year after drawings of flames began appearing on posters to announce a new interdenominational weekly Bible study, The Fire has expanded its Monday night ministry into small Bible study groups, retreats, and mission trips.

An answer to prayer started The Fire, according to minister Jason Griffice. Griffice, director of university ministries for First Presbyterian Church, assumed directorship of The Well weekly Bible study at Trinity University, for the fall of 2006. The Well had been meeting for six years and included students from this university. Griffice said that he began praying in August 2006, to find local university ministries that his church group could support.

Griffice recalled, "There was an Incarnate Word student attending The Well. Teresa Scioli was a senior, and now she's a law student

at St. Mary's attending The Bridge fellowship we have there. One week we could not get a room to meet at Trinity, and Teresa suggested that we meet at Incarnate Word; so we did.

"Andrew [Deegear] and Allie [Melancon] had been invited to that meeting; and the next meeting that returned to Trinity they also attended, along with Laura Deegear. Andrew asked me to start a fellowship at UIW. Andrew said, 'I could lead worship. You do the same preaching, and we can be your student interns.' We set it up in cooperation with Campus Ministry. They have been 100% supportive. That first year our interns were Allie Melancon, Andrew Deegear, Laura Deegear, Justin Burklow, Marty Battafarano and Stephanie Vargas. This year Allie, Andrew and Laura continued; and Kyle Gillespie and Laura Hegstrom have joined us as interns."

Other students volunteer



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'Fire' interdenominational worship services take place each Monday night in Marian Hall Student Center's lounge.

as musicians. One musician, Kevin Browning, a history senior from San Antonio, said, "I just enjoy the entire service. I like the sermon; I like how Jason can relate to students; and then I like the music part too. I enjoy playing the drums and ejembe (an African drum) but then other times I like the music when I'm not playing."

About thirty students attend

each week, and half of them have joined the small group Bible studies The Fire began offering this fall, according to Griffice, who added that he anticipates that number to double this semester. This year participants have completed a mission trip to Mexico, a meditative retreat to Mo Ranch, and picnic fellowships with students from Trinity and St. Mary's. The

spring semester started with a move to an earlier time. The Fire now begins each Monday at 8:00 p.m. in the Marian Hall Student Center.

Griffice said he believes The Fire adds to the Campus Ministry lineup, "just another opportunity for people to come in contact with the living God sent to us through his son Jesus."

Incarnate Word Day features variety of activities

By Callisto Griffith
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word is celebrating Incarnate Word Day on Tuesday, March 25, with a variety of activities and events all day long for students, faculty and staff to enjoy.

This day of celebration, also known as the Feast Day of the University, originated from the Feast of the Annunciation when Mary accepted God's call of being the mother of Jesus. Mary's accep-



Audrey O' Mahony

tance of God's Word meant He would become one of us. In other words, God became incarnate, hence the term

Incarnate Word.

The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word founded this university and continue to be in charge of putting this celebration together every year. The theme this year is, "The Word Around the World."

"This day of celebration is student-centered and we want the students to appreciate where they are at, at this university," said Sister Audrey O'Mahony, head of the Office of Mission Effectiveness.

INCARNATE WORD DAY CALENDAR

- Banners and balloons, 8 a.m. Sponsor: Student Government Association.
- "UIW Service Abroad" panel discussion, 9 a.m., TBA. Faculty and student presenters.
- Picnic at the Tower, 11:30 a.m., Clock Tower. Sponsor: Sodexo.
- Cardinal Carnival, noon, Brackenridge Villa to Marian Circle area. Cosponsors: SGA and CAB.
- "Social Justice and the Curriculum," 1:30 p.m., TBA. Faculty and student presenters.
- Liturgy, 3 p.m., Our Lady's Chapel. Features presentation of CCVI Spirit Award.
- Reception for CCVI Spirit Award honoree, family and friends, 4 p.m., Clock Tower.
- Pierre Lecture, 7 p.m., TBA. Speaker: Dr. Jeannine Hill-Fletcher. Sponsor: Department of Religious Studies.



Jenny Rangel

2008 heralds new year, new foods

Hopefully as we brought in 2008, we brought in some New Year's resolutions that we're going to stick to.

The most common of all resolutions is to get healthy and eat healthy, so what better time than now to introduce you to some brand-spanking new food products that'll help you get fit! I'm really excited about these foods because, frankly, they're foods I can't live without.

First on the list is breakfast. Whether you reach for tacos or skip breakfast altogether, here's a sandwich that'll make you glad you woke up on time. Jimmy Dean decided to switch gears and offer us the D-Light Sandwich. It's got cheese, egg whites and delicious Canadian bacon between

a sweet honey wheat English muffin. This D-lightful breakfast sandwich brings in a mere 230 calories and six grams of fat compared to the 350 calories and 21 grams of fat in Dean's sausage, egg and cheese muffin sandwich (average fast food sandwich: 455 calories and 23 grams of fat)! This is HUGE! And all you need to do is nuke it in the microwave for a minute or two! Jimmy Lean anyone?

Next product up: Yoplait Fiber One yogurt cups. You can eat it for breakfast or eat it for lunch, but no matter when you eat it, you'll only consume 80 calories, zero fat and 5 grams of fiber for each 4 ounce cup! It comes in four yummy flavors: peach, strawberry, vanilla and key

lime pie. Any way to pack in fiber is a plus!

Have a killer chocolate craving? I've TWO satisfying products that won't bombard your waistline.

First, Hershey's 100 Calorie Wafer Bars available in Reese's Peanut Butter, York Peppermint, Her-

shey's Milk and Special Dark Chocolate, are all 100 calories (duh) and 4.5 grams of fat per bar. Yay! Second, Entenmann's Little Bites 100 Calorie Soft Baked Brownie Squares are just the way a fudgy brownie should taste like. Unlike the other cardboard-tasting brownies, these clock in at 100 calories, four grams of fat, and eight grams of sugar. Although you can order Entenmann's online, I am currently working with Central Market to get this product (and many others)

in stock. Keep your eyes peeled!

Psst. Starbucks fanatics: want to lighten up your coffee?



Great news: Starbucks will soon be introducing the

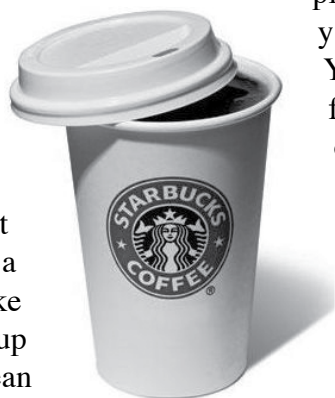
Skinny Mocha and the Skinny Latte! Just 90 calories for a Tall size and you get to choose your Skinny Latte flavor: Cinnamon Dolce, Vanilla, Hazelnut, and Caramel! A great change up from the super comforting, low fat Soy Chai Tea Latte (which if you haven't tried yet, you're missing out).

And last but not least, this product in particular is very near and dear to my heart. I think it's safe to assume that it's loved by many a college student. It's the

one, the only Ramen Noodle Soup!! Yes, folks, it's true. Nissin Foods FINALLY came out with a healthy version of this college student staple. Choice Ramen is 80 percent fat-free and has 25 percent less sodium than the original Top Ramen. It comes in three flavors: Savory Herb Chicken, Slow Stewed Beef and Shrimp Supreme. And if that weren't fantastic enough, I just received an e-mail from a Nissin Foods representative that informed me that two more flavors will be hitting shelves soon!!!

Wow, I guess we're off to a great start already, aren't we? Stick to your New Year's resolutions and stay motivated. There are lots of helpful and delicious foods waiting to be discovered and devoured! Happy eating!

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Chairholder to share research on hunger

Sister Martha Ann Kirk, holder of the T.A. French Chair in Religious Studies, will present “You have filled the hungry with good things,” a research effort, at 5:15 p.m. Feb. 21.

Kirk’s presentation in the Special Collections Room on the second floor of J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library will be followed by a “Tastes of the Holy Land” supper discussion from 6-7. The supper will be shared by the San Antonio Muslim Women’s Association. Those planning to attend the supper are asked to send individual and group numbers via e-mail to bemorall@uiwtx.edu

“Ancient Muslim, Christian and Jewish women reflected the Holy One by sharing food,” Kirk said about her research. “Their stories and virtues invite us to care for the earth and about the 25,000 people who die from hunger each day.”

Kirk and Dr. Ric Peigler, an associate professor of biology, have developed education on the Holy Land Garden outside Bonilla Science Hall of plants of the Bible and the Qur’an (www.uiw.edu/garden/index.htm).

the dinner

Kirk, a professor

of Religious Studies at UIW, also directs an outreach program of ecumenical and international presentations with story, drama, dance, and music focusing on issues of justice and peace.

Besides her bachelor’s degree from Incarnate Word, she holds an M.A. in art education from the University of New Mexico, an M.A. in religion from Fordham University and a Th.D. in Theology and the Arts from Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif.

Kirk was a scholar in-residence at Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem in 1995 and led study tours to biblical lands in 1996, 1999, 2001 and 2002. As part of the leadership team of the Sisters, she has worked to build bridges with the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word’s ministries in Peru, Mexico and Zambia. In 2003, she received the San Antonio Bar Foundation Peacemaker Award. St. Mary’s University President’s Peace Commission honored her with the “Art of Peace” Award which recognizes the use of the arts in peacemaking.

Kirk was a presenter at the World Council of Churches 50th Anniversary Conference and

“Festival to Close the Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women” in Zimbabwe in 1998. Her most recent book is “Women of Bible Lands: A Pilgrimage to Compassion and Wisdom.”

She was a keynote speaker and panelist at a “Women of Faith in Culture and Society Conference” with Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Druze women in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Kirk has authored books and videos, including “The Word Made Flesh,” “Celebrations of Biblical Women’s Stories Tears, Milk and Honey,” “Daughters Who Image God, Weep with God and Sing God’s Praise,” “God of Our Mothers: Seven Biblical Women Tell Their Stories”; “Dancing with Creation: Mexican and Native American Dance in Christian Worship and Education,” and “Liturgical Drama” for The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship. She was featured on the video, “Preparing the Way,” as one of the 15 leaders at the International Christian Dance Fellowship Conference in Jerusalem.

Kirk has taught and given a retreat at Marinella Centre in Dublin, Ireland; a workshop at the World Council of Curriculum and Instruction 25th Anniversary



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Rolla Alaydi and Narjis Pierre prepare food for a previous 'Holy Land' dinner.

Conference in Amritsar, India; presented “Biblical Women and Feminist Exegesis: Women Dancing Men’s Ideas or Women Dancing Women” at the Global Issues in Dance conference in Hong Kong; and “Dance in Christian Worship and Education as a Source of Enculturation and Empowerment” at the International Conference on Dance Research in Morelia, Mexico. Kirk also has given presentations in Canada, the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, as well as, all over the United States.

Kirk has been coordinator of the undergraduate Religious Studies program and co-director

of the graduate Justice and Peace Studies Program at Incarnate Word. She has received the University’s Moody Professor. She has received grants from the Texas Committee for the Humanities, a part of the National Endowment for the Humanities, from the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, and from the Fourth Freedom Forum, seeking nonviolent resolutions to international conflicts.

She is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy; American Academy of Homiletics; American Academy of Religion; Catholic Theological

Society of America, Society of Biblical Literature; International Christian Dance Fellowship; Sacred Dance Guild. Though she has been involved in university and graduate education since the ‘70s, she has taught both high school and elementary school and continues to do special presentations for students of all ages.

In light of the United Nations’ and the World Council of Churches’ “Decade to Overcome Violence,” her particular interests at this time are spirituality and education seeking peace and what women might contribute to this.

Career Services offers second job fair

By Michele Gualano
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Need a job?

The Office of Career Services is holding its second annual job fair on Thursday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Marian Hall Ballroom.

Career Services Director Connie Kuwamoto said she was

pleased with last year’s turnout at the first fair, which consisted of at least 60 companies and some 300 students. She expects this spring’s fair to attract an even larger number of participants.

“We will have the top companies in San Antonio,” said Kuwamoto, naming among

others Valero, Tesoro, Capital Group and Enterprise.

Other than reminding students to “dress for success,” Kuwamoto said, her staff will help prepare students to make their best impressions at the fair. For example, Career Services will proofread résumés and

help students develop a top-notch cover letter.

Kuwamoto said, “Want a job at McDonald’s? Then spend five minutes on a résumé. “Want a real job, then create a real professional resume with our help.”

UIW students can take advantage of many

opportunities offered at the Career Services web page at <http://www.uiw.edu/career/>. The web page offers 500 or more online jobs and virtual tours of top companies in the United States.

“We even help students make two-minute commercials,” said Kuwamoto. “The students



Connie Kuwamoto

memorize two minutes of their qualifications so they are prepared to speak to the companies in a professional manner.”

Monday, Feb. 11: Forum on being on a minority in the corporate world, noon-1 p.m., J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library Auditorium.

Wednesday, Feb. 13: Forum on the importance of having good credit, noon-1 p.m., Library Auditorium.

Wednesday, Feb. 20: All That and Then Some (Forum on today’s pressing issues), 7-8 p.m., Library Auditorium.



BURGUNDI BERNAL/LOGOS STAFF
Dr. Claudette Anderson Copeland speaks following the official opening of Black History Month at Marian Hall.

BSA plans Black History Month

By Jessica Marie Flores
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Several events, planned by the Black Student Association and other participating organizations around campus, are taking place during Black History Month.

Each event is designed to show aspects of what Black History Month is all about.

An opening ceremony on Thursday, Jan. 31, in Marian

Hall Student Center featured a prayer and singing of the Negro National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”

The idea of the whole month is to experience events that help individuals to engage in the history of African Americans, said BSA Vice President Julee Valdez.

“We want to share our history, education, and enlightenment of our heritage,” Valdez said..

BSA members and the group’s executive council decide what activities will best allow them to share black history with the UIW community.

A mainstay is the annual Gospel Fest, a musical worship service set Feb. 23 in the Ballroom. This event usually draws a large crowd and several non-denominational groups.

Saturday, Feb. 23: ‘Gospel Fest’ non-denominational worship service, 1-3 p.m., Our Lady’s Chapel. Includes refreshments

Wednesday, Feb. 27: Forum on impact of racism, noon-1 p.m., Library Auditorium.

Thursday, Feb. 28: ‘Ebony and Ivory’ semi-formal catered dinner for \$3, 6-8 p.m., Marian Hall Ballroom. Dress is black and/or white only

Friday, Feb. 29: Black History Month closing barbecue, 1-3 p.m., Volleyball Courts. Free



Nuns from across the world gather in front of the Chapel of the Incarnate Word during their 2008 chapter meeting.



Sister Vicky Carmona, a UIW student, leads a procession into the chapel.

Sisters communicate concerns

University founders hold six-year congregational meeting on campus

By Rachel Cywinski
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Change comes slowly, but it is powerful. As University of the Incarnate Word is implementing the mandates from the previous Sisters of Charity meeting in 2002, to include a social justice component in each course taught at the university, the Sisters are announcing their formal decisions from the 2008 chapter meeting, held at this university the second week of January.

Congregation Leader Sister Helena Monahan said, “We’re beginning the process of communicating decisions to all the institutions.”

As the founders of this university, as well as Christus Santa Rosa Health Care System, Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word of San Antonio, whose congregation now numbers 400 members, fulfill the roles of ‘sponsors’ of these institutions and many others that have developed since the congregation’s founding.

The Sisters’ meeting was attended by their members, associates, and co-ministers including university president Dr. Louis Agnese, and vice presidents Dr. Denise Doyle and Dr. Bob Connelly, for three days; and by members the remainder of



Sister Helena Monahan

the week. Held once each six years, the meetings provide opportunities for members to formalize decisions and future directions in a variety of areas which impact the congregation and ultimately the institutions it sponsors.

One decision indicating such impact is “to maximize their power to be an incarnational presence in the world.” Monahan said, “We are going to specifically ask our institutions to use all their corporate influence to promote social justice in the world. How can we positively impact globalization? We’re very aware of the negative impacts, so to hold them accountable to exercise corporate power and

influence to affect positive change is very powerful.”

Monahan said the university has already created a positive direction regarding an unacceptable trend in society, adding, “Dr. Agnese has really been active in discussing immigration in a positive manner.” She sees this as a positive step toward fulfilling another formal decision of the Sisters: “We will give priority to ministry among immigrants, the elderly, and women and children who suffer violence, discrimination, poverty and homelessness.”

Responding on behalf of the university, vice president of academic and student affairs Denise Doyle, stated, “UIW is a living embodiment of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, their dedication and their mission to serve Christ in and through education and health care. As they grow and change, they challenge all of their ministries to grow with them and remain close to their spirit. As a University, we will ponder the results of their recent meetings and determine the implications for us as a university as we continue their more than 125 years of service here at UIW. We welcome their input and the challenge of their prayerful reflections.”

Monahan said the congregation has responded to one of the most powerful and necessary

needs of our time, “the need to understand multi-culture.” A “step [that] is really prophetic and very major,” is how she characterizes the decision to remove all divisions within the Sisters of Charity congregation. Once this decision is fully implemented, “Sisters will be free to move wherever they want in the world very easily,” whether they live in United States, Mexico, Peru or Zambia, according to Monahan. She also anticipates an increases of Sisters from other countries teaching at this university, UIW students going on missions to these countries, and students from those countries attending UIW. Monahan added that the reorganization will be followed in April by election of new congregation leaders of, “an international team which will have members from all cultures and congregations.”

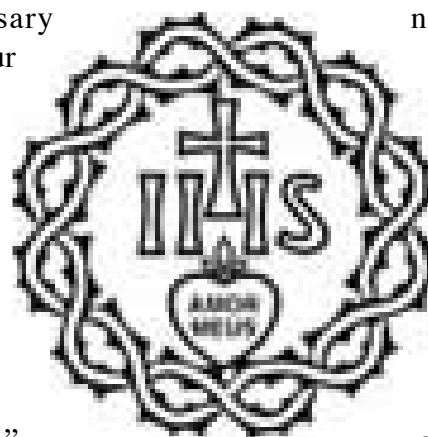
Monahan said that as spon-

sors, the institutions bear their names; and if there is ever a time when they do

not reflect the values of the

Sisters of Charity then sponsorship would be removed. She explained, “We will continue developing a theology of sponsorship which

embraces our multicultural and diverse institutions,” to ensure that they can all continue to work together and increase the ministries being sponsored. The congregation leader said, “The fact that the university decided to become a global institution when it did was directly out of our mission. For our sisters to teach all the classes—those days are over. We don’t want everybody to be Sisters. We want every one to live out the mission according to his or her chosen station of life. Our students should be committed to social justice and be willing to give their entire lives to implementing it. That’s why an Incarnate Word graduate should be different from others; they’re not just out there to make money.”



Incarnate Word Chapel reinserts cornerstone

By Alice Ramirez
LOGOS CAMPUS EDITOR

The saga of the renovation of the Chapel of the Incarnate Word continued as the re-insertion of a time capsule was ceremoniously secured by a cornerstone.

The series of events have stretched over a period of time since the workers started renovation of the chapel in July 2006, when the cornerstone had to be removed so workers could rebuild the chapel’s staircase, just a fraction of the entire church renovation.

In a December ceremony, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word honored the congregation’s benefactors and the workers who labored on the structure and its sacred space for one-and-a-half years. The workers responded by symbolically returning the chapel back to the Sisters.

However, the work was not complete, as the time capsule, which was safely placed in the cornerstone, needed to be reinstalled. Thus, the Sisters prayed for the successful re-insertion of the cornerstone which six men took turns reinserting.

The new documents inserted in the time capsule (safe) included the congregation’s constitution, news media reports on renovation of the chapel, and a formal document from the Sisters listing current church and political leaders around the globe and in San Antonio.



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Above: Sister Walter Maher, a member of the UIW Board of Trustees, participates in a ceremony marking the reinstallation of a cornerstone to the Chapel of the Incarnate Word -- the spiritual base for the order.

Right: Workers take turns inserting the heavy cornerstone to its rightful place guarding a time capsule in the Chapel of the Incarnate Word.





Divers



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By Nicholas Baker
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

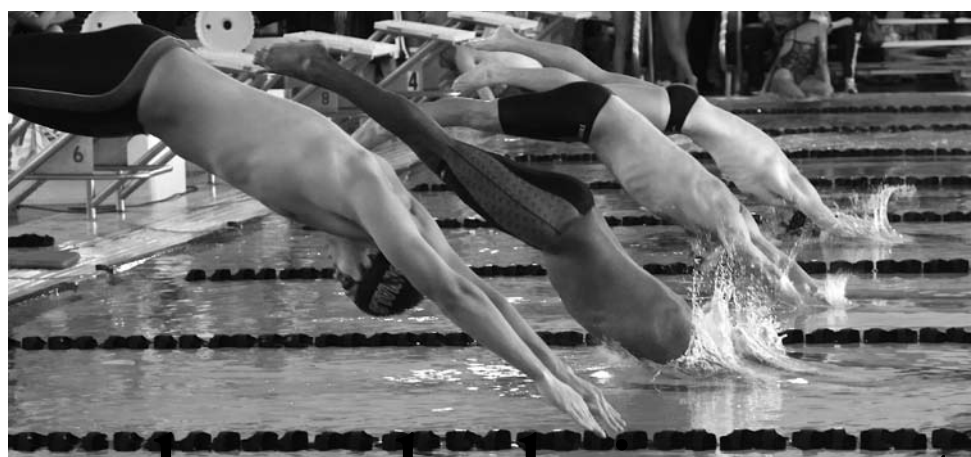
UIW's men and women did well against Trinity and Mesa State in a Jan. 12 swim meet in Barshop Natatorium.

In the men's division, the Cardinals defeated Mesa State 185-11 and beat out rival Trinity 149-124. The Cardinal women came in second, beating Mesa State 149-

99, but losing to Trinity 162-110.

The afternoon swim meet was preceded by a nearly two-hour tailgate party and barbecue hosted by the UIW chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Hot dogs, hamburgers and sodas were handed out to the sounds of Weezer's Blue Album and assorted country music.

Cardinal freshmen



make splash in meet

Alexander Yatsko of Belarus, Minsk, and Blake McKay, of San Antonio, recorded three, first-place finishing times.

Yatsko came in first in the 200-meter relay with a time of 2:00.10, first in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 4:48.22 and first in the 1000-meter freestyle with a time of 9:57.97.

McKay finished first in the 200-meter indi-

vidual relay with a time of 2:04.05, first in the 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2:12.87 and first in the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 2:04.05.

The top women's swimmer, UIW freshman Paulina Alexander, also had three first-place finishing times: 2:13.92 in the 200-meter backstroke; 5:17.26 in the 500-meter

freestyle; and 2:14.46 in the 200-meter individual medley.

In the overall combined men and women's scores, UIW defeated Mesa State 334-110, but lost out to rival Trinity 286-259. As of the end of the 2007 season, the UIW men's swim team was ranked ninth in the nation, and the women's team was ranked 19th.

Barshop Natatorium was the splashy scene for a swimming and diving meet Jan. 12 involving teams from UIW, Trinity University and Mesa State. A tailgate party outside the facility that went on to the early afternoon preceded the competition.

Athletes help less-fortunate families

Several University of the Incarnate Word student-athletes purchased Christmas gifts for an Angel Tree to benefit needy families last holiday season.

A picture of some of the student-athletes appears on the Heartland Conference's website under <http://www.heartlandsports.org/Sports/gen/2007/Heartland%20Conference%20Community%20Engagement.asp?nl=15>

Pictured on the back row, left to right, are Stephanie Tomasik, Emily Kopecki, Leah Bravo and Jenny

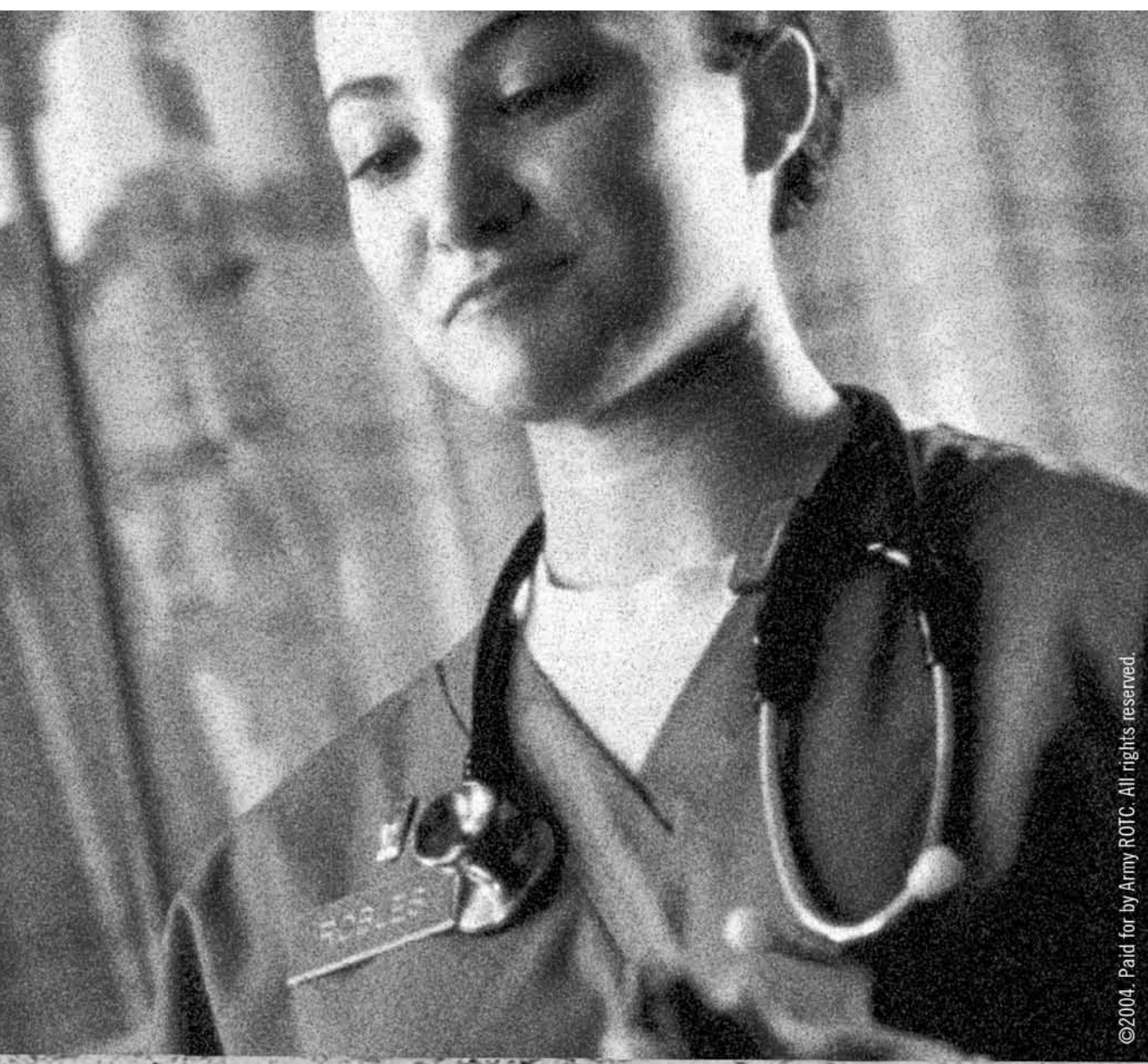
Whitt. On the front row, left to right, are Catelyn Vasquez, Lauren McCrless, Carla Flink and Erin Whitt. Flink represents students on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

According to the website, NCAA Division II "is committed to developing students and communities by actively engaging in shared experiences. Through community engagement, we can direct the energy and spirit of winning student-athletes to positively change society — as they change themselves."



Athletes names in story.

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I'm in love...



Annette Marroquin

Valentine's Day is the most romantic day of the year, but it can be one of the most hectic days for athletes since they have practice.

Both male and female athletes have such a heavy schedule on their hands no matter what the occasion, and

Valentine's Day is no exception! This can be a problem (with the girls) at times because -- come on, ladies -- we don't like waiting! The guys could care less, but we take "love" very seriously.

Now, if both members of the couple are athletes, there may be no conflict since both of them will be occupied at practice. But there are many athletes, both male and female, who are dating people outside of the sports circle.

So, here is how to fix the problem.

First, male athletes dating non-athletes should talk to their valentine. Don't avoid the subject! Tell your valentine you may be a little, if not very late for your date. Things happen! The coach may keep you longer than expected, so have a game plan ready! You're all good at game plans, anyway -- that's what you do! Oh, and

showing up with flowers wouldn't hurt, either!

Secondly, for female athletes dating non-athletes, your guy will wait for you, trust me! As long as they can stay home and play with their "rock band," they're fine and will be in an even better mood when you get out of practice because that means kisses! Who doesn't like kisses?

Thirdly, athletes dating athletes, if your sport is in the same season, you're probably OK, and your Valentine's Day is planned out around your schedules. On the other hand, if you're dating someone who plays in a different season, good luck. Although, your partner should understand you are "in love with your sport," so you should be great!

Finally, to all, regard-

less who you are or who you're dating, be happy! There's nothing better than being in love and knowing someone loves you back. For all the single athletes, you're not really single since you're pretty much married to "the game," so enjoy and make the most out of your talents! Happy Valentine's Day to all! XOXO

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New coach goes on defensive

By Richard Ibarra
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The camaraderie established between UIW Head Football Coach Mike Santiago and his new defensive coordinator, Todd Ivicic, when both worked for another university, is getting new life at UIW.

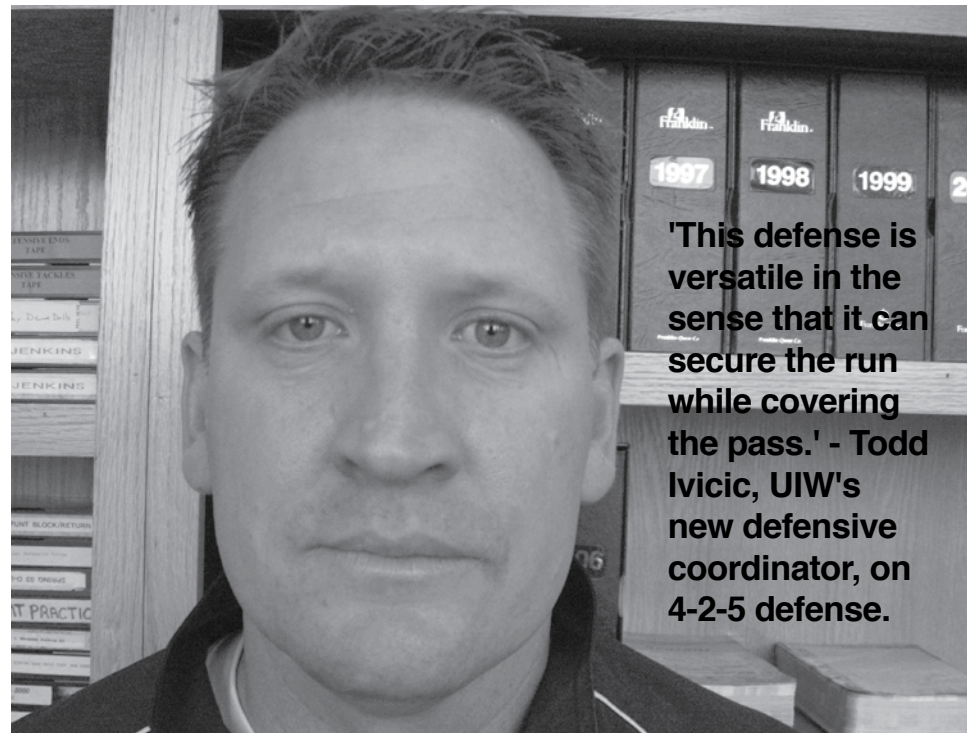
Santiago approached Ivicic, formerly defensive line coach at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, about becoming the Cardinals' first defensive coordinator last year.

Ivicic -- pronounced EYE-vah-check -- came abroad in December and has spent most of his time on the road since recruiting those he'll be showing the ins-and-outs of defense.

Originally from Taylor, Texas, Ivicic has 17 years of coaching experience. In high school, he played running back and defensive back. He enrolled at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas, where he played defen-

sive back in 1987. He then transferred to Blinn College in Brenham, Texas, where he was a linebacker in 1988. He finished up his collegiate career playing defensive end for the Bearcats at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, where he earned bachelor's (1991) and master's degrees (1993) in kinesiology. He was a graduate assistant during Sam Houston's trip to the 1991 Division I-AA playoffs.

Ivicic kicked off his coaching career as defensive line coach (1993-94) at Blinn -- a stint that included a 1993 Mineral Water Bowl appearance for Blinn. He moved on to his alma mater, Sam Houston State, where he was defensive line and special teams coach (1995-98). In 1999, Ivicic joined Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas. During his six-season tenure there he worked with Santiago.



RICHARD IBARRA/LOGOS STAFF

'This defense is versatile in the sense that it can secure the run while covering the pass.' - Todd Ivicic, UIW's new defensive coordinator, on 4-2-5 defense.

Ivicek moved on to coach the Tarleton Texans offensive line, then the defensive line and was assistant coach before Santiago came calling.

Ivicic, who is single and looking with no children, is now making his home in an off-campus apartment. When he isn't recruiting, he likes to play golf. During his lunch breaks, you're likely to see him jogging

around campus.

There are three things he's looking for most in the student-athletes he's recruiting, Ivicic said.

"The first and most important factor an athlete must possess is the ability to compete at the collegiate level. The second trait a recruit must have is the intelligence to be a successful student here at Incarnate Word. Another characteristic a future athlete

of UIW must seize is to be a highly commendable person, in other words, an all-around great person. If these needs are met, there is no limit to the potential Incarnate Word and the student-athlete in question can achieve."

Ivicic said he hopes to better the student-athletes under his tutelage by pushing them to their limits so they can break them and improve upon

themselves.

A big part of the coordination in his job is dedicated to recruiting for the off-season, he said.

When the Cardinal season gets under way for the first time in fall 2009, Ivicic said, look for the team's 4-2-5 defense featuring four-down linemen, two linebackers and five defensive backs.

"(This defense) is versatile in the sense that it can secure the run while covering the pass," he explained.

To execute this defense well, Ivicic is focusing on future defensive backs and fast linemen. "(UIW will need) runners and hitters."

Speaking of his newest coach, Head Coach Mike Santiago said, "His last name looks like a Roman numeral, I just haven't figured out which one it is yet."

Sports Editor Annette Marroquin contributed to this story.

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University of the Incarnate Word students mingle with their counterparts from Normal University in Hangzhou, China, where there's a nursing school.

Student nurses explore China

Special to the Logos

The Study Abroad class for the School of Nursing at the University of the Incarnate Word consisted of a class meeting once a week over the spring 2007 semester.

This class was held in the evening from 6 until 8:45 and was taught by Irene Gilliland. During the course of the semester we met 13 times. This class was an intense study of Chinese Mandarin language, cuisine, healthcare and culture including etiquette, religion, art, theater and education.

Students read books and watched movies which were recommended on the syllabus to have a better understanding of the culture before arriving in China. The Chinese instructor at the school prepared a CD of the Chinese language to help us learn some phrases that would be helpful while in China. Although several faculty came to the class to present their specialty in areas of Chinese culture, the students also had to prepare a topic of interest and present it to the class. This project required a lot of research and contributed to the knowledge each one of us gained.

This class prepared many of us for the trip to China and made the transition easier for those who had never been out of San Antonio, Texas. Our itinerary consisted

of visiting seven cities in 14 days. The cities were Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Guilin, Yangshuo, Xian and Beijing.

Before traveling to China, our travel group believed the Chinese would embrace American tourists and would welcome our stay with open arms. As we arrived, all that we had learned about China soon unraveled before our eyes. We became visually astonished with Shanghai's immense downtown of skyscrapers and dense population. We had no idea how enormous the size of the downtown area would be. In fact, the city's downtown continued as far as a naked eye could see.

We knew of course that certain major cities would be as modern as New York City and even Chicago but we did not expect our first city, Shanghai, to surpass our imaginations. Shanghai is by far more advanced compared to some of our American cities. All of the businesses, hotels, and apartment buildings had breathtaking architecture -- nothing like we had ever seen in America.

In addition to the hustle and bustle of the large cities (Shanghai and Beijing), we also enjoyed the beautiful sights that were found in smaller towns such as Guilin or Xian. Guilin is on the southern part of China bordering Li

River. It is known for its beautiful landscapes. Traveling by bus or boat from city to city, we could see the

transition from industrial city to smaller towns.

We were rather fascinated by all the sights including a Green Tea Village, The Summer Palace, Tibetan Monasteries, Pagodas, The Terracotta Warriors, and even one of the Seven Wonders of the World -- The Great Wall. The capital, Beijing, had even more marvelous sights to see such as the political Tiananmen Square and the stunning Forbidden City. The many places we visited overwhelmed us with a sense of historical value that was deeply rooted in many past dynasties.

The schedule also included several trips to hospitals and pharmacies. Before arriving in China we knew the healthcare was different than ours as far as medicine and therapy. In a traditional Chinese medical center we were able to watch acupuncture and cupping being performed which some students and instructors participated in. Also, there were medical massages being done for various reasons. While we were at the hospital we observed an infant about 6 months old receiving a massage because he hadn't been eating well since birth. However, his appetite improved along with his health after weekly massages. This reminded some of us how we take the little things for granted in Western medicine.

The pharmacies we visited carried herbs for every illness and herbs for just staying healthy. They had herbs to add to food to help the colon or for healthy full hair. They also carried dried bugs and reptiles used to

cure a variety of maladies. However, they did sell a few medications that were from Western medicine. The main difference between Western medicine and Eastern medicine is that Western medicine is for a quick fix. Eastern medicine requires patience and time to get well and stay well.

During our stay, we were able to visit with Chinese nursing students. Most nursing students in the United States can give a brief description of Florence Nightingale and her importance to the field of nursing. One of the things our group of students learned is Nightingale is also very well-known in China. It was obvious she had a major influence in the Nursing School at Hangzhou Normal University. The hallways were lined with artwork, displaying past nurses of importance. Among them was Florence Nightingale. This strong woman's great determination and will to care for the sick crosses many miles and affects nursing students in several countries.

Upon entering the University we were greeted with gleaming smiles and gifts of fruit indigenous to the land. The first-year nursing students had been eagerly awaiting our arrival. We proceeded with a forum-type discussion in which we were able to exchange questions and information with the professors. It was interesting to learn their curriculum is very similar to ours, and to most nursing schools in the United States.

The main difference that shocked most every student in our group was the lack of clinical experience before graduation.



Chinese cupping is a technique for acupressure.

The students do not have any clinical experience until they graduate out of the program. They must work in the hospital for a year after graduation before they can take their boards. Therefore, the student's clinical skills are simulated in the many classrooms full of equipment made to look similar to a hospital. Of course the students still attend lecture portions of classes in the classrooms that bear a great similarity to those in the United States.

Another difference was the nursing students and instructors wore the traditional white uniform with a cap as their uniform and we wear scrubs. After visiting the Hangzhou Normal University Nursing Department we saw how nursing stays the same no matter what country you travel to.

When our group went back and reflected on the time spent with the students and exploring the school, we came to a conclusion that nursing students in China are just like nursing students in the United States. We all have similar respect and compassion that goes into the work of being a nurse. The need and responsibility to provide comfort and care for the sick is a common theme among nursing students wherever they live.

The trip to China

changed all of us. We became not as frightened to travel out of our comfort zones. We learned we have more similarities than differences as nursing students in different cultures. We learned about healing rather than curing. We learned about history -- theirs and ours. We also know we do not have all the "right" solutions because "right" is defined by culture.

As we move into our generation of nursing, we know we will either be taking care of people of other cultures or working alongside of them as professionals. The more we know about each other the less fear we will experience and, in the end, we will all benefit. We are eagerly planning our next adventure for 2008 -- Africa!

Michelle Young, Bobbie Alvarado, Emily Jordan and Valerie Rodríguez -- all students in the Study Abroad nursing class for spring 2007 -- contributed to this story



A photo of the streets.



Anna Barker tries a local delicacy.



Furry felines find home on campus

Angel Horne
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

There are residents on campus who don't pay tuition and still have breakfast delivered to them every morning.

Many of them have been here even longer than the senior class. But their stay here doesn't end in a degree or a job, and so far, the university does not offer an endowment fund for cats.

The campus's felines need the attention of the Incarnate Word community -- and "more than just a pat on the head," said Bunnie Saathoff, assistant director of personal counseling and longtime friend of the UIW cats.

Saathoff has been one of their primary caretakers, providing food and ensuring the animals are neutered and have their vaccinations.

"I care about the animals -- that's why I do it. I'm not going to be here forever and I'd like a program established that helps with the situation. It's a problem at all campuses."

The problem is not the cats' presence on campus, but the expense of taking care of "new arrivals" and maintaining food and care for the existing population without support from the UIW community, she said.

"It takes at least three large bags of food a month to feed the campus cats," said Saathoff. Monetary support or bags of food would be a good way for someone to help the cause, she said.

Students attest to the positive effect the cats have on campus life.

Elizabeth Araujo, a first-year computer graphics arts student, said, "They [the campus cats] always put a smile on my face, and I know many others enjoy having them around as well. They're kind of little guardian angels you know are watching over you when you're walking to your car after a late class."

Brittany Witt, a sopho-

more fine arts major, shares the sentiment: "I adore the UIW cats! I've always wanted a pet cat but my parents won't let me get one. When I found out about the cats that live on campus, I was thrilled!"

Saathoff reports many staff members also enjoy the cats on campus and a few have even helped support them with donations or volunteering to feed them such as Kimberly Watts, assistant director of career services, whose office is down the hall from Saathoff in the Chapel Building.

The cats have been a daily joy, Watts said. "I am usually the first one to arrive here in the mornings and I enjoy feeding them. It's a little bit of pet therapy, I think, for most of us... to walk around the corner and see that someone is happy to see you and greet you."

With all the positive feedback about the resident felines, it's hard to picture there being a problem.

"It is a big issue. We have the (annual) Blessing of the Animals, but it's never mentioned that we have an issue on campus," said Saathoff, referring to the problem of cats being "dumped" on campus by the outside community.

"What's happened is the community is horrible about being responsible with their animals... the 'strays' that come in aren't strays. They come up and rub against your leg. They're pets!"

Saathoff offered suggestions for people who want to help with the situation. "I don't expect everyone to want to do this or to help, but Trinity [University] has a program where they put funds aside for their strays," she said.



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A 'Cat Crossing' sign near the Joyce Building warns motorists to watch out for the university's four-footed residents.

Monetary donations to help feed, vaccinate and neuter the cats (all current UIW feline residents are neutered and have annual vaccinations) or bags of food can be left with the Chapel Building staff.

Students stepping up to help out won't be doing it alone. Saathoff explained: "I am here to help [students] if they call me. If they see a female cat who looks like she's pregnant, call me now. I can deal with it much easier than if they wait and we have kittens."

Saathoff also hopes some of the campus cats could be adopted into permanent homes.

Some students may also be interested in forming a group to help protect and provide for



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'Munch' hangs around the Chapel Building a lot during the day.

the campus cats on a long-term basis.

"The cats are kind of like school mascots and they should be cared for and protected," Witt said. "I really hope there's an

interest in starting a club because I would definitely join!"

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Meet the Cats

Munch: Perhaps the most popular campus cat, the orange sweetie who lives by the Chapel Building.

Boots: He's fluffy gray guy who hangs out with Munch.

Dora: She's the campus beauty, but she won't let you touch her.

Stubby: His brother is Munch and he lost his tail when a car started while he was in its underside.

Pretty Little Siamese Mix: Her name says it all! She lives in the bushes beneath the windows of the Wellness Center but is shy of people.

Waterpump: She's a really sweet and pretty big black cat who eats over by the water pump behind The Villa in the philodendron bushes.

Visitation: A stray black-and-white Persian who wandered down from the retirement center, he loves to eat and is very picknickety.

Green House Kitty: She's a darling, black-and-white, personable and friendly kitty whom everybody likes. She can be found sitting on the greenhouse heaters on a cold day.

Noser: He's from the original group that used to live by the Joyce building. He is dark black-gray and white and eats by the side of the library.



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'Boots' is a cat who came down from Incarnate Word Retirement Center.



Josh Sanchez

No blast from the past

Bush rehashes record in final 'State of the Union'

President Bush gave his last State of the Union Address to Congress on Jan. 28. Thank God.

If you caught yourself with something better to do than watch it or just got tired of watching Bush stumble on a few big words, here is what you missed.

On the war: As usual, Bush ignored the millions of Iraqi civilian/soldier deaths and proclaimed everything was getting better. This is, of course, the reason he is asking for additional troops in Iraq. "Some may deny the surge is working, but among the terrorists there is no doubt," Bush said. "Al-Qaida is on the run in Iraq, and this enemy will be defeated." The number of troops set

to deploy is still subject to the request of commanders on the field.

On the tax cuts/stimulus package: Only those who have been living under rocks for the past few years don't know how badly our economy is suffering. Sure, our weakening currency is bad, and inflation is getting worse, but Bush plans to fix this! How? By urging Congress to pass a bill that would give \$150 billion to Americans. It sounds good, but weigh it out with the fact that America will need to borrow that money from the Chinese, and that Bush is trusting Americans to actually spend the money that will be given back (as a rebate). After a while, it begins to sound more destructive than helpful.

On everything else: Immigration is still taking a back seat. "Illegal immigration is complicated, but it can be resolved," Bush vowed. Affordable health insurance seems to be an annoyance, so it didn't receive as much attention as the war. The same goes for the climate issues. Bush also thinks the No Child Left Behind act is great. "And because we acted, students are performing better in reading and math, and minority students are closing the achievement gap," said Bush. Tell that to the U.N. studies that show our education still ranks below 39 industrial nations.

In all, nothing was said, no real solutions were presented and Bush is still pretending like this war is in America's

best interest. How good it is to be an American.

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President George W. Bush

letters to the editor

San Antonio City Council ordinance restricts rights

As you are probably aware the San Antonio City Council recently passed a new ordinance that places drastic new costs and conditions on cultural and political uses of the public spaces of the city.

Among other things, this new ordinance would effectively charge protestors, organizers of cultural events such as parades,

and other (non-traffic) uses of city streets up to tens of thousands of dollars per event for the ability to march, process along, or otherwise occupy public streets.

This attempt to charge the public for the use of the streets that it already owns (public streets after all belong to the public) is currently the subject of a lawsuit that has

been filed by 14 local community organizations who maintain the parade ordinance amounts to little more than an attempt to restrict access to public space to only the richest of organizations, thereby denying the free speech and assembly rights of the majority of San Antonio residents.

In this action San Antonio is not merely

following the lead of other cities. To the contrary, San Antonio's neighboring cities and its national peers do not have similar laws. At stake here is the possible encroachment upon the civil liberties of San Antonio residents by City Council.

This ordinance also has special implications for the students of your institution.

College campuses have historically been hotspots both of free speech and protest activity and of attempts to silence such speech. Recent examples of confrontations over free speech on campus include the taser of a student at a John Kerry rally at the University of Florida, and attempts by the University of Utah to restrict anti-

war protests on campus. Further, colleges do not exist outside of the municipal framework. Students from your campus both live and work in areas that will be affected by the harsh new restrictions that San Antonio is implementing.

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Fashion show coverage appreciated

Thanks to your generosity and support of our fashion students, our recent Fashion Show and Reception for Mrs. Mary Ann Sinclair was a tremendous success.

Nearly 200 attendees joined us in Marian Ballroom to watch the creative students model her magnificent garments, which were paired with accessories and trendy garments from today's styles.

Students from The Ave-da Institute of San Antonio demonstrated their hairstyling and makeup artistry on the student models, and once again, they proved to be outstanding partners in this endeavor.

This evening was completed with a reception in the Lila Bath Gallery, located on the second floor of the Joyce Building, where guests viewed garments from Mary Anne's exquisite collection displayed throughout the building.

Your assistance made this event such a success that it will become a part of the University of the Incarnate Word's Annual Alumni and Parents Weekend events in 2008.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the University of the Incarnate Word's Fashion Management Department.

Email Teri Lopez at lopezt@uiwtx.edu

Kudos to writer of rip on Burns

Just want to say thanks to (Jessica Ramos in the October issue) for the great article on the so-called "documentary/epic poem" series on WWII and its originally distorted vision of "history."

Although you are not alone in your critical analysis, your points are well-stated and bring a genuine viewpoint from a writer who is also Hispanic.

It is amazing to me that a man who could even conceive of doing this project could be so unaware of his own narrowness of perspective and background. Other

filmmakers, historians and critics joined in similar criticism immediately, but he seems to have been totally oblivious to the point until that moment.

As a result, perhaps he has unfortunately but successfully documented his own inability to create an accurate and objective interpretation or reporting of "history" as it really happened, to the best of one's ability. That includes the ability to select facts in a fair and unbiased way.

Congratulations on a fine article. I hope you are headed to the field

of professional journalism, because honest and clear-visioned journalists are a great need in this country today. Peace, blessings, God's

Love and Wisdom in all things.

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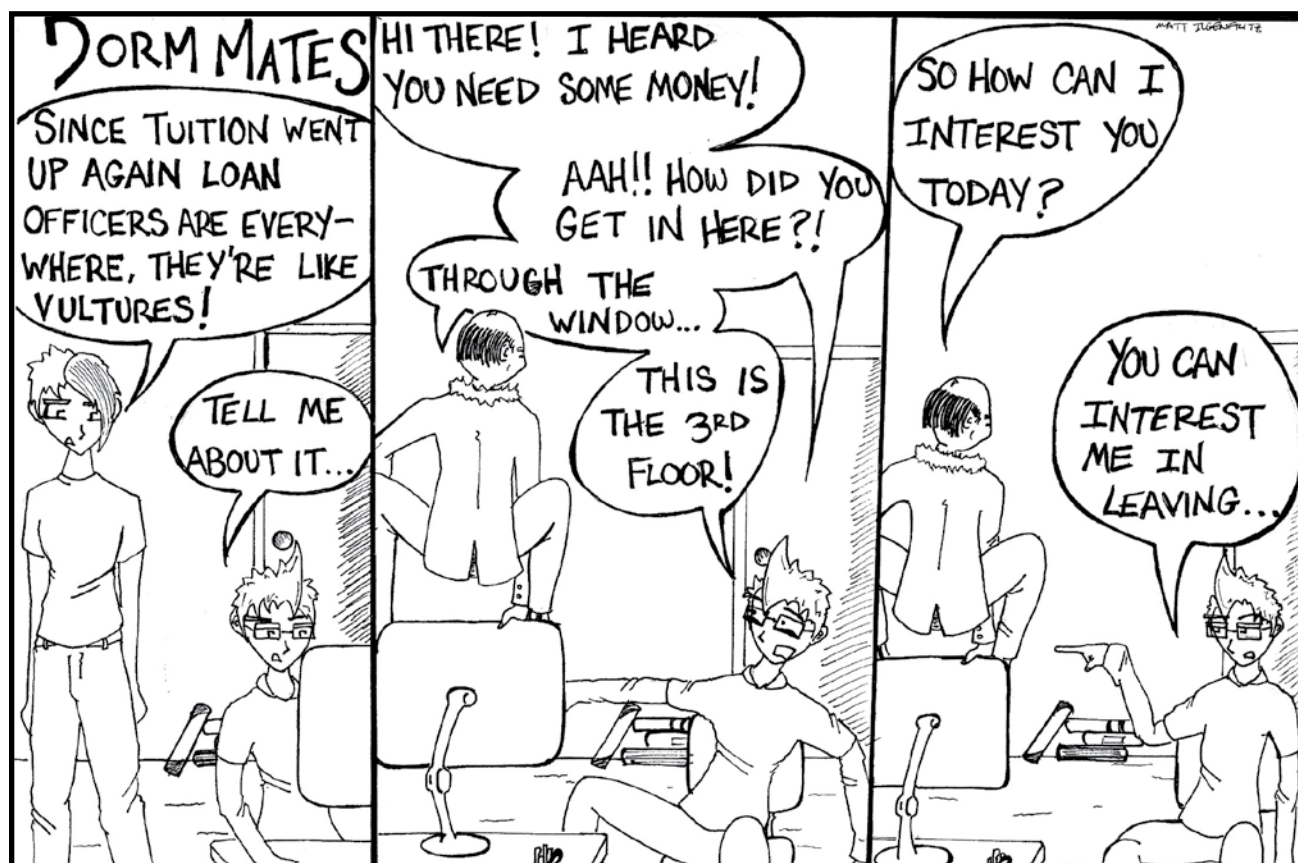
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Sectioned parking should take a hike



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Three levels of parking permits are issued by the university. Those who pay the most get premium parking. Economy is next. Free parking also is available.



Cali Griffith

A common frustration has been shared by many UIW students for quite a while. This common frustration is known as parking. As most students know, the parking situation needs a serious change.

I've been a student at the University of the Incarnate Word since August of 2004, and the parking was never wonderful, but it was not sectioned. At the time, we paid a certain price for a permit on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The Premium, Economy and Free parking

sections have embraced UIW for about a year or a little more. They come at different costs, but they were never available to everyone. For example, somewhere along the line, more permits than parking spots were sold for Economy, so Premium was left with many available permits and empty spots. Premium tags were secretly sold to any person who asked properly, and by the time word got out that anyone could buy a Premium tag, it was too late. And those who had already purchased Economy were not allowed to pay \$50 more to upgrade since apparently it was an all-or-nothing deal.

Students living off-campus who already have to deal with the

unpredictable road-work that takes place on the major interstates shouldn't have to drive around for 30 minutes just to try to find a spot because of sectioned parking. Anyone without the coveted "P" tag has probably shown up to school and passed by many empty spots in the Premium section; at this point, we must turn a blind eye and head for the permitted Economy area, which is often already full. We then make our way to the Free section and successfully find a spot. Since the Free section is miles from the main campus and the shuttle is notoriously slow, we often end up late to our classes whether we wait or walk.

However, we could make it on time if we had succumbed to the temptation to park in an available spot in the Premium section or in a space of grass in the Economy section; but as we know, either would've resulted in a ticket demanding at least \$40. And that prank of using a previous ticket to make it look like you've already been ticketed doesn't work anymore because those ticket officers -- hawks that they are -- have figured it out. And many of us have, no doubt, already parked at Bill Miller's and Central Market so much they've left us threatening notes attached to our car windows.

In other words, many of us have pretty much

wasted \$75 on an Economy parking permit because we do not have a reasonable guaranteed parking spot. Teachers say there are ways to overcome this situation, like leaving an hour early, but we all know no matter what, something will happen. Is there a way we could arrange our schedule to coincide with available parking spots? Sure! We should all go to our advisers and sign up for 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. classes now!

I understand this sectioned parking is just another way for our school to make more money. (I guess those parking meters weren't enough.) And what about those poor students who pay for Premium parking,

park in one of those metered spots and lose time in the meter? There goes another ticket.

I remember parking in the Premium section before it became "Premium," and I parked in a yellow spot behind two other cars. My tail-end was in the red, however, and I received a ticket for \$80. UIW loves giving tickets, not to mention finding ways of milking money from their students. (How about the tuition raise?)

I will create a petition for students to sign to help change this unfair sectioned parking situation, so keep your eyes and ears open, students!

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XO laptop brings opportunity



Joseph Kirby

Little green laptops with space-age antennas are landing in the hands of children around the globe thanks to the One Laptop per Child association, which supports businesses and individuals.

The concept for the laptop initially bubbled up in 2005. Since then, various organizations such as AMD, Google, Red Hat and eBay have donated millions of dollars to the cause while key association players such as Nicholas Negroponte and Walter Bender have put in countless hours to develop it. Together, these forces successfully created an item of technology, the XO, which will bring new opportunities to children who live in deprived regions.

While some believe the key to improving poor regions

lies in building schools and hiring teachers, the association and its supporters believe the XO is the ultimate means of "bringing true learning possibilities to the vast number of children" in these areas. New schools and teachers take time and resources to organize, resulting in change at a turtle's pace. The introduction of the XO, however, brings change today, putting technology at the fingertips of the children who need it most right now.

The XO includes a captivating package of pre-installed software, which gives children the ability to create and share videos, music and documents. These features put children in alignment with today's technology.

Furthermore, through aggressive Wi-Fi and "mesh" network capabilities, the XO allows children to connect to the Internet and other XO laptops.

The XO was originally supposed to sell at a price of \$100 a

unit; however, with obstacles interfering, as they usually do, the pricing scheme had to be shifted to that of a "Give 1 Get 1" (G1G1) deal of two laptops for \$399. Individual purchasers, who were allowed to participate in the deal during a narrow buying window, received "1" of the laptops while the other "1" was given to a child in one of the "least-developed countries."

Eventually, the association hopes to place the XO at the targeted price of \$100. However, for this to happen, more countries will need to contract to purchase large quantities of the XO. The association believes for such orders to take place, countries will need to realize the XO is not just a toy, but also a way of life and thinking. It's an investment in the country's "most precious natural resource" -- its children.

As a semester proj-



ect, Andrew Deegear and I will be experimenting with a couple of these laptops as we participate in an independent study with Dr. Pat LeMay Burr, the Distinguished Chair of International Business. The deliverable, or turn-in part, of our study will be a compilation of tutorials that can teach anyone how to use the XO and its pre-installed software."

Being big proponents of the One Laptop per Child movement, Deegear and I hope to support it through our semester-long endeavors; moreover, we hope our endeavors will lead to UIW playing a larger role in the OLPC movement -- a movement that's in direct alignment with UIW's mission.

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'Catch-22' survives 47-year time test

By Eric Nelson
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It has now been 47 years since "Catch-22," Joseph Heller's best-seller, was first published in 1961. It is a novel which has easily stood the test of time.

"Catch-22" might as well list antagonism and frustration as main characters. It is all good and funny, unless obviously, it is happening to you. That is the scary, dark side of "Catch-22" -- perhaps even the side that is responsible for keeping the dust off the book for more than four decades.

It could happen to you. Sure, you are not going to be flying bombing missions during World War II. You can, however, be a cog in the machine who is powerless to do anything against authority of any kind. This could mean the difference of life or death. It could determine the options that are available to you in living your life. It is an important concept to grasp, and Joseph Heller gives it to you through the colorful character of Yossarian.

There are actually

a lot of characters in "Catch-22"; each one with a different role to play in the war machine. Thankfully, Heller also gave them far different personality; even down to a wounded man who never says a word.

Overall, "Catch-22" is a comedy. There are an endless amount of jokes, mainly at the expense of a character suffering some kind of indignity. It is an easy book to read, although somewhat lengthy; 461 pages in the new paperback edition.

You will not need a dictionary in order to understand "Catch-22," nor will you need a friend who can make sense out of Shakespeare. Surprising, I know, especially since there are gigantic paintings of this book at the many Barnes & Nobles. You should read this book; it did, after all, spawn the catchphrase "catch-22." Whether you realize it or not, you are already living part of this story.

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Lies, love linger in 'Earnest' plot

By Jess Ortiz
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Double life imagery along with the lies and confusion that come along with it culminates in the performance of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest," beginning a Feb. 29 run at Elizabeth Huth Coates Theatre.

The production is one of the wittiest and funniest plays ever, said Bryn Jameson, a theatre professor

directing the production.

UIW's staging will feature three freshmen in its lead cast, Jameson said. The play highlights what happens when one can let a false persona get out of hand. A lead character, John Worthing (played by Leonardo Alaniz), digs himself into a rut when he allows the woman he loves to fall in love with his fake alibi, Earnest.

Worthing struggles with the obstacles he faces in trying to hide the truth from Gwendolen Fairfax (played by Halen George), and forces himself to deal with the even bigger rut his comrade, Algernon Moncrieff (played

by Clyde Compton), puts them in.

This play allows the actors to have a great time with a dated play, allows the costume designers to design fabulous costumes and allows the set designers to emphasize surfaces and experiment with painting in their design, Jameson said.

Photos by
Bianca Bourgeois.

FYI

The curtain will rise at 8 p.m. Feb. 29, March 1 and March 7-8; 2 p.m. March 2; and 7 p.m. March 6.

UIW faculty, staff and students get in free with their I.D. They also may purchase a second ticket for \$8. Otherwise, tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$8 for non-UIW students and there's a group rate available for parties of 10 or more.

For more information, call the box office at 829-3800 or e-mail theatre@uiwtx.edu



A couple of romantic players.



Cast members dress up for a recent rehearsal in UIW's Coates Theatre.

'Earnest' cast

John Worthing played by Leonardo Alaniz

Algernon Moncrieff played by Clyde Compton

The Rev. Rev. Canon Chausuble played by Steven Starr

Lane played by Andrew Douglas

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Gwendolen Fairfax played by Halen George

Cecily Cardew played by Lucy Petters

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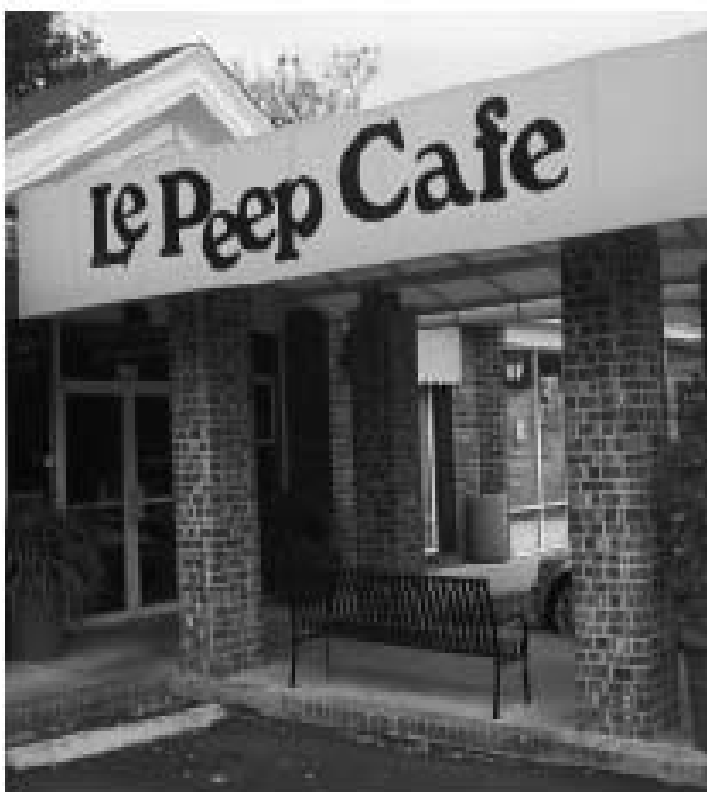


Two actors rehearse their lines on the stage.

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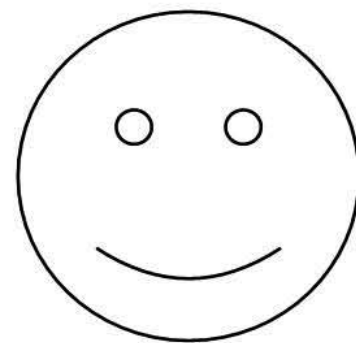


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'Cloverfield': Not your grandma's 'Godzilla'



J.P. McDaniel

Monster movies have taken the backseat in the movie industry for years, but "Cloverfield" was set on reinventing the genre; and unlike the 80 spin-offs of "Godzilla," it has actually succeeded.

"Cloverfield" is a spectacular event – the sort of movie that reminds us why we go to the movies. It is more than just your run-of-the-mill giant monster movie. The focus of the movie is not on the creature itself, but rather on what it does to the city and the people within it. While containing elements of a love story and great character interaction, it also presents an experience begging you

want to know how these people deal with such a horrific event, especially the main character, Rob Hawkins (Michael Stahl-David).

At the beginning, Rob is about to leave New York after taking a job at a Japan-based company. His brother, Jason Hawkins (Mike Vogel), decides to throw him a going-away party on his last day. The use of a handheld camera throughout the movie is explained when Jason asks their best friend, Hud Platt (T. J. Miller), to get everyone at the party on film and wish Rob good luck in Japan.

At this point, the monster begins to attack New York, and havoc begins to fill Manhattan. It is not until Rob receives a distress call from his love interest that the movie's plot is finally revealed



"Cloverfield"
playing in theatres

and they begin to trek across the city in order to save her.

The actors really made the story believable. As events occur throughout the movie, the characters express true feelings of

distress, and you begin to care more and more what actually happens to the group. Although their motives may seem questionable to some, these characters definitely bring depth to the

story.

One of the most enjoyable things about the movie is it allows you to breathe and reflect on what happens and then puts you right back into the middle of everything. After a very intense scene, the party reflects on what just occurred (as does the viewer); but just when you think everything is calm, the movie launches another barrage of unexpected events. It is in these scenes of mayhem that the movie truly shines.

The two biggest questions related to the movie however are undoubtedly the effects of the "shaky cam" and the question of the monster's appearance. The first question is fairly easy to answer: yes, it works. Because of the extensive action shots and the suspense, using a steady cam would have

made this movie little more than a definitive "Godzilla" movie clone (one of the many).

What does the monster look like? That is kind of a tough one. How do you describe something you've never seen before? The best way of describing it would be to relate it to an abomination. It has a face with teeth and creepy eyes, as well as a tail and two legs. While being somewhat simple in its design, it is still able to completely trash Manhattan. Remember the jungle gym you used to play on as a child? New York is this thing's jungle gym.

All in all, "Cloverfield" is the first definitive blockbuster movie experience of 2008.

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Feb. 14 brings L♥VE to students

By Elva Garza
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When thinking about Valentine's Day, one immediately thinks of an array of flowers and candy, affection and stress.

Even though Valentine's Day is one of the most highly anticipated holidays among committed women, even though men and singles beg to differ.

According to a study done by the University of Washington, Feb. 14 ranks among one of the most stressful days of the year -- right up there with April 15 when income tax returns are due. Go figure.

So what does the University of the Incarnate Word have planned for this day to help ease those not-so-creative men and not-so-attached girls?

The Campus Activities Board is bringing back its annual Valentine's

Day celebration to Marian Hall Student Center this year. The activities will take place between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Featured will be the always-promising chocolate fondue fountain, music by UIW's Internet radio station, KUIW, and back by popular demand, from last year's Casino Night, the mock wedding chapel.

This chapel will include a hat for the groom, veil for the bride, and even photographer to capture those special vows -- all for the special price of -- well, nothing. No long-term relationships needed.

Even though these activities will last two hours, be sure to get there early. The first 100 people will get a balloon and carnation, as well as first dibs on the food.

"We really want students at Incarnate Word to take advantage of what Incarnate Word has to offer," CAB member Kayla Villarreal said. "Student involvement was up last year and we want it to continue to go up this year."

In an effort to help all those clueless boyfriends out there, CAB is also selling candy grams that will be delivered on this special day. All for a college-friendly price.

"I love this candy gram stuff," said one guy who prefers to remain anonymous since he might be described as playing the field. "They are cheap and I can get it for the multiple girls on campus that I am trying to impress. Hopefully I won't get in trouble."

Around town, San Antonio has a multitude of activities including car-

riage rides through downtown, river barge cruises, hot-air balloon rides, and country star Clay Walker in concert at the Rodeo.

Pressed on time or money? Dave and Buster's is holding a "Valentine's Special Murder Mystery Dinner" which includes a three-act thriller, three-course dinner, 48-chip power card, champagne toast, and a rose for the lady -- only \$89.99 a couple.

Alone? Not to worry. You are not to be left out on this day of love and affection. SA nightlife will host an array of parties for all those who want to meet someone new or those who just want to have fun.

After all who said we can't just love ourselves.

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Horror: Celebrate V-Day with Red, not Pink



Erin O'Brien

When was the last time a horror movie actually scared you?

Seriously, was anyone screaming in fear during "The Ring Two"? I don't think so. Let's face it: most of today's filmmakers are more interested in showing us girls and gore than actually frightening us (especially in America).

The original "Dracula," however, had the attergoers of all ages shrieking in their seats, and "The Exorcist" actually earned a reputation for evil by inflicting heart attacks upon some of its viewers. How do movies like "The Devil's Rejects" measure up? That's like comparing a Da Vinci painting with a stick-

figure sketch.

Miss the good old days of horror? What better way to honor the fluffiest day of the year, Valentine's Day, than with a horror film that lives up to the high standards set by the earlier stunners in its genre?

But don't head to Blockbuster expecting a cinematic joke like "The Village"; a well-handled horror film might actually shoot the proverbial, if stereotypical, chill up your spine.

Rent it: "The Haunting" (1963)

Starring: Julie Harris, Claire Bloom, Richard Johnson and Russ Tamblyn

Don't even think about the sad 1999 remake! If you want a movie that will keep you glancing over your shoulder from start to finish, rent the 1963 version. Robert Wise's chilling depiction of Shirley Jackson's novel plays

just like a drug-induced nightmare.

The personification of the demented old house, complete with bending walls, thunderous bangs and bizarre cackles in the night, is anything but the typical Vincent Price-style camp fest.

Wise delivers the story in such a way that the zany mansion quickly becomes just as unsettling to the viewers as it is to the characters. And best of all, the haunting might not even be real because the audience remains at the mercy of Eleanor (Harris), the befuddled and lonely leading lady whose sanity is questionable from the moment she steals her sister's car and speeds off to Hill House.

But between the cold, wide-eyed sarcasm of her fellow guest, Theo (Bloom), and the hollow, funhouse-style grins of the aging landlady, it's no wonder poor Eleanor



descends into a spiral of, uh, delusional contentment. Whether it's ghosts or lunacy plaguing Hill House, this film should top any horror buff's list of creepy greats.

Others to rent: "The Shining" (1980), "The Others" (2001), "Psycho" (1960)

Skip it: "Hostel" (2005)

Starring: Jay Hernandez, Derek Richardson, Eythor Gudjonsson and Barbara Nedeljakova

It's a shame such an intriguing cinematic idea was dropped into the hands of Eli Roth,

the biggest fan of gratuitous gore in Hollywood.

The idea of human trafficking is a genuinely frightening recent addition to the horror genre. However, the fact that Roth botches it up by chocking the beginning full of stereotypical, thrill-seeking American guys getting it on with stereotypical, lusty European women and switches gears to a graphic and grotesque series of sadistic torture sessions toward the end is about as frightening as a squashed bug and, to put it bluntly, disgust-

ing.

The explicit sex and (female) nudity is both unnecessary and childish, and quite frankly, no sane person wants to watch a whimpering girl get her eyeball gouged out with a drill. (Innuendo can be a fantastic cinematic device; Roth should give it a try sometime.)

But believe it or not, I had a genuine nightmare after suffering through this sickening sleazefest; I woke up screaming in a pool of sweat at the thought of how far the horror genre has fallen and worse, how much further it could still fall. Say goodbye to the fear factor and hello to the snuff imitations.

Others to skip: "Leprechaun: In the Hood" (2000), "Ice Cream Man" (1995), "The Amityville Horror" (1979)

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SGA shifts leadership for spring

By Rosalia Vega
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The spring 2008 semester emerges with new positions for officers in the Student Government Association.

Denise Hernandez, a 20-year-old sophomore political science major who served as vice president last fall, is in the top job this spring. Before becoming vice president, she was involved with the Student Concerns division..

“So far, my experience with SGA has been remarkable,” said Hernandez. “Being president of Student Government has given me the opportunity to address the major issues that impact the daily lives of UIW students.”

Hernandez also advocates on behalf of the SGA an open-door policy for anyone who wishes to express concern. Officers maintain hours in the SGA office in Marian Hall Student

Center.

“I want the students to know that I am always there to assist them when I can,” said Hernandez, who maintains a busy on-campus schedule with Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority, the Ethics Club, a mentor with the First Year Engagement Program, and work associated with being a Kemper Scholar. Off campus, Hernandez is involved with the National Hispanic Institute.

Twenty-two-year-old Andrew Deegear, a major in business information system, is vice president this spring under Hernandez. Last fall, he was House liaison in the SGA.

As an SGA officer, “I enjoy the day-to-day experiences, engaging with others, and making sure everyone’s voice is heard on campus,” said Deegear.

Deegear said he enjoys the camarade-

rie in the SGA office where he said some of their best moments have occurred. “We like to watch ‘The Office’ and we get ideas to pull pranks on each other.”

The Golden Harvest food drive for the needy last October is one of several activities that gave Deegear a great sense of accomplishment and insight.

“I was really impressed with the turnout of the students,” said Deegear. “I truly believe involvement in student organizations is important to put on a resume and also to be successful in life.”

New Student Concerns officer Ashley Brennan, 20, said she has “really grown and developed as a result of being in SGA.” Last fall’s parliamentarian, Brennan, who was born in Stuttgart, Germany, is majoring in political science and lives in San Antonio. Her



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SGA President Denise Hernandez will lead the organization this spring after serving as vice.

initial involvement with SGA was serving as the senator representing the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

“I don’t think I can choose a best memory I have had so far while being in SGA, because I’ve had so many all the time,” said Brennan.

Steven L. Tiffany, 19, replaced Brennan as parliamentarian this semester. He is a math major with a minor in education who would eventually like to teach in high school. “Overall, I have established great relationships here,” said Tiffany.

Maggie Callahan, a 20-year-old English major, is staying in her post as secretary. She said she garnered motivation and drive after working with previous SGA officers last academic year.

“Seeing their ambition and their passion for increasing student

involvement and opportunities at UIW was really inspiring,” Callahan said. “I find myself striving to do right to the past officers and those I currently work with.”

When she’s not taking notes at SGA meetings or in class, Callahan is running around constantly. She is on the cross country and track teams. She also is a resident assistant at Hillside dormitory.

“I’m pretty normal, just super-busy, but I love my life and I really enjoy UIW,” said Callahan. “I’ve met so many fantastic and talented people. We really have a beautifully diverse campus, and the UIW community is one-of-a-kind. My goal is to help others find their niche here.”

Chemistry major Yvonne Solitaire, 21, also is staying as treasurer where she enjoys “handling all the finan-

cial duties throughout the organizations on campus.”

Senate Liaison Dalia Bishop, a 21-year-old English and philosophy major, also is staying in her job. She was unable to reach for comment.

Taylor Rhoades, an 18-year-old originally from Houston, is serving as House Liaison. He joined SGA his freshman year in college so he could be more active around campus. “In high school, I wasn’t part of Student Council, so I wanted to do something now,” he said.

Dr. Angela “Dr. Mac” McPherson, director of Student Leadership and Activities, advises the SGA.

“Every semester we have extraordinary student leaders who serve as officers of SGA,” McPherson said. “(They are) “hard-working, very dedicated, and always put students first.”

KUIW pair to discuss service in N.Y.

Special to the Logos

Two KUIW Internet radio staffers will be co-facilitators of a session at the College Media Advisors National Conference when it meets in March in New York City.

Operations Manager James Longoria of San Antonio and Communications Director Ana Flores of Alice, Texas, will lead a session on “How to Build Your Community Partnerships.”

Flores had much success coordinating volunteer and public service announcement development for KUIW’s annual “Community Christmas Dinner” and “Suits & Shirts” gala, Longoria said.

As a result, he pitched the session idea to CMA coordinators on the basis of community service as a necessary function of any radio station. After looking at KUIW’s past work with Baptist

Child & Family Services Foster Youth Center, the session coordinator, Megan Switzer, agreed Longoria and Flores would be a “a perfect selection” for the conference.

“I’m very appreciative of the CMA coordinators for allowing Ana and me to facilitate a session that hits really close to home,” Longoria said.

“I don’t know what to say,” Flores said. “I thank Dr. (Denise) Doyle, Dr. (Kevin) Vichcales and Dr. (Cheryl) Anderson for providing the support needed to make the trip to New York.”

“I’m very proud of Ana and she deserves an opportunity like this as a sort of reward for her hard and endless work at KUIW without ever receiving monetary compensation,” Longoria said. “It will be a working spring break for us, but I’m sure Ana doesn’t mind.”



KUIW staffers James Longoria and Ana Flores.

Greeks seek spring recruits

It’s that time of year again where the flags are raised and Greeks around campus are competing at full force. No, it’s not Greek Week, where they compete for a trophy, actually it’s time for Spring Recruitment, where they compete for you.

All five Greek-lettered organizations on the UIW

campus are planning a series of events to be held during the months of February and March.

Interested? Finding information won’t be hard. Just look for the colorful posters posted all around campus or contact Kristin Garcia @ kmgarcia@uiwtx.edu for more details.



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Research Day to promote collaboration

By Rachel Cywinski
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Research Day at this university, set for Feb. 29, will be the first annual event showcasing faculty accomplishments across disciplines.

Collaboration is the goal. Dr. Kevin Vichales, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, said the goals of the event are “to provide faculty opportunities to present to each other, to provide a systematic venue to showcase faculty activities, to produce potential for collaboration activities among faculty – which will in turn produce more research, raise awareness of research among faculty and raise profile of scholarship activities on campus – and to give faculty credit for the really significant work they do.”

The initial funding for the research initiative is coming from a National Institute of Health Extra-



Dr. Kevin Vichales

mural Associates Research Development Award of \$496,800 designated to increase faculty and student participation in biomedical and behavioral research, Vichales said. However, he plans to expand the activities to “a strategic plan for research and



Dr. Mary Elaine Jones

collaboration between faculty of the different schools.”

The grant requires research events to be developed by an oversight Faculty Research Advisory Group. This group is chaired by Dr. Mary Elaine Jones, who holds the UIW



Dr. Joseph Schmelz

Brigadier General Lillian Dunlap Endowed Professional Chair in Nursing. Jones said the committee peer-reviewed more than 30 faculty poster submissions and selected 34 for the event.

Research Day will be open to all

interested parties free from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jones said. Researchers will be available to discuss their posters 9:30-11:30 a.m. Dr. Joseph Schmelz, director of the Institutional Review Board at the University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio, will speak during the faculty luncheon about “developing an interdisciplinary/collaborative research program.”

Attendees will get copies of the researchers’ abstracts to keep. Vichales said he is publishing each researcher’s work in a pamphlet for attendees to use as future reference. Next year, Research Day will expand to include presentations by graduate students, and then to include undergraduates in 2010, he pointed out.

Jones described Research Day as “a wonderful opportunity for the entire university community to attend the presentation.”

Professor receives civil rights award

By Rachel Cywinski
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Longtime Adjunct Professor Donald Ewers has been recognized for his efforts to champion the rights of people with disabilities.

Ewers, who teaches photography, was cited Jan. 19 at the 2008 Martin Luther King Jr. Public Awards in the San Antonio City Council Chambers.

Ewers began a career of commitment to civil rights as an intern with the Rev. Norman Ellington his sophomore, junior and senior years in high school. He participated in numerous civil rights awareness activities throughout St. Louis during 1964

and 1965. While attending the University of Missouri in Columbia, from 1966 to 1970, Ewers worked in a clinic in Peru; and worked and volunteered with a variety of ministries in St. Louis.

“For years I passed as non-disabled when I was disabled, and now sometimes I wonder if I’m dead and passing for disabled,” Ewers said. “When I wake up in the morning, I check to see if I’m breathing; because I figure that if I’m not, I don’t have to do anything else.”

Ewers, who has taught photography at UIW for 21 years, also is employed as chapel coordinator for Campus

Ministry.

Ewers first was informed he had a disability by the U.S. Department of Defense while serving in Vietnam. In San Antonio, he served as an instructor in clinical chemistry at Fort Sam Houston. Ewers and his wife, Lorraine, an administrative assistant to the dean in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, stayed in San Antonio. He was one of the first men enrolled at former all-female Incarnate Word College, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in Native America studies in 1980 and a master’s degree in multidisciplinary studies in 1985. As an in-

structor of photography, he has taught classes for the Department of Fine Arts and Department of Communication Arts.

Ewers has taught a variety of art courses in local venues; specializing in Navajo weaving. He has won several photography awards and had several writings published. His most recent work, “The Song of the Cactus Flower: Images from a Land of Many Thorns,” a book of south Texas landscape photographs and original poetry, is set for publication this year.

Ewers, along with Campus Ministry director Beth Villarreal, serves as an adviser to

Walk, Roll & Read, a student group supporting students with disabilities.

“I am very much committed to promoting a life of full inclusion for every person,” Ewers said. “Every person has been created in the image of God and brings a reflection of God’s presence into the world. There is no



Don Ewers

disability of any kind that changes the reality of that truth. God loves diversity.”

Five R’s: Recap, renew, reflect, rejoice, recommit



Phil Youngblood

Three years and 17 Logos articles ago, I wrote that I would write about the positive aspects of computers in our lives.

Not that I would ignore the negative, particularly where I felt I was doing computer users a service by alerting them to new dangers, but life is not easy at any age and it seems so fast-paced these days, with demands coming at us from so many directions at the same time (if you know someone who does not feel this way, please share their secret with me), that it can be easy to view the negative aspects of life as looming larger than they really are.

At the beginning of semesters, during the oh-so-short era of fresh faces and near-perfect attendance, I like to remind students they have

an excellent opportunity for renewal, that cycles such as semesters, weeks and seasons are a blessing and a chance to “start over” to some respect, to breathe deeply, to “step back” and look at the bigger picture, and to refocus and recommit themselves to the new world before them.

I also try to place the subject in context with the rest of their world and their lives now and later, and share with them just how new to the world computer technologies really are and how we are still learning about how to use them and how they influence all of our lives. Yes, there are negatives associated with computing, as there are with any human-to-human endeavor, compounded by the power and ubiquity of these technologies, and yes, there is the inequity of access, the growing digital gap, and the like. But, as I stress to my students, some truly incredible computer-related tech-

nologies have been conceived of, brought to reality, and applied to the betterment of all of our lives.

I remind my students that these technologies have been conceived of most often by people their own age, in fact BY students because students are in an environment where they are essentially guided by core and degree courses to both “step up” to explore worlds of which they may yet be unaware as well as to “step back” and see the world as a whole – yes, often despite demands coming at them from many directions, but also before many have “realized” what they are dreaming about is “not possible” or “impractical” (as the vast majority might like them to believe). Many ideas die at this stage, but some are brought to reality, despite the risks associated with innovation. Brought before the public, some have been adopted by a critical proportion of the popu-

lace, despite an inertial resistance to change. And, while some use them to exploit, many use them to better our lives, despite the tendency of humans to do otherwise.

As I wrote three years ago, I still believe “the future of computing is a bright one.” I believe computer-related technologies will continue to connect us and enable us in ways we can only dream about today. My intent three years ago was to share with you some of the recent fantastic developments in computer technology of which I was aware. So I started to fulfill this aim by first looking at the difference a year could make, then by projecting five and 10 years into the future, and then sharing with you what my students thought computing would be like 20 years from then.

UIW’s 125th anniversary in 2006 caused me to reflect on the history of technology



at this university as I could derive it from the memories of its longtime residents and its yearbooks. In doing so, it occurred to me a lot of changes could occur in even the 14 years between 2006 and 2020 (consider that 14 years ago in 1994 that most people did not know about the Web or e-mail or cell phones and that today’s 20-year-olds were 6), so I started exploring what futurists and sociologists thought the world and our present generations would be and act like in 2020. Then, in my last article, I made the safe prediction that whatever we will use in 2020 that it will basically be new ways to more effec-

tively and efficiently meet the same needs and wants we have had for centuries, and that these technologies will be multifunctional and highly integrated.

In the next article I will share with you what hundreds of technologists believe the Internet will be like in 2020 and about a multinational, multi-university, and multi-discipline class I am co-teaching in Second Life, a virtual world that may look a lot like one possible future of education and training.

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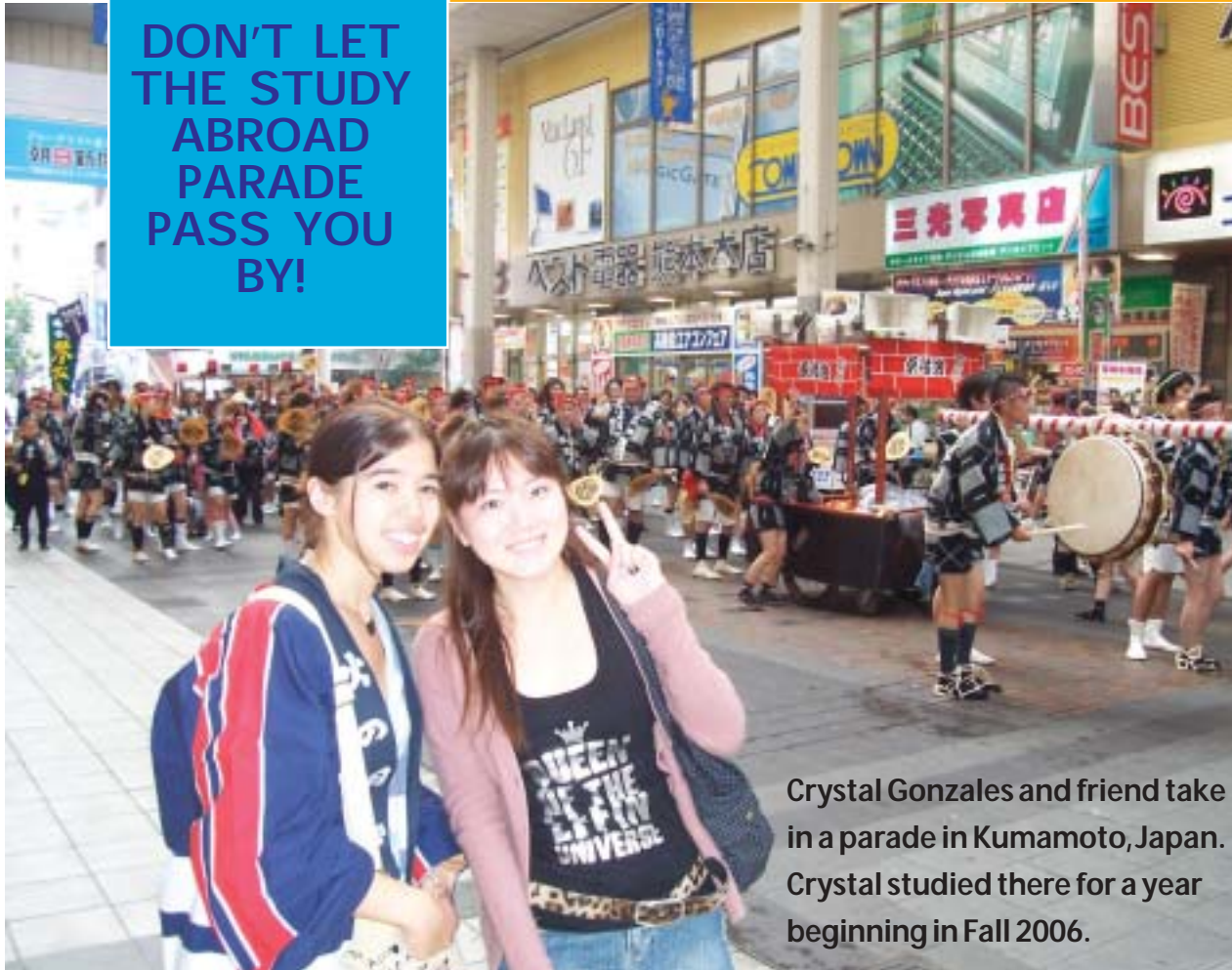
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Crystal Gonzales and friend take in a parade in Kumamoto, Japan. Crystal studied there for a year beginning in Fall 2006.



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