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UIW to join Lone Star Conference

Recruiting, competition, rivalries surround big move

By Jaime Valdes
LOGOS Sports Editor

Come 2010, the University of the Incarnate Word is leaving the smaller Heartland Conference for the football-playing and larger Lone Star Conference.

ference.

Lone Star, a conference founded the same year the "Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the national anthem, offers rich tradition, stability and national recognition

over the Heartland that has been referred to as, "coming and going," officials said.

The move to Lone Star comes 22 months after UIW's addition of football, seven months

before the first football game and after nearly a decade of Heartland competition. But Lone Star also offers a new set of challenges to the Incarnate Word Athletic Department, coaches and

athletes who proudly sport the name, "Cardinals" on their sweat-soaked jerseys. There is no denying the football program that just signed its second round

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Mark Papich
UIW director of athletics

Volunteers help folks file taxes

By Eric Maldonado
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Long lines of people filled the Administration Building's basement hallway Saturday morning, Feb. 7, as Incarnate Word's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program served customers its first day of operation.

The free program will continue 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays through April 11 in Room 62. The program is set up to serve anyone earning less than \$45,000 by volunteers ranging from professors, former Internal Revenue Service employees, tax attorneys, accountants, students and alumni.

One problem encountered by volunteers is getting the 2008 economic stimulus payment amounts from participants but this can be solved by going

online to the IRS' website. To avoid any complications, officials advised bringing please Social Security cards, driver's license, last year's tax return, routing and account numbers for direct deposit, property tax statements, your 2008 stimulus payment amount, and Form 1098-T for students. For Incarnate Word students who have not received their 1098-T forms, they are available on Bannerweb.

Security precautions are being taken into account to protect against identity theft. The desktop computers used to prepare tax returns have no Internet or printing capabilities. In order for a tax return to leave the room and to be e-filed, they will be using two laptops which will have their memory wiped out when completed.



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UIW's Marissa Gonzalez, 22, left, and Elaine Rios, 23, are volunteers for the income-tax assistance program.



ERIC MALDONADO/LOGOS STAFF
Theresa Tiggeman, left, and Dr. Tracie Edmond serve as co-coordinators.

The program is expecting 300 to 400 participants this year with an estimated 35 volunteers preparing tax returns. The program tries to accommodate all participants by considering disabilities, language barriers and other special needs. The program this year has four volunteers fluent in Spanish. Customers are encouraged to arrive early with all needed documents.

Participants can expect a knowledgeable staff waiting to help them with this year's tax

changes, said Theresa Tiggeman, an accounting professor at UIW serving as VITA student tax returns coordinator. "They need to check the education credits," Tiggeman said. "If the student is being claimed by his or her parents, then the education credit goes to the parent. If the student is independent, then the student should check to see if he or she gets the education credit."

Dr. Tracie Edmond, a colleague of Tiggeman, also is helping to coordinate the program and keep things run-

ning smoothly.

Abby Scioneaux, 22, a UIW senior who experienced the long lines as she waited to file her tax return, said she would like to see Incarnate Word offer student-only times for the program.

"Well, I knew it was going to be long," Scioneaux said. "I had people tell me beforehand that it was going to be a while but I thought since it was the first day, not that many people would know about it and it wouldn't be that bad."

Student witnesses 2009 inauguration

By Erin Nichols
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Nearly 2 million people packed the area around the Capitol Building in frigid weather to watch the Jan. 20 inauguration of America's first black president.

Sixty-two-year-old Corena Deen, a student at the University of the Incarnate Word, was among them.

Deen traveled with companions by chartered bus from San Antonio to Washington, D.C., in an exhausting but exciting 34-hour trip to witness history in the making.

"We had to travel [at] such odd hours, but businesses along the way accommodated us because

they, too, were excited about the election," Deen said.

After arriving, Deen and her companions ventured from their hotel very early that inauguration morning to find the best place to stand nearest the Capitol, but ended up settling near the third jumbotron on the lawn.

"It was so exciting," she said. "We arrived at 4 a.m., but you would think it was 4 p.m. because everyone was so excited! People were singing, very enjoyable music was playing and flags were waving. It was so much fun!"

"I may never see an-

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Corena Deen, 62, brought home Barack Obama memorabilia.

UIW gets ready for Incarnate Word Day

By Stephanie Hall
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

On March 25, the University of the Incarnate Word will celebrate Incarnate Word Day with presentations, a carnival, speakers, awards and even a golf cart parade.

Everyone who attends or works at UIW has probably heard of Incarnate Word Day, but not everyone has heard the story behind this special day or knows the reason for the celebration.

"First and foremost, it is the Feast of the Annunciation," said Sister Audrey O'Mahony, assistant to the president for mission effectiveness.

The annunciation marks the time when the

Virgin Mary said yes to God's request that she become the mother of Jesus. In other words, God became incarnate, or in the form of man.

"Therefore, because we are UIW, that's our main feast," said O'Mahony. She describes Incarnate Word Day as "a day of rejoicing, celebration, of fun...of honoring the Incarnate Word after which the university is named."

She added, "The University Mission Committee helps to plan Incarnate Word Day with student life because we want it to be very much a student celebration as well."

There will be many ac-

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of recruits is the major benefactor and the main reason for the move, but the entire athletic department and programs also will face new challenges. Some of those challenges started right as the last “t” was crossed and last “9” was dotted on the formal Lone Star paperwork.

Recruiting, which doesn’t have to wait until the summer of 2010 to start, is already a challenge.

“There are some big schools in the Lone Star that do a lot of work,” said Kevin Pepuel, a graduate assistant working with code compliance. “They go over a bigger geographical area. I think the addition of football is going to help with recruiting

for all the sports because when you get a bigger program in here with a move to conference it could be easier to bring some players in.”

There are also financial issues that put the challenge in the recruiting process. If you compare half scholarships between schools, the balance could be the difference between which school an athlete chooses.

“(If) we offer a half scholarship to a kid that Angelo State’s looking at, (and) they offer a half scholarship over there he’s paying three thousand bucks to finish his school whereas over here, (with a) half scholarship he’s still paying \$15,000 or whatever the numbers may be,”

said Mark Papich, UIW director of athletics.

It also could come down to location – and if it does Incarnate Word would surely have the upper hand.

“If it’s strictly financial, we may lose on that one,” Papich said. “If it comes down to I want to be on a campus where I enjoy the environment, we provide a lot more atmosphere here, plus you get half a day on the Battle of Flowers Parade.”

Although Lone Star opened up its arms to Incarnate Word with a 16-0 vote for entry, there most likely won’t be a welcome committee on opposing teams’ campuses when the Cardinals come flying into town. Incarnate Word

is leaving a nine-team conference where UIW has been a notable powerhouse in recent years to a now 16- team conference spread over three states. With nine schools in Texas alone, the Cardinals might find themselves in anything but a parade.

“For the first year or two there might be a decline,” said Frank Hernandez, director of intramural sports. “The level of the Lone Star is a little higher up, especially because of all the teams and how much it spreads out more than the Heartland does.”

Some programs are familiar with Lone Star competition already like the men’s basketball team, which split with Texas A&M International and

lost to Angelo State early this year in a non-conference match-up.

“It’s going to be lot tougher getting into the post-season,” Papich said. “You have more schools sinking a lot of money into their program.”

The cross-town, Heartland rivalry between UIW and St. Mary’s should not disappear with UIW’s move to Lone Star.

“We’re not going to stop playing them and I don’t think they want to stop playing us,” Papich said. “Plus now it’s in region competition for strength of schedule, and now it’s going to be a battle of two conferences.”

But eventually, last-second threes and walk-off homers will develop

into a new rivalry with a Lone Star school since St. Mary’s doesn’t have a football program.

“I think we’ll start building a rivalry with another school,” Hernandez said. “With football we’ll have to start building a rivalry with somebody else and that will become our main rival.”

Every significant change brings positives and negatives, but it’s not about the good outweighing the bad in moving to Lone Star. It’s about preparing for the upcoming challenges that UIW set in motion years ago.

“I think the move’s great,” Hernandez said. “I’m looking forward to it. It’s exciting times.”

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tivities throughout the day, beginning with the “Banners and Balloons” event on Dubuis Lawn at 8 a.m. Other activities include a picnic at the clock tower at 11 a.m. and the Cardinal Carnival and Golf Cart Parade on Dubuis Lawn

at noon.

The parade has become an annual tradition and includes golf carts decorated by different student organizations. It also features the Mardi Gras King and Queen of Incarnate Word, faculty members who win

a contest sponsored by Campus Ministry.

At 1:30 p.m., Sister Martha Ann Kirk will give a presentation about the Magnificat in J.E. and L.E. Mabey Library Auditorium, and at 3 p.m. the Incarnate Word Day

Liturgy, along with the presentation of the CCVI Spirit Award will take place in Our Lady’s Chapel. A reception for the honoree follows at 4 at the

clock tower..

O’Mahony encourages students to get involved with the celebration and to learn more about the meaning of Incarnate

Word Day.

“The effort is to try to make it as lively and as fun as possible, to engage students to celebrate the day,” she said.

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other inauguration like it again in my lifetime and it was the most amazing experience I’ve ever had.”

While Barack Obama’s historic inauguration has significance for all Americans, Deen, like other African-Americans who were born before the civil rights movement, finds even more significance in the event.

Born in the late ‘40s and raised on a farm in New Bern, N.C., Deen can recall experiencing some instances of segregation as a child. She and her family would often work on neighboring farms to

earn extra money, and in one instance, Deen, the second-youngest of nine children, remembers having to drink water from segregated pails.

“My mother was always very ambitious and assertive. She would demand better conditions for us and even quit a job if we weren’t receiving fair treatment.”

If her mother had witnessed Obama’s inauguration, Deen said, “She would have been beside herself and so proud of Obama!”

Among the expectations Deen has for

Obama’s accomplishments, which including pulling troops out of Iraq and encouraging public service, she hopes Obama follows through with his promises to strengthen the middle class and maintain a nonpartisan approach to lawmaking.

“I want Obama to continue to be a man of hope because so many people have lost hope,” Deen said. “He’s an inspiration to so many people and I pray every night for his and his family’s safety. Finally, we are able to see the equality we should have had long ago.”

‘Candy Shop’ to open

By Taina Bustos
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

You won’t have to go far this year to fill your yearly chocolate sweet tooth for Valentine’s Day. The Campus Activities Board has you covered with a free chocolate fountain.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 12, students can take care of Valentine’s Day needs in Marian Hall Student Center. Students will see an assortment of crafts for making cards for a special somebody or friends. Also, there’ll be strawberries, marshmallows, pretzels and tons of

other treats you can make sweeter in their milk chocolate fountain.

By calling the event “Candy Shop,” Jesse Munoz, said, “it will be very Juicy Couture like, with big glass bowls filled with candy and Valentine’s Day music playing in the background.”

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ICC Café provides international cuisine

By Jenny Rangel
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

With the many eateries available on campus, the new ICC Café opens its doors offering a daily international culinary adventure.

Located in the foyer of Dr. Burton E. Grossman International Conference Center, the hidden café offers a varying menu from Cuban to Italian. Unlike any café, however, there are no tables or chairs, but take-out fare only. There are outside picnic tables

Chef Yvonne Junejo said her love of international cuisine stems from the diversity of her

family. “My children are half Pakistani and half Hispanic,” she said.

ICC Café offers hot and cold sandwiches, salads, fruit parfaits and wraps.

Junejo makes her fresh salad selection with warm grilled chicken, crisp greens, sweet corn, black beans, bacon, cheese, cucumbers, and tomatoes topped with Caesar dressing and croutons.

Junejo’s kitchen may seem small, but she said she has everything on hand.

“If there’s anything else you want, just ask! I’ll make you anything!”

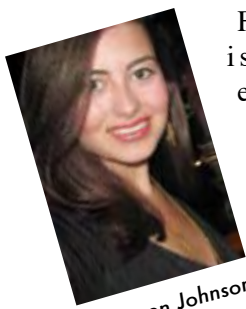
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ICC Café Chef Yvonne Junejo, right, prepares a weekday meal in her kitchen.



HOURS OF OPERATION

ICC Café is open 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for lunch Monday through Friday and 4:30-6:30 p.m. for dinner Monday through Thursday.

‘Red Dress’ show promotes healthy hearts



Maureen Johnson

February is Women’s Heart Health Month, and a great prospect to spread awareness of women’s cardiac health among the special women in our lives.

“Smart Start to a Healthy Heart” is the theme of the sixth annual Red Dress Fashion Show & Health Fair taking place 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in Marian Hall Ballroom. It’s free and open to the public.

“I hope people come to the event to learn more about heart health not only for themselves, but for their mothers, their sisters, their daughters, and all of their loved ones,” said Dr. Melinda K. Adams, an assistant professor in the Department of Fashion Management.

One woman dies every minute from cardiovascular disease, according to a January report published by the American Heart Association. The disease is associated with health problems such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, obesity and lack of exercise.

“A lot of times people don’t

realize some of the habits we have, especially young people in college, and these habits we develop we will have for the rest of our lives,” said Dr. Laura Munoz, a nursing professor chairing the planning committee for the event.

With a mission to promote cardiac health in women, the event is a collaborative effort from faculty and students throughout campus. Representatives from the School of Nursing and Health Professions will be taking blood pressure, the School of Education will discuss healthy lifestyle in terms of behavior, and John and Rita Feik School of Pharmacy will discuss

heart medication concentrating on how, when, and why to take it. Educational activities, exhibits on heart disease, and healthy appetizers for the heart will be provided.

Guest speaker Colleen Dirk will discuss her personal story

MAUREEN JOHNSON/LOGOS STAFF

Veronica Hernandez designed the funky tutu leopard dress, left. Fresia Nazier designed this form-fitting strapless dress. The dresses will be modeled Tuesday.



with cardiovascular disease. At a young age, she experienced cardiac arrest and was diagnosed with heart disease. Her husband, Tim Dirk, was the Spurs’ Coyote mascot for 21 years. He suffered a stroke in spite of his active routine. After having several health issues and the downfall of her spouse’s health, Dirk dedicated her time to working with the Spurs Foundation where she set up programs and curriculums with teachers to encourage young people to develop healthy lifestyles.

“Once you’re aware of the problem, you can try to fix it,” Munoz said. “It’s a combination of nutrition, exercise, and good health care.”

The event’s fashion show is the focal point of the event and showcases outfits specifically designed by In-

carne Word fashion students.

The American Heart Association began the “Go Red for Women” campaign in 2004 to increase awareness that cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of American women and used a red dress to stand as a reminder for cardiac disease in women. Although this fashion show is not entirely faithful to the term “red dress,” the outfits are less gown-like and more high-end runway material. Oh! And don’t only expect dresses. I will be modeling a two-piece garment with black shorts.

“It’s definitely a variety. I think we have more students that actually entered their designs in the show because they feel more comfortable designing something original -- it doesn’t actually have to be a red dress,” said senior Cecilia Vasquez, a double major in fashion design and merchandising.

As Valentine’s Day draws near, let your sweethearts know about the risks of heart disease and that making healthier choices will decrease their risk factors of cardiovascular disease.

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Amanda Avey

trying to fight that nagging urge to seek something sweet? Do you fall victim and satisfy that urge with a soft drink, candy, or cookie?

With the amount of hidden sugar in our food and drinks, especially refined sugar, its no wonder the food industry makes millions of dollars off of our addiction. Believe it or not, sugar is claimed to be an addictive substance and researchers continue to study the effects it has on the body.

So what is sugar addiction? It is your body’s inability to regulate

sugar levels in the blood thus creating a cycle of cravings for more sugar. When you satisfy the craving and eat more sugar, your blood sugar levels increase thus resulting in a surge of energy. In response to this surge, the body quickly releases insulin and you soon experience a “sugar crash.”

Are you ready to kick this addiction to the curb? If you aren’t 100% ready then you can still make small changes by cutting back on the amount of sugar you are eating now. Either way, you’re benefiting your body by reducing the amount of sugar you include in your diet. Here are a few ways to get started making a positive change:

Curb sweet cravings

1- Replace soft drinks with water. If you usually drink two a day then start by cutting back to one a day and increasing your water intake.

2- Avoid diet sodas and snacks! Artificial sweeteners in diet soft drinks as well as low-calorie foods is just as damaging to your health. It has also been found that artificial sugars increase your appetite and sugar cravings as well as decrease fat metabolism.

3- Don’t buy sweets. Avoid them at all costs. If they are in your home or in your car then you are more likely to eat them. Keep naturally sweet foods at home when a sugar craving hits such as apples, bananas, and oranges. Any fresh fruit will do!

4- Exercise and stay fit. Exercise helps keep your blood sugar levels stable and efficiently utilize the energy it has instead of storing it.

5- Taper off if you aren’t able to stop eating sugar completely. If you usually eat a whole bag of m&m’s then next time only eat half of the bag and give the other half away or throw it in the trash. Whatever you choose to do with it is better than eating it and feeding your sugar habit even more.

6- Read nutrition labels. There is sugar in foods you would never guess that contain sugar such as breads, pasta sauces, condiments, and even crackers. Ingredients to look for are glucose, fructose, lactose, maltose, corn syrup, brown sugar, and honey.

The good news is that if you can make it through ten days of having no sugary foods or drinks then you are well on your way to fighting your sugar addiction! The physical and emotional ups and downs that sugar causes will disappear and you’ll no longer have the cravings you experienced in the past. However...be aware that once you begin eating sugary foods again then you will have to start over.

This is a lifestyle change that will come with feats and defeats but stay strong and fight the cravings. Your body will treat you just as well as you treat it.

E-mail Avey at avey@uiwtx.edu.

Kicking the sugar addiction



Job fair to feature variety of employers

By Stephanie Tomasik
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Are you having job anxiety? Have no fear, students!

The Office of Career Service is holding its annual job fair on Thursday, March 5, from 2 to 6 p.m. in Marian Hall Ballroom to assist students in finding their future career.

Despite the current economic crisis, students

should not be discouraged to attend the job fair, Career Services Assistant Director Kimberly Watts said. Career Services is expecting a lower employer turnout rate than last year, but still hopeful 20 to 30 employers will be there.

Watts stressed students should see a greater variety of employers. Examples include new top

employers for fashion and engineering hopefuls.

Students should be armed with resumes, dress for success and not forget they're selling their images to employers, Career Services noted. For help in creating a professional resume or finding other helpful hints, students can find information at <http://www.uiw.edu/carrer/index.htm>.

Instructions for students to register to the Career Circuit are also found on the site. After creating a user name and password, students can request appointments for free resume and cover letter review, career counseling, and various other helpful hints. Students also are encouraged to visit Career Services in Room 14 of the Chapel Building.



National Hurricane Center Director Bill Read will speak at UIW.

Events to mark Women's History Month

Several Women's History Month events are planned in March in J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library Auditorium.

Tracy Barnett, former travel editor for the San Antonio Express-News, will discuss "A Journalist's View on Travel Writing: Women helping Women in Tanzania," from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. March 18.

Barnett is appearing on behalf of Women's Global Connection, an agency of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

WGC is a nonprofit organization committed to building bridges of connection to promote the learning and leadership of women locally and around the world.

Sister Martha Ann Kirk will give a video

presentation at 1:30 p.m. March 25 in the library auditorium on "The Magnificat: Women Birthing Life and Hope."

On March 27, Laura Hernandez-Ehreisman, will lecture from 6 to 8 p.m. on "Fiesta: Its Mean-

ing, Development and How Its Influence in Our Culture Affects our Community and Individual Identity."

Her appearance is sponsored by the San Antonio Psychoanalytic Reading Group.



Tracy Barnett

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Dr. Margaret Pfeil

Pierre Lecture set for Feb. 19

An assistant professor of moral theology at the University of Notre Dame will deliver the annual Pierre Lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in Marian Hall Ballroom.

Dr. Margaret R. Pfeil will discuss "The Spirituality of Nonviolence and the Reality of Mass Incarceration," said Dr. Adrienne Nock Ambrose of the sponsoring Department of Religious Studies.

"Pfeil will explore active nonviolence as a spiritual discipline that can foster creative resistance to the social reality of mass imprisonment," Ambrose said.

"Rooted in the gospel paradigm of nonviolent love as well as in a deepened relationship between contemplation and action, Pfeil's vision suggests how people of social privilege can take our places beside all human beings in the beloved community," she added.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

UIW to present severe weather forum in February

The director of the National Hurricane Center will be among speakers scheduled Feb. 27-28 for the South Texas Severe Weather Conference at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Bill Read, who has spent 30 years of his career as a weather professional with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, is speaking at 3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, in Bonilla Science Hall 123.

The conference begins at 8 a.m. Feb. 27 with on-site registration in Bonilla's lobby. The first keynote address will be at 10:30 a.m. with Joseph Hilliard of the Texas General Land Office speaking about Hurricane Ike and

Hurricane Dolly's impact in Texas.

At 2 p.m. Feb. 27, Dr. Phil Klotzbach, a hurricane researcher at Colorado State University, will speak. Read's presentation will end the day's session.

A SkyWarn Basic Workshop will be conducted beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and a Skywarn Advanced Workshop will begin at 1 in the afternoon.

The conference, whose theme is "Severe Weather: Tropical Storms," is cosponsored by UIW's Department of Meteorology along with the Urban Science Initiative and National Weather Service offices of Austin-San Antonio-Corpus Christi.

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Ethiopia draws nursing team

By Dr. SARAH J. WILLIAMS
Special to the Logos

A School of Nursing and Health Professions team traveled to Ethiopia last summer on a mission to accomplish several goals aimed to enhance understanding of the diverse culture and population of the Horn of Africa with a focus on peoples of Ethiopia.

The team sought to seek out opportunities for Sister School Agreements with the University of the Incarnate Word, and to study Ethiopian nurse educators' perceptions about advanced education and its impact on healthcare in Ethiopia. In addition, the team toured portions of Ethiopia, studying Jewish and Christian influences on people of this region.

The trip was coordinated and headed by Dr. Jim Sorensen. Having served as a missionary in Ethiopia and having traveled to Ethiopia on a number of occasions, the team was fortunate to have Dr. Sorensen as its coordinator and co-tour guide. Other members of the team included Dr. Sarah Williams, associate professor; Jolynn Lowry, nursing faculty; graduate nursing student Melissa Dominguez; and six others who traveled with the team.

While in the country, Dr. Williams met with healthcare coordinators and nurse educators who completed surveys giving perceptions about the state of nursing education in Ethiopian schools of nursing and perceptions about the need for advanced education. The results of the study will provide some insight into the perceived needs of Ethiopian nurses; and where assistance or contributions may be needed to assist with making improvements.

Dr. Sorensen visited with two

schools of nursing to discuss potential agreements for partnering with UIW. He first visited Addis Ababa University School of Nursing where a new MSN nursing curriculum was recently implemented. He further visited the city of Mekele, capitol of Tigray Province, where a new hospital and nursing program recently opened as well. Both program executives expressed interest in the Sister School arrangement, and continuation of discussions are in line with expectations for finalizing agreements in the future.

The tour began with arrival into the city of Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia which included visiting the Ethiopian National Museum and the St. George Orthodox Cathedral which was built in 1896. Of significance to Christian history is the church was built as thanks to St. George following the Battle of Adwa where the Ethiopians defeated the Italians. St. George was a Christian Calvary soldier executed for Christian beliefs around the 3rd century AD. The Battle of Adwa marked the only time an African army defeated Europeans in a major conflict.

Of other historical significance is that in 1930 this church was the site of the coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie, emperor of Ethiopia from 1930-1972. He was also known to be the heir to the Ethiopian dynasty that traced its origins to the 13th century, and from there by tradition his origins were also traced back to King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

The tour further included visits to the ancient city of Axum to see the Archeological Museum of Ethiopia, St. Mary of Zion Church and Monastery, which is



The team that went to Ethiopia included front row: Nancy Meinel, left, Melissa Dominguez, Diane Crumrine, Sue Kazen and Lynnae Sorensen. On the back row are Stephanie Phoenen, left, Dr. Sarah Williams, Jolynn Lowry, Dr. Jim Sorensen and Sherry Helmbrecht. The team sought to seek out Sister School Agreements for the University of the Incarnate Word.

believed to be the resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. The tour also included visits to the ancient ruins of Kings Kaleb and Gebre Meskel of 5th and 6th century AD, and the location of what was believed to be the home of the Queen of Sheba. By bus the team traveled on to Debark, headquarters of Semien Mountains National Park with visits along the way with the peoples of Tigray. Tigray is a region in northern Ethiopia that borders on Sudan of Africa. Tigray is often one of the regions of Ethiopia hardest hit by drought and crop failure.

The drive continued on to the Siemen Mountains through Ethiopian National Park visiting the Gelada Baboons and various species of highland birds and, beautiful mountainous scenery. The tour continued on to a visit through castles constructed in the European middle-aged architectural style and a visit to the Debre Birhan Sillassie church known as "Trinity at the Mount of Light."

The team's next stop was in Bahir Dar, near Lake Tana, a source of the Blue Nile Falls. There

the team hiked on foot to the top of the cliff overlooking the Blue Nile. Bahar Dir was also the

site for more historical Orthodox monasteries located on pen-

insulas – islands in the rainy season – where sightings of colorful Bibles and stories written in Ge'ez -- the main language used in the liturgy of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. While in Bahar Dir, the team visited one hospital which provided a first-hand view of how health care is rendered in country.

The team left Bahir Dar by bus for Lalibela, the 12th-century capital of Ethiopia. On the ride to

Lalibela, the team stopped at a small village where Ethiopian Jews known as the Falashas were the inhabitants. Of significant note in Christian history is that after the rise of Christianity in Ethiopia in the 4th century, these Ethiopians refused to convert and were persecuted and withdrew to the mountainous Gondar region where they made their homes for more than 2,000 years. Today, only 7,000 still remain in Ethiopia while many have migrated to Israel.

While in Lalibela, the team visited six of the known 11 rock-hewn monolithic churches of King Lalibela. Each structure was uniquely significant in that they were all carved entirely out of a single block of granite with the roofs at ground level. The most well-known and last-built of the 11 churches is the Church of St George, which has been

referred to by some historians as the

"Eighth Wonder of the World." The church was built in the late 13th century.

These mentioned sightings are highlights of the visit; however, there were a number of other

locations visited while touring portions of Ethiopia. During the visit, the team had the opportunity to visit in the home of an Ethiopian family where the team enjoyed a traditional Ethiopian meal. At the end of each day, the team met for reflection over the happenings of the day along with prayer for the world.

Our team returned home with enhanced insights into the diverse culture and population of a country rich with world history, natural resources and beauty. Our knowledge of the Jewish and Christian influences has been broadened, opening our minds to further exploration into the history and modern religious practices in Ethiopia. Our studies resulting from this trip have also provided us with ideas for continuing our quest for achieving social justice in a world of poor and underserved populations.

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Congregation leader works for mission worldwide

By Rachel Cywinski
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

If 17-year-old Yolanda Tarango had not planned to leave the convent after her first semester at Incarnate Word College, she likely would not be the order's leader 42 years later.

"My little exit strategy gave me the courage to do it," recalled Tarango, the new congregational coordinator for the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

The night before the fall 1966 semester began, Tarango and her parents arrived from El Paso to check her into the convent, thinking she would move to a dorm in the spring.

"My parents and I walked up to the convent," said Tarango, a vivacious woman with a strongly developed sense of humor. "Sister Martha Ann Kirk opened the door and said, 'Leave!' She told me to go home and spend another night with my parents."

Caught off guard by their "re-prieve," the family explored the Riverwalk and HemisFair Plaza, which were being developed for the 1968 World's Fair. As a result, Tarango said, "(I) thought I would leave within a semester, and here I am 40 years later."

Tarango, who has taught Latino spirituality and Latino theology classes at UIW more than 12 years, explained her reluctance to join the order stemmed from



Yolanda Tarango

a lack of understanding about the life involved.

"The majority of students today have never met a 'sister,'" Tarango said. "The university becomes that religious environment for them when they see professors who express their own religious motivations. It becomes all the more important that the faculty and staff become imbued with the mission. The University of the Incarnate Word is a wonderful institution which could do still more."

She said many students have "a real ethic of service and community responsibility," and that one of the strengths of UIW is the faculty, many of whose members see those students struggling and become involved in a personal way to assist them. Her hope for UIW is that more of its employees will be "working outside the classroom and taking the work ethic to the students in the community. The institution should both reflect and implement our mission. The mission is to make the love of God evident in the world today."

Tarango explained the Sisters' institution sponsors sometimes do things differently than they would.

"From the beginning, the sisters have always been opposed to a football team," she said. "But we also understand the university needs to make some decisions for its growth. Don't expect us to be holding the pom-poms!"

The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word came to San Antonio to respond to healthcare needs immediately following the Civil War. As the sisters have diversified, so have their work schedules and their daily routines.

"The external structure of our religious life has changed, but we hope to replace it with internal balance of prayer, contemplation and work," Tarango said.

The congregation of today reflects a trend toward drawing upon one's own skills and training to meet human needs wherever they occur, even where an institution is not already established. Ministries for the homeless and immigrants are

recent additions. The ranks now include not only teachers and administrators, but attorneys and engineers who all follow their personal callings while fulfilling the mission of the community.

"Like most apostolic religious orders, we were founded to serve the needs of those who were struggling," Tarango said. "What does it mean to be a sister in 2008? To make the love of God present in the world today, to be Jesus Christ and recognize Jesus Christ in others." In this way, the congregational leader believes innovation also will draw the congregation closer to its historical roots.

She expressed gratitude for being a member of the order during times of change that gave her a personal understanding of its communal traditions and prepared her voice for being able to shape the future of the congregation.

"There are people who don't even have gas to go to work. We don't want to be flying around the world. To be in solidarity with the poor we want to use institutional resources to support needs and not just look

inward."

Rather than flying to one location for its first conference, the newly installed executive committee met by videoconference. The seven new congregational representatives (three each from the United States and Mexico and one from Peru) are bilingual. Each woman speaks in her preferred language. Tarango, who grew up speaking Spanish at home and in the parish and English at school, uses both.

In order to enhance global communication, the order has prioritized investments in technology. The sisters use e-mail to facilitate their global network, and Tarango hopes to implement shared video streaming. She also hopes for increased cultural educational exchanges and development of pastoral ministries among Mexican immigrants.

"Most importantly we want to see ourselves as one international, intercultural congregation. My role (as congregational coordinator) isn't to rule, but to engage everybody, to create structures where everyone's voice can be heard, to move toward a more feminine organic model. I have to operate from a strong faith basis. It is my obligation to be as attentive to the Spirit as I can to fulfill my roles and motivate, inspire, call forth and pay attention to people."

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-- Sister Yolanda Tarango, congregational coordinator

Men lead Heartland Conference

By Pamela Martinez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The Cardinals continue leading the Heartland Conference with a 10-1

record and a fifth-place ranking – for the first time – in the NCAA South Central Region. The overall record is

18-4.

While most students enjoyed the holiday break, the men's team was hard at work, getting mentally and physically ready for conference play.

The team with the best, regular-season conference record gets homecourt advantage in the tournament. And the winner of the tournament gets an automatic bid to the NCAA post-season event.

The Cardinals started the Christmas break by beating tough teams Texas A&M- Kingsville, Angelo State and Howard Payne. As conference play started, Incarnate Word lost 63-53 to Dallas Baptist. Since that loss, the team is on a 10-game win streak, including a thrilling 87-86 revenge win against Dallas and 103-97 win over Texas A&M-Inter-

national in Laredo last Saturday.

The team started with a 98-53 win against Oklahoma Panhandle with Brian Eke's 19 points leading the team's scoring. Jawan Bailey contributed 18 points and Pierce Caldwell tossed in 14. The team shot 56 percent overall. Other wins since then include victories over Texas-Permian Basin and Texas A&M International. The men beat St. Edward's in Austin 92-88 and Wednesday whipped visiting St. Edward's 86-62.

Against cross-town rival St. Mary's, the Cardinals beat the Rattlers 69-59 in St. Mary's den. Bailey, Caldwell and Chris Patterson led the way offensively. The team defensively held St. Mary's to 35 percent field-goal shooting and 22 free-throw

attempts compared to the Cardinals' 42 free-throw attempts. Patterson was named "Player of the Week," between Jan. 19 and Jan. 25 because of his noteworthy

performances against St. Edward's and St. Mary's. Patterson averaged 18 points and four rebounds a game, and shot 93 percent from the free-throw line.



KATIE CLEMENTSON/LOGOS STAFF
Chris Patterson takes a jump shot against a Cardinals opponent.



KATIE CLEMENTSON/LOGOS STAFF
Pierce Caldwell dribbles around an opponent toward the basket.

Lady Cardinals grab second in league

By Pamela Martinez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The Lady Cardinals ended the fall and began the spring with two-game win streaks, helping the women to find themselves second in Heartland Conference play.

Incarnate Word ended 2008 beating Arkansas Tech and Abilene Christian and started 2009 with 67-45 wins over Oklahoma Panhandle and 75-36 over Texas-Permian Basin.

Nia Torru, a kinesiology major, is leading the

conference and the team in scoring at 18 points a game. The strong supporting cast includes Cinnamon Kava, averaging 13, and Hayley Harvey averaging 12.

After a 60-38 loss to St. Mary's seen on CBS-TV's College Sports

Network, the Lady Cardinals came back strong with a 62 percent scoring percentage leading to a 81-53 rout of Lincoln.

Then the women rolled over Newman 70-58 with five players scoring in double-digits

and the defense holding Newman to 37 percent shooting. Not only was their offense on point, their defense held Newman to 37 shooting percentage for the whole game.

Wednesday, St. Edward's fell 77-63

to the Lady Cardinals. Last Saturday, Kava and Torru scored 24 and 22 points, respectively, in an 85-70 win over Texas A&M-International in Laredo. The team now sits at a 15-7 overall with a 6-2 conference record.

Sync swimmers to welcome regional, national teams

By Teresa Velasco
LOGOS Staff Writer

The nationally ranked synchronized swimming team will be busy this spring preparing for and hosting regional and national swim team competition.

Regional competition will be Feb. 28 and March 1 at Barshop Natatorium and nationals will be March 26-28 at Blossom Athletic Center on Jones-Maltsberger.

UIW's Cardinals are ranked third in the nation among a crowd that includes Ohio State University, Alabama State University, Stanford, University of Florida, and much more.

Former Olympian Kim Wurzel-LoPorto, UIW's synchronized swim team head coach, said she is confident this year's team will do nothing but ex-

ceed their expectations. She describes her girls as dedicated and hardworking.

"They definitely are self-motivators," LoPorto said. "This is the first year where I have had to do little motivating because they come in ready to go every morning knowing that their practice is going to be fun but also hard work."

Synchronized swimming requires strength and endurance. Although they will be "dancing" in the water to music and wearing pretty costumes, the girls will also be lifting and throwing people completely out of the water with two-thirds of their four-minute routine completely holding their breath. A swimmer also must have a firm grasp of knowledge on gymnastics, ballet, flex-



EMILY VEAN VLECK/LOGOS STAFF
The synchronized swimming team – ranked third nationally – will serve as the local host for regional and national trials this spring.

ibility, precise timing, as well as exceptional breath control.

"I compare to swim-

TERESA VELASCO/LOGOS STAFF

The team practices a routine in Barshop Natatorium. Members usually are in the water for hours.



ming, in the 500 freestyle which I think is one of the hardest events because it is one of the longest, but it is in addition to doing that and only allowed to take one breath per lap," said team captain Lyssa Wallace, a senior from San Antonio.

"Because it combines so many different sports is more challenging," LoPorto said. "They have to be able to have the endurance of a runner, but be able to hold their breath while doing it. Regular speed swimming is back-and-forth move-

ment that you can train in two hours, whereas synchronized swimming is a team event and therefore takes hours and hours to match eight people to look and to move the same way when each girl has a completely different body structure."

The girls practice a full 20 hours a week almost every day from 8 a.m. to noon, pretty much the same as a regular part-time job, but yet the girls say they don't mind the long hours of practice because in the end they know it is only going to

make them a better and stronger team.

"I've improved a lot personally since the beginning of the year, and as a team know we have grown stronger and closer together," said freshman Hannah Creaser of Mesa, Ariz.

"This year I think we have the most talent out of any year I've been on the team, so I am really excited about nationals as well as regionals, and I myself as well as the team would really like to see a big crowd at both competitions," Wallace said.



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CARDINAL COLLAGE

Play ball! And that's what the men's baseball team and women's softball team did the first week of February as they kicked off their spring seasons at home. Nat Ramirez, top left, a pitcher from San Antonio, winds up Feb. 3 against Abilene Christian. The game went 11 innings but the home team lost 5-2. Josiah Rodriguez, below, prepares to take a swing while his teammates watch from the dugout at Sullivan Field. The Lady Cardinals lost both ends of a doubleheader Feb. 4 against visiting Angelo State. The first game's score was 12-2. The second game was closer: 2-1.



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Track-and-field season looks promising

By Theresa Prince
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Spring track season began with Jan. 12 practices – the first day of classes.

The distance runners normally do some two-a-day practices with the main workout being 3-5:30 p.m. The sprinters

and jumpers work out one time a day from 3 to 5:30. The sprinters lift weights Monday, Wednesday and Friday to work on power and explosion.

Pre-season began last Sept. 2, said Derek Riedel, track-and-field coach, adding he believes this will

be their most successful season even against such competition as Abilene Christian, Angelo State, Texas A&M-Kingsville and Tarleton.

There are a few prospective freshmen being looked at for this season, but NCAA rules forbid the

coaches from disclosing any information about the players until they have signed an official contract to which university they plan to attend.

“We have a great freshman class along with a strong sophomore and junior class in the sprints,

distance and jumps,” Riedel said.

“In addition, we have three senior men throwers who have been working hard and have a great shot, if everything happens accordingly, to qualify for outdoor nationals. The outdoor national cham-

pionships are in San Angelo, Texas, so we hope to qualify some throwers, at least two distance runners, a women’s relay and a men’s relay. Our men’s 4 x 400 relay finished 1.5 seconds out of qualifying for nationals last year with three freshmen.”

Success lies in eye of beholder



Jaime Valdes

It is only a matter of time before the feel-good stories of

football programs, spring games and new conferences are put to the test on the gridiron.

Seven months to be exact. Nearly 221 days until Benson Field becomes alive with crazed fans, tailgate parties and athletes who are about to experience the speed of

Division 2 college football for the first time.

Not me. I gave up on football in the eighth grade where our team only had 11 players but played with 10 because I was on the bench. I’m talking about the athletes that have been staggering out of the weight room lately as if they stole something.

So how do you measure success in your inaugural season?

How many games do the “Cards” have to win in order to make the first year a successful season

is what I really want to know. So I asked around.

“My definition of a successful season is competing in every game,” said player Marc Soto.

I can understand that. The only problem with that is if the Cards lose every game, but compete, in general, a fan could miss every game and just see the losing score the next morning. To that fan, the season is not successful.

“The minute they walk on the field they’re successful,” said Mark Papich, director of the Athletic Department.

But I’m looking for something more. Maybe it’s me. Maybe my wife is right. “You always have to find the negative in everything,” she always tells me.

But the truth is I could go from coach to coach and everyone would have a different philosophy of success. But I still hadn’t found the answer I was looking for until Super Bowl Sunday morning.

I was politely ignoring my wife and mother-in-law while sipping my morning coffee and it hit me. Literally, my wife

threw the sports page in my face before I started “crying,” she said. Whatever. So I check my Cardinal scores since they were on the road that weekend (and that’s the only reason why I check that other paper) and I glanced quickly over the San Antonio area commitments for college football.

As I scanned down the college column to look for my favorite Division 1 school, a college school popped out I never saw before on the list. It might have been there last year, but I didn’t catch it until this

year. And when I saw the school name, success filled my body.

Now there’s another reason to pick up “the other guy’s sports page.” “Pap” is right (the Spurs have Pop, we have Pap!) the program is already a success. One way or another, it will gradually have a positive effect on every student on this campus. It just might not literally hit them on a Sunday morning.

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University of the Incarnate Word football players rose early to be in line for the city's annual King March, which took place in east San Antonio. The march follows a nearly three-mile route to a city park.

Incarnate Word joins in King March

By Rebecca Ohnemus
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

University of the Incarnate Word students, faculty and administrators joined thousands of fellow San Antonians in the annual King Day March on Jan. 19.

A record-breaking crowd of more than 100,000 participants gathered early in the morning, lining up in preparation to march on the east side of town. The common theme: dreams coming true.

Mayor Phil Hardberger led this year's march, taking fellow San Antonians arm-in-arm down the boulevard.

UIW football players were among the first marchers to pass on Martin Luther King Drive, following police cars and the Rosa Parks bus. Walking single-file, they made their way to the march's destination: Pittman-Sul-

livan Park.

Students from the Black Student Association, Campus Ministry, Stand Out Alliance, and Walk, Roll and Read joined Dr. Angela McPherson "Dr. Mac" Williams, director of the Student Center and Leadership Activities, behind a black-and-red UIW banner. They marched as a group, identified by red T-shirts with "Dreams Become Change" provided by the Student Center and Student Activities Office.

"This is important," Stand Out Alliance member Elena Valenzuela said of the march. "He (King) stood for equality. We all need that."

"We're from all different types of organizations," said Demetrius Smith, who's active with Campus Ministry and Walk, Roll and Read.

"This is my first time (to march)," UIW student

Arnulfo "Arnie" Segura. "I'm not with any organizations. I just wanted a new experience."

For many present, the next-day inauguration of Barack Obama represented a stride in this realization of a dream. Shirts, posters and banners carried by participants showed support for America's 44th president – the first black or biracial one. Vendors along the road sold T-shirts with King's "I Have a Dream" speech and pictures of his face next to those of Obama.

Residents of Martin Luther King Drive stood on their lawns, porches and vehicles watching the crowd of people pass. Many had entire families with them, sitting, standing and watching the celebration.

"I just can't believe all this is happening," said



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The King March provides a platform for many individuals and organizations to express themselves.

Olivia McCarthy, formerly of 2019 Martin Luther King Drive. "I lived here about 60 years."

As marchers passed, they heard music from many of the houses and churches along Martin Luther King Drive. Doors open, Dominion Church of God in Christ played King's "I Have A Dream"

speech from the building's speakers.

People danced and sang as they marched, many cried, simply taking in the time of change and San Antonio marched ever closer to the realization of King's Dream.

"I never thought I'd see this happen in my life," said 62-year-old Herbert

C. Nance Sr., marching with Phi Alpha chapter of Omega Psi Phi, an international fraternity known for social justice work. "We've experienced a whole gamut of things from segregation, to integration, to seeing Martin Luther King's dream come to a reality, and it's fantastic."

Black Student Association shares Harlem history

By Jenny Rangel
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

In celebration of Black History Month, the Black Student Association invited all to step into the past and spend "A Night in Harlem," Thursday, Feb. 5.

Julee Valdez, BSA president, Marciel Whitehurst, BSA vice president and

Leah Dunham, historian, brought back accounts of black history beginning with slavery and migration into the north before focusing on individuals who contributed to the culture and defined the African-American identity of New York's Harlem in the 1920s and 1930s.

Valdez presented the audience with an array of visual accounts of history. From segregation, the end of the Jim Crow segregation laws, the Great Depression and Harlem today, the presentation tied in each historical account with a form of art that defied the sorrows of the time.

Whitehurst read poems from Langston Hughes and Claude McKay. Sounds of old-time jazz accompanied pivotal art pieces from artists such as Aaron Douglas and Jacob Lawrence. An old, black-and-white video clip of the Slim and Slam Allstars, an African-American dance team,

showed an amazing, high-speed swing and Lindy hop dance routine in the 1930s. Pictures of musical talents such as Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald also graced the program.

To further set the mood, the event was catered by Mr. & Mrs. G's Home

Cooking. Fried catfish, spiced sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, collard greens and buttery cornbread stimulated the taste buds of the audience, Southern style. Everything in the program did its job: bringing back Harlem's golden era if only for one night.

Ceremony ties in inauguration

By Josh Sanchez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 20, the Black Student Association brought in February's Black History Month by holding an opening ceremony in Marian Hall Student Center.

"The Black Student Association was created to promote cultural awareness and produce members who want to contribute to the community," said Valdez. "We're very proud to hold a celebration on this day, but were also here to tell stu-

dents that our association can make a change too." The event started at 7:30 with the theme, "Catching the Vision, Embracing the Future," followed by a general discussion after Obama's inauguration.

"This is a historic day," said Julee Valdez, president of the BSA. "I'm happy BSA has the opportunity to kick off Black History Month along with the celebration of Obama's inauguration. Everyone I bump into is excited about this day."

Black History Month Calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 11: "Love Jones: A mature discussion about heartfelt issues in relationships" summit, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Marian Hall Ballroom. Those who participate take a chance at winning prizes. All intellectually expressed opinions are welcome. Sponsor: Black Student Association.

Friday, Feb. 13: Ebony & Ivory semiformal dinner and presentation, 7:30-10 p.m., Marian Hall Ballroom. Presentation will focus on the importance of the excellence in education beyond all barriers. Tickets: \$4 pre-sale; \$6 at door.

Wednesday, Feb. 18: "Beyond Racism: A Highlight of Conflicting Matters and a Focus on Solutions" summit, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Dubuis Lounge. Presenter: the Rev. Trevor Alexander, assistant director of Campus Ministry and a former Black Student Association president. Those who participate take a chance at winning prizes. All intellectually expressed opinions are welcome. Sponsor: Black Student Association.



UIW Jazz Ensemble director Jim Waller will perform Feb. 26.

Thursday, Feb. 19: "Lift Every Voice: Open Mic Night," 7:30-10 p.m., Dubuis Lounge. Live performances from talented UIW students, guests and local artists. Sponsor: Black Student Association.

Wednesday, Feb. 25: "Accountability & Responsibility: Moving Forward with Resolve" summit, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Marian Hall Ballroom. Those who participate take a chance at winning prizes. All intellectually expressed opinions are welcome. Sponsor: Black Student Association.

Thursday, Feb. 26: "A Tribute to American Jazz Royalty" concert, 7:30 p.m., Palestrina Music Hall. UIW Jazz Ensemble will observe "Black History Month" playing selections by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Nat King Cole, Ray Charles and San Antonio's own jazz legend, Clifford Scott.

Saturday, Feb. 28: Gospel Fest, 5-7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Praise-and-worship service led by university and local church choirs and praise teams.

Students observe 'Year of the Ox'

By Michelle Weaver
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The "Year of the Ox" got off to a good start.

Marian Hall Ballroom was filled with students, faculty and staff all enjoying the festivities on Monday, Jan. 26, when the University of the Incarnate Word celebrated the Asian New Year.

The ballroom was decorated with traditional Chinese décor and rich vibrant colors. Many events took place throughout the day in celebration of the Chinese New Year with outside help from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Korean-American

Society and Japanese-American Society.

Sodexo provided the menu of Chinese cuisine with help from the members of the Korean-American Society, who wore customary Korean clothing resembling the clothing of royalty and performed a drum dance.

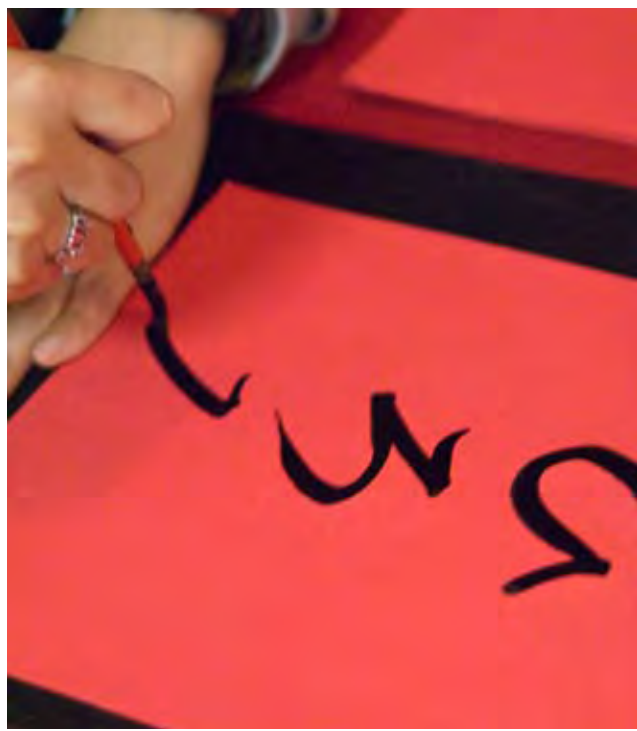
The traditional Lion dance was performed by a team of students from the International School of the Americas.

There were also tables set up with Japanese calligraphy and origami. Dr. Lopita Nath, a native of India on the planning committee, helped give

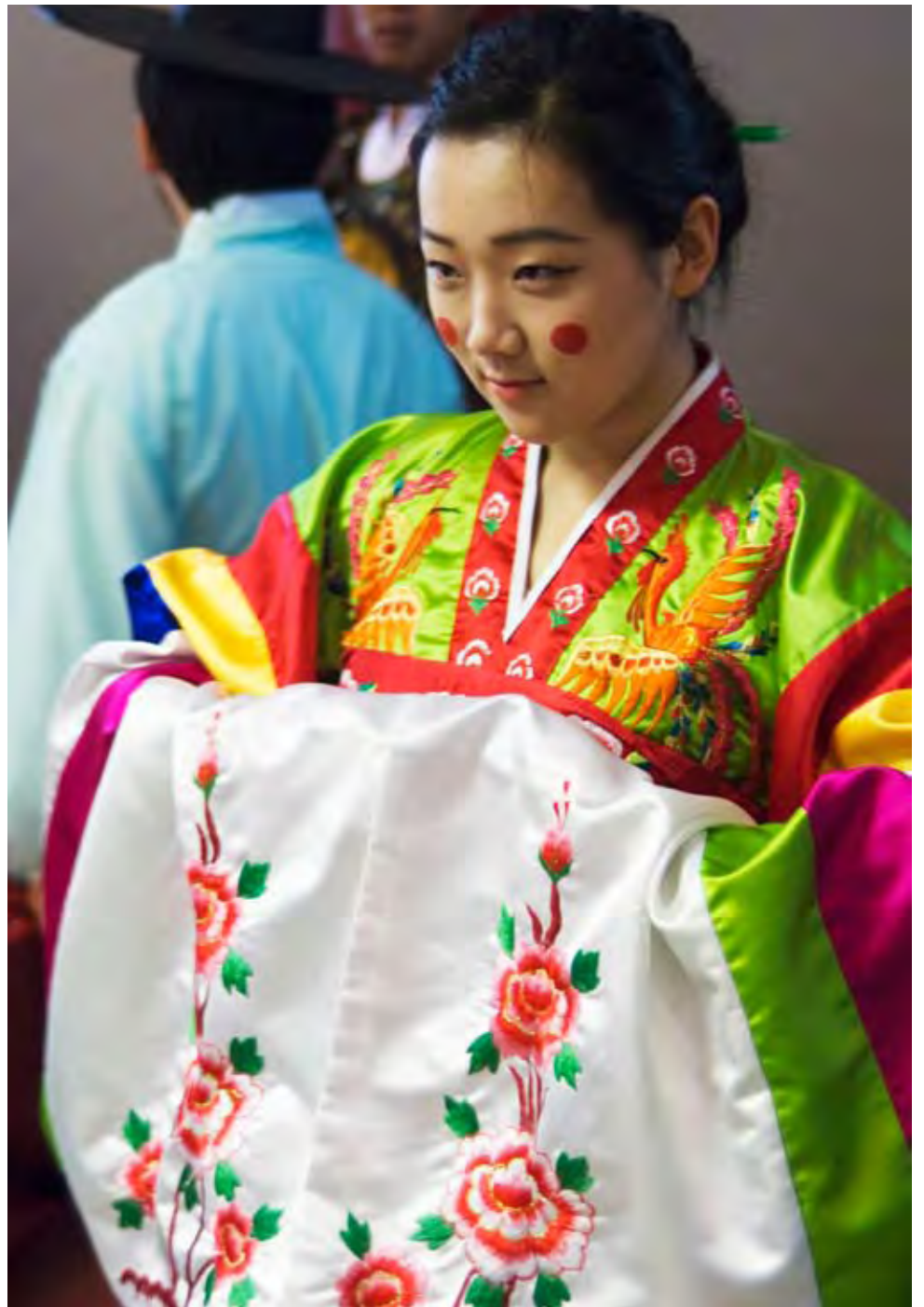
henna tattoos, joined by Mary Bowman with Sumie Art.

Senior Jason Stiggers put together lyrics and composed the music which became the theme of the whole celebration. The theme was connection — to bring everyone together.

Misty Chen, director of the Institute of World Cultures, organized students to dress up in customary Chinese, Japanese and Korean clothing in order to hand-deliver invitations to faculty and staff throughout the university with help from a planning committee.



ALAN CROOK/LOGOS STAFF
Students from the International School of the Americas perform the Lion Dance, far right, at the Asian New Year celebration in Marian Hall Ballroom heralding the 'Year of the Ox.' Colorful costumes abounded. Sodexo provided cuisine. Anyone wanting their name written in Japanese could get it done at one table.



Mass of the Holy Spirit honors students

By Alice Ramirez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

As enrollment at the University of the Incarnate Word increases, the number of students on the dean's list continues to grow -- as seen at this semester's Mass of the Holy Spirit.

The packed ceremony, held in the students' honor, was celebrated Sunday, Jan. 18, in Our Lady's Chapel. Father Bob Lambert officiated.

So many family members and friends attended that ushers from Campus Ministry had to bring in additional chairs, which were placed near the altar, next to the pews and even



UIW Dean's List students receive a blessing during the spring semester's traditional Mass of the Holy Spirit said in Our Lady's Chapel.

Elizabeth Villarreal, director of Campus Ministry, welcomed the large assembly and invited everyone to pray for the students being honored. Next, everyone joined

in the opening hymn and prayer.

Campus Ministry members Jose Casanova, Mayra Vasquez and Jessica Warden walked in unison towards the altar, where Lambert waited to

receive the gifts the three were offering.

After communion, Dr. Denise Doyle, UIW provost, congratulated the students and their parents and encouraged them to continue their academic

achievements.

The honorees were then asked to stand and be recognized as the rest of those present prayed while laying hands on them before the Mass of the Holy Spirit came to

an end.

"I like the Mass of the Holy Spirit as a way to start the semester with a positive look at our many students from across the campuses of UIW," Dr. Jessica Kimmel, a professor of education, said. "The filled rows of participants, the obvious pride of the parents, and the spirit of oneness of the UIW community is a hopeful way to remember what the faculty is here for. We are the beams of support for the students, all the students, and should bridge that gap between 'what is today' and 'what is possible in the future.'"

Bailout coverage stokes fear



JoAnn Jones

In 2008, President Bush proposed a \$700 billion national bailout plan.

His plan was to provide several national banks with the bailout money they needed. When Bush publicized his bailout plan, I heard several news networks provide negative feedback towards Bush and his bailout plan.

In an article on MSNBC, Ohio U.S. Rep. John Boehner stated the president's plan "will only delay the economic stability that families, seniors and small businesses deserve." The article also highlights the reaction of some people in Congress, who described the plan as an "eye-popping cost." As a whole, the content of the article gave a negative connotation to the bailout plan.

CNN, NBC and similar news affiliates also focused on the negative

aspects of the bailout plan. Because journalism is supposed to be unbiased, or as closed to unbiased as possible, I do not consider these articles true pieces of journalism.

These reports, along with various other news broadcasts and articles, neglected to mention the dire need for the money by the companies. Banks across the nation were among the first companies

to file for bankruptcy and ask the government for the money they needed.

In the 1930s, during the Great Depression, banks experienced similar economic turmoil. Their doors closed and the money people invested in the banks was lost. As a result, the FDIC was created to insure the money of those who hold accounts with the banks.

Today, with our more recent economic turmoil, banks across the nation are trying to eliminate any similarity to the Great Depression. If the banks do not receive enough money

to be able to operate, they will cease to exist.

Although hundreds of banks in the United States are insured with FDIC, the trust people put into banks will diminish if the banks are not supported by the government. Banks will begin to lose customers and the money people invest in them. Loans will become almost impossible to receive. Students will

be unable to either receive their student loans or pay for their tuition. If college students are unable to fund their education, the number of college students will begin to drastically decrease. In addition, people who are caught in the housing crisis need loans to pay for their homes. If they are unable to pay for their homes, the number of homeless people in America will inadvertently increase.

After the Great Depression, people lost faith in their banks. If the economy continues the way it is, people today will lose all faith in their banks, causing the banks and the U.S. economy to fail.

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The Constitution is based on popular sovereignty, meaning the country is run by its people. All I have heard, however, is how businesses and the economy will suffer because of the bailout plan and not about the American people, who will suffer without one.

As a journalism student who aspires to become a journalist, I plan to write about hard-hitting news and how it relates to people. I hope journalists across the United States will begin to see the news is for the people and should contain information that pertains to them rather than creating articles to cause fear, such as the bailout plan.

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Christina Hernandez

Tribute to four trees

Seeing as it is my fourth semester at UIW,

my daily stroll past the clock tower towards the Administration Building fell typically short of exciting the third week of school, until I actually looked around.

Peeling my eyes from the tiny paved pebbles on the ground, my gaze instantly focused on two stark white beauties. I'm not sure if anybody else noticed the gorgeous blooming cherry blossom trees, but I did get a few strange stares while I was contently examining the flawlessly budded branches. This led me to the question: why are we so engulfed in our terribly "busy" lives that we fail to notice and appreciate nature?

After my classes ended, I excitedly rushed my sister over to the spot to show her the beauty I had stumbled upon in the form of two barked friends. With her eyes fixed on the high contrast of the beaming white flowers and the cloudless blue sky, she simply stated, "I would have never even noticed these..." (I suppose

I should mention she has been attending UIW for four years).

We have an unusually beautiful campus with landmarks from the Blue Hole to the gracefully massive oak tree strongly standing outside Clement Hall. Are you not impressed? Would you rather be fixed in a text-messaging trance?

We have been dubbed 'Generation Y' primarily because we are a technology-driven group of young men and women who have lost a very deserving appreciation of the three-dimensional world. We would prefer to send a Friend Request rather than a handshake, a typed message over a face-to-face conversation. Now don't get me wrong. I do know that technology has worked wonders, and I would love to give Steve Jobs a pat on the back. However, we must remember that we are surrounded by beauty and that it is not only found on a LCD screen.

Take a couple of moments out of your busy day to visit these blooming beauties. I guarantee you will not be able to find a pixelated version better than the tangible form.

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letters to the editor

Inauguration Day 'made me feel like a true American'

Who would have thought the 44th president of the United States of America was going to be an Afro-American whose African father was a Muslim.

I am impressed and glad at the same time. Finally we are becoming a single world with no differences that push us apart.

I am personally not a

fan of politics, mostly because in my country, Mexico, politicians are always the same. But, when I watched and heard President Barack Obama's speech, I felt like crying. Even though I was born in San Antonio, I consider myself 100 percent Mexican.

Watching Inauguration

Day made me feel like a true American. President Obama's words were inspiring, precise and perfect. It was like he was reading people's minds while speaking. He said exactly what we all wanted to hear. He gave us hope and peace. He made us all feel at home. I now regret not being a part of

it. From the beginning I was loyal to Obama, but even though I had a chance to vote--since I have dual citizenship--I didn't.

The most interesting thing about my feelings towards President Obama's victory is that not even for Mexico I have felt this proud. A big

change is coming and I can't wait to see it happen. The best thing of all is that I will have the opportunity to live this change and to pass it on to my children and grandchildren. I am

hoping some day to look back and notice the difference. Notice the change that has just started.

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Kudos for 'Play Day for Peace' coverage

On behalf of the 2008 Creative Play and Play Environments Course, I would like to say thank you for the outstanding coverage of the recent Play Day for Peace.

We certainly enjoyed seeing the children's faces

as they played but seeing your beautiful, two-page documentation of the event made it even more memorable for our class.

Please extend our heartfelt thanks to Alison Villanueva whose artistic photo essay shared the

event with not only our campus but also with St. Peter's Prince of the Apostles children, teachers and parents.

Our class would also like to commend Campus Ministry and the Rev. Trevor Alexander for help

with the annual Play Day. Thanks to everyone at the Logos for another outstanding publication.

Dr. Mary Ruth Moore and the 2008 Creative Play and Play Environments Course.

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Love lines



Beat the Valentine's Day blues Holidays. They either slay you or sway you



Michelle Hernandez

The holiday pressure rapidly builds months before the actual day arrives and comes to an abrupt end when all is said and done. But among all of the wrapped-up-in-a-bow holidays, Valentine's Day proves the hardest one to survive when single.

With the rows and rows of heart-shaped chocolate boxes in the grocery stores, the cards the little ones around you write out to their school friends, and the pink, red and sparkly jewelry displays that sprinkle every department store, falling victim to V-Day when suffering from "single syndrome" proves quite easy.

But have no fear. Just because you are lacking a significant other doesn't mean you have to spend the holiday in hiding and embarrassed. So for you, my solitary friends, here are a couple of tips to help you beat the Valentine's Day blues.

First, you must rise above all the hype and pressure that surround Valentine's Day. America is a consumer-driven nation which can make a big splash out of nothing. The hardest thing about facing Valentine's Day alone is around every corner lies red, pink, love and togetherness. Don't allow those heart-holding teddy bears to defeat you. Realize that the sneaky tactic only gets the hopelessly, in-love couples to spend hopelessly large amounts of money on each other. It boosts the economy.

Don't allow yourself to fold under the pressure from your married family members or spoken-for friends either. Steer clear of their pity-filled glances and blind-date offers. Know it's just because they love you they act like that, but explain to them you feel perfectly happy spending Valentine's Day alone –

because you will.

Next, get together with some fun, single friends. Just because you are out on Valentine's Day doesn't mean the maximum party size for the night can't exceed two. You are not the only one who will venture out single that night, so celebrate the fact with others in your position. And once the group hits the town, don't allow yourself or anyone else to dwell on lacking a boyfriend or girlfriend. If you can enjoy the night with people you love, what more could you ask for? Valentine's Day celebrates the sharing of love so don't be exclusive about who you show love to.

Finally, and most importantly, recognize and appreciate the beauty and strength of the single you. Don't imagine yourself on Valentine's Day as one half of something you wish you could take part in, but rather as one whole.

You can even indulge. Buy yourself something pretty and sparkly, but don't think of it as retail therapy. There is no rule saying you must have that someone special in your life to receive something special on Valentine's Day. Sign the present "from you to you" with lots of love.

Once the day passes, and you've followed these tips, you will never again fall victim to a single-and-sad Valentine's Day. Remember, the day is filled with unrealistic pressure that can easily be solved by going out with other singles and accepting and appreciating you in your present state.

If you do find yourself with that special someone on Valentine's Day, congratulations. And if you find the single status lingering for Valentine's Days to come, don't sweat it. You now have your way out.

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Romance: adventurous obstacle



Cameron Tufino

The world is full of different people. With every individual environment, there are many radical differences. It is a long string of people: Republicans and Democrats, control freaks and slobbs, hunters and vegans.

But no matter where you go, all environments have a recurring theme: love, or rather, the search for love.

Love seems to be the only similarity found between the strangers we encounter and the friends we come to know well. So in an atmosphere of youthful possibilities, the volume of love is raised at the highest level. And with the amount of time and emotional energy we put into a relationship with someone, I wonder: does dating consist of up-front honesty and communication, or is it simply a game of lies and manipulation?

Evolution tells us human beings are 98 percent similar to apes. Gorillas, for example, can't talk, but they use alternate forms of communication. When it comes to relationships, humans are just like gorillas.

Awhile back, I was getting out of the gym and decided to venture out to a calorie-fast. Nobody likes to

dine alone, so I called a close friend and asked him and his girlfriend to join. Fifteen minutes later I greeted the two in the parking lot of our regular restaurant. Now obviously when you're socializing with a couple one thing is always noticeable: they are a couple. With the simplest action, they'd be holding hands. When one doesn't witness this engagement, you can start to suspect a problematic situation. For my friends, it could be described as the first attacks made at wartime. And not only were their hands distanced, they both possessed somber expressions. I hesitated for a moment but played as good of an ignorant character as possible, eventually hoping their dispute wouldn't impose on a good dinner. Yet, hope was already defeated at this battle.

The situation became very clear as we sat down. Both had angry body language towards each other. From not sitting next to each other at the booth, to not sharing the salsa and chips, and finally interrupting each other when trying to order their entrée; it was plain bizarre. Whatever demon possessed my friends was clearly getting the best of them, for they were acting like gorillas instead of humans. No words were spoken about their frustrations, only immature actions. And as I sat there concerned (and a little embarrassed),

I thought about better ways to communicate in a relationship.

From my perspective, the answer was simple: all my friends needed to do were discuss the problem calmly with little aggression. Most likely 10 simple minutes could've made the argument die and the rest of dinner delicious. Instead, you'll find even after two million years of evolution and what humanity has to show for are qualities non-speaking apes have. Can real communication happen?

Communication is essentially a required ability. If one can't master it logically and emotionally, the expectation of good conveyance is minimal. This concept can be very helpful when you're dating. But maybe that universal phrase -- "all's fair in love and war" -- is accurate. There must be a game, and whether it's full of manipulation or honesty, both individuals are active players. Relationships sometimes need an edge to get them straight.

Relationships never start out simple, fully honest, or straightforward. You must work at it. And if you know anyone who says it begins happy, they're lying. Although if you can successfully jump over the obstacles, you might find something worth living for: an honest and fair relationship.

2001 grad seeks help to fight diseases

On May 31, I will accomplish an important personal goal with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program.

I will complete the San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon (13.1 miles). My team and I will be honoring those whose

lives have been affected by blood-related cancers.

I decided to take on the challenge of this half marathon in memory of my father, Stanley Jackson Jr., who died at the beginning of 2008. He was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

several years ago. And last year I was also touched by a friend's father, Dr. Preston A. Jones, a physician who was diagnosed with leukemia in March 2008, and died Nov. 18.

Since 1988, Team in Training has raised more than \$800 million by creating teams of endurance

athletes to participate in marathons, triathlons and century bike rides.

The society's mission is to cure blood-related cancers and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families. I have dedicated myself to this cause, not just by finishing the half mara-

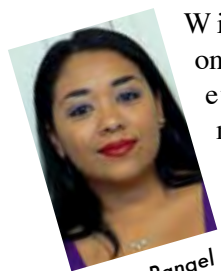
thon, but also by raising \$4,100 to take a giant step towards a cure by March 15.

I would be grateful for your support through a donation. All contributions are tax-deductible. Donations can be made by going to <http://pages.teamtraining.org/sc/rnr09/>

sjacksa or by making checks payable to: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and mailed to Shalama Jackson, 103 Kingston Trace Road, Columbia, S.C. 29229.

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PTSD coverage evolves in *New York Times*



Jenny Rangel

With a once quiet stigma, this new era is loud-ly suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, and all the arguments that come with it.

An exploration through the archives of the *New York Times* reveals the questions, controversies and evolution of perspectives.

One article insists a veteran would not have suffered so badly if he would have received treatment. The statement alone singles out the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and

holds it partly responsible for his behavior. The question being asked is "who should be responsible and to what extent should the VA or others be involved in the treatment?"

The obvious perspective is the idea the government has an obligation to care for the veterans, but has not made it a priority. Another is that the diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder is being misused for compensation purposes.

"In the 30.9 percent of Vietnam veterans that met the criteria for PTSD, only 15 percent of the men who served in Vietnam were in combat units," a 2003 article said. Moreover, some argue PTSD is being under-diagnosed and many

are going untreated. The stigma carries a huge effect on the numbers of veterans that should be treated. "Federal and county veteran officials say that many new veterans are worried that their jobs will be jeopardized if employers find out they have emotional or psychiatric problems," a 2007 article says.

The beginning articles raise questions and controversies, from the definition of trauma to the misuses of the PTSD diagnoses. In current articles, very little progress seem to be reported other than the War Torn series, "a series of articles and multimedia about veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan who have committed killings, or been charged with

them, after coming home," (nytimes.com).

The legal representatives as well as veterans' organizations such as Veterans for Common Sense and the Veterans United for Truth seem to favor the argument there is a lack of evaluation and treatment by the VA Administration. Their weapon of choice: public opinion. The arguments are being presented to writers, like the journalists of the *New York Times*, to "expose" the VA and have the public place the department under pressure.

However, the argument, based on these articles, appears to be one-sided. There are less than a handful of responses from the VA in defense of the ac-

cusations. Seeming biased, the *New York Times* has made little effort in showcasing an article from the viewpoint of the VA.

There are many issues bound up within the arguments of PTSD, such as the definition of trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder, political correctness and its influence on medicine, the legality within a trial of a convicted veteran, the young ages of soldiers going into combat and the multiple deployments they endure, economics and funding and the absence of the draft.

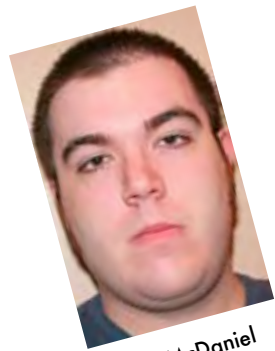
Upon analyzing articles from the *New York Times* between the years of 2003 and 2008, it seemed very apparent that the VA had a small voice in the argu-

ments. One can't help but wonder why all of the articles were formed in such a manner and why the accusations were never justified. The biased articles belittled the agency and failed to dig deeper on their behalf.

Perhaps the *Times* failed to expound on the VA's responses or purposely failed to publish possible given responses in order to avoid substantiating previous findings on the agency. Whatever the reason, it was interesting to witness the written evolution of this topic in the eyes of the *New York Times*.

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Millions love 'Slumdog'



J.P. McDaniel

The Hollywood award season is currently going strong and one film sweeping the awards is "Slumdog Millionaire," Danny Boyle's latest work.

Considering the movie has received 10 Oscar nominations and an-

other 42 awards and 37 nominations from other organizations, I have no problem telling you this drama is delightful.

The story is derived from the book, "Q and A," by Vikas Swarup, an Indian diplomat.

It tells the tale of a young, uneducated man from the Dharavi slums of Mumbai who is on the Indian equivalent of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" and ends up going farther than anyone had anticipated.

The audience learns the story of the young man's life, as well as just how he

knew each answer to all the questions on the show.

The story is both charming and intriguing. You never want to turn away from the screen.

Several graphic scenes represent the sometimes-harsh culture of India and the city of Mumbai, but there are also some comical scenes that represent the same culture. It is also a great window into the city of Mumbai, a city that not too long ago had the world's eyes on it due to terrorist attacks.

The unknown cast will surely be known now, as

their performances were all stellar. Dev Patel plays Jamal Malik, the film's protagonist, in the third and final stage of the film. He plays the role perfectly and you find yourself rooting for him in every one of his unique situations.

The beautiful Freida Pinto, a model who is a newcomer to acting, captures the screen during the latter parts of the movie as well.

The other great role in the movie is that of the game show host, Prem Kumar, played by Anil Kapoor, who slowly proves to be a



Dev Patel, left, and Freida Pinto share a moment in 'Slumdog.'

deeper character than one might think.

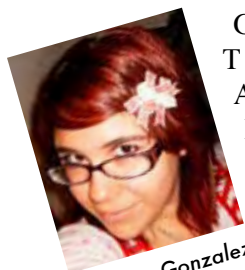
If I were a betting man, I would bet on "Slumdog Millionaire" to sweep the upcoming Oscars. The film is a nonstop ride through the life of Jamal Malik, one I won't soon forget.

If you have not seen this movie, find the nearest movie theater and do so.

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Rockstar shakes things up using Xbox 360 expansion



Courtney Gonzalez

Grand Theft Auto IV gets a Courtney Gonzalez storyline and character makeover in an Xbox360 exclusive expansion pack slated for release Feb. 17.

"Grand Theft Auto: The Lost and the Damned" is about to be the latest addition to the GTA franchise. While most downloadable content features only a few new missions and perhaps clothing items, Rockstar has definitely redefined

the expansion pack. Not only is there a completely new cast of characters, but "Lost and the Damned" features brand-new missions, areas, weapons, vehicles, soundtracks, and even a few new gameplay mechanics.

Of course, they don't call it an expansion for nothing. The story takes place in the very familiar Liberty City, so those who have already completed GTAIV will have no trouble getting around. You will once again encounter Niko Bellic and some of his acquaintances, as some of the missions in this pack correspond to

prior missions you played in GTAIV. Rockstar actually wrote the script for "Lost and the Damned" as they were making GTAIV, providing a seamless point of view for Lost's main character.

In this expansion, you are introduced to Johnny Klebitz, vice president of a biker gang known as The Lost. With their president, Billy, in rehab, all leadership duties have fallen on Johnny's capable shoulders. The game starts off with Billy returning to The Lost and reclaiming his throne. From the get-go, he and Johnny clash; Billy has a



'Grand Theft Auto: The Lost and the Damned' offers new characters, missions and soundtracks.

mentality compromised of pleasure and killing, while Johnny would rather see the gang thrive profit-wise. This storyline gives The Lost and the Damned a vastly different feel from the original GTAIV. Playing as Niko, a man fresh off the boat from a foreign country, you had to slowly work up the ladder to earn conveniences such as guns, safehouses, contacts and cars. This is not the case with Johnny, who has spent presumably all of his adult life in the city. You already have a hefty supply of items and places at your disposal at the start of the game, as well as the support of your fellow bikers.

Being that this game is centered on a band of brothers who happen to like bikes, much of the game is spent on motor-

cycles. While this may seem daunting to anyone who has played the shaky and all-too-slippery bike controls in the original game, you can put your fears to rest. Rockstar fixed a lot of the issues with bike controls, so it now takes more than a single pedestrian or accidental lamppost to boost you from your seat.

Missions appear to be a bit harder this time around; it's expected that the players know their way around Liberty City. Most missions will grant you some form of backup, most commonly the lesser members of the biker gang that serve as fodder for oncoming bullets. In the mission, "Shifting Weight," you control Johnny, and his shotgun plugged full of unlimited ammo, as you speed away on the

back of another member's bike while attempting to keep the cops at bay. Certain missions can become frustrating because they require a lot of technique when you have to simultaneously control your bike and shoot either the cops or rival gang members.

As for online co-op, Rockstar has kept its lips sealed on the subject. Much of this game is still a mystery, but from what Rockstar has made available, it's clear this is a definite addition to any GTA fan's video game collection.

You can check out screenshots and an HD trailer on XBOX's site, and the game will be officially available for download on the 17th

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Quirk sets Feb. 28 deadline

By Sara Aragon
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The deadline for submissions to the 2009 edition of *Quirk*, the University of the Incarnate Word's journal of literature and art, has been set for Feb. 28.

Submission guidelines can be viewed online at www.uiw.edu/quirk.

Quirk is open to any member of the UIW faculty, staff, or student body. The journal features poetry, short fiction, nonfiction, essays, and visual arts. This is a great opportunity for

writers and artists within the UIW community to get their creative work published.

Quirk is put together by the students in the English department's Editing and Publishing class. The Editing and Publishing course is an elective for both English and communication arts majors. This year's class hopes to see works submitted in a wide range of genres, styles and tones, including perhaps biographical sketches, journal entries, fashion sketches, humorous poems, artwork in

ceramic, fiber, or metal, and even collages, cartoons and doodles.

The *Quirk* editorial board urges anyone interested in submitting to look at back issues of *Quirk* for an idea of the kinds of work that have been selected for publication in the past. Back issues are available at a nominal price from the Office of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (AD 163), and J.E. and L.E. Mabey Library also has all back issues in its periodicals collection.

Walk, Roll & Read sets special events

Walk, Roll & Read student organization is holding an afternoon reception

Feb. 25 for Sister Helena Monahan, the new chan-


cellor for the University of the Incarnate Word.

Walk, Roll & Read and the Campus Activities Board are teaming up

for the second annual Deaf Awareness Night Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall Ballroom.

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‘Fantasticks’ set for five shows

By Karla Torrado
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

‘The Fantasticks,’ a musical featuring a guest director-choreographer, opens Friday, Feb. 20, at Elizabeth Huth Coates Theatre.

The musical’s production is the first time that Michelle Pietri, choreographer and costume designer at the University of Texas-San Antonio, has worked with UIW students.

“I’m very impressed with their work ethics,”

Pietri said. “The students work very hard, take their job seriously and they still have fun.”

One of the students, Nabid Ashfar, is serving as stage manager. He describes the musical as “a fanciful interpretation of love and relationships.”

“The Fantasticks” – featuring music by Harvey Schmidt and book and lyrics by Tom Jones -- is a family-oriented show that’s being billed as a “starry-eyed musical about young moonlit love

that wilts in the heat of the sun, only to blossom with time and experience into a rooted, heartfelt union.”

More specifically, the musical tells the story of two neighbors who want their kids to fall in love. The parents pretend to hate each other and even build a wall pretending to feud in order to ensure their children’s romance.

In lively musical numbers such as “Never Say No,” mothers warn the audience not to tell kids no because they will not

listen. The youngsters discover their parents’ plot, become disillusioned with each other and go their separate ways to experience the world. Eventually, they return to each other in a more mature and appreciative way.

For Pietri, a mom-to-be who has directed along the West Coast, the best part of directing “The Fantasticks” was the entire team, she said.

The team includes Bill Gokelman, a UIW music professor, as musical director, and Margaret Mitchell, a theatre professor, as costume designer. Melissa Gaspar heads the scenery and lighting crew.

“It’s incredible to be su-



ALAN CROOK/LOGOS STAFF
UIW players rehearse a swordfight from 'The Fantasticks' musical.

rrounded by people who are already or on their way to be professionals,” she said.

Love, anguish, youth and depression combine to make this play a colorful experience for the au-

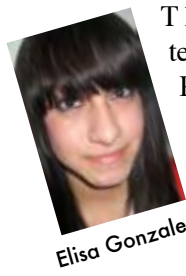
dience, she pointed out.

It’s a musical that is “lighthearted with pointed messages, but when you leave this theater you’ll leave with a smile on your face,” Pietri said.

SHOW, TICKET INFORMATION

Curtains for “The Fantasticks” will rise at 8 p.m. Feb. 20, 21, 27 and 28, and 2 p.m. March 1. UIW students, staff and faculty may get a ticket free with ID and purchase a second ticket at a discounted rate of \$8. Otherwise, tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$8 for non-UIW students. Group rates are available. For tickets, call (210) 829-3800.

‘We’re on the air in 3, 2, 1...’



Elisa Gonzalez

The Extended Run Players, in association with the Theatre Arts Department, gave its audience a weekend taste of the only source of entertainment available during the Great Depression.

“The Golden Age of Radio,” presented Jan. 30-

31 and Feb. 1 in Cheever Downstage II theatre, consisted of original, old-time radio shows from the 1930s-1940s, the time period when radio reached its popularity peak. The shows presented included “Gunsmoke,” “Burns and Allen,” “The Philadelphia Story” and the well-known classic, “The Lone Ranger.”

Performance director Bettye Jo Shryock introduced audiences to the

importance of the “sound table” in old-time radio. She explained the sound table, which was controlled by hired “sound people,” was the source of all sound effects in the radio shows. The sound table on stage during the performance was equipped with a small wooden door, glass cups and a variety of other sound-making objects.

The Burns and Allen performance, “The Sam Spade Episodes,” seemed

to be the audience’s favorite, as well as my own. This amusing show of a delusional wife who believes the murder in a radio show to be real had the audience chuckling through the entire act. Also, the presentations showed audiences how ads were presented in old-time radio by advertising Maxwell House Coffee during the act.

Instead of using chairs to present their performance like they did during

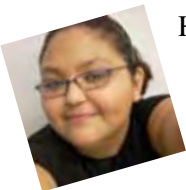
previous performances, the Extended Run Players stood in front of vintage microphones to read off their scripts. Because audience members were able to actually see the performance of old-time radio program broadcasting, they had a visual of the actors (unlike the listening-only audiences in the Golden Age).

The younger generation of today may not have found the humor in or

truly appreciated “The Golden Age of Radio.” The classic acts were directed more towards audience members who grew up during the actual time period because the Golden Age of radio was just that – classic. Nonetheless, the Extended Run Players’ hard work and love for theatre could be seen in the performance.

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‘Old school’ music always changing



Erica Mendez

How do you define “old school”? How do you define a term that’s been in use since your parents were kids and their parents were kids? It’s as

hard as describing a dream you can’t remember and as hard as drawing a picture of a family you have yet to meet.

To define old school, one goes through years and years of generations of music from hip-hop to jazz. Old school takes form

in different ways to different people, and I love the idea of tackling what old school can mean.

“*Rapper’s Delight*,” “*Insane in the Brain*,” and “*Fight the Power*”

Hip-hop fans take old school back to the days of rappers and artists such as the Sugar Hill

Gang, Cypress Hill, and Public Enemy. With songs like “Rapper’s Delight,” “Insane in the Brain,” and “Fight the Power,” these hip-hop artists made a mark on the industry and claimed a spot in the hearts of many artists today who strived to sound like those musicians.

Rock musicians take old

school back to the days of the Beatles, Rolling Stones, and Elvis Presley. Who hasn’t heard “Jailhouse Rock,” “(I Can’t Get No) Satisfaction” or “I Want To Hold Your Hand?” Legendary in their own right, these artists took the nation by storm while it rained screaming girls and wannabe rockers, leaving the nation thirsty for more.

Old school doesn’t end there. Remember the days of John Coltrane, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin, Otis Redding and Ray Charles? From jazz to soul, these inspirational singers stamped the music industry with talent and a new sound. We hear their names and music resonating with class, uniqueness and greatness.

A friend told me music becomes old school after 10 years. That’s true to a certain extent. With that time frame, ‘90s music gets put into the category of old school even though no one misses that era yet. Though old school gets cast as a generalization of music, I feel as though it needs to possess the power to last forever. Today’s music seems to leave a good feeling when it’s hot, but


after a few months it dies down. Old school, for me, lasts for generations. It transcends age.

Old school can’t be defined in a dictionary. It can’t be tied down. When my generation matures, settles with families and kids, our music can then be considered old school. Times change, music grows, and our idea of old school continues to walk along a path of undefined yet distinct tastes. I feel as though everyone holds their definition of old school differently. I am certain someone will argue for a different standpoint, but that’s the beauty of it. With the different opinions, the meanings behind “old school” seem endless.

Not a brand, a genre, or a classification, old-school music turns everyone’s head and ears. Old school is the best of music from years past that has led into a wave of intense musicianship. Old school is just another term for “classics.”

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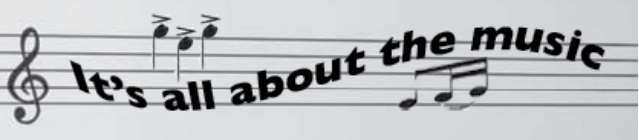


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‘Logos’ editors aim for relevant paper

By Tatiana Oben
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The *Logos* and its staff are looking forward to a promising new start this year.

New editor, Melissa Hernandez, and two assistant editors, Rachel Walsh and Maggie Callahan, are working as a team to bring new ideas to the table and a better school newspaper to the student body.

Last May, all three successfully interviewed for editorial positions with the Student Publications Advisory Board. One of the most visible changes to the paper is the masthead.

“The student body concerns broke to the surface and I took it upon myself to start implementing some of the changes we’ve already seen,” Hernandez said. “More are to come,” she said.

Hernandez, 20, was born in San Antonio and raised in Seguin, Texas. A junior communication arts major concentrating in journalism, Hernandez wrote

her first column for the newspaper the first semester of her freshman year. She became an assistant editor the spring of her freshman year and spent her sophomore year as one of two associate editors.

One of her goals as editor is to create a system that will continuously improve the newspaper’s function steadily for years to come.

“My hope for the *Logos* is to exceed expectations of the student body,” said Hernandez, who plans to attend graduate school in New York or Hawaii. “My goal for the *Logos* as a staff is to become a more concrete organization and improve communication.”

Walsh, a junior English major, volunteered to



APRIL LYNN DOWNING/LOGOS STAFF
Juniors Maggie Callahan, left, Melissa Hernandez and Rachel Walsh head the *Logos*.

write for the newspaper last year and decided to seek an editorial position last spring.

“I liked the idea of not just writing my own stories, but having input on the entire paper and doing that kind of behind-the-scenes work,” Walsh said.

Originally from Massachusetts, Walsh has been living in Texas for three

years. She said she and her colleagues want to print stories that directly relate to students’ lives and give information about opportunities available to them, such as upcoming events and major issues on campus.

Callahan, also a junior English major, is from Portland, Texas. She chose to attend UIW primarily because she wanted to

something that students and members of the UIW family could be proud of.

“The *Logos* staff is very united on where we are going and what we are trying to accomplish,” said Callahan, who plans to become a lawyer. “I know we want to incorporate students and to represent them to the best of our abilities, and I feel

continue running cross-country and track. After contributing some writing and photography to the newspaper her freshman year, she decided to apply for an editorial position.

Callahan, a former Student Government Association secretary, was on the SGA Executive Council and really wanted to get involved in improving the paper and making it

as though we’re definitely putting in the effort to improve the quality of the paper.

“I think that the *Logos* staff this semester has a lot to offer. I’m sincerely looking forward to seeing what we can produce and accomplish,” she said.

Hernandez feels the members of the new *Logos* staff are on the same page as far as improvements they’d like to see happen, and Walsh thinks the writers are enthusiastic and give the editors a lot of material to work with.

“I like to see an interest in the writing from the perspective of the reporter, an interest for the students to read and an organized, concise article ready for print,” Hernandez said.

Walsh said, “The purpose of the *Logos* is to connect the UIW community. It is there for everyone, so no one should hesitate to contact us with suggestions, comments, questions or to get involved.”

Ethics Club prepares for national debate

By Alice Ramirez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The Ethics Club’s debate team, which placed third in regional competition, has added another member for nationals after holding January tryouts.

The team, which will compete March 5 in Cincinnati, has added freshman Ryan Aguirre.

The tryouts in Bonilla Science Hall required competitors to elaborate on the subject, “Should churches be used as polling places?” Based on his or her conclusion, the presenter was expected to give a coherent argument in a clear and succinct manner, coincide with clarity and intelligibility criteria, in a time frame of two to five minutes.

Aguirre, as well as others who competed, were also judged on iden-

tification of ethical issue – for example, to clearly identify and thoroughly discuss the central ethical issue of this case. Lastly, another criteria, “deliberative thoughtfulness,” required the student to indicate, through the presentation, both awareness and thoughtful consideration of multiple viewpoints or factors that weigh in on the ethical issue.

Judges were Dr. Paul Lewis, a philosophy professor and a sponsor of the university’s Ethics Club, and Dr. Michael Forest, a business law professor. Club members present included President Emanuel Carrillo, Vice President Sonia Ramirez and Denise Hernandez, president of the Student Government Association.

“I am grateful to those students who participated

in the tryouts,” Carrillo said. “I am sure I speak for all the judges and team members when I say we were all very impressed by the effort and caliber of arguments demonstrated by each of the contestants.”

“The Ethics Club continues to draw some of the

most talented and impassioned students from the UIW community,” Lewis said. “The group exemplifies the vitality of the UIW Mission, brandishing intellect, conscience, research, and conviction against pressing questions of morality and justice in the world.”

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Dr. Paul Lewis, right, is one of the sponsors of the Ethics Club.



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Doina Iseanu makes an argument during an Ethics Club tryout.

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Fulbright forum

Several faculty members and graduate students from the University of the Incarnate Word, Shreiner University, Alamo Community College District and Our Lady of the Lake University hold an annual Fulbright Symposium.

UIW was the host for the fourth annual gathering.

The symposium is a "continuation response

to commitments written into two Fulbright Group Grant awards made to UIW in 2003," said Dr. Pat LeMay Burr, Distinguished Chair in International Business. She was project director on the grants, each of which afforded 15 faculty members a month's period of travel, study, and field research in China and in Mexico.



'Fun with Science – from Murmuration to Minutia and the Minute'



Phil Youngblood

Y a y ! President Obama gets to keep his "Blackberry." [Where would be these days without our handheld computers and communications devices and without applications like instant messaging, text messaging, e-mail, the Web, social networks and virtual environments?] Of course his unique device contains perhaps the best security software system on the planet. No doubt U.S. intelligence agencies left no vulnerability unchecked. Computer security is all about the details. After all, the "devil is in the details." [However, if you check on the details of that phrase you will find that it may originally have been "God is in the details"

– attributed to Gustave Faubert (1821-1880).]

The word "minutia," meaning tiny details, used to imply trivia or trifling. But in nearly every modern science, including computer science, some of the most important consequences are caused by the minutest of details. For example, the difference between the more common E3 allele (variant) of the OPOE gene (located from base pairs 50,100,878-50,104,489 on Chromosome 19) and the less common E4 allele is in codon 112 that makes E4 create the amino acid arginine instead of cysteine. Yet, because OPOE is intimately involved in the transport of triglycerides and lipoproteins (such as cholesterol) in your bloodstream, if you happen to have copies of E4 vice E3, you may be much more susceptible

to coronary disease and Alzheimer's. Likewise, the difference between a proton and a neutron in an atom (which makes all the difference in the world) is the isospin "flavor" of one quark (a proton contains two up quarks and one down quark and a neutron contains two down quarks and one up quark).

Quarks? Flavor? As scientists delve deeper into the miniature worlds that make up our macro world they must come up with names for newly discovered objects and their characteristics. This can make science even more fun, on top of the awesomeness of scientific discovery itself. Dreaming up fun names for things is not a new idea – some collective nouns for animal groups date back to the Renaissance. You may know that a group of lions is called a pride and a



group of geese is a gaggle, but have you heard of an exaltation of larks, a murmuration of starlings, an unkindness of ravens, a steal of magpies, a slither of snakes, a scourge of mosquitoes, or a blessing of unicorns (try that last one on in a trivia game)? In computer science we are almost all familiar with the names "Google" (also a verb) and "Yahoo." [The name "google" was invented in 1997 by then Stanford University doctoral students Larry Page and Sergey Brin as they

were discussing names that could refer to indexing immense amounts of data – "googol" is the number 10 to the 100th power. "Yahoo" was also invented by Stanford doctoral students - Jerry Yang and David Filo.] Fun names also exist in genetics and particle physics (the discoveries of which, by the way, owe much to computer technology – after all, this column is about "computers in your life"). The "quark" was named by physicist Murray Gell-Mann from

a passage in the book "Finnegans Wake" by James Joyce. Quarks possess characteristics called "flavors" – besides "up" and "down," others "charm" and "strange." And in genetics, the 20-25,000 human genes must be named, as do the genes of other animals and plants (and things in between). For example, one gene among many responsible for embryo development is named Sonic Hedgehog! [I hope I am not getting so old that I must explain that reference...]

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Japan America Society of San Antonio (JASSA)
members wrote students' names in Japanese
calligraphy.



Students were able to try on traditional
costumes from Korea, China, Japan and India.



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