

Sodexo at odds on Project Africa fund-raiser

By Rachel Walsh
LOGOS ASSISTANT EDITOR

Nearly 1,000 University of the Incarnate Word students, staff and faculty say they're willing to donate \$8 from their Sodexo meal plan to help build a school in Africa.

However, Sodexo General Manager Tony

Allen told the Logos he was "not interested" in commenting on the situation or discussing why the two groups seem to have reached an impasse.

Project Africa founder Cisse Drame, a psychology major with roots in Mali, Africa, said she first proposed the idea last

April but has met with resistance. So she started a petition and has collected a growing list of names.

The group, which is trying to raise \$35,000 to build a Mali school where an estimated 90 percent of the population is illiterate, has \$8,000 in hand, primarily through student

donations. The organization operates through BuildOn, a national non-profit organization based in Chicago.

Sodexo "has consistently avoided dialogue," Drame said. "It's time for

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Cisse Drame



A University of the Incarnate Word student crosses Broadway and Burr when traffic on all sides has to stop for a four-way light.

Broadway-Burr gets four-way 'stop' light

By Teresa Velasco
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Thanks to a suggestion from the University of the Incarnate Word, the City of San Antonio has changed the pedestrian crosswalk at Broadway and Burr Road to an all four-way stop light.

Pedestrians have a full 20-second sequence to cross while traffic is stopped four ways.

UIW Campus Police had proposed a 30-second sequence, said Lou Fox, special assistant to UIW President Lou Agnese Jr., said. However, the intersection remains under a 90-day study the city is conducting at UIW's request.

"After we had done an analysis of the accidents and the problems we were having

I made a contact to the city to their traffic and engineering department and they got back to me saying that they were going to come out and do a study," Fox said.

The study is measuring traffic and motorists' speed, Fox added.

The action came about when two UIW students were struck in November at the intersection by the driver of an SUV who was turning into the sun, according to officials. The accident was the latest in a series that have plagued the intersection for years.

"It is an extremely busy area and we got quite a few complaints from our students, as well as the administrators and faculty who walk or park across

the street, that were saying how busy of an intersection it was and that the cars that do not yield to allow pedestrians the right of way," UIW Campus Police Capt. Jacob Colunga said.

UIW officials will continue to look at other safety measures at the intersection such as putting up a sign for no right turns on red for pedestrians who still might be in the process of crossing.

As for now, sophomore education major Adriana Garcia said she's comforted by the light switch.

"I cross that crosswalk every day and I love the new four-way stop light," Garcia said. "It is much safer now. Even though the drivers are still bad it is 100 percent better."

Survey could mean money for students

By Blanca Morales
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This month, the National Survey of Student Engagement began making its way into the Cardinal e-mail accounts of randomly selected seniors and freshmen.

Those who reply have a shot at earning gift cards valued at \$100 to \$500, said Dr. Stephen Wilson, assistant to the provost.

Wilson said the Assessment Committee will give selected students a chance to win one \$500 American Express gift card, two \$250 cards, or 10 gift cards worth \$100 each just for participating in the survey. The raffle will take place after the NSSE sends its last survey invitation this May.

So do not toss the NSSE invite in your virtual trash. Give a bit of your time and perhaps you'll be one of the lucky 12 that wins some spare cash just in time for the summer break.

The survey is a dependable and relatively simple instrument for UIW and its Assessment Committee, headed by Wilson, to measure numerous facets of undergraduates' college experience at UIW. Ultimately, the results of the survey will help the committee evaluate UIW's overall educational success.

The survey is concise and takes only a few minutes to complete. It takes random samples of UIW's student population and distributes survey invites to those selected. The survey questions students about their activities inside and outside the classroom, the quality of their relationships with fellow students and UIW's faculty, how they feel UIW has contributed to their development, and other educationally meaningful observations.

"UIW will use the information to make improvements in processes, as well as comparing our levels of student engagement with similar universities," Wilson said. "The NSSE survey is an important part of our institutional effectiveness programs."

Job fair looks to be bigger, better

By Taina Maya
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

It's being predicted that 2010 will take a turn for the better for those in need of a job – and the University of the Incarnate Word's annual spring job fair is holding up to that standard.

The Office of Career Services is holding the job fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 4, in Rosenberg SkyRoom on the fifth floor of the McCombs Building.

Career Services Director Connie Kuwamoto said the SkyRoom's professional atmosphere and ambiance should make this

job fair bigger than ever with anywhere from 60 to 90 employers expected.

"We really went the extra mile and did our research," Kuwamoto said. "We looked at a variety of employers and invited around 3,500 from around the United States. We wanted to offer a broader scale of employers for our students."

And Career Services wrote personal letters about the job fair to some of the top 50 companies to work based on a listing the *San Antonio Express-News* published earlier this year.

Previously, prospective employers paid a registration fee, but they're not being charged so this year so that should increase the number of companies coming.

"Along with (Student Success) Dean Sandy McMakin and myself we decided not to charge vendors because we want to get job opportunities in front of students especially in this economy," Kuwamoto said. "But the bigger reason why we decided not to charge is because we are seriously trying to get our students to let employers know how awesome our kids are. We are honored that they (employers) come to our campus."

To help students get to the fair, Career Services is providing shuttle service to and from McCombs from other parts of the campus. The extended time slot for the fair is for students to be able to attend around their class schedules and to heighten student involvement, she pointed out.

To prepare students for the event, Career Services is holding "Thank God It's Friday" of TGIF sessions this month from 1 to 5 p.m., focusing on topics such as resumes, interviewing and selling themselves.

Career Services also made an offer to faculty to sign up to register and bring their classes to the event and in exchange they would receive a stipend and an educational packet that will let the faculty know of the latest technology in career services.

Students should come prepared to the fair with plenty of copies of their resume – at least 10 – be dressed for success and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews.

Communication arts senior Sara Aragon of El Paso said she

was glad to hear that some of the companies already registered for the fair include News 4 WOAI, KSAT 12, Fox 29 & My 35 along with Calliope Talent, Model, and Artist Management because of the new campus TV station, UIWtv.

"It's very helpful for them to come over here especially since we just got the television station and we need all the connections and exposure available to us," Aragon said.

Communication arts senior Jaclyn Garcia Suarez also plans to check the job fair out.

"A job fair is a great opportunity for students seeking employment, it gives them the opportunity to market themselves to more companies at a time," Suarez said.



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Incarnate Word Day set

By Katrina Torres
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

A three-day celebration for Incarnate Word Day is set March 23-25.

The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, also known as Incarnate

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Blog Tips

Word

Have you heard the news?

compiled by April Lynn Downing, managing editor

State of Haiti

Since the 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Jan. 12 the capital city has been in a terrible state. The island nation was hurting before the earthquake and now the world continues to come together to aid those in need, including UIW's own Greek organizations and ministries. Hundreds of thousands of Haitian people are still homeless.

To send disaster relief kits to Haiti, visit <http://www.npowishlist.com/?mid=1997>.

Prisoners at Bay

At the beginning of President Barack Obama's first year in office he declared he would close the Guantanamo prison, known for torturous acts against labeled terrorists, within a year. The prison is still open. Perhaps progress can be made, however, as 80 Guantanamo prisoners will actually face trials on U.S. soil. The rest of Obama's plan to close the prison includes: 47 detainees to be imprisoned indefinitely; 17 Yemenis are to be held for a time longer (not to be part of the 80 in trials); and about 110 prisoners will be transported to other countries.

Code Orange

National Intelligence: 'Expect terrorist attack'

Director of National Intelligence Dennis C. Blair, and other intelligence officials, say to expect a "certain" terrorist attack within the next six months. As al-Qaeda affiliate groups in countries such as Yemen and Somalia find safer places to meet, the threat of terrorist attacks has become a certainty.

'...from Osama to Obama...'

Osama bin Laden airs an audio confession, specifically addressing President Obama, regarding the failed airliner attack on Christmas Day. Bin Laden also threatened future attacks on America until Palestine was just as secure, "... from Osama to Obama ... America will never dream of security unless we will have it in reality in Palestine." Direct connections have been made between bin




Laden and some of the Yemen al-Qaeda group members behind the airliner plot. However, White House officials are unsure if bin Laden and this group have had any direct contact recently. Investigators speculate bin Laden merely wishes to stay on radar and a threat to Americans but may not have actually had much influence on the Christmas Day attack.

Iran launches rocket, holiday

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced and celebrated a new national holiday, Space Technology Day, by launching a rocket with several types of animals (turtles, worms, and a mouse) in to space. This concerns U.S. officials because rockets can be altered into long-range missiles. Ahmadinejad also showed several satellites the nation plans to send into orbit. "This is a sign of bigger achievements to come," Ahmadinejad said. See a video of the rocket launch on www.washingtonpost.com.



Corp. can support political campaigns

On Jan. 21, the Supreme Court changed a ruling of 63 years concerning corporation spending on political campaigns. In the 5-4 decision, corporations can now spend an unlimited amount on advertisements for any politician they wish to support. This means the Average Joe will have an even more difficult time finding political standing against an opponent who knows CEOs and has whole corporations on his/her side. Have we just lost the true American way to an elite political system?



Move to change 'Don't ask, Don't tell'

Regarding "don't ask, don't tell": Colin Powell, formerly chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a former Secretary of State, stated in a Feb. 3 interview that the policy should be repealed. Powell fully supported the policy when it was legislated in 1993. "Attitudes and circumstances have changed," Powell said. "If the chiefs and commanders are comfortable with moving to change the policy, then I support it."



Project Africa

students have to say. Give us the right to choose what to do with our own money."

Seven Project Africa members, as well as their faculty adviser, Dr. John Velasquez, attended the Food Services Committee meeting Monday, Feb. 8, to state their case. Project Africa member Zach Knight said the group "wanted to show you (Sodexo) we're serious" and said if each student at UIW donated \$5, the organization would surpass its goal.

Students have already paid for meal plans, so it should not be difficult for them to allot \$8 from the plan for Project Africa. Velasquez emphasized students would be able to feel personally involved with the organization's cause and said the idea "covers all the bases."

"I don't think you guys have fully thought it through," Allen said, citing the technical challenges of diverting funds from meal plans.

Dr. Renee Moore, dean of Campus Life and chair of the Food Services Committee, said Project Africa's "endeavor is admirable" and a "negotiable issue," but cautioned the group that more discussion would be necessary. She offered to set up meetings for Sodexo and Project Africa to talk further.

"I think we can negotiate something," Drame said.

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Incarnate Word Day

Word Day, honors the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word's feast day; when they would pay tribute to the Word of God becoming flesh.

The annual celebration commemorates the faithful journey the three Sisters of Charity began more than 140 years ago to San Antonio where they laid the foundation for medical - Christus Santa Rosa Hospital - and educational outreach, the University of the Incarnate Word.

Activities planned with details to be announced later include a


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Drawing for \$100 gift cards will take place for completed student surveys following the job fair.



Spring into 2010 with a new fashion



By Maureen Johnson
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

A new decade among us means new trends to help satisfy appetites for a fresh beginning.

College is both a trivial and exciting time in a person's life. It's where one develops a career track and dabbles in self-discovery. Maybe you've slacked off the last couple of semesters, or made a mistake you've been holding a grudge to. Stop. Dwelling on the past won't get you anywhere. Reinvent yourself inside and out. A new year, a new you!

With that said, top trends for spring include feminine styles such as ruffles and frills. Prints, to mix and match, head to toe! And the color white, a perfect symbol for starting off with a clean slate. Plus, do a little accessory overkill. Pile on the necklaces and bracelets. The more the trendier! And denim! Rock the boyfriend look, with an oversized button-down shirt. As for shoes, there are a lot of options to consider for spring but the wedge is at the top of the trend list.



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UIW studies medical tourism

By Rachel Walsh
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As debates over health care continue to rage across the nation, the relatively new phenomenon of medical tourism, now a multibillion-dollar industry continues to spread internationally.

The University of the Incarnate Word is leading the way in medical tourism research. The newly established Center for Medical Tourism Research, housed in the H-E-B School of Business and Administration, is considered the "leading research center in the world," said Dr. David Vequist, a business professor who is the founder and director of the center.

Vequist defines medical tourism as an "outsourcing" of health care. People are increasingly going abroad for health care, predominantly to save money – in many cases, having a procedure done outside the United States costs half as much as it would to have it done in the States.

Although the United States has the largest market and highest spending rates of any industrialized country in the area of health care, the biggest market for medical tourism is Europe. People who live in countries such as Britain, France or Germany can relatively easily go to places such as Turkey, Eastern Europe or Asia, where it may be easier and faster to acquire medical services.

In countries with socialized medicine, such as Canada, people often have to wait long periods of time for medical services, sometimes six months to a year for serious procedures, which contributes to the increasing popularity of medical tourism. An MRI, for example, could involve waiting for months in Canada, but can be done in one day in Poland, Vequist said.

Another reason people go abroad for health care is to receive procedures that are unavailable in their own countries. For example, hip resurfacing, a less-invasive alternative to traditional hip replacement surgery which requires less rehabilitation, is common in Europe but not approved in the United States. Similarly, stem cell cancer treatments are still controversial in the United States but practiced in places such as Turkey.

The trend of medical tourism also can have negative implications, which the UIW center investigates in the interest



Dr. David Vequist researches medical tourism in the H-E-B business school.

of social justice. In India, a common destination for Americans seeking health care, many people live in poverty and do not have access to health care, regularly dying as a result, so there is some concern about tourists having priority in receiving medical services.

Serious ethical violations already have occurred in the area of organ donation. Because the demand for organs outpaces the supply, they are very expensive, and residents of poverty-stricken areas have fallen victim to people who buy organs such as kidneys in order to make a profit. Since medical tourism leads to increased demand, there is the potential for this kind of exploitation to become more common.

Another example of exploitation is surrogacy tourism, which involves Americans going to countries such as El Salvador in order to find women to act as surrogate mothers, avoiding the legal technicalities and expenses which come with hiring surrogate mothers in the United States. Vequist considers it part of the UIW center's work to expose and counteract such corrupt practices.

Not all medical tourism occurs on an international basis. A movement toward interstate medical tourism also has been growing. People are increasingly opting to go to large cities with more competition and more tourism opportunities for

medical care or shopping around for the best deal. For example, health care in Texas is less expensive due to tort reform, so an increasing number of people from New York, Los Angeles and other places with higher costs are choosing hospitals in Texas cities such as Houston and Dallas.

Because "health care is becoming more consumer-oriented," as Vequist says, health-care providers are making more efforts to attract patients as customers. Some hospitals have begun offering yoga. Other facilities, such as Elite Medical Center and Spa in Stone Oak, are established as a

convergence of spas, hospitals and hotels in order to make health care more complete and more enjoyable.

Vequist has been at UIW for eight years and was previously an executive at Methodist Health Care. He first researched medical tourism for a conference and decided to continue because there had been very little academic research done up to that point. Since then, he has been published in the magazine produced by the Medical Tourism Association, as well as several academic journals. He also has been invited to the World Health Care Congress, a prestigious health care conference and think tank in Washington, D.C. Vequist also has presented in Los Angeles, San Francisco, the Philippines and Mexico and has a trip to Turkey planned.

Vequist considers UIW a perfect location for the research center because it has a strong international focus, with 10 percent of the student population from outside the United States and 93 sister schools worldwide, as well as an affiliation with health care. The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word founded Christus Santa Rosa Hospital and also run a facility in Mexico which has been a location for medical tourism.

Vequist described the research center as

a "very prestigious" honor for UIW. He is currently the only full-time researcher at the center, but other faculty members, especially from the School of Nursing and Health Professions, and a few graduate students have assisted with research and presentations. Vequist would like to increase student involvement and is teaching a class on medical tourism this spring.

He said the research center could have been located at any major research university in the world, so having it at UIW is a "very prestigious honor" which could help raise UIW's profile as a research institution.

The first medical tourism research conference was held in late January at Marriott Courtyard Riverwalk Hotel.

The conference focused on the impact of globalized health care, especially the ways in which medical tourism has and will continue to challenge the traditional health care system. Some of the issues addressed included the origins of and driving forces behind medical tourism; the legal, ethical and operational problems which have the potential to develop as a result of increased globalization; evaluation and accreditation concerns; and marketing.

Speakers included representatives from the University of Texas, London School of Economics, McGill University, Boston University, Southern Methodist University and others. Vequist was the final keynote speaker.

"It is quite an honor for the UIW community and the City of San Antonio to have an opportunity to host this very distinguished group of thought leaders in what is arguably the fastest-growing industry in the world," Vequist said. "The Center for Medical Tourism Research is very proud to have been involved in this landmark event and now we need to continue to push for more research and intellectual conversation on this controversial and fascinating trend."

Career Fair

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Psychology Colloquium features Baylor researcher

A Baylor University psychology professor who directs two programs at the campus in Waco, Texas, will be the keynote speaker Feb. 19 at the annual Psychology Research Colloquium.

"Discovering the Potential of Clinical Hypnosis through Research" is the theme of Dr. Gary R. Elkins' presentation at 9 a.m. in J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library Auditorium.

Elkins' speech will be followed by presentations from

current McNair Scholars and alumni in the colloquium which lasts until noon.

Elkins directs Baylor's doctoral program in clinical psychology in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience as well as the Mind-Body Medicine Research Laboratory.

Elkins, whose areas of research are hypnosis and mind-body interventions in behavioral medicine, holds a bachelor's degree from Henderson State

University in Arkadelphia, Ark., and doctoral degree from Texas A&M University in College Station.

Elkins has served as chair of the oral examination for licensure of psychologists, is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology in Clinical Health Psychology, a member of the Texas Psychological Association, Society of Behavioral Medi-

cine, and Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis.

Following Elkins, presentations will come from Anna Marie Evans, "Does Happiness Predict Academic Success?"; Carmen Sarah Gauna, "Relationship of Spirituality and Religiosity to Longevity in Older Latino Adults"; Bianca Velasquez, Megan Ortiz, Desiree Cervantes, Josephine Martinez and Jenna Chagoya, "Battling Spiritual Demons and Violent Trauma

with Prolonged Exposure Therapy: A Case Study"; and alumni Cindy Rojas and Zifa Guerrero, "Schizophrenia Research at UT Health Sciences Center-San Antonio."



Dr. Gary Elkins

Extended Run Players set benefit production

By Ana Clarissa Rodriguez
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The Department of Theatre Arts will benefit from the March 5-7 presentation of "Without Apologies," a two-act comedy the Extended Run Players will stage in readers' theatre.

Curtains will rise on the play by Thom Thomas at 7 p.m. March 5-6 and 2 p.m. March 7 at Cheever Downstage II Theater.

Theatre director Germain Corbin already has her group of experienced

senior thespians hard at work practicing three days a week at the Village at Incarnate Word. Since 1997, the Players have donated 100 percent of the profits from its productions to an Endowed Scholarship for Theatre Arts majors. In turn, UIW's Theatre Arts Department supports the group with funding, facilities, and faculty/student staff for on-campus productions.

"Without Apologies" is billed as a charmingly

stylish sequel to "The Importance of Being Earnest" which fills the audience in on the lives of four main characters: Gwendolyn, Cecily, Jack and Algernon in 1933. Gwendolyn and Algernon are married and have been living the life of a content, middle-class couple in London for the past 34 years. Out of the blue, Gwendolyn receives a letter from Cecily informing her that she and Jack, who is referred to as Ernie in the play, plan on paying them

a visit very soon. However, in all this time Gwendolyn and Algernon have had no desire to see Cecily or Jack due to their former crossed love connections with one another.

So the big question is why after all these years would Cecily and Jack want to see them? This mysterious question sets the tone for the entire play, and successfully manages to spark a feeling of tension and curiosity between the characters.

Pimp - my - library

Library seeks students' opinions on re-design

J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library officials are seeking students' opinions on interior design plans developed for possible space use and improvements in the facility.

The students' designs are displayed in the library's reference room for public viewing.

The plans were developed last fall after six interior design majors were given the opportunity to develop interior redesign plans for existing space in the library, a spokesperson for the library said.

"Students were asked to design spaces in the library for study and group work. The students conducted research on current trends in academic libraries, they visited academic libraries and observed student behavior in our own library."

In the students' report, they found: "the furniture arrangement, undefined zones, and the overall function of the space needs to be addressed in the various divisions of the library. By updating the furniture and incorporating current trends in library design and equipment the space should appeal to today's student."



All UIW students, staff members, and faculty may receive one complimentary ticket by showing ID. Otherwise, adult tickets are \$10, seniors are \$9, and non-UIW students cost \$8. Tickets for the production will be sold in The UIW Theatre Box Office; for ticket availability and reservation information, call (210) 829-3800.



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Biology instructor Ben McPherson helps out in the Headwaters area bordering the University of the Incarnate Word. For McPherson, who won an ecological stewardship award last year, the area is an outdoor lab for students.

Beyond the Blue Hole

Sisters of Charity's Headwaters Coalition goes global

By Rachel Cywinski
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The changes in governance of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word of San Antonio (CCVI) have coalesced with the expansion of the CCVI Headwaters Project to everywhere there is a CCVI presence.

Far beyond the boundaries of the Headwaters Preserve incident to the University of the Incarnate Word's campus, this environmental ministry of the university's founders is reaching out to reinvigorate "earth spirituality" and "the connection between people and the creation," said Helen Ballew, who recently succeeded Lacey Halstead as executive director of the Headwaters Coalition.

Ballew is no stranger to melding the spiritual and physical aspects of environmental concerns. While attending public high school in Houston, Ballew felt a strong calling to work as a conservationist. She selected Middlebury College in Vermont because of its renowned environmental ethic, and completed a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in biology.

Seeking a global perspective in graduate school, she selected Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Science and completed a Master of Environmental Science degree.

Ballew first worked for the Texas Nature Conservancy, and then the Hill Country Foundation. She also served as a trustee for several environmental organizations.

Last fall when Halstead announced she would be leaving the Headwaters Coalition and asked for help in locating potential applicants, several of Ballew's friends forwarded the message to her. Ballew had just completed 12 years of

volunteer work, primarily at Bonham Academy where her children attended school, and was seeking full-time employment. She assumed the directorship shortly before the CCVI annual conference, which was held in Mexico City. There Ballew forged commitments between CCVI members across the globe.

Ballew is drawing upon many of the creative activities she developed at her children's school to help Sisters of Charity teaching children in Peru develop a science education curriculum

to engage children in activities connected to nature.

While continuing the Headwaters Sanctuary ecological restoration and the regularly scheduled workdays which have developed over the past two years, Ballew is laying the foundation for a community coalition to deal with the practical matters and community awareness of global environmental responsibilities.

"The Headwaters Project was a reflection of their [CCVI] mission relating to earth care and earth stewardship," Ballew said. "Earth spirituality is something that the Sisters all feel very strongly. With the restoration project, we're finding ways to talk about it. They understand intimately the connection between people and the Creation. In this job I'm drawing upon a lot of personal and professional experience in ecological restoration, but I'm also drawing upon the spiritual aspect, a deep emotional connection.

"The earth is in crisis largely because we've abused it. We still depend on earth for survival; we just don't act like it. The Sisters are here because of the cholera which resulted from abuse of the San Antonio River as sanitation.



Headwaters Coalition's Helen Ballew

I saw the Headwaters Coalition as a part of the bigger vision the Sisters are embracing in regard to the environment. Having a nature preserve here on this really sacred land is symbolic of what needs to happen at other places. It's time we right our relationship with nature and the earth, and the Sisters have staked this place out to do that."

Ballew and her family have committed to this global environmental vision in other ways. Her husband, David Ribble, a biology professor at Trinity University, has taken research sabbaticals during which their children attended school in Mexico and became fluent in Spanish. During the 2010-2011 school year, the family will live in Cuernavaca while Ribble studies volcano mice. Before going to Cuen-

avaca, Ballew plans to develop collaborations for ecological restoration, education and publications. She is seeking faculty and staff who would like to be directly involved with the Headwaters Project either personally or by facilitating participation by university students.

Practical needs of the sanctuary include development of infrastructure such as signage, solar composting toilets, management of aggressive invasive plant species, and the addition and maintenance of foot trails. Raising funds for these efforts is a major effort. A third-year architectural design studio of University of Texas at San Antonio students is completing its proposal for a pavilion. An environmental policy and law class from Our Lady of the Lake University is developing an attitudinal survey instrument to raise awareness of litter in special places such as UIW's campus. The UIW Biology Department is setting up two, 1-acre test plots. On one plot, all non-native plants species will be removed; it will be monitored to determine whether native plants will grow when the others are removed. The other plot will

feature native plantings as non-native species are removed. The goal is to determine what will be needed to "restore ecological integrity," Ballew said.

As a service-learning project, Trinity students are removing soil which had been dumped into the Little Blue Hole in Olmos Basin. The Little Blue Hole, the Blue Hole traditional symbolic headwaters, and thousands of springs on this campus, within the CCVI Headwaters Preserve, on the Episcopal Archdiocese of West Texas property to the north, and in residential yards in adjacent Alamo Heights and Olmos Park, are together the actual headwaters of the San Antonio River. Due to reliance on the underground aquifer as a municipal water source and associated removal of water, the water level is rarely high enough to cause most of the springs to flow except after an exceptional rain event.

The biggest question remains, Ballew said: "What to do with the Blue Hole? What do we want to do with the Blue Hole and its role as symbolic headwaters and the river and its 13,000-plus (years of) history of human habitation?"



Students can earn community service hours assisting at regularly scheduled workdays in the Headwaters area.

Change in a different direction



By Rachel Walsh
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Someone who once posed naked in Cosmopolitan has been elected to the U.S. Senate.

This would be cause for concern in any circumstances, but it is especially worrisome because Scott Brown is inheriting the Massachusetts seat formerly occupied by the senator widely regarded as the greatest legislator of all time – Sen. Ted Kennedy, a steadfast Democrat.

Brown, is not only a Republican, but he also conducted his campaign from his pickup truck and portrayed himself as a supporter of the conservative Tea Party movement. So how did he win over the traditionally liberal people in my home state?

Experts are saying it may all boil down to the contentious issue of health care reform. At the time President Barack Obama took office, a supermajority came together in the Senate – 58 Democrats and two independents, who traditionally vote Democrat, compared to 40 Republicans. Those 60 votes prevented the Republicans from

blocking the bill with a filibuster. With only 59 votes in favor of the legislation, the future of health care reform is in jeopardy.

Ironically, Massachusetts has had near-universal health insurance coverage since 2006, when the state Senate passed a bill mandating reform. Guess who was one of the senators to vote in favor of passing this bill? Scott Brown. Interesting.

The most plausible explanation as to why Massachusetts residents would now vote for the candidate against health care reform is they are concerned about taxes. Rumors about increased taxes have fueled resistance to health care reform nationwide. Since Massachusetts residents already pay some of the highest taxes in the country, they may be worried about the possibility of paying even more for something they already have. By electing the Senate's 41st Republican, Massachusetts voters very well may have ended Kennedy's dream of national universal health care, the cause he advocated from the 1960s until his death. A friend of the Kennedy family told the New York Times, "The notion that health reform might die because Teddy died is very hard to deal with." I'm sure the millions of Americans who do not have access to health care would agree.

Other explanations for Brown's victory have surfaced as well. Many

political analysts have said Democratic candidate Martha Coakley, attorney general of Massachusetts, did not exactly run an exemplary campaign. She apparently thought it would be an easy win until mere weeks before the election, as did most Democrats. When a Suffolk University poll initially showed Brown in the lead, no one paid much attention, but as other polls kept coming up with the same findings, Coakley and her supporters started to worry.

As the election grew closer, prominent Democrats such as Victoria Kennedy (Ted Kennedy's widow), former President Bill Clinton and even Obama pitched in with Coakley's campaign. Obviously, star power does not always work. Brown's big celebrity attraction was former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

So was it anger about the health care mess? Did too many independents (who outnumber both Democrats and Republicans) vote conservative? Was it because Coakley called Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling a Yankees fan? We'll never know exactly why Brown won, but as former governor Mitt Romney – another Republican who won a Massachusetts election – said, "This really does change everything, you know that?"

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'Computer Literacy 101

More than just what to click



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You might think "literacy" would be a simple term to define. Not so. In fact, to be literate about literacy requires you to recognize the meaning of the term is evolving.

Only in its earliest usage did it just mean reading and writing.

Literacy can also be contextual, as in biblical, scientific, health or computer literacy. Then there is the degree to which you are literate, as in distinguishing between the functionally literate and illiterate.

The U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) defines literacy as being able to "identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate, compute[!] and use printed and written materials associated with varying contexts. Literacy involves a continuum of learning in enabling individuals to achieve their goals, to develop their knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in their community and wider society" [from a June 2003 meeting of international experts]. A UNESCO position paper in 2004 describes the plurality of literacy as "rather than seeing literacy as only a generic set of technical skills, it looks at the social dimensions of acquiring and applying literacy." It is in this greater context that I speak when I talk about "computer literacy."

Computer literacy means more than just what to click when – that is the description of "computer competency." Being competent with computer hardware and software and being able to use it effectively, is important. But it is equally important to know why you are using the computer or a particular piece of software, what it contributes to the organization for which you are working, what compromises you are making by using it, and what impact its use has on our society and others worldwide.

Many young people who grew up in the midst of computer technology

find using it as natural as breathing, but the very fact they are immersed in it, and often the very fact they are young, means they may find it difficult to "see the forest for the trees." Persons who did not grow up with, or have not later embraced computer technology, may understand better the compromises we make by using it but may be less likely to understand its benefits.

On the other hand, neither group may fully understand how we have gotten where we are or appreciate just how fast things are changing or where use of these technologies may be leading us. In fact, things are changing so fast now there is a sub-generational "digital gap" and traditional college-aged students are not on the leading edge of some technologies. It is also interesting that innovative use of computer technology is not always the domain of the young because older people generally have more life experience and a broader view of life and are able to see how computer technology can address situations or opportunities in new ways.

It is my business and my obligation to UIW's students not only to understand how computer technologies work, but to recognize and to share about their impact on society and the world. I also must conduct research to be able to spot upcoming technologies and trends which I must also share with our students because they will be working with them when they graduate, which will then trickle down to general society, including here at UIW.

One advantage I have over our students is 40-plus years of experience working with computers. Computer technology is too important for any of us to be computer illiterate, so, starting with this article, I am writing a series on "computer literacy" in its broader sense that I hope you will find interesting and useful.

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UIW.edu -- a follow-up



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Oh, hello UIW homepage. Don't mind me, I just need to check the blandest-looking website ever, Bannerweb.

By the looks of things, you still haven't changed much from the last time we met. Oh, but look here.

UIW.edu, do my eyes deceive me? Underneath this big gray, boring-looking bar on the main page, there's a link asking me to take a web redesign survey.

Are you asking me, and the entire

student body, to help give you a makeover?

UIW.edu, I need to confront you about something. I've heard, perhaps through an official meeting I attended Nov. 1 in the Tilton Room last semester, that you may use the University of Alabama and Southern Methodist University as an inspiration for a complete web redesign that will take effect this year. These are hot schools with hot websites. I don't blame you.

I've also heard you're thinking about incorporating Twitter, Facebook and other social media tools in the new website. You would also like a mobile version of UIW.edu, complete with iPhone applications and mobile Blackboard access. Sexy.

You're pretty ambitious UIW.edu. It seems you want to make 2010 your year. Good for you.

Listen UIW.edu, a word of warn-

ing though. You shouldn't just ask just anyone around here for redesign tips, OK? I mean, have you looked around campus?

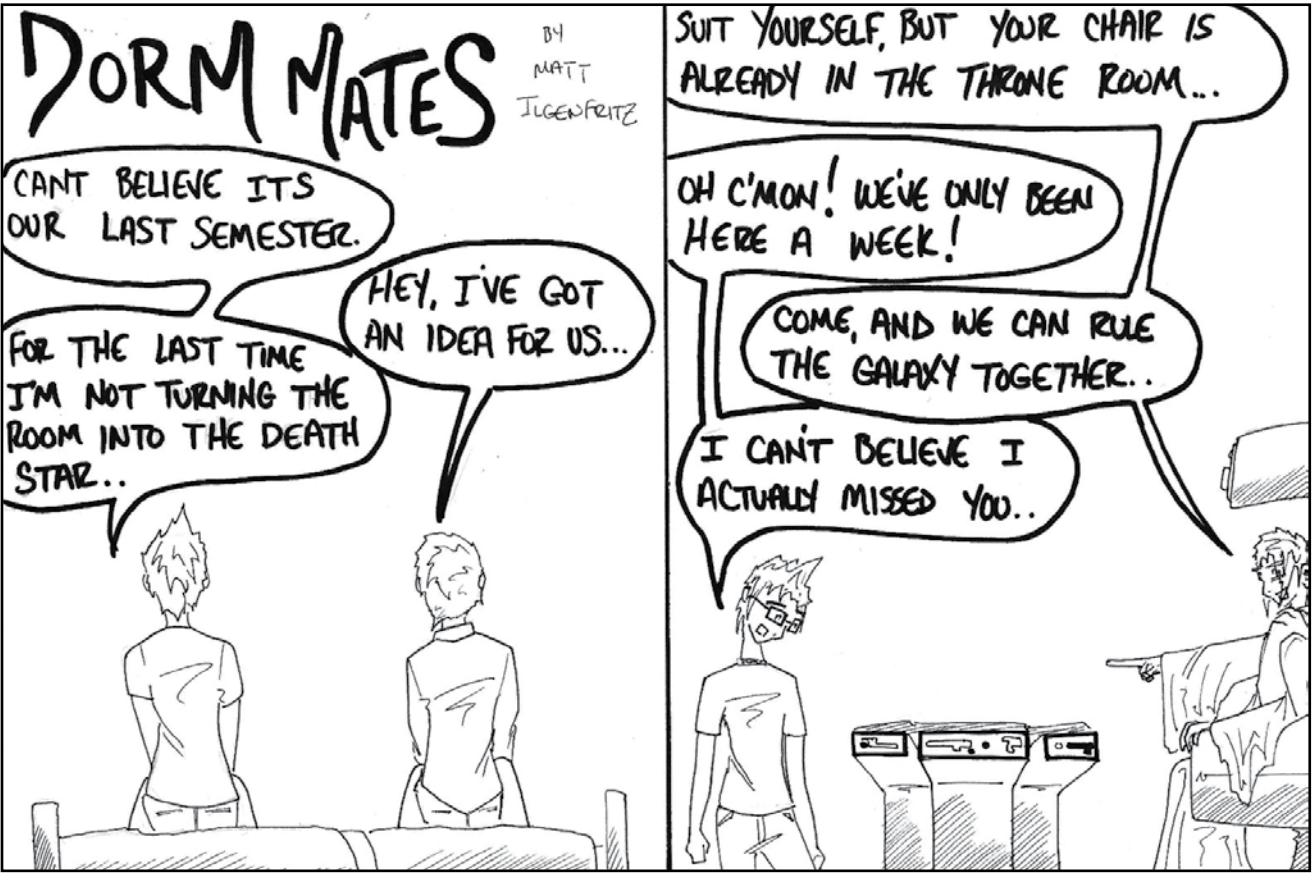
I've seen people around here proudly sashay with socks and sandals on, wearing basketball shorts and wearing official UIW T-shirts every day of the week – sometimes in the winter. Not that there is anything wrong with that.

I appreciate you asking the entire student body for advice though. Very democratic of you. Oh, what's that?

To confront the parking issue UIW has had for years, you would like to install webcams all around the parking areas so students who access the mobile version can see which parking spaces are available in real time?

Oh, you were only kidding.

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Reactions to the paper

‘Good job’ on graphic

To whoever’s idea it was to feature the article, “Pedestrian peril,” and the photos as the first story on the front page: good job!

The photo and article both really caught my attention and persuaded me to pick up the December 2009 issue of the Logos.

The gory image also persuaded my friends to pick up the newspaper and read it. As

bad as it may seem, the gore in the photo really caught the attention of many of the students on campus; I actually witnessed a lot more students reading the paper.

I feel more attention-getters like “Pedestrian peril” should be featured on the front page.

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This is a reproduction of the photo illustration done by Nick Baker, last fall’s Logos photo editor, for the front page of the December 2009 issue. The illustration accompanied an article titled ‘Pedestrian Peril: Broadway-Burr crosswalk gets special attention’ to articulate the severity of the dangerous intersection. A disclaimer told readers the photo was staged.

‘Disappointed’ with front-page image

I am a fellow student and reader of the UIW Logos newspaper. I was more than a little disappointed with the most recent issue’s front-page photo.

When I say that I was a little disappointed, what I really mean to say is that I was disgusted, saddened, and felt a sort of gut-wrenching-type feeling when I saw that picture. I have read the disclaimer, but I feel that a photo of that sort does not belong in the hearts and minds of students – let alone on the front page of the school newspaper.

Whoever approved this photo must not even of tried to understand the impact it could cause, not only for students, but also those who were involved in those accidents. Did whoever approved this photo think about the families of those who were in the accidents? Did they think about the friends and fellow students? I would like to think they did, but it is obvious they did

not. I am not sure if the photo was meant to be comical or not, but it surely is very gruesome. Everyone I have spoken to – students and staff alike – have all agreed that the photo took it way too far – “crossing the line” if you will.

I am not seeking an apology from the head editor or the author of the column. I am not asking that the Logos be recalled. I am asking that those who create these topics and those who publish them take the time to realize just what they are approving and the consequences (good or bad) that will come of it. I want them to really look at this photo and put themselves in someone else’s shoes for a moment, and try to imitate how they would feel if a loved one of theirs had been in an accident, or even a neighbor or classmate. Would you like to see something like that?

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This picture is worth 1,000 words

From the Editor’s Desk:

By Melissa Hernandez
LOGOS EDITOR



Pressing issues don’t usually present themselves for easy visual representation other than millions of tiny black words on thin gray paper.

Finding the right image takes up at least a thousand of those words. Not only does it emit words of its own, hidden in the blend of colors, if it’s good, the image brings to voice words of those

who see it.

In November 2009, two girls were hit by a car as they crossed the intersection of Broadway and Burr. This wasn’t the first time lives were put at risk crossing this exact street and, this time, it attracted concern. (See “Pedestrian Peril” in the December 2009 issue of the Logos for the full story and Page 1 this issue for an up-

date.)

At the time of the accident, former Logos Photo Editor Nick Baker was working on a satirical piece for his independent study as an English major with a minor in photography. Nick used manipulated and staged photos to illustrate his tale. One of those photos, the photo reprinted above, appeared on the front page of the December 2009 issue in order to illustrate the severity of the dangerous intersection.

The nature of the

illustration probably generated the most discussion of any Logos issue in the past four years, and I am proud.

Some comments commend our decision. Some say we are insensitive. In relation to the passing of pharmacy student Michael Gres last September, we did consider the sensitivity of the subject but felt it could not prevent us from reporting current news. Some refused to support the paper. Admissions, for example, declined to hand out the issue at a

Campus Visit Day.

To the campus I say this: The decision to print this photo illustration was made by an entire staff, consequences were considered, and a decision was made to draw readers to news. Controversy is never the goal of journalism.

Yes, I do admit, the photo illustration is graphic. But you looked. And then you read. And now you know.

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Capital punishment case inspires reader

“Murdering the innocent” (October 2009 issue of the Logos) is one of the best articles that I have read.

Rose Caldwell did an excellent job of causing me to be challenged enough to look further into this issue and to come to a personal decision on this practice of meeting out justice.

A few years back I was similarly challenged by a post in an online class discussion to come to a personal decision concerning globalization. After reading the article, I felt compelled to Google the case and read all I could find. I even Googled the attorney involved. That I would take time for this meant I was greatly impacted by what I read in the article. I had heard about this case in the news, but nothing prior to this opinion article had challenged me to the “gut level” to come to my own personal decision about such cases.

This opinion article is about the case of Cameron Todd Willingham who was accused of starting the fire that killed his three small children. There was a fire in Corsicana, Texas, in which the “facts for how

the fire spread” have since been proven and shown not to be the truth of how the fire began and spread. This distortion of facts to maintain them as truth was the basis of an innocent man being put to death. I was obligated to look online for all of the information that was available including the interviews of the fire investigators then and now. I maintain a journal of things I discover that affect change within me and push me to a decision in matters of what it takes to be fully alive and responsible for my personal opinions. This article and my investigation of it are definitely included in that journal.

Willingham continued to voice his innocence to his death. The fact of putting an innocent person to death based on “stubbornly” clinging to a first opinion sent spiraling indignation (righteous anger) through me. As a result, I will never take for granted or refuse to take the time to pay attention to any such event that has the possibility of caus-



Todd Willingham

ing injustice to an accused person. Who knows but one day that innocent person could be a person close to me or may even be me? Would it be only then that I would find myself paying attention? I have decided because of the article not to wait, but to further inform myself and do what I can to make others aware of such injustices within the system of our manner of applying justice to the accused.

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Fashion photos ‘out of focus and blurry’

I didn’t know what to make of the photographs showcased in the “Features” section of the paper (December Logos).

To me they seemed a bit out of focus and blurry, in addition, one picture in particular looked a little skewed as if it was tilted slightly to the right.

I am not sure if this was intentional by the photographer but it was slightly distracting. Lastly, I think there should have been different pictures used to showcase fall fashions. In the first picture the model has a very odd look on her face and her skirt is really short. I am not sure if that

picture screams “fall.” Additionally all the dress with bare arms also do not scream “fall.” Autumn is a time to cover and dress warm (even in south Texas.)

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Intersection, food articles provocative

The piece on pedestrian safety issues on Burr and Broadway caught the attention of the campus – not only with its words of wisdom, but also its gruesome image.

My first reaction to the lifeless body shown on the front page of the Logos was one of horror, but to my relief it was merely an illustration created by the talented Nick Baker.

Ms. (Teresa) Velasco’s report of the problems facing pedestrians brought attention to a rising issue for members of the UIW community. It reminded the campus to take extreme caution when crossing the dangerous intersection, but more than that, the writer told of the improvements campus police and other city employees are currently working on.

It’s a daunting concept to think of dangerous and unpredictable drivers on Broadway, however, it’s comforting to know that officials are aware of the problem and are coming up with solutions to keep UIW pedestrians safe.

Also, after reading the article titled, “BHA,

When Was Your Last Serving” (October 2009) by Amanda Avey, I was shocked of the dangers of certain preservatives in packaged foods.

I did not realize BHA was an ingredient in many of the foods my family and I eat. I know the author probably did not mean to cause panic or fear in readers, but she certainly informed them of the possible dangers which could occur by constantly eating butter, packaged snacks, and baked goods – foods which my family and I have too much of. Although a short article, the author did much to encourage readers to consider other foods.

Another aspect of the article I liked was the author’s recipes called the “dorm diet.” These recipes -- the Swiss sandwich and the beans and rice dish -- are inexpensive and easy to prepare.

I would encourage the Logos to publish more articles concerning healthy eating because many people do not have healthy diets.

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China Incarnate Word rises through decade of success



Joseph Kirby, center, a business school graduate of the University of the Incarnate Word, teaches journalism at China Incarnate Word. He also serves as the adviser to the Signal, the first American student newspaper in China.

By Heaty Hu
and Lisa Yin

In 1999, history was made when the University of the Incarnate Word established China Incarnate Word.

This school is the first American school in the People's Republic of China where students are able to earn a degree accredited in the United States without leaving China. This school came into existence under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., UIW president, and Dr. Patricia Watkins, vice president for international programs.

In the late 1990s, when an unprecedented opportunity became available for American institutions to establish campuses in China, these two individuals seized it, making the first American educational institution in China an international reality.

Since the school was established, it has achieved many important milestones. For instance, in the spring of 2003, the school held its first graduation ceremony, where 38 students received associate degrees. In late July 2010, the milestones will continue to accumulate as another



Lisa Yin

large group of students is scheduled to graduate.

At the graduation ceremonies, students receive an associate or bachelor's degree. Before these degrees are presented to students, keynote speakers such as AmCham South China President Harley Sevedin reinforce the magnitude of the



Heaty Hu

graduation with an opening speech.

Of course, for CIW to achieve its milestones, it has had to rise above many challenges.

"One of the biggest challenges of this operation is that an American school physically based in China has never been done before," said Ernest Amende, CIW's lead teacher.

"China Incarnate Word is a new initiative, and there is no American-Chinese education reference model. China Incarnate Word and the Chinese schools have to learn from each other as the current model develops," he said.

Bringing the Western style of education into a Chinese setting also has proven to be tough. With Western education, discussions in the classroom are encouraged and emphasis is placed on critical and creative thinking. However, in Chinese schools,

the teacher is the unquestioned expert who lectures as students take notes and listen.

"When new students enter China Incarnate Word, they have to quickly adapt to a foreign style of teaching," Amende said. "New professors who come to China also have to adapt to a student who is from a different context and culture."

Students often choose to go to CIW because they are able to earn an accredited UIW degree without leaving China. This opportunity is possible because U.S.-certified professors teach the courses. Moreover, UIW outlines the course curriculums, class materials and textbooks, making CIW's degree programs, which include international business and international accounting, mirror that of UIW.

Educators from the United States travel to CIW to teach the courses, which range from English as a second language to journalism to psychology. For students to receive their chosen degree, they must complete the same degree requirements as students at UIW, including community service hours.

The school is looking to grow even larger in the next 10 years. This growth in size will allow the school to provide more degree programs while also serving a larger proportion of the local population.

These offerings will continue to enhance the exchange of cultures between the academic and local community and between China and the United States and further UIW's efforts to globalize.

China Incarnate Word students Heaty Hu and Lisa Yin wrote this piece edited by Joseph Kirby, a journalism instructor at CIW who graduated with a business degree from UIW and formerly wrote a column for the Logos.



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Swine Flu spreads

By Lisa Yin

The recent outbreak of the Influenza A (H1N1) virus is beginning to be a major concern for many students on campus. The H1N1 virus is a new strain of the influenza virus which is most commonly referred to as the "Swine Flu." According to the World Health Organization (WHO), because H1N1 is a new strain, many people do not have immunity to it.

WHO officials are advising everyone to take proper precautions. The H1N1 virus is transmitted via droplets that are expelled by speaking, sneezing or coughing. Many students are concerned because they plan on traveling this summer and they will be exposed to crowds of people in public areas. Students can prevent infection by avoiding close contact with people who show influenza-like symptoms.

Students can also take the following recommended measures: clean hands thoroughly with soap and water; reduce the time spent in crowded settings if possible; improve airflow in dormitories or living spaces by opening windows; practice good health habits including: avoid sharing food and drinks; avoid contact with sick people; avoid touching your face; avoid contact with surfaces that have been touched by sick people; avoid contact with animals; avoid contact with people who have been in contact with sick people.

Students should also consider getting a flu shot. The flu shot is a vaccine that can help prevent the flu. It is recommended that all students get a flu shot every year. The flu shot is free of charge at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Board Trustee shares experiences

By Richard Wang

In late April of 2009, an accomplished person visited the Pacific Ocean campus of the University of the Incarnate Word. His name is Richard Wang, a senior student at the University of the Incarnate Word. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the Incarnate Word. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the Incarnate Word. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the Incarnate Word.

Job Fair gets bites

By Joseph Kirby

The H1N1 Technology campus held a Job Fair on Friday, April 24, 2009 for graduation candidates.

Each year, the campus organizes these Job Fairs so that students can experience face-to-face exchanges with employers and—quite possibly—find work in today's tight job market. Most of the participating companies are based in the Guangzhou and Dongguan Cities.

At the Job Fair, most students usually apply for two-to-three jobs. The positions openings may be with companies like China Mobile Co., Ltd. and Dongguan Huanyuan Computer Technology Co., Ltd. Whatever the company, because of the limited employment opportunities, many people line up for interviews.

Employers mainly ask candidates questions about general issues as they tried to analyze the candidate's capacity and level of professionalism. Frequently asked questions may include: "What were some of your goals in college?" "How did you achieve these goals?" "Why are you applying for this position?" "Why should I hire you?"

Kenny Hu, a CIW student who interviewed for two jobs, said, "The work experience is most important for people who apply. The Managers look at each work-related skills and ability to solve problems. Most new graduates cannot solve problems on their own."

According to a projection released by China's Department of Education, school graduates in the Guangzhou Province will reach 132,300 people this year, while the employment rate of graduates will hit 86.4 percent (a 22 percent increase over the previous year).

Chloe move to beach for Huidong Trin

Joseph Kirby, center, a business school graduate of the University of the Incarnate Word, teaches

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Men lose first game at home

By Pamela Martinez
LOGOS SPORTS EDITOR

The Incarnate Word Cardinals stand second in Heartland Conference play and hope to regain the top seed depending on the outcome of the next five games prior to tournament time.

An away game Feb. 20 at St. Mary's will give the Cardinals a chance to offer payback to the Rattlers who came Jan. 16 to Alice McDermott and knocked the home team out of first with a score

of 83-69.

Incarnate Word had the early lead with a score of 22-19 to start the first half, but struggled to put points on the board. St. Mary's went on a 20-8 run to finish the half. St. Mary's took the lead 39-30 and never looked back. The Rattlers dominated the Cardinals in assists and rebounding as well. Eric Stewart led the Cardinals with 17 points and Pierce Caldwell followed with 15.

Later, the Cardinals dominated Dallas Baptist 93-73. Tracy Robin-

son led Incarnate Word in scoring with 20 points and had six rebounds. Deleon Hines chipped in 18 points and three other players were in double-digits scoring.

The team's overall record is 16-6. Its conference record is 9-3. St. Mary's has been the only loss at home. The team has been 6-5 away.

JANE CLAIRE VOSTEEN/LOGOS STAFF
Cardinals forward Chris Johnson, a freshman from San Antonio, jumps for the ball against St. Mary's junior forward Gordon Ward, of Galveston, Texas, at the Convocation Center.



JANE CLAIRE VOSTEEN/LOGOS STAFF
Senior guard Nia Torru of Houston is the all-time UIW women's scorer.

Lady Cardinals look to St. Mary's rematch

By Pamela Martinez
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The Lady Cardinals are 16-6 overall and 10-1 in Heartland Conference play as the team nears tournament time later this month.

The team gets another chance Feb. 20 to even the score against cross-town rival St. Mary's Rattlers.

The Cardinals were on a four-game winning streak before hosting the Rattlers on Jan. 16, falling 48-38 in Alice McDermott Convocation Center.

St. Mary's held the Cardinals - who were averaging 63.9 points a game - to 38.

"I want to give St. Mary's a lot of credit for their defense," head coach Angela Lawson

said. "They took us out of everything we wanted to run.

Incarnate Word took the lead going into the half with a score of 26-18. But, the second half was a different story. The Rattlers outscored the Lady Cards 30-12. Senior guard Nia Torru, who recently became UIW's all-time leading women's scorer, led UIW in scoring with 11 points and also reeled in seven rebounds.

Torru and Hayley Harvey led the Lady Cardinals in a later win, 73-64, against the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.

"This (was) the most complete game we've played," Lawson said after that game. It was a total team effort."

Cardinals sign 17 to football team



Special to the Logos

Giving credit mostly to his assistants on the recruiting trail, University of the Incarnate Word Head Coach Mike Santiago announced 17 new members of the Cardinal football team.

At a news conference inside Gayle and Tom Benson Fieldhouse, Santiago stood behind a podium and near a Division II backdrop to describe position-by-position the newest members of the team.

"We have more than one linebacker coming in because we found more

than one quality player," Santiago said. "And, we hit it big on defensive linemen which will allow us to make some moves from our 2009 team to bolster our offensive line.

The 2009 team played its first season last fall, winning its first home game in Benson Stadium and ending the season with a 5-5 record. Playing as an independent the first year, this fall will mark the first season in the Lone Star Conference.

The recruits will help the Cardinals "address our needs at every position," Santiago said.

Cardinals Head Football Coach Mike Santiago announces the newest members of the team during national signing day at Benson Fieldhouse.

2010 CARDINAL FOOTBALL NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	HOMETOWN (SCHOOL)
Juan Asencio	LB	5-11	210	Pflugerville (Hendrickson)
Matt Bass	LB	5-11	225	Alvin (Alvin)
Brett Bippert	FB	6-2	215	Castroville (Medina Valley)
Jeremy Jamal Carson	DL	6-0	250	Garland (South)
Chase Curry	DE	6-2	220	Robstown (Calallen)
Chet Dillenbeck	OL	6-4	290	Schulenburg (Schulenburg)
Devin Haywood	DB	5-10	170	San Antonio (Roosevelt)
Glenn Hill	S	6-1	185	San Antonio (Churchill)
Dominique Johnson	OL	6-2	265	Mart (Mart)
Devin Judkins	TE	6-4	220	Somerset (Somerset)
Evan Morris	DB	5-10	165	Dallas (Bishop Lynch)
Evan Newland	DL	6-1	255	Houston (Cy Springs)
Stanleigh Sullivan	WR	5-11	175	Beaumont (Ozen)
Jordan Spice	LB	5-9	210	Converse (Judson)
Michael Tate	DL	5-11	290	Houston (Alief Elsik)
Manuel Tijerina	OL	6-2	290	Flower Mound (Flower Mound; Trinity Valley JC)
Andre Timmes	WR	6-3	190	Austin (Hyde Park Baptist)

Track teams setting school records

Special to the Logos

Results from the first indoor meet of the 2010 season for the men's and women's track teams at the University of the Incarnate Word could herald a promising season, the coach said.

At the University of Houston Indoors Invitational, "the men's and women's teams rewrote the indoor record book with many newcomers making an immediate mark with the program," Coach Derek Riedel said.

Sebastian Jaraba-Heffner, a middle-distance runner from Treffleau, France, won the 800 with a new school record 1:55.2. The junior's time was .7 seconds off a provisional national qualifying mark.

The men's distance medley relay smashed the 2009

school record by running 10:20. The finish left them less than a second out of a championship. Freshman Howard Gill, a middle-distance runner from San Antonio, ran down Rice's senior anchor to create an exciting finish.

Corey McDonnough, a freshman sprinter from Port Lavaca, broke the 400 record with a 51.48 in his first indoor 400m.

Christian Alicea, a junior sprinter from Converse, broke his brother George's school record in the 200 with a 23.0.

Zach Zellers, a freshman from Baytown, established a new school record in the shotput. "Zellers" competed well," Riedel said. "He was going toe to toe with much more experienced throwers."



JANE CLAIRE VOSTEEN/LOGOS STAFF
Cardinals freshman Lilya Piskunova of Kazan, Russia, jumps hurdles at the University of Houston's indoor meet.

Sophomore Steven Young of San Antonio smashed the school's record on his attempt. He redshirted last season.

The men's 4x4 of the Alice brothers, along with Zach Kurz of Converse and Cody Hoover of Midland, Texas, broke the school record.

Gill became the first UIW male to run under nine minutes in the 3K when he ran 8:59 to break Shayn Weidner's school record by

four seconds.

Weidner, a senior from Marion, Texas, smashed his own 5K school record by 12 seconds when he ran 15:41.02 to finish fourth.

The women's 4x4 team established a school record in an event the team has never run before. The sprinters included Lilya Piskunova of Kazan, Russia; Stacy Stanush of La Vernia, Texas; Alma Santos of Hondo, Texas; and Hayley Watts of Boerne, Texas.

Piskunova, a multievents competitor, established a 60m hurdle school record in 9.99.

"She nearly fell when she came out of the blocks but caught herself in time to make a comeback," Riedel said.

Tennis teams take the court

By Yessenia Saldivar
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

For the first time, Incarnate Word's men's tennis team is ranked No. 1 in the South Central region and the players have been working hard to stay there.

"This is the best team I've had in a while," said Coach John Newman, 71, who's been coaching UIW men's and women's tennis teams for 19 years.

Senior Francisco Segura led the team to finals in singles at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association while the team of sophomore Alex Weiland and senior Maxime Moreau reached the finals in couples.

The women's team, which also has

been ranked in the ITA, made it to nationals but not as far as the men.

Newman said he relies on his team captains Maxime Moreau, 22, a sports management major from Cannes, France, and Erica Enberg, 21, a senior psychology major from San Antonio, to motivate the rest of the team.

"It (captain) is an honorary position that takes leadership," said Newman. Moreau has been captain two years and Enberg one.

When it comes to the team, what works the best is "our friendship," Moreau said. "We are a very big and strong family."

"We all want this together, so we all work as a team," Enberg added.

Both teams have some injuries. Segura injured his wrist. Women's player Cisse Drame has a left shoulder injury.

"Francisco will be better

soon, but if Cisse doesn't improve it will hurt the team," Newman said. Segura and Drame are currently training separately from the team.

St. Edward's University in Austin is considered the team's toughest competitor.

"We are pretty evenly matched," Enberg said. "When we train we gear towards beating St. Edward's."

The Cardinals play them in March.

As far as his seniors, Newman is losing Segura, Moreau and Jose Pablo Arizpe on the men's team and Enberg, Stephanie Rodriguez and Karen Rodriguez – the Rodriguezes are unrelated – on the women's.

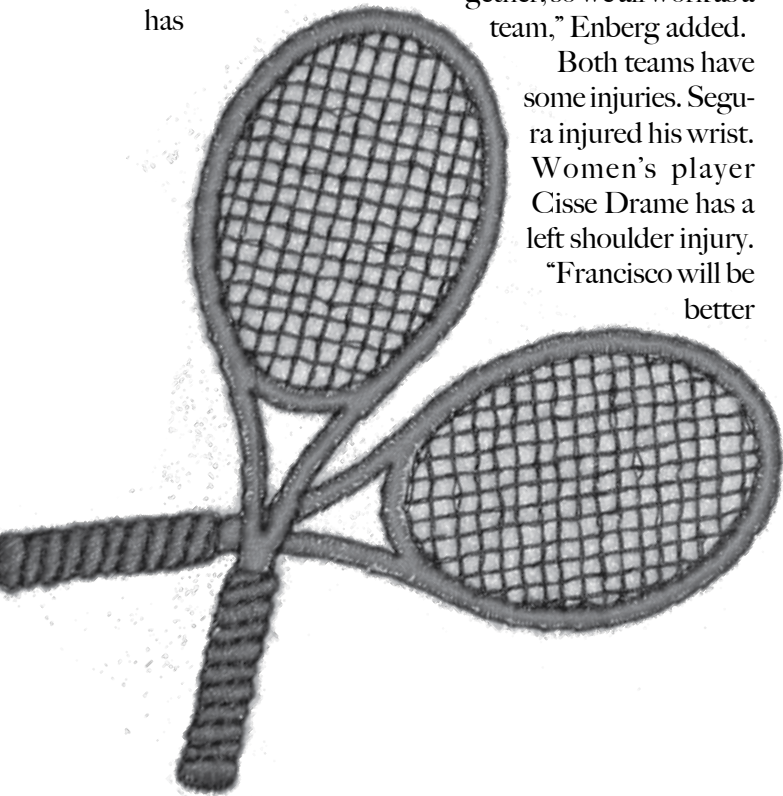
"I'm losing three of my best players and it will be hard to replace three of the best players in the country," Newman said about the men. "Next year is going to be different."

And for the women, "I want them to go out on a winning note."

The tennis team's first game is Friday, Feb. 12, against St. Mary's.

"This game is going to be special," Moreau said. "They beat our basketball team."

"We're gonna kill them," Newman said.



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7 Baseball vs. Newman 12:00 pm.	8	9 Baseball vs. TX A&M Kingsville 2:00 pm.	10	11 Women's/Men's Basketball vs. TX A&M International Univ. 5:30 p.m./8:00 p.m.	12 Softball vs. TX A&M Internation Univ. 3:15 pm.	Softball vs. Washburn/VV.TX A&M 10:30 a.m./12:30 p.m. Women's/Men's Basketball vs. St. Edward's Univ. 2:00 p.m./4:30 p.m.
14 Softball vs. TX-Permian Basin 12:15 pm.	15	16 Baseball vs. Angelo State 3:00 pm.	17 Softball vs. TX A&M Kingsville 3:00 pm.	18	19 Softball vs. Cameron (Okla.) 10:00 a.m. Women's Tennis vs. Tarleton State 10:00 a.m. Softball vs. NE Oklahoma 4:00 pm.	20 Softball vs. Missouri Western 10:00 a.m. Softball vs. Central Missouri 2:00 p.m.
21 Softball vs. Henderson State 2:00 pm.	22	23	24	25	26 Baseball vs. St. Mary's 2:00 p.m. Softball vs. Southern Arkansas 2:00 p.m.	27 Men's/Women's Tennis vs. Oklahoma Baptist 9:00 a.m. Softball vs. S. Arkansas 10:00 a.m. Baseball vs. St. Mary's 1:00 p.m.
28						Men's/Women's Tennis vs. Seminole State 2:00 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Midwestern State Univ. 4:00 p.m.



McNair Program adds 11 scholars



Clyde Compton
theatre arts major
San Antonio



Shawna Corely
psychology
San Antonio



Nazly De La Hoya
political science
El Paso



Regina Forcey
communication arts
San Antonio



Venancio Gonzalez
English
New York, N.Y.



Tao Lin Jian
international business
China



Shayvonna Malcolm
psychology
San Antonio



Anneli Myrick
biology and nuclear medicine
San Antonio.



Rosario Plascencia
economics
Muleshoe, Texas



Ann-Marie Quinones
music education



Jannelly Villarreal
biochemistry
McAllen, Texas

Eleven University of the Incarnate Word students will be inducted into the McNair Scholars Program at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, in Room 126 of the Joyce Building.

The 11 will make up the newest group of scholars who will be engaged in a variety of summer research projects. They later will be assigned UIW professors as mentors.

The goal of the program is to produce people from underrepresented groups who will go on to complete a master's degree and Ph.D., with the intent of furthering

research and returning to teach at the college level.

As one of the federally funded TRIO programs, the program is aimed at providing people who are economically disadvantaged and first-generation undergraduate college students with academic and career support in educational endeavors beyond a bachelor's degree. The program is named for Ronald E. McNair, the second African American astronaut in space and mission specialist on the Challenger mission in 1986.

Components of the program include: an intensive paid summer research internship with a faculty mentor, career and professional development, participation in conferences around the nation, preparation for the Graduate Record Exam and assistance with the graduate school application process.

Research that students produce is published annually in the program's research journal.

GREEK RUSH reels recruits for new year

By Lexi Salazar
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

For the past few weeks, hopeful additions to Greek life have been in the process of the tradition of rushing.

"Rush Week is a special week," Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority member Van Nguyen said.

For those participating in rushing, it has been an exciting time. They have been able to learn about each sorority and fraternity and find where they best fit. Many of these students have high hopes for what their participation in Greek life will bring.

"It just sounded like a lot of fun with all the social events and doing community service," ASA hopeful Suzy Hines said. "Plus, it'll be good to have a network of friends."

Like Hines, many students already had their eyes set on a specific Greek organization, while others were unsure. Those who had not decided had plenty of opportunities to learn about each separate organization beginning with an open house in Marian Hall Ballroom.

"We have tables set up where basi-

cally the sororities or fraternities come and introduce our organization and tell a little about our organization," Delta Beta Chi member Jennifer Willborn said. "It's to give prospective members an option."

This year established sororities and fraternities are being joined by Kappa Sigma, a fraternity that is new to UIW.

"We're starting an interest group here at the University of the Incarnate Word," Cesar Fabion, a local alumni volunteer, said. "If there is anybody who would like to join a fraternity and become a founding father of the chapter here at UIW, we suggest you take a look at Kappa Sigma."



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Greek fraternity and sorority members hold open house inside Marian Hall Ballroom for rush week.



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STUDENT DEBT

Cardinals get deeper in debt for education

By Josh Sanchez
LOGOS CAMPUS EDITOR

The furor surrounding a study that reported University of the Incarnate Word students graduating with nearly \$40,000 in student debt has centered on long-simmering issues regarding UIW's financial aid policies.

According to "Student Debt and the Class of 2008," the fourth annual study conducted by the Institute for College Access & Success, UIW was the only private Texas university that made its list for students graduating with high debt at an estimated \$40,000.

The institute that conducted the study a Berkeley, Calif.-based nonprofit that researches the availability and affordability of higher education. According to its findings, reasons why schools made the high debt list are "high tuition, inadequate grant and scholarship programs for students with financial need, the cost of housing and other expenses in particular communities, or the demographic makeup of the graduating class."

Over the holidays, a news story reporting UIW's debt rank appeared in the San Antonio Express-News, prompting a response from Dr. Lou J. Agnese Jr., UIW president.

"With the national recession, we're mindful students make sacrifices by attending private universities like UIW," Agnese said in his article, "That's why we feature the lowest tuition among the five, largest private universities in Texas. We've added over \$2.5 million to the financial assistance budget ... part of a record \$44 million we've awarded in assistance this year."

Agnese went on to credit

student debt to nursing school, pursuit of five-year accelerated bachelor's-to-master's programs, enrollment in summer school and study abroad coursework.

"Even with our efforts to make UIW more affordable, many students have a variety of non-traditional obligations that transcend traditional college needs, such as child care, transportation and military commitments," he stated.

State data from the report shows that in 2008 St. Mary's University students rattled in with an estimated debt load of \$27,000, Our Lady of the Lake University with \$18,000, Rice University at \$11,000, and St. Edward's University climbing the hill at \$27,000. The average debt for students attending public and private four-year institutions in Texas is nearly \$20,000. The national average is roughly \$23,000.

The annual report was split between public and private universities, and was compiled using data from U.S. News & World Report, Peterson's, Wintergreen Orchard House, and College Board.

Not every school submitted data to the surveys, and there are differences in the way schools interpret the survey questions. Additionally, some schools fail to update their figures, and use the same figures multiple years in a row.

"The amount of debt you all graduate with is definitely cause for concern," said Edie Irons, communications director at the institute. "Although you guys aren't the most expensive private school in Texas, graduates are leaving with an alarming amount of debt...nearly double the national average. It could be your financial aid office isn't of-

fering enough resources...don't use up a student's federal aid or offer private loans too easily. Maybe they aren't discouraging private loans enough."

Amy Carcanagues, director of financial assistance at UIW, said 3 percent of the current student body has taken out private loans, translating to roughly 392 students.

"When a student comes in we definitely steer them toward federal and state funds," said Carcanagues, "In a four-year snapshot, students are really leaving with \$30,000 to \$32,000 in student loans."

Although Cardinals made the high debt list, according to Agnese's response, the default rate on student loans has been below 5.7 percent since 1999.

"I spent my freshman year and a summer at UIW, then a year and a half at Trinity," said re-admitted UIW junior Alfred MacDonald, "Trinity's tuition cost (per credit hour) is roughly double that of UIW's. My indebtedness as a result of each school's costs parallel that ratio."

There remains mixed emotions regarding UIW's new list ranking among students.

"By the time I finish school I'm going to have a \$60,000 price tag on my theater degree," said UIW senior Alison McBride, "If I could do it again, I would have started out in a community college and then transferred. You don't know much about loans when you're 18 and want to go to college. Nobody really told me about college debt in high school. I just knew I wanted to go to school and (UIW) offered theater. I know I paid too much for this degree. I try and not to think about the debt though, no use worrying myself."



Excerpts from Dr. Lou Agnese's statement on student debt



"We pride ourselves on our mission, which is to offer educational opportunities to populations historically underserved by higher education. This means our student body encompasses the entire socio-economic spectrum, which includes students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds that might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend a four-year college. And research shows that students with a bachelor's degree can expect to earn more than those without one."

Let me add that with the country suffering through a recession, we're equally proud of offering the lowest tuition rate among the state's five largest private universities.

We spend time discussing loan options with our students from orientation through graduation. Students are informed about their options for borrowing and repayment, so that they are making solid decisions.

We inform our students about loan forgiveness and loan repayment programs offered by federal, state and private sources.

For over the last three years, Incarnate Word has held to a positive default cohort rate of 5.7 percent or below, which reflects graduates ability to manage their loans

It's also worth pointing out that many of the colleges do not even report this data, or choose to report federal funds only. In the most recent report, many Texas private schools did not respond to the question."

INCARNATE DEBT CARDINAL REACTIONS

I am in debt for the next lifetime, but I ♥
UIW!

-Norma (Soph)

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A CHARGE FOR EVERYTHING.

- MATTHEW FLORES
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It may worth it in the end but its
ridiculous to already owe over \$9,000 and
i'm a Freshman

I got tons of financial aid and still have to
pay. But I don't want to leave this school.

-Adriana Canales
(Freshman)

- ASHLEY (FRESHMAN)

Whats the point of going to college if you
have to be in debt before you get out.

To a point I know no longer

Kenneth King-odum
(Freshman)

think about the loans I just keep
signing away in hopes that it will
someday get paid off. As a jr.

I owe about \$50,000.

Mo' money; mo' problems.

No money; I got nothin. (Literally and
figuratively).

-Dalia (Senior)

I think more opportunities need to be offer to students, who
work hard, that allow loan forgiveness.

-Audrey (Junior)

Totally worth it!

- Jacky (soph)

I think more debt should be forgiven for
teaching in poorer districts. The current
amount forgiven of student loans is far
too low; not even a quarter of student
loans are forgiven.

Roberto Hoffmann
Junior - 15th

Dangers with defaulting

By Josh Sanchez
LOGOS CAMPUS EDITOR

Attention Cardinals,

If you're graduating in this economy, ignoring your student loan payments and allowing the bills to rot in the mailbox could seem like a good idea.

In this economy, you probably need all the money you can get to maintain an adult life.

Moreover, the chances of finding a job during your loan's grace period is looking grim, and recent college graduates face serious competition from laid-off baby-boomers that can't afford retirement.

In any case, you probably realize student lenders can't exactly punch you if you decide to stop paying the bills and might allow yourself to sink in abysmal debt to cover your apartment rent or something as important.

Well, Cardinals, I'm here to tell you to fear the student lenders. Specifically private lenders such as Chase, Wells-Fargo, Bank of America and SallieMae.

So students with private loans, listen up, because although SallieMae can't physically slap you, she can make you her financial slave.

Let me begin by telling you the power a private lender has over you.

1. Sue
2. Garnish wages up to 25 percent
3. Report delinquency to the credit bureaus and ruin your credit score.
4. Continue to bill and allow interest to accrue during declared bankruptcy.

In other words, they can make you a financial slave. There is almost zero protection from a private lender.

However, if you already have a loan

and plan to graduate, listen up. Here is a process that can help you manage a private loan.

First, If you have a federal loan and a private loan, because of the job market, I suggest you defer payments on your federal loan as far back as possible (you can defer up to thirteen years) and begin your adult life by concentrating on repaying your private loan. Private loans have less consumer protection than government loans and the stakes are higher if you fall into default.

Second, if you still can't afford a private loan payment, call the lender and explain your hardship. Depending on the situation, you might qualify for loan deferment or forbearance, which is an extended grace period to pay back a loan, usually three to six months. With loan deferment, interest doesn't accrue, while with forbearance it does and is capitalized (added to the loan balance). Obviously, push for deferment.

Third, if you still can't pay off a private lender, call and ask for consolidation. Consolidation resets the term of the loan, and may reduce the monthly payment. However, there's a catch. The total interest paid over the lifetime of the loan will increase -- meaning you'll end up paying more for the loan over time.

Fourth, if worse comes to worse, charge the bill to a credit card. Believe it or not, credit cards offer more consumer protection than a private student loan and are easier to manage. Moreover, if you declare bankruptcy, you are no longer responsible for the bill payments charged.

Private borrowers, I urge you to repay your lenders. You can sit and yell that you didn't know about the dangerous implications until you're blue in the face, but the fact remains that bankers have the power to come after you and ruin your life. If you're still in school, I suggest you try everything in your power to get off a private loan. Quite literally the dangers of defaulting are far too risky.

Just food for thought.

E-mail Sanchez at adalberto.j.sanchez@gmail.com

Financial Aid Workshop Series

Got questions about financing your college education? Three special programs remain this month.

Thursday, Feb. 11:

"Do You Know the Score? Credit Basics" financial literacy workshop, 5 p.m., AD 319. Speaker: Representative from Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. Sponsor: TRIO Student Success Program. Free.

Thursday, Feb. 18:

"A Look at Life After College: Saving, Cost of Living, and Identity Theft" financial literacy workshop, 5 p.m., AD 319. Speaker: Representative from Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. Sponsor: TRIO Student Success Program. Free.

Wednesday, Feb. 24:

"Affording UIW" information session, 6:30-7:30 p.m., J.E. and L.E. Mabey Library Auditorium. Admissions, financial aid, and career services representatives will be available. Sponsor: Office of Admissions.

Feb./ March Movies

compiled by April Lynn
Downing

Feb. 12

Valentine's Day

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Romantic Comedy
Look for: Julia Roberts, Ashton
Kutcher, Anne Hathaway

The Wolfman

Rated: R
Genre: Horror
Look for: Anthony Hopkins,
Benicio Del Toro, Emily Blunt

Percy Jackson & the Olympians...

Rated: PG
Genre: Fantasy, Action, Family
Look for: Logan Lerman, Pierce
Brosnan, Uma Thurman

Feb. 19

Shutter Island

Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Look for: Leonardo DiCaprio,
Mark Ruffalo

Feb. 26

Cop Out

Rated: R
Genre: Adventure, Comedy
Look for: Bruce Willis, Seann
William Scott

The Crazies

Rated: R
Genre: Horror
Look for: Timothy Olyphant,
Radha Mitchell

March 5

Alice in Wonderland

Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Adventure, Fantasy
Look for: Johnny Depp, Crispin
Glover, Anne Hathaway

March 12

Green Zone

Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Look for: Matt Damon, Amy
Ryan

Our Family Wedding

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Comedy
Look for: Forest Whitaker,
America Ferrera

Remember Me

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama, Romance
Look for: Robert Pattinson,
Pierce Brosnan

She's Out of My League

Rated: R
Genre: Romantic Comedy
Look for: Jay Baruchel, Alice
Eve, Krysten Ritter

March 19

The Bounty Hunter

Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Comedy
Look for: Jennifer Aniston,
Gerard Butler

The Runaways

Rated: R
Genre: Drama, True Story
Look for: Kristen Stewart,
Scout-Taylor Compton,
Dakota Fanning

Director Scott Cooper shares story behind award winning film

By APRIL LYNN DOWNING
LOGOS MANAGING EDITOR

(Editor's note: "Crazy Heart" has earned two Golden
Globes, a Screen Actors Guild Award and two Oscar
nominations.)

For his press interviews, first-time director Scott Cooper was right on time. He came running down the hotel hallway in his high-top Nikes and a disheveled collared shirt under a sweater and casual sports coat.

While he was in town Jan. 28, he sat down for his first newspaper interview of the day with the *Logos* at the St. Anthony Hotel. Cooper was a calm, cool and collected director with a budding future in his eyes that said this will not be the last we hear of him.

Cooper reclined on the bulbous couch in the downtown hotel suite and was enthusiastically ready to answer any question asked.

Logos: You have been involved in many different aspects of creating a film (actor, writer, producer, and now director), what has been the most enjoyable job for you and why?

Cooper: I take something from each. As an actor you take something from that experience and this is the first time I've ever written and directed and produced something so as a writer seeing it from the blank page all the way to the finished product is very gratifying. As a director working closely with all the actors and helping create the music was also very important. So I would have to say that they are all rewarding and fulfilling in different ways. I now know that the film is the director's medium.

Logos: What interested you in being in and producing movies?

Cooper: I was a child actor in Virginia and have always been a fan of the cinema. I wanted to write and direct a movie after

I saw my mentor, Robert Duvall, do it really well and guys that I respond to like Sean Penn, Warren Beatty, Ed Harris, Clint Eastwood -- all great actors who were also writers and directors.

Logos: What advice would you give college film students regarding this career?

Cooper: Be as truthful as you can when you're writing and directing, really understand human behavior, and steal from the masters. Which is what I did.

Logos: How did you find the novel, "Crazy Heart"?

Cooper: It was introduced to me by an acquaintance. It is an obscure and out-of-print novel. I wanted to tell, first, the life story of Merle Haggard, but I couldn't (obtain) his life rights so I turned to the novel.

Logos: Is it in print now?

Cooper: It is being re-released Feb. 2. Fortunately the movie is giving it a new lease on life.

"Crazy Heart" is now playing in San Antonio theaters and has been nominated for two Oscars (Best Leading Actor, Best Supporting Actress). Look for the awards show on March 7.

'Crazy Heart' keeps crowd engaged, surprised

By April Lynn Downing
LOGOS MANAGING EDITOR

"Crazy Heart" is a heavy film, following a drunk, washed-up music artist as he wastes away his life and loses the only two people he ever really loved.

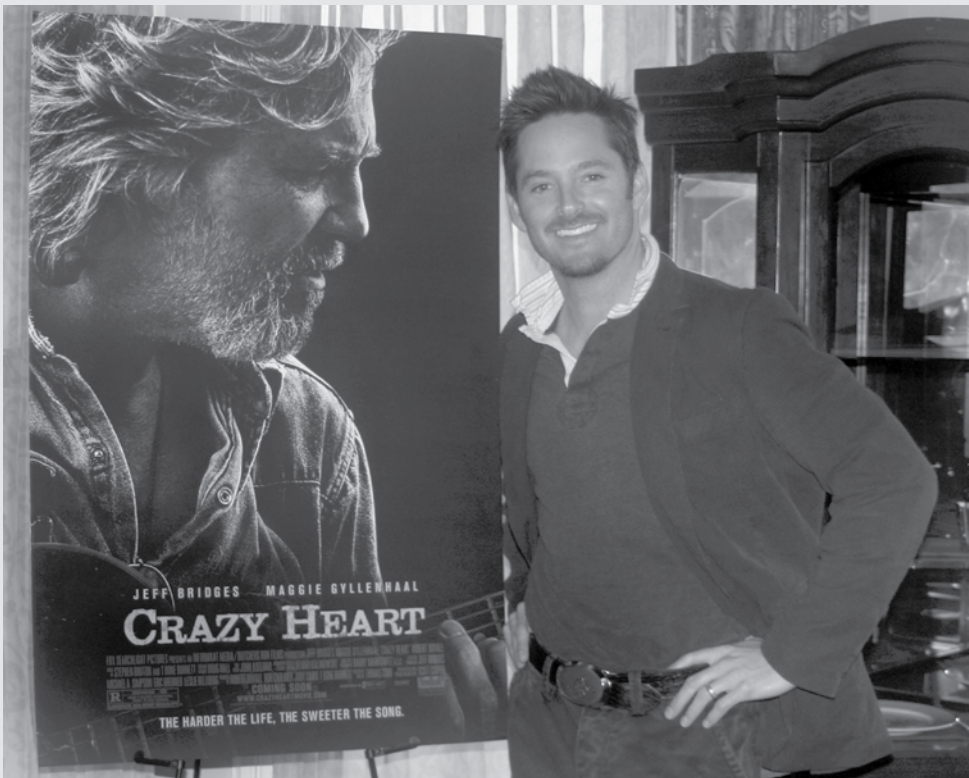
It seems like this film would be depressing through and through. However, first-time director Scott Cooper did a magnificent job at adding little bits of humor to lighten the

mood before it became way too grave.

"Crazy Heart" was riveting in its reality-based plot, scenes and star couple Jeff Bridges and Maggie Gyllenhaal (playing Bad Blake and Jean Craddock). At the Jan. 26 screening of the movie at the Palladium, audience members were on the edge of their seats throughout the movie wondering if the star couple would end up together, wondering if Bad's sobriety would come too late,

wondering if he would ever get his life on the right track.

The most surprising part of this movie was not in fact the slightly disturbing 30-year-age difference between the star couple but that Colin Farrell could sing country, and well. While Farrell's girlish earrings were a little hard to take, his low, striking voice almost made you forget the fashion faux pas.



MELISSA HERNANDEZ/LOGOS EDITOR

Director Scott Cooper, next to the movie poster of *Crazy Heart*, which has been nominated for two Oscars.

Logos: What made you want to make the novel into a movie?

Cooper: I responded to how richly drawn the characters were. I knew the world intimately and I felt like I could personalize it in a way that would make it relevant to today's audiences.

Logos: How long did this film take you from start to finish?

Cooper: Well, four and (a) half years but I shot it in 24 days, in three states.

Logos: What, if any, major changes did you make to the screenplay?

Cooper: Oh, many. The ending is much more redemptive; the novel had a more downbeat, darker ending which I really loved. But sometimes audiences don't like to follow that journey and not have it be redemptive. And I had to personalize it, put my stamp on it, take whatever personal experience I had and put it into the characters.

Scott Cooper's Sees & Reads

Godfather I & 2
All the President's Men
Days of Heaven

As I Lay Dying
The Corrections
For Whom the Bell Tolls

'Lady's Not for Burning' looks inward

By Blanca Morales
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

A three-act comedy, "The Lady's Not for Burning," asks a big question of its audience: "What is life really worth living for?"

Though actually set in the Middle Ages, precisely 1400s Belgium, "The Lady's Not for Burning" is an allegory for the overwhelming aimlessness felt in post-World War II Europe after six years of wars. Fry wrote the play in the late 1940s.

The Department of Theatre Arts production of Fry's work opens Fri-

day, Feb. 19, in Elizabeth Huth Coates Theatre.

In the play, Thomas Mendip, played by Clyde Compton, a UIW theatre arts major and McNair Scholar, is a discharged soldier who finds himself meandering aimlessly about the coast. Tired of life and all its tribulations, Mendip no longer wishes to be

a part of an increasingly suppressing world. He comes to a small town and



CANDICE STRINGHAM/COURTESY PHOTO
Alessandra Manon, left, and Clyde Compton, right, star in the play, 'The Lady's Not for Burning.'

winds up at the mayor's house. Deliberately lying, he declares to the mayor that he has committed

murder and demands to

be hanged.

Humorously, the mayor and other town officials

refuse to take Mendip's word. Shortly thereafter, a young woman by the name of Jennet, portrayed by UIW first-year student Alessandra Manon, is brought before the mayor under the false accusation that she is a witch. Unlike Mendip, she has no wish to die.

Meanwhile, the mayor's family and town officials have begun gathering for an approaching

wedding and are trapped with the predicament of the two unwanted guests -- both of which may or may not be hanged in the morning and should somehow be included in the pre-wedding arrangements.

"This play was written as a response to the emotional and social state of desperation that was felt in Europe after WWII," said Mark Stringham, an assistant professor who's directing the play. "It describes the loss of hope and asks us, 'What is worth living for?'"

STUDY ABROAD

Students Abroad



Top left: Gabriela Canavati,
John Cabot University, Rome
Top right: Lucy Petters and Tess
Rodriguez, Central St. Martins
University, London
Right: Paloma Lopez, John
Cabot University, Rome



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ing in economics. She is
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