UIW community shares hopes for new president

By Brandon Acuña
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The University of the Incarnate Word will provide updates at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, on how U.S. President Donald J. Trump’s executive orders impact UIW international students, staff and scholars.

International Students and Scholars Services staff will hold the session at Dr. Burton E. Grossman International Conference Center.

Meanwhile, UIW’s acting president, Dr. Denise Doyle, and Marcos Fragoso, vice president for international programs, are trying to maintain a "calming voice" in the midst of uncertainty about the impact of Trump’s order temporarily banning people from seven predominantly Muslim countries — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Syria — from entering the United States. A federal appeals court has stayed the ban.

"Our concern was the sudden nature of the ban caused quite a bit of confusion and fear to run through students from any of the [listed] countries," Doyle said. "Our intention was to reassure our students that they should be in contact with our international office if they have any questions, and that they should not travel if they have any concerns of being delayed or not returning [to the U.S.]."

Though there has been debate on what to call the ban itself, UIW has referred to all "Trump's order a Muslim ban."

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Tennessee probes struggling students

In 2015, one out of three Tennessee students did not meet the requirements to graduate high school but were still able to receive their diplomas. Tennessee is one of 10 states that let students of their students were struggling in college and the report found students came up short in meeting the requirements to graduate. Students had earned the right number of credits but were not completing all the right credits. The state says enforcing this rule is a school district

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Two students enjoy the wares offered by three local food trucks at the party.

Freshman accounting major Naomi Offenhauser said the Block Party was better because of the food — something other students and CAB officers confirmed. The food along with the music provided by KUIW treated students to the event, surprising the amount of people that showed up to the previous Block Party.

Freshman general business major Aaron Freeman said he attended the Block Party after seeing a flyer of the event in his residence hall. Freeman said the party encouraged students to get out of their dorm and start getting into the "groove" of things.

CAB member Salman Ali, director of digital communications, also recognized the success of the Block Party.

"We have great communication within our organization and so everyone plays a role," Ali said. "We all find vendors and we all get the food trucks together. Putting it together for us is not that difficult because of our communication."

The event took about a month to plan. CAB's meetings prior to the event and constant advertising contributed to the success of the Block Party, they said.

CAB was top of its social media accounts, such as Snapchat, to spread word about the event and advertise it in various buildings on campus as well.

On the first day of the semester, Susi Gaytan, director of internal affairs for CAB, was out in the cold weather advertising the Block Party by using literal Jenga blocks to promote the Block party but can be used to play games.

Students who passed by were encouraged to decorate a Jenga block that would be used to play Jenga at the Block Party and other future events.

Pedregon said this was a creative way to promote the event because it was "something interactive for them to do," instead of having to hand out food or flyers.

CAB chose Jenga blocks due to past events in which the game was one of the highlights of the night. Along with the use of Jenga blocks for future events, Gaytan saw the blocks as historical, in a sense. As new students come in every semester, names from this semester will always be on the Jenga blocks as they are used at different events.

"We kind of wanted to do something that will [let them] leave their mark," Gaytan said.

The Heidelberg Castle is breathtaking, along with the garden that gives you a city view. Looking down you can see people walking and bicycling along the bridge, as a majority of the citizens of Heidelberg walk or ride bikes.

Visiting Künstlerkolonie Museum was another beautiful site. It truly gave more meaning and history to Heidelberg itself, as it showed both the modernization and pieces of all historical evidence that was found or left behind.

Heidelberg is also a very clean city, and recycling is part of their lifestyle. When going to a market or store they leave their mark," Gaytan said.

The German food is amazing, such as their Schnitt's and Doner Kebab, which happen to be Turkish but are very popular in Heidelberg.

When looking for a place to eat, I would consider the mom-and-pop restaurants to be better than others.

Still shocked me when they give me a menu specifically for alcoholic drinks, as the drinking age is 16.

In Germany, my favorite type of food is from the bakeries. I love the Streusels, which are basically sweet bread coated in the streusel crumbly topping.

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The weather is cold right now, but in my opinion I love it more than the heat and would prefer it to humidity and sweat.

For now, I still have a lot to see. All this has helped me discover myself more than a vacation, seeing the world, or even academics. Studying abroad has provided me with a unique opportunity and experience, even with all its stresses and hoops to jump through to get here.

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Career Fair Week begins Tuesday, Feb. 21, in J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library’s Special Collections Room. Participants will get tips on networking strategies, job search help, one-on-one resume and cover letter reviews, and advice on how to dress professionally.

Career Services Coordinator Abreetta Bonner said Career Fair Week was set up to meet each portion of the student’s career development needs. Unlike the one-day job fairs of previous semesters, Career Services decided to take a different approach this spring.

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Invasion trips to Africa allow global connections

Pierre Lecturer: Seek unifiers vs. separators for church unity

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Zeroing in — like an arrow — on gradation

Welcome back to a new semester in the new year, Cardinals! I hope everybody enjoyed their winter break and got all the much-needed rest after finals, final exams. I can’t believe it’s 2017 already. For some, it may be just another year. But for me, it’s so much more.

I remember being a senior in high school and receiving a cardstock paper in the mail from the University of the Incarnate Word, saying, “Class of 2017.” The only thing I thought about was what would I be doing for my summer break? I never thought it would come. I mean, I knew it would eventually, but not as fast as it has.

This year marks the end of filling to out a FAFSA application, looking for places to buy a marked-up textbook, or sitting through the anxiety of selecting classes for a new semester. There will be no more first day of school or study sessions for mid-terms and final exams.

Because 2017 marks the year of my spring graduation. Through the late-night meltdowns and the pep talks from some of the best people I’ve met while here, I can finally say I’m almost done.

While sororities are commonly envisioned as social clubs with wild parties and tons of sisters who are BFFs, For those of you who are not members of a sorority or fraternity, spring semester means potential growth in your business. Yes, I do mean it when I say “business.”

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UIW students join ‘March for Life’

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Panel: MLK’s ‘Time to Break Silence’ still relevant

One of the panels, Giovanni Reyes from Iowa experienced the War (IWV), spoke about the economic, social and political impact of the military presence in San Antonio, especially the impact of "normalizing of war" and how present military culture is in everyday life.

Dr. Doshie Puglisi, an assistant professor of criminal justice, discussed the connection between King’s speech and the current political climate.

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King’s life was also discussed in connection to the current climate. At Barnes, chair and proponent of anthropology, sociology and criminal justice in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, addressed how at first King was cautioned by many to not give the speech, but was compelled by his conscience to speak up, feeling America greatly needed in. Barnes connected the speech to recent events that are not considered.

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Panelists focusing on the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s speech, “A Time to Break Silence,” said the times demand continued protests against injustice.

The presentation Wednesday, Feb. 1, in Dr. Burton E. Grossman Interdisciplinary Hall, drew a packed audience and created a stir among the discussion between King’s speech and the current political climate.

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The football program – which starts spring training March 20 – is hoping new players it signed will help the team for its first year being eligible for Division I post-season play.

National Signing Day on Wednesday, Feb. 1, was an opportunity for the program to hold a new conference in Gayle and Tom Benson Field House to announce its new players.

The team recruited heavily on the defensive side, with 13 players expected to play. This includes five defensive backs, four linemen and four linebackers. On the offensive side, the team recruited two quarterbacks hoping to help ease the loss of senior Trent Brittain.

One of the new quarterbacks, Sam Brophy of Scottsdale, Ariz., is enrolled this spring.

“We’re really excited about Sean,” Head Coach Larry Kennan said. “He’s very mature and has a great football I.Q. He’s very poised in the pocket with great natural throwing ability.”

The offensive side also includes one wide receiver and two tight ends.

Kade Creek of Sonora, Texas, made the roster as a non-scholarship, preferred walk-on.

“Kade is a former quarterback-turned-wide-receiver,” Kennan said. “He will have a lot of experience and will be a good competitor.”

Football team signs new players, preps for spring

Women whip HBU Huskies for first time

The University of the Incarnate Word men’s basketball team unsuccessfullly defended the home court Thursday, Feb. 2, against Houston Baptist University defenders while forward Celia Garcia Paunero from Spain scored with a release.

After the second quarter, the Cardinals held the game with a 14-4 run. At halftime, the home team went into the locker room leading 36-31.

The Huskies hung around, putting up 14 in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter the Cardinals used a strong defensive movement, holding the visitors to nine points.

In the second half when the Cardinals turned up the defense the Huskies only shot 23 percent from the field. That defensive effort definitely showed up on the final stats.

Taylor Sophie led the Huskies with 11 points overall, followed by Britta Daub and Amanda Johnson, with 10 points each.

The Cardinals used this win to get to 6-16 overall — and within three wins of .500 in the gauntlet that is the Southland Conference getting to 4-7.

HBU dropped to 4-11 overall and 2-7 in conference play.

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UIW opens the year on the road Sept. 2 at Fresno State – the first meeting of the two teams. The next two games also are on the road: Sept. 9 at Sacramento State and Sept. 16 at Stephen F. Austin. Then the Cardinals are off a week to prepare for a Sept. 30 home opener against Abilene Christian University.

The spring game will be announced later. But the preparation for it and the fall season ahead will be challenging.

Cont. Cowboys lasso the Cardinals

The lasso could mean trouble for the Cardinals. It probably means Simi Socks.

Six-foot-6 Cardinal forward Simi Socks goes up for a shot against McNeese State. The Cardinals lost 87-79.

Socks was effective in the first half but it just seemed to completely change the feel of the game with some timely plays.

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UIW opens the year on the road Sept. 2 at Fresno State – the first meeting of the two teams. The next two games also are on the road: Sept. 9 at Sacramento State and Sept. 16 at Stephen F. Austin. Then the Cardinals are off a week to prepare for a Sept. 30 home opener against Abilene Christian University.

The spring game will be announced later. But the preparation for it and the fall season ahead will be challenging.

Cont. Cowboys lasso the Cardinals

The lasso could mean trouble for the Cardinals. It probably means Simi Socks.

Six-foot-6 Cardinal forward Simi Socks goes up for a shot against McNeese State. The Cardinals lost 87-79.

Socks was effective in the first half but it just seemed to completely change the feel of the game with some timely plays.

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The 2016-17 Moody Professors for the University of the Incarnate Word and Our Lady of the Lake University will lecture during the 10th annual Research Week set Feb. 20-24 at UIW.

Dr. John Perry, professor of communication studies at UIW, will kick off the week at 12:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, with “Finding the Power of Perception.”

“I find it rewarding to see the students rise to the challenge of teaching the class is seeing the students rise to the challenge of teaching,” said Dr. John Perry, UIW’s 2016-17 Moody Professor. “One of the most rewarding aspects of teaching the class is seeing the students rise to the challenge of teaching.”

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11:30-12:10: Dr. Ziamon Calvethouse, “Socrates’ Stone: Diagnosing Silence in Philosophical Discussions.”

11:45-12:05: Maxi Armaya, Kelley Magill and Lakshmi Jackson, “Analyzing the Protein-Protein Interaction Network of TNF-Alpha.”

12:05-12:25: Dr. Shubhi Zhang and Dr. Gregery Juarez, “The Impact of Religious Regulation on International Health, Wealth and Happiness.”

Podium presentations will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, with poster presentations featuring multiple projects following from 2 to 5 p.m., and the OLLU Moody Professor, Dr. Malcolm Rene, presenting “Statistical Failure and Why I Didn’t Get the Expected Results,” at 5 p.m. Professor of research and statistics in the Department of Leadership Studies, used his statistical acumen to help develop the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery when he was a civilian employee at the old Brooks AFB.

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11:50 a.m.-12:10 p.m.: Dr. Veronica G. Martinez-Acosta, “Sand in my Shoes: A Subaltern at the Marine Biological Laboratory.”


12:45-1:0: Kristina Lopez, “Neet Characteristics and Behavior in Cope Turtles.”


1:30-1:50: Dr. Stephen Andor, Dr. Okan Caglayan and Erik Coronado, “Girls through Erasure.”

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University of the Incarnate Word has a mission to express culture, diversity, and religion all in one place.

This mission was carried out Tuesday, Jan. 31, in McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom at the 2017 Asian New Year Celebration, to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Rooster.

During the event, the UIW community had the opportunity to watch several performances such as an accordion solo, Bollywood dance, and a Chinese orchestra. Through these performances, attendees could learn more about the culture, music and wardrobe. Guests were also invited to snack on various Asian dishes during the event.

All throughout the Skyroom, which was adorned in red and gold décor, were booths set up for calligraphy and origami demonstrations, as well as different tea tastings.

One of the booths, which many people participated in, featured a game called “GO.”

Student Luis Vergara said he has always wanted to learn how to play and he finally got that chance. "It’s a game that has always sparked my attention, but I never knew how to play," Vergara said. “I didn’t even think of coming to Asian New Year until my friends told me about it, and I’m really glad I came. It was a great festival.”

Photos by Sherry Kermani
A variety of musical and dancing acts took center stage Jan. 31 in UIW’s McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom where hundreds came to acknowledge the Year of the Rooster for the annual Asian New Year.

Photos by Amberlyn Carrillo
’Arcadia’: First spring play mixes drama, comedy

By True McManis

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February 2017

Theatre Arts Department is ringing in the stage this month to perform Tom Stoppard’s renowned play, “Arcadia,” a dramatic comedy that plays with the shifting nature of time and the different ways people perceive it.

Set in the room of an English country estate, the play, which opens Friday, Feb. 24, focuses on themes such as reason and emotion, as the 19th-century characters work to unravel the mysteries of their estate’s past, all while adding their own personal twists and ideas to the plot.

“It is funny,” said Dr. Robert Ball, director of the play and chair of the Department of Theatre Arts. “It can also be sad in some places but there’s also an overall science fiction element to it.”

“I think that’s what we’re all interested in and how they interact,” said Maria Trello, who plays character Hannah Jarvis. “There are things that happened in the past that we always like to assume we can put together as best we can, but we will never truly know what happened because we were never there. The audience will be shown certain secrets and mysteries that the characters on stage have no idea of or have yet to discover.”

So, for the fun of it, the audience can share little secrets with some of the characters.

The cast members have been tediously rehearsing these past weeks and are very excited about opening night.

“It’s so much fun being on stage and being able to work with everyone.” Nicholas Guerrero said. “There’s a lot to practice, but we all connect really well, which makes it easy to work together and build relationships with the characters and audience.”

Brandon Bull, who plays Septimus Hodge, the auteur and promiscuous tutor of Thomasina Coverly, said “Arcadia” illustrates the “patterns of human behavior and how people behave when it comes to their desires and what they want in life. The play examines how life, at times, can set certain things up, but your personal desire may go against the grain.”

Theatre Arts, one of the characters ahead of the play, is pleased with the change they’ve made, saying that the audience will have fun sharing little secrets with some of the characters.

Even with the abundance of impressive imaging, “Rings” falls flat in the horror-movie department, as its scares are foreseeable and the infusion of special effects in the re-creation of Samara, the movie’s villain, take away the scare factor the first two films had.

Throughout the film, Gutiérrez uses loudness as a scare tactic that becomes exhausting after the first 30 minutes, while several scenes appear to be too dark for the audience to know exactly what is happening on screen. The implementation of old horror-movie clichés along with the use of rudimentary technology a starring role as the killer video’s main sources of fear, make “Rings” a less than refreshing film for all horror-movie fanatics.

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Reeves earned hours of firearms, driving and acrobatics training every day to get all of the great action scenes in the movie. Because Reeves can do almost all of his stunts, it takes away the need for a stuntman to fill in for him and allows the action sequences to be long and uninterrupted by cuts or the dreaded shaky cam. This produces action scenes that are honestly mind-blowing, and combined with the signature style of this film makes extremely pretty scenes.

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ful, and the dogs are set up with such precision I was too busy taking in the sights to focus on the action at times. There are gorgeous scenes set in New York subway systems and across the city, as well as in some ancient buildings in Rome that have been modified for modern use.

The film’s story is less emotionally driven than the first, which could be a downside to some people. That being said, this movie that doesn’t move very fast, and may even surpass it.

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From the moment the movie starts to the moment the credits roll, the film is both incredibly tense and stylish.

Without going away too much of the plot, the movie is about Wick being forced back into the underworld of assassins shown in the first film. The world has been greatly expanded on since the first movie and blossoms into a unique and interesting, albeit pretty unbelievable universe.

Once Wick is forced back into his old life, there is very little downtime for tension to dissipate. The clichés get beat up more and throughout the course of the film and the blood flows heavily, having too much time to calm himself up. This is very important to an action movie and vaguely reminiscent of “Speed,” tension is one of the primary factors that drive action films.

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The awards, given the recipients included:

Robert J. Connolly Faculty Leadership Award. Dr. Roger Barnes, chair and professor, education, who is a mentor in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. This award is given to a tenured faculty member with 15 or more years of service who has excelled in leadership service, mentoring and peer counseling.

Pipe Professor Nominee: Dr. David Campos, a professor of education in the School of Education, for “outstanding teaching at the college level.” Campos, who was also nominated last year, is now eligible to receive one of 10 possible $5,000 awards in state Pipe competitions.

Sister Maria Gortzi Zehner Innovation Award. Dr. Joshua Robbins, an assistant professor of English in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, received this award for being “open to thoughtful innovation which serves material and spiritual need.”

Sister Catherine Ann Young Truth Award: Dr. Barbara Hall, an associate professor of psychology in the College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences, because she “searches for and seek[s] truth in scholarship and in the classroom.”

Sister Maldonado Vincent Award: Dr. Sharri Herbin, an associate professor in the Dreeben School of Education, because she “engages students in the classroom and fosters the values of the University.”

Center sets faculty workshops, book club

The UIW center also has a book club that will meet March 29 with breakfast and noon March 30, with lunch. Three mathematicians from the School of Math, Science and Engineering – Dr. Jalen Beltrami, an associate professor, and two assistant professors, Dr. Craig McCarren and Dr. Saleyman Tek – will discuss mathematical concepts and skills students need to succeed in course. In addition to an opportunity to share their needs, participants will learn what is emphasized in these courses, the reasons for the course, the assessment process, and the success formula for the course.

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