

UIW community shares hopes for new president

By Queen Ramirez
LOGOS STAFFWRITER

University of the Incarnate Word community members shared thoughts with special consultants Feb. 1-2 about qualities they'd like to see in the institution's next president.

The presidential forum on Feb. 1 was held mainly for students to come and give their thoughts about the next president. However, attendance was quite scarce. However, several faculty, staff and administrators showed up to voice their thoughts Feb. 2. Both

forums were in Ingrid Seddon Recital Hall inside Luella Bennack Music Center.

In a Dec. 6 statement to the university, Dr. Denise Doyle, acting president, announced Academic Search, a search firm, had been hired to help the nine-member presidential search committee make a recommendation to UIW's Board of Trustees.

The board asked Doyle around mid-August to serve as acting president

when the longtime president, Dr. Lou J. Agnese Jr., was placed on medical leave. Agnese, who had served more than 30 years, retired at the end of 2016 but not before trustees named him president emeritus and a member of the board.

The search committee has Trustee Bobby Rosenthal serving as chair. Two more trustees are serving along with two faculty members -- Dr. Ramona Parker and Dr. Elda Martinez; the president of the SGA, the president of



Two consultants: Dr. Jessica Kozloff and Dr. Ann Die Hasselmo

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A WALK FOR SOLUTION

Paul Warner, left, a communication arts major concentrating in production, lights a candle in Our Lady's Chapel for a participant in the Feb. 8 'Solidarity Walk' that took place outside Jordan Carillon to remember those impacted by human trafficking. Catholic Relief Services held the event.

UIW offers free income tax— for those who qualify

By Amanda Acuña
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Everyone likes free stuff, right? Would receiving free help on your income taxes be of interest -- whether you are a student or parent?

If you answered yes to both questions and you're making \$60,000 or less a year, the University of the Incarnate Word annually offers such help through its VITA -- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance -- program.



Volunteer faculty and trained students give this help first-come, first-serve 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays through April 15 in Room

126 of the Joyce Building.

Those wanting help need to come with their ID, Social Security card and any W-2 or 1099 forms from 2016. Anyone trying to file their taxes may come and sign in with the volunteer at the door, and sit and wait to be called by one of the volunteers.

Not only is the VITA program beneficial for the community but also the students who volunteer to help do the income taxes and organize everything for the two months the program is offering free tax help.

"It's free for anyone who needs it and our students receive experience for their class," Dr. Bonnie McCormick, professor and department chair of the biology

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UIW monitoring status of U.S. ban on countries

By Victoria O'Connor
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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 Frago, 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 refused to call Trump's order a Muslim ban.

"We are not calling this a Muslim ban but just talking about an executive order either



Dr. Denise Doyle

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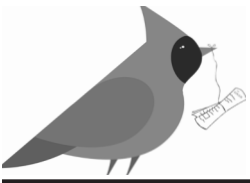
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Compiled by LOGOS Staff Writer Queen Ramirez

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 diploma. Tennessee wanted to learn why many 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 matter.

Plant-based burgers gets A-OK

A plant-based burger, also known as “The Impossible Burger,” launched this month in a New York restaurant. Patrick Brown, a former Stanford University professor and founder and CEO of Impossible Foods Inc., created this innovative creation. While the burger looks, tastes, cooks, and bleeds as if made from meat, it is completely plant-based. “I like it a lot -- I think it has that nuttiness you get from good beef. I think it has great moisture, great mouth feel,” Executive Chef, Brad Farmerie said.

India asks farmers to grow more millet

Indian farmers are being asked to grow millets in an effort to aid in and decrease the severe water crisis in India. Millets are currently used in their animal food but more than 40 years ago millets were a staple in peoples’ diet. India has been using popular, high-yielding crops such as rice and wheat but these crops require more water than millets. The Indian government is offering incentives to help grow and popularize millets, and has begun partnering with companies to help make this out of fashion food desirable.

Pilot whales get stranded

About 416 pilot whales were found stranded at Farewell Spit, New Zealand, on Thursday, Feb. 9, and more have turned up in the preceding day “You could hear the sounds of splashing, of blowholes being cleared, of sighing,” Ceree Morrison told The Associated Press. “The young ones were the worst. Crying is the only way to describe it.” There are multiple reasons why this incident may have occurred, and reasons range from fishing nets to social bonds. Volunteers refloated many of the whales but several returned stranded once again.



Some of the hundreds of pilot whales stranded Feb. 9 in New Zealand.

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the Alumni Association, Sister Audrey O’Mahony representing the founding congregation, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word; and Vice President Marcos Fragoso, representing international programs.

The outreach for possible presidential candidates was made during the New Year’s weekend. Two search consultants, Dr. Ann Die Hasselmo and Dr. Jessica S. Kozloff, came to listen at the Feb. 1-2 forums.

For students, faculty, or staff interested in the qualities the search committee is looking for in presidential candidates, a link to the presidential search can be found at the top of the UIW homepage.

The presidential search page says, “The Presidential Search Committee seeks a proven leader who embraces, respects and can effectively articulate the mission of UIW as a Catholic institution committed to academic excellence, intellectual freedom, equality, tolerance, and the rights of all individuals.”

By March 10 the committee asks all applicants to have the needed materials

in. Those who make this will be “fully considered.”

The consultants are looking for someone who parallels the values of the UIW community.

“Many of us here are very interested in having a president who is truly committed to civic engagement and seeing how we can share the skills, and knowledge, and gifts that we have as an institution to improve our community both locally and globally,” Monica Cruz, director of the Ettling Center for Civic Leadership, said.

During the first forum, most of the students present were members of the SGA who said the next president needs to understand the history and needs of the school.

“I think the university is a very complex organization,” Sister Walter Maher, vice president for Mission and Ministry, said. “So I think at some point in time the new president will have to look at what is the structure of the internal governing of the university so it is much



Participants tell Dr. Ann Die Hasselmo, one of two consultants, their ideas, hopes and dreams for a new UIW president. Queen Ramirez/LOGOS Staff

more collaborative and collegial rather than hierarchal.”

Others said the qualities they would like to see in the new president include diversity, trustfulness, willingness, compassion, access, trust, tolerance, and a networker.

One concern brought up during the first forum was the faith of the next president.

Many have differing opinions on the matter, but according to the presidential search, “preference will be given to a Catholic candidate with a terminal academic degree, but full consideration will be given to all who apply.”

Deadline looms for two major awards

Feb. 28 is the deadline for nominations for two major spring awards at the University of the Incarnate Word – the Presidential Teaching Award and CCVI Spirit Award.

The winner of the 13th annual teaching award, who will receive \$5,000, will be announced at the annual spring faculty awards luncheon. This award acknowledges a full-time faculty member who “exemplifies excellence in teaching

that leads to student engagement.”

Current students, colleagues and alums are invited to submit the online form stating why the nominee is deserving of the award. The form is available at www.uiw.edu/teacher.

The CCVI award recognizes a member of the faculty, administration or staff who has “demonstrated in service to the University and/or to the broader civic community, the spirit of the founders,

the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.” The recipient is recognized during Incarnate Word Day in March.

Nominations may be sent to Sister Walter Maher, vice president for University Mission and Ministry. Nominations also may be brought to her office, AD 151, or dropped in campus mail to CPO 139.

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department, said at the first Feb. 4 session.

Most of the volunteers are undergraduate and graduate students and professors who have been preparing for this annual event -- is the oldest continuing VITA site in San Antonio.

“The students learn different skills in their class in order to help the community do their taxes,” longtime accounting professor Theresa Tiggeman said, adding the undergrads also earn community service hours required for graduation.

The program was started in hopes of helping anyone in need of free financial service, whether it be students, parents

of current or former students, or anyone in the San Antonio community, Tiggeman said.

“The program has been going on for over 35 years,” Tiggeman said. “I remember being a student and helping out with this program with my professor.”

And if those qualifying are worried their tax returns will come out with them losing or owing money, that’s highly unlikely.

“The success rate of our students with tax returns is very high,” McCormick said.

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delaying or preventing people from these seven countries from entering the United States,” Doyle said. “We did not want to register a political opinion about the ban. Our real concern was to be a calming voice in a situation that could cause fear, and even panic, amongst some of our students.”

There is no record currently if the ban had affected students directly enrolled at UIW but the ban did affect a few students who were planning to attend the

university.

“We know that there were students from one of the countries that were to come to the University of the Incarnate Word and do an internship in Houston,” Doyle said. “I can’t say exactly what the connection is. Perhaps they were coming here to do something first then go to the university in Houston. They were supposed to come here in February. The ban began in January, and so we notified them that they should probably change their plans because they

are likely to run into the ban.”

Doyle wants students to be reassured the university is here to help and support students who have any concerns about the ban.

“We are monitoring the situation so that students do not feel isolated, or fearful, or worse -- just say ‘I’m going home,’” Doyle said.

While the university continues to help students during this time, UIW continues to follow its faith in how to handle difficult situations.

“Almost all universities have issued statements about the ban,” Doyle said. “What I think makes the University of the Incarnate Word different, along with other religious schools, is that our statements tend to include our own religious perspective. We tend to take as our rationale not simply just an academic perspective, but also one that is informed by our faith and our religious tradition.”

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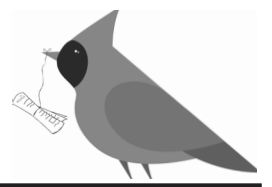
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Jenga blocks promote annual Block Party

By Renee Muniz
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

An estimated 350 students attended the Campus Activities Board's (CAB) second annual Block Party, a night full of food, music and community.

Completing the weeklong event of "January Jump Off," the Block Party – a three-hour event on Thursday, Jan. 19 -- offered students an opportunity to kick off



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Two students enjoy the wares offered by three local food trucks at the party, the semester with the UIW community.

The Block Party hosted three local food trucks for students to choose from: Dirty Dawgz, Effie's and Fat Tummy Empanadas. The food consisted of hot dogs, barbecue, empanadas and cupcakes. Desserts could also be selected from Chocollazo.

CAB President Lexi Pedregon said more food trucks

were present at this Block Party than last year's.

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 attracted students to the event, surpassing 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 flier 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 on 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



Renee Muniz/LOGOS Staff

Jenga blocks promote the block party but can be used to play games. blocks -- Jenga blocks.

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 fliers.

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.



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Arty Party

University of the Incarnate Word students wanting to try their hands at something arty had several challenges awaiting them during the annual 'January Jumpoff' mostly held in Dubuis Lounge, the temporary student center while construction continues on the state-of-the-art Student Engagement Center.

Student realizes dream studying abroad in Heidelberg

By Elizabeth Fernandez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

HEIDELBURG, Germany -- Ever since I was in middle school, I have always wanted to visit Heidelberg, Germany.

Today, as a 19-year-old freshman female student member of a minority, I have achieved my long-awaited dream by studying abroad here.

As I doubted my ability to study abroad, my friends, family and University of the Incarnate Word's faculty members encouraged me to pursue my goal. Aside from the acceptance letter, buying my plane ticket was the true realization I was actually going to study abroad.

I felt excited as well as nervous for the weather change. As I bought lots of winter clothes, the cashier looked at me strangely knowing that Texas' weather is bipolar.

This was going to be my first time on a plane and I expected the worst, such as an announcement saying there was a delay or my luggage was lost. However, my first plane ride was actually a smooth and great experience, not only because I got a window seat but also because there were no children screaming or crying on the way.

Since my arrival, I have noticed many things were different such as the language of the country. I will admit I do not know any German. However, I have tried my hardest to ask questions in the language and so far I have received excitement from the cashiers trying to speak English to me instead.

The German food is amazing, such as their Schnitzel'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.

It still shocks 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. These remind me of the pan dulce called "conchas" from back home.

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

Visiting Kurpfalzisches Museum was another beautiful sight. 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



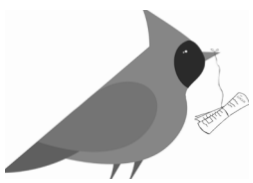
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Elizabeth Fernandez takes a selfie with the countryside of Heidelberg, Germany, behind her. you must take your own bags, or buy one at the store for 50 cents or more.

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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Office preps students to meet prospective employers

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Career Services & Professional Development is preparing University of the Incarnate Word students to meet future employers through several events – the biggest a March 2 Networking Mixer.

Career Fair Week begins Tuesday, Feb. 21, in J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library's Special Collections Room. Participating students 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 Abreeta Bonner



Abreeta Bonner

said Career Fair Week was set up to meet each portion of the students' career development needs.

Unlike the one-day job fairs of previous semesters, Career Services decided to take a different approach this spring.

"The sole purpose is to prepare students for the networking event, which is our large mixer that essentially gives students an opportunity to meet with employers, share their resume and get more information about internships and full-time and part-time employment opportunities," Bonner said.

"I think the real difference between the Networking Mixer we're having this year vs. the career fairs we've had in the past semesters is that we're really being strategic on the employers that the students

have noted on their registration form that they're interested in speaking with, shown some interest in working there, getting an internship opportunity or just seeing what's available."

The Networking Mixer, which will be 6-8:30 p.m. March 2 in McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom, is geared toward UIW students, regardless of major and their college experience, but students must register online through Career Services' website to attend. An etiquette dinner will follow the mixer.

"Honestly, all of our events at Career Fair Week are tailored to any classification of students," Michelle McWilliams, a Career Development adviser, said.

Employers who will be at the mixer are listed on the Career Services website. Artpace, City of San Antonio, Cavender Auto Family, Nielsen and Rackspace are among them.

When students register for the mixer, they'll be asked to give Career Services an idea of the types of employers they would like to see present, McWilliams said.

"Each of the (Career Week) workshops will focus on a different hot topic, so to speak," said Bonner. "That way when the Networking Mixer comes around they're more than prepared to present themselves in a professional manner, knowing how to network with employers and make sure they have the proper documents with them to essentially 'brand themselves.'"

In addition to participating in the events, Career Services recommends students schedule an appointment to speak with a career adviser.

"It's always great to set up an appointment with us," Bonner said. "I know it's really helpful for students to meet one-on-one with a career adviser to get more information or a better stance on where they are in the process. Some students will have a very well-developed resume already, but they may need to brush up on small talk, how to present themselves professionally or building a brand."

In preparation for the Career Fair Week and Networking Mixer, McWilliams advises students who are graduating seniors to update and complete their resumes.

"We're having our resume review day," McWilliams said. "You don't want to be stuck with a resume you haven't updated since high school or when you applied to UIW and you're about to graduate in a couple of months."



Michelle McWilliams

FYI

Tuesday, Feb. 21: Lunch and Learn, noon-1 p.m., Special Collections Room on second floor of J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library.

Wednesday, Feb. 22: Cardinal Resume Review, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Cardinal Courtyard.

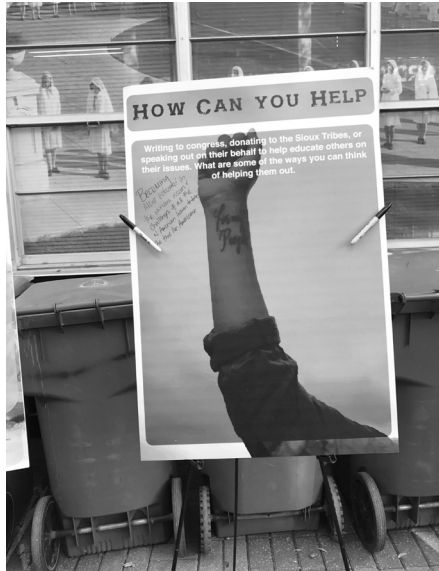
Thursday, Feb. 23: Networking and Professional Dress Workshop, noon-1 p.m., J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library Auditorium.

Thursday, March 2: Networking Mixer, 6-8:30 p.m., McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom.

Diversi-Tea serves food for body, mind



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Mint and blueberry tea is the featured blend for the first Diversi-Tea on Feb. 8 in Cardinal Courtyard. A poster tells how the Sioux Indian tribe from North and South Dakota can be helped. Jewelry from Colombia is for sale.

By Maria J. Guajardo Adame
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Mint and blueberry tea was served with cookies Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the first Diversi-Tea for the spring semester in Cardinal Courtyard.

Organized by the Etling Center for Civic Leadership and the Office of Student Life, Diversi-Tea is a way to bring the University of the Incarnate Word community together and promote different cultures.

The Diversi-Tea tradition comes from the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, founders of the university, established when they would come back from teaching.

Last week's tea celebrated the Sioux Indian tribe from North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. Posters showed information about this tribe, how they could be helped and their fight against the controversial Dakota Pipeline which would course through sacred land.

"Our hope is that students will become aware of issues (plaguing) indigenous people, at the same time enjoying a cup of tea and hopefully conversing about the issues (affecting) this people," said Paul Ayala, director of Campus Engagement.

Panel probes relevance of King speech in today's world

By Queen Ramirez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER
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The relevance of a 50-year-old speech from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in these times was the focus of a panel discussion Wednesday, Feb. 1, on campus.

The five-member panel shared its thoughts about King's Vietnam War-era "A Time to Break Silence" in Dr. Burton E. Grossman International Conference Center Auditorium.

The panel was made up of four University of the Incarnate Word faculty members -- Sister Martha Ann Kirk in religious studies, Dr. Trey Guinn in communication arts, Dr. Roger Barnes in sociology, Dr. Doshie Piper in criminal justice -- and guest speaker Jovani Reyes.

Guests of different ages and backgrounds came to hear the panel discussion on King's speech.

Senior Chris Barnes, a cultural studies major, led the program off with a song.

After the song, two of Guinn's students, Susanna Alford and Kylie Quintero, opened the panel with the reading of excerpts from the speech King gave in 1967 when he focused on how the United States was built on top of the oppressed, and spoke out on the Vietnam War.

In the speech, King condemned the evil triplets of society: racism, militarism and materialism.

"Speak up, speak out, speak truth," Dr. Barnes said.

The panelist pointed out when King delivered the speech, he was met with much criticism and opposition. At that time the New York Times wrote an editorial titled, "Dr. King's Error" on April 7, 1967.

Though the speech was highly controversial and was met with criticism, the speech is arguably considered some of his best work. When the speech was first given, the topic was, and still is, considered highly controversial.

Besides tea and cookies, participants at the tea could go by booths where handmade jewelry from Bogota, Colombia, was being sold; learn about study abroad; and the Cardinal Latina Mentorship Program, a program that helps all UIW Latina women achieve their goals and support them throughout their undergraduate career.

"I had really low expectations when my friend pressured me to come to this event because I was just expecting to drink tea," Sofia Guajardo said. "I walked out of this event knowing about the Sioux tribe and with a great mint tea and cookies. I think this is a great event because you get to chat with other people about the same topic."

FYI

Other Diversi-Tea dates -- all 1 to 2 p.m. in Cardinal Courtyard -- will be Feb. 22, March 8, April 12 and April 26.

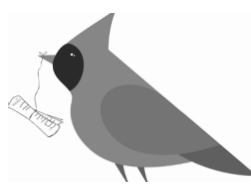


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Dr. Rogers Barnes speaks at the panel discussion with Sister Martha Kirk, Dr. Doshie Piper and Jovani Reyes.

"Dr. King did amazing things," Jocelyn Alvarado, a sophomore mathematics major, said. "I never realized what impact he had on politics in today's world."

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Several African children interact with a member of Women's Global Commission's immersion team last August in Bukoba, Tanzania.

Immersion trips to Africa allow global connections

By Dr. Elaine TalarSKI
Special to the Logos

Four volunteers and a staff member from the Women's Global Connection (WGC) left San Antonio Aug. 1 to participate in an immersion trip to Bukoba, Tanzania, near Lake Victoria.

Everyone was looking forward to meeting a remarkable group of women in Tanzania and learning about their work and projects.

Volunteers with WGC have been participating in immersion trips to Tanzania since 2004. Founded as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization by CCVI Sisters Dorothy Ettling and Neomi Hayes in 2001, WGC's vision soon became a commitment to help women overcome the ills of poverty, lack of education and disease.

WGC has invested in the learning and empowerment of women so they may sustain their families and work for transformative change in building just and sustainable communities.

Two other volunteers, Dr. Neeta Singh, a UIW associate professor of nutrition, and her graduate student, Marycela Barron, traveled to Bukoba in July to focus primarily on nutrition training for childcare center workers and families. Singh is WGC's expert consultant on nutrition improvement and economic development for its Africa projects.

The WGC immersion trip group had the opportunity to visit several Tanzanian villages and learn how women conduct small businesses from their homes, with training provided by Bukoba Women's Empowerment Association (BUWEA) and WGC.

Trip participants had the opportunity to provide or assist with training while they also experienced another culture up close and learn about the women's projects. The production and sale of products from the soy factory and bakery continue to grow and produce income for women who belong to BUWEA.

The women's collective is a registered non-profit in Tanzania that started as a prayer group in 1996 with 10 members and now numbers close to 800 members in more than 60 villages.

A milling machine operation owned and operated by BUWEA and located in a village outside Bukoba grinds soybeans into flour, which is then packaged to market.

A U.S. Embassy grant written by a former Incarnate Word missionary in Bukoba (Terri Horn) funded the initial expense of the milling machine.

Another ongoing project is the building of rainwater harvesters by the women.

There are 35 rain harvesters funded by WGC supporters and others that have been built by the women themselves in various villages. These rainwater harvesters provide a source of clean and accessible water, allowing women more time to meet family needs and do income-producing work, while reducing the incidence of water-borne diseases.

The project is now named the Lieveld Rainwater Harvester Project after the late Dr. Patricia Lieveld of the UIW Feik School of Pharmacy. Lieveld collaborated for several years with the women to develop a viable solution for their water issues.

[Also,] seeing the new BUWEA Childcare Center that WGC has been helping to plan now in full operation was inspiring.

More than 20 children – ranging from 1 to 5 years of age -- are receiving quality care, nutritious food, and age-appropriate developmental activities. Many of the children's mothers work for BUWEA in various capacities.

WGC is continuing to assist BUWEA with the start-up and nutrition costs for the early years of the center, the only childcare center in the vicinity. Following the three basic principles of WGC since inception, the center is: locally owned by

BUWEA, seeks to empower women and families, and has the ultimate goal of self-sustainability.

WGC volunteers even conducted workshops on topics such as "How to Start a Business," "Marketing Concepts," "Nutrition and Benefits of Soy in the Diet," "Coping with Grief and Loss," "First Aid" and "Child Development."

The women have assimilated the knowledge learned from workshops and are now able to use as well as teach what they have learned to others. They are mentoring and consulting with women in other communities and countries on how to organize women's groups and create empowering and income producing projects to reduce poverty.

The group also observed the proceedings of a revolving loan fund meeting. This fund managed by BUWEA (now renamed the Ettling Revolving Loan Fund) provides small loans to individual women to start or expand a small business. A requirement is the ability to repay the loan within four months with interest agreed on by the women. The repayment of loans with interest maintains the seed money to offer new loans.

Seeing in person what women in Tanzania are accomplishing is reaffirming.

Our visit to Africa concluded with five days in Kakamega, Kenya, along with two of the leaders from BUWEA.

This trip was a "scouting" trip for WGC to assess needs and identify ways to further collaborate with the Kenyan Women in Conservation registered non-profit organization. It was an exciting overnight trip by land through Uganda and across the equator to visit several groups of women in the villages, offer workshop training, and learn about the women's projects.

The BUWEA women and the WGC volunteers were able to provide guidance on improving their organization, starting a microloan fund, and developing their projects. Everyone on the immersion team said they received as much or more than they gave to the people and projects.

Editor's Note: Dr. Elaine TalarSKI earned her doctorate from UIW and serves as women's economic development adviser for Women's Global Connection, a ministry of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, founders of the university.

FYI

Immersion trips offer volunteers from the University of the Incarnate Word and the larger community who are interested in a cross-cultural experience with opportunities to offer their service and knowledge to benefit others.

Women are empowered to advance economically and develop leadership skills to improve their and their family's quality of life. Women's Global Connection is also working with women and their families in Zambia and Peru. More information on WGC immersion trips and other programs can be found at www.womensglobalconnection.org and on WGC's Facebook page.

For anyone interested in learning about this summer's trips to Peru (May 15-29) and Africa (July 12-30), please e-mail WGC at wgcinsa@gmail.com or call 828-2224, Ext. 297.

During the last week of February, anyone can come by the McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom during Research Week and visit WGC and its poster on the development of the soy project.

Pierre Lecturer: Seek unifiers vs. separators for church unity

By Andrew Remelius
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Dr. Susan K. Wood shared a simple suggestion for those interested in achieving church unity Tuesday, Feb. 7, during the 15th annual Pierre Lecture.

"Begin from the perspective of unity instead of separation to see what you have in common rather than what is different about each faith," Wood, a systematic theology professor at Marquette University, told her audience in CHRISTUS Heritage Hall at the Village of the Incarnate Word.

The annual lecture is cosponsored by University of the Incarnate Word's Department of Religious Studies; College of Humanities, Arts and the Social Sciences; and a grant from the Pierre Fund of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, the founders of the university.

Addressing the question, "Church Unity: Why Does It Matter?," Wood focused on ecumenism, which refers to efforts by Christians of different denominations to develop closer relationships and better understandings.

Churches have been trying to focus on developing relationships with each other to avoid the religious wars fought after the Protestant Reformation, she said.

Wood shared some of the work she did in creating dialogue with other denominations.

"I could write soap operas about what goes on in there," Wood said.

Wood talked about when she had to work with other denominations to

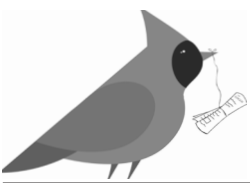
condense 50 years of ecumenical dialogue into a declaration with the topics of church, ministry and the Eucharist. The group came to make 32 statements of agreement with supporting collaboration in these meetings but there are still a few remaining differences just to show they are on the way but have not arrived yet.

The way to understand the opposing side, she said, is to see where they agree before they disagree.

Quoting the "Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World," Wood said, "We are also mindful that the unity of Christians is today awaited and desired by many, too, who do not believe in Christ; for the farther it advances toward truth and love under the powerful impulse of the Holy Spirit, the more this unity will be a harbinger of unity and peace for the world at large."



Dr. Susan K. Wood





EDITOR'S DESK

By Valerie Bustamante
LOGOS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Zeroing in – like an arrow – on graduation

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 fall's 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 could think about was how long it was going to take for 2017 to even get here. 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 having to fill 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.

When welcoming the new year, I didn't make any typical New Year's resolutions such as giving up soda or any junk food. I wasn't the person who said, "New Year, New Me." Instead, I told myself to just look at 2017 as a year of simply moving forward. Heck, I even got a small arrow tattoo to symbolize it.

And it's something I've looked at to remind myself of this every day since the semester started.

At the beginning, it was hard for me to comprehend I'm not coming back in the fall.

When hearing our work-studies say the classes they want to take in the fall, all I could think about was how my fall is still uncertain.

It's also been even scarier thinking about it when I'm constantly hearing: "Are you excited for graduation?"; "What are you going to be doing after?"; "Do you have a job lined up?"

And the truth is yes; I'm so excited to be graduating. It brings me joy that all the classes I've taken, and stress I've gone through has been totally worth it.

But yes, I am frightened at the same time. I'm scared of not being able to find a job to support myself. I'm scared I won't be able to find a job in the industry I'm so passionate about.

However, after giving it some thought, I've come to the conclusion that whatever happens, happens. Wherever life takes me is fine. If I have to leave San Antonio, then I will.

As afraid as I am or nervous, I can't wait to see what 2017 has in store as far as going into post-graduation life.

2017 is about moving forward and taking risks. It's about embracing the changes that are expected to come and doing what you think is the best with those changes.

To anyone who may have had a difficult year in 2016, this is your year too. Look at what the upcoming months have in store for you. Stay optimistic and keep moving.

For my fellow seniors: I know I'm not the only one feeling this way about life after graduation and that's OK. Surround yourself with positivity and with people that support your decisions. We are going to get through this. Keep moving forward.

May 13, we are coming for you.

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Show love every day, in every way



By Gaby Galindo
LOGOS ASSISTANT EDITOR

Valentine's Day. What a dumb idea.

The discount candy and chocolate I can definitely live with, but it's so fake and commercial. It feels so empty.

Why reserve one day out of the year to show someone you care? It's stupid. Just like how February is also Black History Month. Why restrict it to just one month, when we should be celebrating it throughout the year, along with all other diverse cultures. And what about the single, lonely, or brokenhearted? Why do they get excluded from Valentine's Day celebrations?

Love is meant to be a lifelong, worldwide celebration of all kinds of love. Especially now, in a time where hate, sorrow and despair run rampant, we need love now more than ever. We need this to be the year that love conquers all. So here are two things you can do in order to make that happen.

1. Be unapologetically yourself. I know, so cliché, but stay with me. What's the point of trying to be someone you're not? (Unless you're in theatre.) Nothing good can come out of it except misery and pain. I know it's not always easy. But believe me, once you start to really love yourself, flaws and all, you'll be a much happier person and you'll enjoy life more.


Don't ever let anyone try to change who you are. Your personality, quirks, style, beliefs, interests, strengths and weakness, etc., make you YOU. If someone can't accept and appreciate you as you are, leave them. Life is too short for that nonsense, and you don't need that negativity in your life. Just keep being your own awesome self, and everything will fall into place.

2. Show love through simple acts of kindness. You don't need to have big bucks to make someone happy. It's the little things, the small gestures of kindness that go far in making someone's day. Make time to just sit and talk. Show them something you know they'll like (such as cute kittens and puppies). Give a small hand-made gift. Play their favorite music. Look at stupid memes together. Go out for ice cream. Compliment their outfit. It's amazing how much you can do without burning a hole in your pocket. Time is a precious and fleeting thing. That's why spending it with loved ones is the best, most meaningful thing you can do, and you can't put a price on that.

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Something special about sisterhood



By Victoria O'Connor
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If you are involved in Greek life, then you know what spring semester means -- recruitment season!

For those of you who are not members of a sorority or fraternity, spring semester means potential growth in business. Yes, I do mean it when I say "business."

While sororities are commonly envisioned as social clubs with wild parties and tons of sisters who are BFFs, I can tell you this is not at all the truth. Well, not entirely for me at least.

Sororities are actually organizations that work towards a common goal or philanthropy they are passionate about.

In my sorority, Delta Xi Nu, the two causes we work towards are bringing awareness of domestic violence against women, and promoting cultural awareness.

This is why I joined Greek life and when I joined learned there is no such thing as a "sorority type."

So while I am outside in AT&T Circle, flagging down strangers asking, "Hi, are you interested in Greek life," and hoping my smile looks more genuine than creepy, I am also trying to recruit new resources to participate in our organization.

This is where things get sticky in the misconceptions of sorority life; buying your friends, or as it is truthfully

called, paying dues.

It is a fact that sororities cost money, and depending on what organization you join, some cost more than others. I am not going to lie and say we don't care about the money, because in all honesty, we do.

We rely on new sisters to bring in money for our organization to grow, but we also rely on our current sisters to keep that organization maintained. These are funds that go towards our events, philanthropy, and into our national organization.

Once you're in a sorority, you are in a family until you graduate, sometimes even longer than that. It is important to know what you are paying for, and why you are paying for it.

When it comes to mixing family and business, it is understandable for disputes to happen amongst sisters, and that's OK.

I can't promise you and your sisters will be each other's bridesmaids, or you will even be friends. Those of you who have siblings of your own, you probably know what I am talking about.

People join Greek life for their own personal reasons and happen to make friends along the way. What ties you together as a family is the mutual respect of what you are all working towards as an organization.

So when you see me on campus

wearing stitched Greek letters on my shirt, know I am representing more than just sorority but a family and a business I am proud to be a part of.

As recruitment season continues, I hope to gain new sisters this semester who wear those same letters and feel just as proud as I do wearing them.

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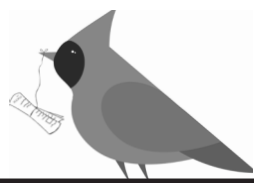


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Delta Xi Nu sorority sisters are recruiting newbies along with the rest of the Greeks this spring.

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Panel: MLK's 'Time to Break Silence' still relevant



By Mariella Metz-Yeverino
Special to the Logos

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

The panel held its first presentation Wednesday, Feb. 1, in Dr. Burton E. Grossman International Conference Center Auditorium and repeated it Thursday, Feb. 9, in J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library Auditorium.

The opening presentation began with a beautiful opening prayer sung by student Chris Barnes and excerpts of King's speech read by two UIW communication arts students, Susanna Alford and Kylie Quintero. Dr. Trey Guinn, an assistant professor in communication arts and head of its graduate program, also participated.

One of the panelists, Giovanni Reyes from Iraqi Veterans Against the War (IVAW), 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 Piper, an assistant professor of criminal justice, discussed the connection between King's speech and the current political climate.

"We can't understand the impact of our current events without visiting the past," Piper said. "We have built a country on the backs of the oppressed. If we don't challenge the status quo, we are just as guilty as the ones who are imposing policies upon us."

King's life was also discussed in connection to his speech. Dr. Roger Barnes, chair and professor 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 it. Barnes

connected the speech to recent events that have occurred in our world in the past three months.

"We need to muster courage to speak up and speak out," Barnes said. "The time is as urgent now as it was in April 1967 when he gave that speech."

As the discussion and questions-and-answers began among the attendees, I couldn't help but feel inspired and strengthened by the fact all the people around me who had chosen to attend this panel discussion want to make a change in some way.

At some moments, the struggle for peace seems difficult, and I for one feel the weight of the frustration. However, by being a part of events like this discussion panel or reading the powerful words of King help stir my conscience again to have courage, not give up, and be willing to speak up.

We need to ask ourselves, "What can I do to make a better world?"



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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UIW students join 'March for Life'



By Renee Muniz
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

AUSTIN -- About two weeks after the spring semester began, UIW Mission and Ministry took more than 20 students to the March for Life in Austin.

The March for Life is an event that brings awareness to the inhumane decision of legalizing abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy that occurred in 1973, the Supreme Court case of Roe vs. Wade.

This annual event has never ceased to gather people of all religions, races and backgrounds to fight for one goal: the right to life.

I was one of these pro-life advocates and have been for five years.

I was awakened to the reality of abortion my freshman year at St. John Paul II High School in Corpus Christi, Texas. Every year the school took charter buses full of students to March for Life in Austin.

Prior to high school, I never heard of abortion or Roe vs. Wade but once understanding these events and what they have entailed, I knew I would continue to defend life in all circumstances.

Wanting to continue the tradition of going to Austin, I wondered if UIW was taking a group to the annual March for Life. There was little talk about it, so I brought up the idea and a plan was developed.

We were heading to the March for Life.

Director of Campus Ministry Beth Villarreal was the person responsible for organizing the event. Villarreal, who has worked 14 years for University Mission and Ministry, had always wanted to attend the march but was never able to attend.

"...It's the first time in a long time that a group of students has really gathered together to definitely do it," Villarreal said. "There's always been talk."

We began the day in Austin by attending Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Bishop Daniel E. Garcia of Austin gave the homily where he addressed the hundreds of congregation members present.

"My friends, our world faces an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, the culture of death and the culture of life," Garcia said. "Every day we find ourselves in the midst of this conflict. We are all involved. And we all share it. And as believers in Christ, we have the inescapable responsibility of being unconditionally pro-life."

With this echo of hope, everyone

received a rose as a symbol of life. Together we headed to downtown Austin.

From being an unfamiliar newcomer to being an accustomed marcher, the chants shouted at the march have become our anthem.

Peer Ministry Intern Giovanni (Gio) Martinez participated in the first chant of the march.

"Chanting with people you didn't know was impactful," Martinez said.

And that is honestly one of the greatest parts of marching. Hearing thousands of people voice their opinion in unison for a common goal is truly remarkable.

Since my first march in 2013, there was a specific chant that was constantly repeated. Someone with a loud voice would yell "We are!" and the rest of the crowd would reply "Pro-life!"

This year I decided to be that someone and start the classic chant with hundreds nearby. It gave me the opportunity to reflect on how far I have

the host of the rally and president of Texans for Life Coalition, Kyleen Wright, informed us only 20 abortion clinics remain in Texas while 200 pro-life organizations are spread throughout the state.

A certain speaker that stood out to us as Cardinals was Jillian Ferguson, Southwest Regional coordinator of the Students for Life of America team. Her job is to spread the pro-life movement to college campuses and train students to form their own pro-life organizations.

Ferguson said she admires the current generation's strength, dedication and passion of defending the most vulnerable among us.

What struck me in particular was her take on the pro-life movement. She said our goal is to make abortion "not only illegal, but unthinkable".

Her speech was a call to all college students to start a movement at their own campus. Martinez was moved by her speech to take his pro-life stance

to another level.

"Yeah, I actually want to go out and find agencies or organizations that help the pregnant women that are considering abortion," Martinez said.

Villarreal mentioned

some UIW students had been interested in a campus pro-life organization even before the march.

"We'll hopefully have a pro-life group here on campus in the next year, and also connecting it to Catholic Relief Services," Villarreal said.

As head of Campus Ministry for undergraduate students, Villarreal was extremely satisfied with the students who participated in this march. An unforgettable moment for her was when she witnessed our group entering the Capitol gates.

"It sunk in for me when I saw y'all walking up with the UIW flag. It was just a profound statement that 'We are here,'" Villarreal said.

Moments such as these showed her the determination and passion the students have.

"I'm very excited about you students that are in right now," Villarreal said. "We've always had phenomenal groups of students come through, but I think you guys are wanting to do. You're very solid in your faith and the practice of your prayer, but now you want to put your prayer into action."

I personally met someone at the



Renee Muniz/LOGOS Staff
University of the Incarnate Word students participate in the Jan. 27 'March for Life.'

come since my very first march, when I was hesitant to yell anything.

I also noticed how far the pro-life movement has come over the years.

On the steps of the Capitol, guest speakers energized the marchers by listing the wrongdoings of abortion, but more so, the positivity of the pro-life movement. The speakers consisted of state government leaders as well as pro-life leaders.

Chairman Byron Cook, representative of House District 8, was the first speaker at the march. The pro-life movement has seen much progress because of bills he has passed concerning human rights.

Thanks to the Sonogram Bill passed in 2011, 50,000 lives have been saved while House Bill 2, passed in 2013, has saved 20,000 lives.

"Your presence is encouraging and uplifting for lawmakers," Cook told the crowd.

Statistics such as these brought great joy to everyone present, such as UIW freshman Bryan Ramirez. Ramirez said hearing these facts was something different and it gave him a sense of hope for the future.

The crowd was also delighted when

march with that same solid faith, as Villarreal mentioned.

Jamie Chaidez attended the rally with her husband, Juan, and her three children ages 6, 3 and 1.

"I just love how everyone gets together here to promote saving babies and women's health," Chaidez said.

Abortion ended the relationship between her and her siblings before the relationship could even begin.

"I'm the only one out of all my siblings that is alive," Chaidez said, "except I have a half-sister that was adopted at birth on my dad's side. But my mom had three abortions, and one was twins. So I have four siblings that are not with me."

However, Chaidez has not let those obstacles stop her from living a life of hope. At some points, she has had to distance herself from negativity, such as how she did with the Women's March.

The first Women's March was held throughout the world on Saturday, Jan. 22, and although it fought for women's rights, the march failed to fight for all women's rights including those in the womb.

Chaidez pointed out that March for Life fights for the rights of those that are not already present.

"Like it says in the Constitution, basically life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," Chaidez said. "And the No. 1 thing is life and that is something that is not provided to all."

Chaidez was unable to march to the Capitol because she is currently pregnant with twins. However, she was happy to be there for the third year.

It was such a privilege to meet someone at the March for Life who was literally carrying life – two lives!

UIW graduate student Luis Almanzar-Galvan took women such as Chaidez and her mom into consideration while making posters for the march. He created a double-sided poster: one side saying "real men protect pregnant women" and another saying "pregnant women have our support" to show people truly care about women before and after their pregnancy.

Andrew Beltran, a UIW freshman, also created a poster quoting Dr. Seuss: "A person's a person no matter how small." This simple quote has been used throughout pro-life marches, even the main pro-life rally in Washington, D.C., where hundreds of thousands gather.

As Villarreal put it, "...Y'all represented the whole UIW community. You may have come for your own personal reasons, but you represented a Catholic institution and that was very powerful."

This was UIW's first trip to the March for Life in Austin and it was a wonderful experience to take part in.

We are pro-life.

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Football signs new players, preps for spring

By Kelsey Johnson
LOGOS SPORTS EDITOR
POWERED BY AURASMA 

The football program – which starts spring training March 20 -- is hoping new players it signed will gird 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 news 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, Sean 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



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Football team signs new players

UIWtv Technical Director Valerie Lopez interviews Head Coach Larry Kennan at the National Signing Day program.

Women whip HBU Huskies for first time



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Lady Cardinals forward Imani Robinson, center, tries to shoot Feb. 2 against two Houston Baptist University defenders while forward Cecilia Garcia Paunero from Spain confers with a referee.

By Christopher Reyes
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The Lady Cardinals beat Houston Baptist University for the first time ever 69-54 Thursday, Feb. 2, at home in Alice P. McDermott Convocation Center.

Cardinal forward Celia Garcia Paunero from Spain led the way with one of her double-doubles – this time pouring in 21 points and reeling in 17 rebounds.

Fifth-year senior guard Cheyenne Berry finished the game going eight for 12, also dishing out four assists.

After the second quarter, the Cardinals held the game with a 14-4 run. At half-time, 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 Lady 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 stat sheets: HBU was held to 30 percent shooting.

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 4-15 overall and 2-7 in conference play.

Home games left will be Wednesday, Feb. 15, against Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s Islanders and Saturday, Feb. 18, against Sam Houston State University.

McNeese State Cowboys lasso Cardinals

By Christopher Reyes
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word men’s basketball team unsuccessfully defended the home court Thursday, Feb. 2, against the visiting McNeese State Cowboys, losing 87-79.

Cowboys forward Stephen Ugochukwu tallied up 25 points and 13 rebounds -- a double double -- at Alice P. McDermott Convocation Center. Ugochukwu shot 50 percent from the field overall as he was a force all night long on the glass for the Cowboys.

Cowboys guard Jamaya Burr chipped in 22 points and four assists.

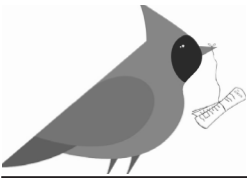
When Burr and Ugochukwu needed some help, they used the floor spacing of guard Kalob Ledoux as he went 3-3 from



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Junior point guard Jalin Hart, center, defends against a McNeese State University Cowboys player at Alice McDermott Convocation Center.



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has great intangibles and provides depth.”

The signing class also includes nine high school seniors and eight transfers from various universities. Three of the players attend local high schools in San Antonio, and five more are from Texas. The recruits range from California, Florida and Louisiana.

UIW is hoping this incoming class will help build the team from last year’s 3-6 season as it enters its first year as a post-season eligible Division 1 program in the Southland Conference.

“I think we did a really good job recruiting,” Kennan said. “We got some junior college players that can really help us and make a difference. It’s really our first year where we had a full complement of scholarships and the ability to play for a Southland Conference Championship, so it’ll mean a lot more to us. Everyone wants to be able to play for a Division I university with the possibility of playoffs. I feel really good about our ability to line up and play against teams in the Southland Conference.”

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

behind the arc, really stretching the Cardinals defense on the floor.

Despite the loss, the Cardinals did play well. Point guard Jalin Hart finished the game with 22 points and six assists. Forward Simi Socks also put up 21 points.

The Cardinals cut the lead down to five during the game but it just seemed

the home team never was able to completely change the feel of the game with some timely plays.

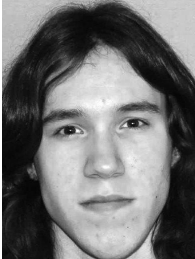
The next two home games are Wednesday, Feb. 15, against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi’s Islanders, and Saturday, Feb. 18, against the Bearkats of Sam Houston State University.



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



Moving on from Super Bowl to March Madness



By Andrew Remelius
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

In Super Bowl LI on Feb. 5, the New England Patriots beat the Atlanta Falcons 34-28 in the biggest comeback and first overtime game in Super Bowl history.

I was rooting for the Falcons to win because Julio Jones is my favorite receiver in the league and the Patriots are my least favorite team. But still it was one of the best games I had ever seen.

I dislike the Patriots because they are notorious for cheating in the Super Bowl, starting against the St. Louis Rams when they watched their practices during the week before the game (SpyGate) and most recently deflating balls to beat the Indianapolis Colts to beat them in the Conference Championship game in 2015 (DeflateGate).

Since I am from St. Louis I am upset about the first one and after the Rams left St. Louis I became a Colts fan. Tom Brady is also (incorrectly) considered the best quarterback of all time over Peyton Manning and Joe Montana; I think it is OK to consider him the best playoff quarterback of all time because he has the most rings of all time with five but I believe winning the Super Bowl is a team effort and no team has been better at cheating than Bill Belichick’s Patriots. You can tell any quarterback can do great on this team because of how well Brady’s backups did in the four games he was suspended at the beginning of the year.

I believe Peyton Manning is a better quarterback because of his stats. He leads

all career and single-season records for all passing stats except completion percentage, which he is second, and he did it with a much worse team than the Patriots. I also consider Montana, Drew Brees and Brett Favre better than Brady because of their better stats and my clear bias against him.

The game began with a scoreless first quarter but the Falcons scored 21 points as soon as the second quarter started. The Patriots did make a field goal at the end of the first half to make the score 21-3. I did not watch the halftime show but I did see Twitter making fun of Lady Gaga when she flew.

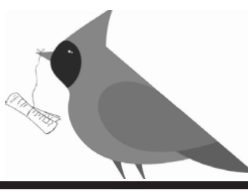
The Falcons opened up the second half with their last touchdown of the game before the Patriots scored their first touchdown and missed the extra point, making the score 28-9. The Patriots continued to score a field goal, two touchdowns and two, two-point conversions to tie the game with the most impressive play being the one when Julian Edelman, who had not made a catch in the first half, caught a ball in triple coverage on a deflection as it almost hit the ground. The drive before that the Falcons were in field-goal range thanks to an amazing catch by Jones but were sacked for 15 yards and could not get a chance to score.

The Patriots won on their first drive in overtime and I was upset. The Falcon’s quarterback, Matt Ryan, who won the MVP award, has the nickname “Matty Ice” because in college he was extremely clutch in college but obviously not in the NFL. Overall I do not like the outcome of the game and will try to avoid getting into arguments on social media until March Madness.

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CATCH THE CARDINALS
February Home Games

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			WBB vs. A&M-Corpus Christi @ 5:30 p.m.		MTEN vs. St.Mmary's	WBB vs. Sam Houston State @ 1p.m.
			MB vs. A&M-Corpus Christi @ 7:30 p.m.		BB vs. St. Louis @ 7 p.m.	MBB vs. Sam Houston State @ 3 p.m.
						BB vs. Notre Dame @ 3 p.m.
						MTEN vs. Trinity @ 3 p.m.
						BB vs. LaFayette College @ 7 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			WBB vs. Nicholls @ 5:30 p.m.	MBB vs. Nicholls @ 7 p.m.	BB vs. Central Michigan @ 6:30 p.m.	SB vs. New Mexico @ 10 a.m.
						BB vs. Central Michigan @ 1 p.m.
						MTEN vs. UTRVG @ 2 p.m.
						BB vs. Central Michigan @ 4 p.m.
26	27	28				
MTEN vs. Seminole State @ 9 a.m.						
BB vs. Central Michigan @ 11 a.m.						
MTEN vs. Laredo C.C. @ 3 p.m.						



Research Week spotlights Moody Professors, multiple scholars

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 “The Power of Perception” in J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library Auditorium. A reception will follow.

Perry, who once chaired the old speech department (now known as communication studies in the Department of Communication Arts), said his presentation “will examine the influence of perception on the meaning of reality.”

He is the author of four books: “James A. Herne: The American Ibsen,” “Jack London: An American Myth,” “Texas: An Illustrated History,” and edited with introduction a collection called “Thirteen Tales of Terror by Jack London.” He is currently conducting independent research on the Third Reich.

Tuesday’s presentation will move to McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom where Dr. Osman Özturgut, dean of the sponsoring Office of Research and Graduate Studies, will give a welcome at noon. The keynote speaker, Tomas E. Goldaracena, will lecture on “From Discovery to Application: The Undergraduate Research Experience” from 12:15 to 1.

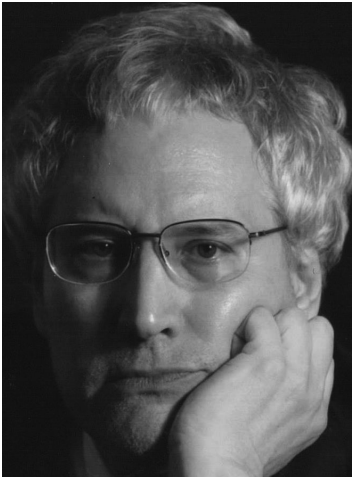
Podium presentations will follow from 1 to 4:10. The presenters include:

1-1:20: Dr. Wanita Mercer, “A Case for Spiritual Change Readiness: A Correlational Study.”

1:25-1:45: Elisabeth Hand, “Music Therapy with Survivors of Trauma: Gender Implications.”

1:50-2:10: Jordan Wetz, Dr. A. Philip Aitsebaomo and Dr. Carlos Garcia, “Effect of Ozone Exposure of Cone Photoreceptors.”

2:15-2:35: Dr. Danielle J. Alsandor and Dr. Leslie Martinez, “Critical Issues Facing Underrepresented College Students at an HSI (Hispanic-Serving Institution) as Identified by Student Affairs Educators and Professional Staff.”



Dr. John Perry

2:40-3: Dr. Michael McGuire, Dr. Shishu Zhang, Dr. Catalina Zarate and Mega Martinez, “Bexar County’s Reentry Program: A Cost Benefit Analysis.”

3:05-3:25: Sister Martha Ann Kirk and Ivan Acevedo, “Documenting a ‘Living Legacy’ Online: Carla De Sola.”

3:25-3:45: Gabriela Bogran, “Sophia: The Feminine Holy Spirit.”

3:50-4:10: Dr. Shishu Zhang and Dr. Gregory J. Soukoup, “The Impact of Religious Regulation on International Health, Wealth and Happiness.”



Dr. Malcolm Ree

Podium presentations in the Skyroom 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 Ree, presenting “Statistical Failure and Why I Didn’t Get the Expected Results,” at 5. Ree, professor of research and statistics in the Department of Leadership Studies, used his statistical acumen to help develop the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery when he was a civilian employee at the old Brooks AFB.

The podium lineup includes:

11-11:20: Dr. Zenon Culverhouse, “Socrates’ Stingray Effect: Diagnosing Silence in Philosophical Discussion.”

11:25-11:45: Alan Amaya, Kelley Magill and Lakiesha Jackson, “Analyzing the Protein-Protein Interaction Network of TNF-Alpha.”

11:50-12:10 p.m.: Frank Cassidy, “An Evidence-based Learning Study.”

12:15-1: Tomas E. Goldaracena, Dr. Michael Frye and Dr. Sreerenjini Nair, “Multi Autonomous Vehicle Collaboration: Interactive Demo.”

April 19 release party set for 'Quirk'

By Cristian Saldivar
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Dr. Joshua Robbins, adviser for the annual *Quirk* literary journal, is actively preparing for the annual spring release of its latest edition.

Prose, poem and visual art will be featured in the 2017 edition scheduled for public release at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, in the Special Collections Room on the second floor of J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library.

The release party will consist of literary readings and a showcase of the works that make it into the latest installment of the journal, which will sell for \$10. Past editions at the party

will cost \$5. Those whose work appears in the new edition will get a free copy. Robbins, an assistant professor of English, teaches the spring class – ENGL 3365 (Editing and Publishing) -- in charge of putting together the literary journal every year.

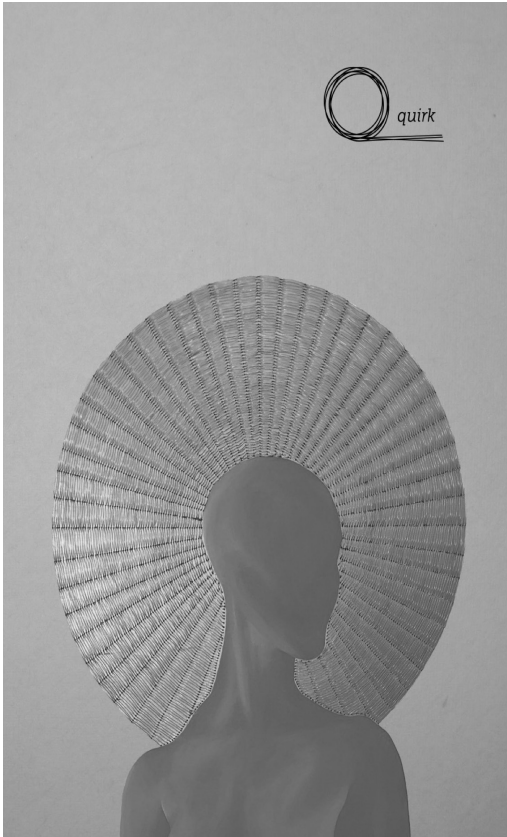


Dr. Joshua Robbins

The students work together to build and create the journal, evaluate the submissions, and decide which ones make it to print, Robbins said. Each entry goes through a blind-evaluation process, meaning all work is anonymous until selected for publication.

Robbins continuously finds it rewarding to see the students take on the task of creating *Quirk* every year.

“One of the most rewarding aspects of teaching the class is seeing the students rise to the occasion of producing the university’s literary journal,” Robbins said.



Past editions of the literary journal will sell for \$5 at the April 19 release party while the newest issue will be \$10.

1:05-1:25: Margarita McAuliffe, “Impacts of Officer Use of Force: A Multi-case Study.”

1:30-1:50: Dr. Sreedevi Ande, Dr. Okan Caglayan and Erik Coronado, “Girls in Engineering, Math and Science (GEMS) Camp at the University of the Incarnate Word.”

Activities, Thursday, Feb. 23, start with podium presentations in the Skyroom at 11:50 a.m., before moving at 6 that evening to “Thursday Night Live” in Irene Seddon Recital Hall in Luella Bennack Music Center.

The podium lineup includes:

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

12:15-12:35: Scarlett Pacheco, “The Mythic in the Mundane: Sacrifice and Tragic Hero in Sarah Orne Jewett’s ‘A White Heron.’”



Tomas Goldaracena

12:40-1: Kristina Lopez, “Nest Characteristics and Behavior in Captive Turtles.”

1:05-1:25: Paul Huron, “Development of a Signal Analysis Identification Program for Aircraft/Disaster Visualization by Converting Audio Signals using Fourier Transform Algorithms.”

1:30-1:50: Dr. Christopher Edelman, “Plu-who? Research in the History of Philosophy: What it is and Why we do it.”

1:55-2:15: Dr. Joshua Robbins, Robert Cavazos, Andi Silva and Zane Evans, “Erasing to Remember: Reclaiming Traumatic Narratives Through Erasure.”

“Thursday Night Live” performances – followed by a wine-and-cheese reception in the foyer – include:

6-6:20: Dr. Kelvin Salfen, “Song Cycle for Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes, I. Prologue, II, Epithalamium.”

6:25-6:45: William Gokelman, “Art Song: The Collaboration of Poet and Composer.”

6:50-7:10: Kelly R. Holguin, “Flat Line Ocean.”

7:15-7:35: Robert Cavazos, “The Reclamation of Personal and Traumatic Experience: Poems.”

7:40-8: Anthony Sanchez, “Seven Hours.”

The final event Friday, Feb. 24, will be a RSVP-only event – a 3-4 p.m. Fulbright Scholar panel discussion in the Special Collections Room on the second floor of J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library.

The panelists – Dr. Pat LeMay Burr, Dr. Brian McBurnett and Dr. Randall Nadeau will discuss the topic, “Discover How You Can Make an Impact Abroad!”



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Crowd celebrates 'Year of the Rooster'

By Lilly Ortega
LOGOS STAFF WRITER
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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 orches-

tra. 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."

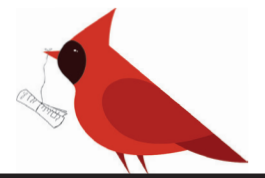
Student Luis Vergara said he has always wanted to learn how to play and he finally got that chance.

"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."



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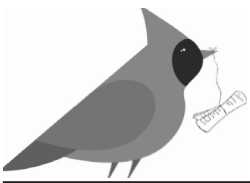




A variety of musical and dancing acts took center stage Jan. 31 in UIW's McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom where hundreds came to acknowledge the 'Year of the Rooster' for the annual Asian New Year.

Photos by Amberlyn Carrillo





‘Arcadia’: First spring play mixes drama, comedy



By Louis Q Iverson
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

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Nicholas Guerrero, left, stands in front of Michael Ciaramitaro (seated at table) and Lia Trevino, during a rehearsal while cap-wearing Brandon Bulls, above, works on a tense scene with Megan McHugh for 'Arcadia.'

The UIW Theatre Arts Department is firing up the stage this month to perform Tom Sheppard’s renowned play, “Arcadia,” a dramatic comedy that plays with the shifting of two different time periods.

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’s 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 part in the play as well.”

Thomasina Coverly, one of the characters ahead of her time, discovers the Chaos Theory as well as issues with Newton’s Law of Thermodynamics. Coverly thus begins contemplating Newton’s Law of Heat Exchange.

“Overall, we believe it’s about relationships and how they intertwine,” said Lia Trevino, 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 it’ll be fun for the audience to 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 Bulls, who plays Septimus Hodge, the astute 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.”

FYI

“Arcadia” will be performed at 8 p.m. Feb. 24-25, 2 p.m. Feb. 26 and 7 p.m. March 2 in Elizabeth Huth Coates Theatre. The last perfor-

mance will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Admission is free with ID for

University of the Incarnate Word faculty, staff

and students. Otherwise, tickets are \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$8 for students, and \$7 each for people in groups.

For more information, call (210) 829-3810.

‘Rings’: Long-awaited, disappointing



By Marco Cadena
LOGOS OPINIONS EDITOR

With a lackluster script, basic scares, and a predictable plot, “Rings,” the third installment of “The Ring” movie franchise, failed to meet the expectations of fans and critics alike.

Released Feb. 3, “Rings” follows the storyline of the 2002 movie, “The Ring,” the first American

remake of a Japanese horror classic.

Directed by F. Javier Gutiérrez, this supernatural psychological horror film narrates the story of Julia, played by Matilda Lutz, a young woman who puts herself on the receiving end of a curse that kills people seven days after the victim watched a terrifying video.

In “Rings,” Lutz tries but fails at reaching the status that Naomi Watts, the Academy Award-nominated actress, acquired when playing the main role in “The Ring” and “The Ring Two.” Lutz’s acting is less than convincing, which makes it hard halfway through the movie to root for the character in her journey to become the next iconic scream queen.

The latest film’s large group of actors are less than exemplary, as their on-screen relationships are vague and the movie’s fast-paced plotline make the construction of intimate connections between audience and character impossible. Moreover, death scenes and accidents remain unsurprising. Instead of asking the reason behind a tragedy, the audience gladly follows the dull story along.

Nostalgic from the get-go, the franchise’s latest installment brings back the original creepy video from the 2002 classic, which makes the viewing experience a nightmarish journey down memory lane. The movie also uses many other stunning visual components that relate to the first two films, such as the foggy forest, blurry faces and the stone well in the middle of the open fields.



Samara crawls out of a lot of technological devices in newest 'Rings' sequel.

Even with the abundance of impeccable imagery, “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 sources of fear, make “Rings” a less than refreshing film for all horror-movie fanatics.

“Rings,” which takes place in the present, gives technology a starring role as the killer video’s main sources of distribution are smartphones and laptop computers. On one hand, the decision to get rid of the old-fashioned videocassette leaves behind a sense of incompleteness, as an important component from the first two films remains missing for most of the movie. Nevertheless, this served as a wide array of possibilities for Samara, as she cannot only be seen crawling out of televisions anymore, making the possibilities endless based on the devices introduced throughout the film.

Even with an impressive promotion that included several viral videos as well as billboards and abundant television spots, “Rings,” which has gathered \$31 million at the box office to date, failed to answer the “Is it a reboot or a remake?” question from the onset.

With no jay-dropping moments, no effective jump scares, and with plenty of room to breathe due to the lack of shocking moments, “Rings” can be defined as the first horror tragedy of 2017. You have been warned.

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Review: ‘John Wick’ sequel tops original



By True McManis
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

“John Wick: Chapter Two” was somehow better than the original and stands as one of the best action movies I have seen since “Hardcore Henry.”

The movie opens with shots from an old Buster Keaton film projected on the side of a building and transitions flawlessly into an incredibly stylish chase scene, letting anyone with a love of stunts know exactly what kind of movie this is going to be.

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

Without giving 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 setting.

Once Wick is forced back into his old life, there is very little downtime for tension to dissipate. The character gets beat up more and more throughout the course of the film and wears the blood casually, never having too much time to clean himself up. This is very important to an action movie and vaguely reminiscent of “Speed,” as tension is one of the primary factors that drives action films.

One of the other most important factors in a great action film is the stunt work, and this movie is filled with some of the best stunt work I’ve ever seen from Keanu Reeves.

Reeves endured hours of firearm, 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 the film makes extremely pretty scenes.

The lighting in almost all of these scenes is beautiful, and the shots 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, any movie that doesn’t make me sit through a scene where a dog dies is better than a movie that does, so to me it was a bit of an improvement rather than a detriment.

Wick is still an incredibly charismatic character, even with his distinct lack of dialogue in many scenes. Having a charismatic lead is important so whether the action is great or horrible, the audience still likes the character.

The director, Chad Stahelski, has stated he wanted

to make a movie with a good story, awesome action and a likable character.

In my opinion, he does this very well.

As far as recommendations for this movie, anyone with a passion for stunts or a love of action movies will have a blast with this film. It’s a lot of fun. The humor is actually funny and doesn’t rely on quips every few minutes. The acting is passable all around and the plot is incredibly interesting.

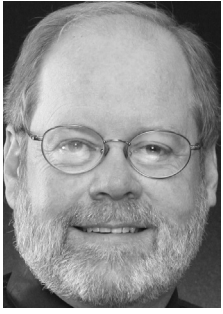
“John Wick: Chapter Two” was believed to be the sixth-most anticipated movie of 2017.

It definitely lives up to the hype surrounding it and may even surpass it.

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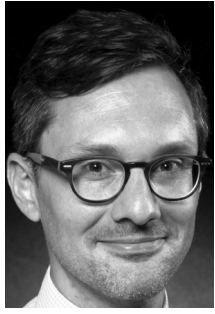
Star Keanu Reeves does the stunts necessary for his character, John Wick.



Dr. Roger Barnes



Dr. David Campos



Dr. Joshua Robbins



Dr. Stephanie Boswell



Dr. Sharon Herbers



Earl Harmsen



Dr. Flor de Maria Garcia-Wukovits

Faculty lauds seven colleagues

Seven University of the Incarnate Word faculty members received special awards Jan. 10 at a preschool reception sponsored by Dr. Kathi Light, the provost, at McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom.

The awards given and the recipients included:

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

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

Sister Maria Goretti Zehr 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 Eleanor Ann Young Truth Award: Dr. Stephanie Boswell, an associate professor of psychology in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, because she “searches for and seeks truth in scholarship and in the classroom.”

Sister Margaret Rose Palmer Education Award: Dr. Sharon Herbers, an associate professor in the Dreeben School of Education, because she “engages students in the learning process.”

Mother Columkille Colbert Service Award: Earl Harmsen, a senior instructor and director of the BBA program in the HEB School of Business and Administration, for being one who “embraces a global perspective and emphasizes social justice.”

Sister St. Pierre Cinquin Faith Award: Dr. Flor de Maria Garcia-Wukovits, an associate professor of mathematics in the School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering, for being “committed to educational excellence in the context of faith and fosters the values of the University.”

Center sets faculty workshops, book club

University of the Incarnate Word faculty needing help developing teaching statements for their annual and third-year reviews as well as tenure and promotion files will benefit from two April workshops.

The Center for Teaching and Learning at UIW has scheduled noon “Writing Your Teaching Statement” workshops on Tuesday, April 4, in the Special Collections Room on the second floor of J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library, and Wednesday, April 5, at the School of Osteopathic Medicine at Brooks City Base.

Dr. Barbara Millis, a retired educator who formerly headed the Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Texas-San Antonio, will lead both workshops.

Millis has written and presented widely on the process of writing a teaching philosophy, said Dr. Susan Hall, director of the UIW center. The speaker’s most recent books are “Cooperative Learning in Higher Education” and “The Course Syllabus: A Learning Centered Approach.”

“Being able to write a clear and engaging (teaching statement) is a practical skill,” Hall said. “But a teaching statement is useful in a deeper way, too, since it prompts us to think about the nature of learning and how we organize courses to support learning.”

If a UIW faculty member has “an existing teaching statement that you find less than inspiring, learn from Barbara Millis how to revise it into something that better reflects you and your beliefs,” Hall said, adding that lunch will be served at both workshops at 11:30 a.m.

The UIW center also has a book club that will meet at 10:30 a.m. March 3, March 24 and March 31 in AD 212 focusing on social psychologist Claude Steele’s book, “Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do.” Book clubs are limited to 10 members who will get a free copy of the book when they register for the book club.

Christopher McCollum, an instructor in theatre arts, will be the facilitator for the “Whistling Vivaldi” book club that will look at Steele’s pioneering research on “‘stereotype threat,’ the notion that awareness of a negative stereotype about ourselves is likely to depress our performance in that area,” and his contention that stereotype threat is “particularly dangerous for minority students, often prompting weaker performance in college than the students’ actual preparation would suggest.” Steele’s book will suggest practical strategies for lessening the impact of stereotype threat in classrooms.

Since the spring semester started, the center has been offering a number of workshops for faculty in AD 212, but a few still remain.

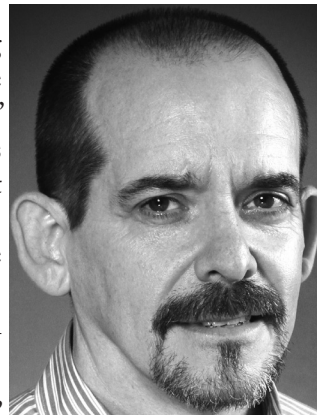
Some incentives include free breakfast, lunch, wine and cheese, and an occasional stipend depending on availability.

The center workshops left include:

“Rethink Your Use of Writing -- and Live to Tell the Tale,” noon Feb. 27, with lunch, and 4:30 p.m. March 1, with wine and cheese. Since this workshop supports UIW’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), the first 10 faculty members will receive a \$100 stipend. Four faculty members, who attended UIW’s Writing Academy, will share their plans for using writing more intentionally in a course. In implementing their plans, these colleagues have learned a lot about what works and what doesn’t work when reconsidering how writing contributes to a course. Participants will learn strategies for using writing to support student learning of key content and respond to that writing efficiently and helpfully. The sharers – all assistant professors -- include Dr. Zenon Culverhouse from philosophy; Dr. Lourdes Fortepiani from optometry; Dr. Brian Foutch from optometry; and Dr. Doshi Piper from criminal justice.



Dr. Barbara Millis



Christopher McCollum

“Writing Student Learning Outcomes: Three Relatively Painless Steps,” 4:30 p.m. March 7, with wine and cheese, and noon March 24, with lunch. Hall, director of the center, will show participants how to use the SMART approach to writing student leaning outcomes. They will also learn to select appropriate assessments for

a given outcome and discuss strategies for using the assessment happening in individual courses in program reviews.

“Informal Writing,” 8 a.m. March 21, with breakfast, and 10 a.m. March 24. Dr. Amanda Johnston, director of UIW’s Writing and Learning Center, will focus on informal writing activities, often called “writing to learn,” that are designed to help students learn course material. The focus is more on the thinking that is prompted than on the quality of the product that is produced. These

short activities are lightly graded, if at all. Participants will learn several informal writing activities that can be easily adapted and implemented in many disciplines. Participants should select material that students find difficult, and leave the session with an informal writing activity geared to it. Since this workshop supports the QEP, the first 10 faculty members to register for each session will receive a \$100 stipend.

“Where Does Math Touch Your World?,” 8 a.m. March 29, with breakfast, and noon March 30, with lunch. Three mathematicians from the School of Math, Science and Engineering – Dr. Joleen Beltrami, an associate professor, and two assistant professors, Dr. Craig McCarron and Dr. Suleyman Tek – will discuss mathematical concepts and skills students need to succeed in courses. In addition to an opportunity to share their needs, participants will learn what is emphasized in introductory math courses and the issues involved in successful transfer of skills from one course to another.

Register for any session at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTLSpring2017>

Celebrating adversity overcoming with technology



By Phil Youngblood

My students regularly remind me of what they have overcome, and continue to overcome daily, to be sitting in those seats in front of me in class.

Even when they are not texting me about the accident they just got into, or about having to take their siblings to school because their mom is sick, or about a medical appointment, or a variety of other life experiences, I can often see it in their eyes.

This is a story of a young woman in Aleppo, Syria, who is also overcoming adversities daily while working on her degree. While you read about her, think about the adversities that you, your loved ones, friends, and students around you at UIW, have faced, and continue to face each day. Now, take a moment to genuinely celebrate what you have overcome to be here. Then, look around you and

see if there is someone else who is facing adversity and be prepared to offer your assistance, if and how they want it.

Back to the young woman in Aleppo. She began her degree at the local university four years ago. This changed abruptly when a rocket hit the school, killing friends around her. Not surprisingly, class was dismissed, the university closed, and her life changed. Instead of giving up, which would have been understandable, she made the choice to be optimistic about the future, rather than become overwhelmed with life around her.

She decided to enroll in an online program operated by an organization in the United States. To be able to complete assignments and to interact with her teacher and other students, she needs a laptop computer, with word processing and browser software, and an Internet connection. Most students at UIW would not find this a major issue. However, as Aleppo became a full-scale war zone, conditions became more challenging. Soon, the most challenging part of attending school was staying alive.

As the conflict escalated, such basics as water and electricity were cut off from

the apartment where she lives. Then the rockets and bombs destroyed the apartment building next door, and hit her building twice. Her neighborhood has not had electricity for two years. A laptop needs frequent recharging, so she goes to a local shop that, like any shop in the neighborhood that wants to remain in business, has a generator. There she charges her old model laptop and mobile phone, a process that can take 12 hours each time. Then she returns to her dark apartment, lights a candle, tries to keep her fingers warm in the subfreezing winter temperatures, and works on her assignments.

As Murphy’s law would have it, there was an Internet blackout the week of the final exam. Instead of giving up, she made plans to travel to Syria’s capital, Damascus, so she could take the exam in person. This, despite the dangerous prospects of having to travel through highly contested areas as a single woman of Islamic faith. Fortunately, friends contacted friends who contacted the university and they managed to get permission for her to arrange to take her exam late.

The young woman of whom I write

admits she is able to keep going due to her faith and her belief in the value of education, which she learned from her family. They, and now she, view education as a path to a better future. She believes in her country, and in the people in it, and is working on an accredited, four-year business degree so she can be part of the rebuilding process one day when things are better there. The online university in which she, and a dozen others like her in Aleppo are studying, is a tuition-free, non-profit organization, headed by an Israeli-born entrepreneur, operated by a volunteer staff (many of them are retired university faculty), and is sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Google, and Hewlett Packard.

In 2017, I am writing about the “global connections” aspect of technology and how individuals have used technology to overcome adversity. I invite your feedback, dialogue, and differing opinions.

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