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Will we or won't we?

The University of the Incarnate Word's possible bid to seek Division I status in athletics is now in the hands of UIW's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., UIW's president for the past 25 years, is going to report the results of a student survey on the issue at the Dec. 9 board meeting. Agnese had said earlier that if UIW goes Division I a national search for a football coach would be conducted. That search already is under way.

The Logos was unable to get official results of the survey conducted via Blackboard the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving. However, the San Antonio Express-News reported that 63 percent of those polled favored the move but 56 percent did not support a fee increase of \$100 a semester. It was reported an estimated 10 percent

of the full-time undergraduate population participated.

Signs posted around campus informed students of the advantages of going Division I and even mentioned some capital improvements that could be made such as "additional classrooms, computer labs and study areas, an upgraded recreation facility, an upgraded basketball and volleyball-playing venue, etc."

If UIW shoots for Division I, the university would apply for membership in the Football Championship Subdivision, allowing UIW to align with schools comparable in academics and athletics stature such as Southern Methodist University,

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President's Spaghetti Dinner serves hundreds



University of the Incarnate Word students enjoy a free spaghetti dinner at Rosenberg Skyroom served by Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., as well as other UIW staff and faculty. The dinner was served buffet-style and is Agnese's holiday gift.

By Sara Mocio
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Soothing jazz music and the chatter of hundreds of students could be heard for several hours Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the annual President's Spaghetti Dinner.

The president himself, Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., and other administrators, faculty and staff served plates featuring Agnese's secret family recipe for the sauce and seasonings that went into the meatballs.

Italian sausage, mixed vegetables, salads and a va-

riety of desserts also helped flesh out the plates served buffet-style. The servers monitoring the floor area set up and cleared tables as different parties populated the dining area. Servers also rushed to replenish tea and water glasses, and carried around dessert trays.

Agnese plans the annual affair as a holiday gift to the students, relying on a bevy of volunteers mostly put together by Dr. Renee T. Moore, dean of Campus Life, and her crew, to transform the Stanley and Sandra Rosenberg Sky Room into a restaurant and provide those who came to the free dinner some presidential

treatment.

Every seat and table seemed to be filled and the walls were busting at the seams. Most of the time, there was a long line going out the door. At one time, there was a 15-minute wait to be seated. Moore estimated 800 students were served.

From 5 to 7 p.m., Professor Jim Waller, a Department of Music instructor, went back and forth playing dinner music on keyboards or the saxophone on a stage

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New book chronicles Lou Agnese Jr.'s legacy

By Crystal Moncivais
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

As the president of the University of the Incarnate Word, Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr. is the focus of a book about his life and history at UIW since 1985.

The board of trustees believed the book would be a great idea to chronicle the history of the university and Agnese to mark his silver anniversary as president. The title of the book is "Lou: From Brooklyn to Broadway, The University of the Incarnate Word's 25 Years with Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr."

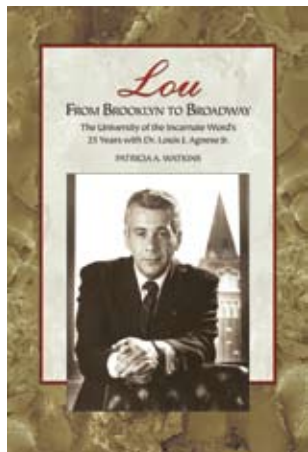
The author of the book, Dr. Patricia A. Watkins, retired last year as vice president for international programs. She formerly

was principal of Incarnate Word High School and dean of the Dreeben School of Education.

Agnese asked Watkins if she would take the project of becoming the author to his book. Since Watkins had written a couple of other books, she had experience under her belt.

"Pat has been with me since 1988 so she has kind of lived through a lot of my time here at Incarnate Word, so she'd make a good author," Agnese said.

"We spent a lot of time together over the last year," Agnese said. "Dr. Watkins has also spent a long time with Mickey, my wife, who has lots of scrapbooks, lots of information. A lot



of other people that have been here over that period of time are still here and have kind of lived through it as well. So Dr. Watkins has probably interviewed a couple hundred people in the writing of the book. So it has been a very interesting voyage."

Agnese said he's honored to have been selected for the book and he is grateful and excited to

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Online timekeeping system aims to reduce paper, errors

By Shayvonna Malcolm
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word has begun to implement an online program that will automate the student workers and staff timekeeping process.

Web Time Entry (WTE) will accurately keep track of time and attendance with little to no human intervention. This will limit errors and improve accuracy -- both of which have become concerns with the paper system as the university continues to grow.

Some of the benefits of the new Web Time Entry include a reduction in interoffice paper flow, and accuracy in timekeeping, officials said.

The new myWord portal gives access to WTE. On the portal, users can look up timesheets, paystubs, leave balances, and tax forms. Web Time Entry is also a way for students and staff to be ac-

countable for their time worked. The system automatically controls internally for such things as overtime (which must be approved prior).

"Right now, [time and attendance] is all manual," Thomas Duckworth, payroll manager, said. "This process will make it electronic with little human intervention. This will limit errors."

Additionally, WTE is an opportunity for the university to expand its "green" efforts as paper use will be substantially lowered. With the current system, time card and timesheets must be held on record for seven years. WTE will not only save on paper costs, but also on-campus storage space.

The first step in the process was the roll-out of Employee Self Service in June. Secondly, a pilot group of employees and

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Compiled by Paola Cardenas, News/Feature Editor

Columbian drug lord arrested

Maximiliano Bonilla Orozco, one of Colombia's most wanted drug lords, was arrested in Venezuela. Better known by his alias "Valenciano," Orozco is accused of smuggling from Colombia to the United States. The president of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez, has been praised by Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos for having arrested Orozco. American authorities had offered a \$5 million reward to anyone with information regarding his capture. Orozco also was accused of leading a drug gang, known as The Office, in the Colombian city of Medellin. This gang used to be the armed wing of Pablo Escobar's drug-trafficking ring. President Chavez said Orozco will be taken to Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, to be turned in to Colombian authorities.

Suicide car bomb kills several in Iraq

Nineteen people have been killed due to a suicide car bomber at a prison gate near Baghdad, Iraq. At least 22 people have been reported to be injured near the town of Taji where the attack took place. Women were among the injured ones as well. Included in the casualties are prison guards, police officers and prison staff. In order to scatter the crowds of observers after the explosion, authorities had to fire into the air. This has been the third major attack in Iraq within the past week.

Possible European recession

According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, world trade growth has notably slowed down. The OECD has strongly warned the Eurozone and the United Kingdom might go into a recession. Over the next six months, it was stated by Mervyn King, a Bank of England governor, that the growth could be "flat or close to zero." The OECD predicts the Eurozone may decrease by 1 percent in the fourth quarter, and even further in the first quarter of 2012 by 0.4 percent. As for the UK, the OECD's predictions are even lower, as it will have a 0.03 percent decrease this quarter, and 0.15 percent in the next one. The OECD also reported global economic growth would decrease from 3.8 percent this year to 3.4 percent the upcoming year.



Guyana voters choose new government

Guyana's people are voting for a new government in a poll that will most likely mirror their racial division. Since their independence from Britain in 1966, Guyana has been split in terms of ethnicity. The country has a parliamentary system, meaning the majority party's candidate takes the presidency. The People's National Congress is challenging the governing People's Progressive Party. The People's Progressive Party is hoping to win a fifth consecutive year. One of Guyana's newest political groups, the Alliance for Change (AFC), is determined to split the two-party deadlock. "Reason, not race," stated the AFC's presidential candidate, Khemraj Ramjattan.



Discrimination with HIV-positive teachers in China

Three job-seeking schoolteachers in China have been denied positions due to the men being HIV-positive. These three have quickly complained to the Beijing government. Education officials in the three provinces discarded their applications for schoolteaching positions after their blood tests came back HIV-positive, even though they had passed the required written tests and interviews. Activists say there is contradiction in China's law, which states civil servants cannot be carriers of an infectious disease. However, there is also a 5-year-old law that is responsible in protecting the employment rights of people with HIV.

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supervisors was established in September. The purpose of the pilot was to give the implementation team feedback on the use of the system and suggestions on training for the larger university community which will be in February.
The pilot group will go live Thursday, Dec. 1, with WTE and experience the convenience of an online time system.

The convenience of WTE is incomparable, said Iris Solcher, a senior program analyst.

"The myWord portal will provide access for everyone to log into the Banner system and access WTE," Solcher said. "There will also be FAQs, presentations and a tutorial provided by a partnership with the media center."

Phase 1, which will consist of students and staff, is scheduled to begin in March. The success of WTE is contingent upon cooperation of university staff and supervisors. As the live roll-out date approaches, it is important that supervisors take part in the informational questionnaires that will be going out via e-mail as well as correspondence from the vice president of finance, she stressed. Supervisors will also need to ensure proper procedures are being followed. Some of the first steps will be setting up proxy information, and identifying functional users. A functional user will be someone from a given organization that will act as a liaison so the payroll office can troubleshoot any questions that may arise.

"Communication between supervisors, staff and students will be the key to ensuring that WTE helps us reach our greatest (and most efficient) potential," says Marcos Recio, assistant payroll manager.

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show students on campus at UIW that anything can be accomplished with hard work and effort.
"I think that the book should be an inspiration for all of our students here at UIW and that they realize they have the potential to do anything they really want to do as long as they put the effort towards it," Agnese said. "I think it's great that the book talks about my background and where I came from. My parents were immigrants to the United States and I was a first-generation university student. So that resembles many of our students here.

"I think it's going to be interesting. It would be a great read for every student here because it's a story about me, but it's really a story about the University for the last 25 years. So it would really give you a good sense in where we were as an institution and where we are now and where we're going. It will give a sense of what this place is all about."

FYI: Book Signings

"Lou: From Brooklyn to Broadway, The University of the Incarnate Word's 25 Years with Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr." is on sale for \$24.95 at the university bookstore.
Future book-signings include 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Barnes and Noble at La Cantera; 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, at the Twig (Pearl Brewery); and starting at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at the annual employee Christmas party in Rosenberg Sky Room.

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accompanied by two guitarists, one of whom sang. At one point, Waller introduced a surprise guest singer, Michael Mercer, an instructor in the Department of Communication Arts, who sang "The Christmas Song" and "Amen."
All the helpers seemed to be filled with the Christmas spirit, some sporting Santa hats. Christmas decorations were placed on every table and throughout the room. Christmas was in the air. One particular helper, Cody Hoover, a graduate assistant for Residence Life, wore a singing Christmas tie.
Hoover, a first-time server after enjoying the annual dinner for three years as an undergraduate, said, "I enjoy serving students. It is a great pleasure to give back to students at this university especially, because they are so grateful."
Apparently sophomore Sara Ghannam was one of them. "Campus Life did a great job making it feel like a restaurant and the live music was great," she said.
Junior Katie Rivera said, "I came when it opened at 4:30 p.m. and there was a line. So I knew it had to be good." Looking out into the sea of students, Rivera added, "it was nice to see everyone together, the students and faculty. The music was very entertaining and I am definitely coming back next year."

University honors veterans

By Rachel Cywinski
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 10, a day before the national observance of Veterans Day, veterans at the University of the Incarnate Word and others gathered for the ninth annual Veterans Day ceremony.

Under a red-and-white striped tent on Dubuis Lawn, the emcee, Dr. Glenn James, dean of the School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering, and Dr. Lou J. Agnese Jr., UIW's president, welcomed the crowd to the event sponsored by the university's Veterans Affairs office.

James, an Air Force retiree and sponsor of Student Veterans Association, began the program by sharing the distinction between Memorial Day, during which fallen soldiers are remembered, and Veterans Day, during which living veterans of the armed forces are honored.

Incarnate Word High School Madrigal Singers began the ceremony with The Star-Spangled Banner and closed with America the Beautiful. Army retiree Dr. Trevor Alexander, director of ecumenical initiatives for University Mission and Ministry, gave the invocation and final blessing.

The joint Reserve Officer Training Corps of St. Mary's University and UIW presented the colors. The groups also conducted a flag-folding ceremony narrated by Dr. Kevin LaFrance, an Army retiree and UIW associate business professor.

LaFrance said the folded flag symbolizes "the religious values upon which our nation was founded," and 12 folds symbolize life, belief in eternal life, veterans, God, country, hearts, armed forces, Jesus, mothers, fathers, King Solomon and eter-

nity. The flag was donated by the family of a soldier who died in Vietnam.

James recognized veterans of the Marine Corps, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and allied forces, and the SVA officers. He described the responsibilities of student veterans and asked two UIW students to share how their experience of mission in the armed services caused them to reflect on the mission of UIW.

Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Laurel Smyth, who served in active duty and at the Pentagon, said, "What I like best is getting to work with talented young adults again. Just like the airmen, they have tons of energy and believe anything is possible. I think there's a lot veterans and students can learn from each other.

"I'll be graduating next December," said Smyth, a communication arts major concentrating in production. "I'll no longer be the old lady going to class. To be honest, I'm really going to miss that."

The other speaker, Army Staff Sgt. Eric Saadat, a graduate sports management student, described his UIW experience as being positive.

"Up that hill is Fort Sam Houston," Saadat said. "I could actually walk down that hill and get to class in about five minutes if I chose to walk. Being in class here, people actually know me; they don't just know my name.

"There's a trust fund between the university and the Army so that I don't have to pay to attend here. The soldiers are very impressed that I am attending here. I'm very impressed how many of my professors are former Navy, (Army), former Marines."

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Baylor University and Texas Christian University. UIW also would have to join a conference that would allow the university to compete against similar schools.

If UIW declares for a transition to Division I, the university plans to apply for membership into the Southland Conference. That could lead to national TV exposure depending on the opponent.

"Having television coverage would provide an unprecedented amount of national exposure to our university, which would benefit all departments across the university," according to a UIW statement.

Jonathan Guajardo, president of the Student Government Association and a member of UIW's Board of Trustees, said the "full results of the survey should be officially published soon."

Guajardo said, "The D1 Survey that SGA conducted last week is very important to this campus. It provides the UIW administrators and board of trustees valuable insight into the thought process of the student body and lets them know what we, as the students, think about this issue."





Wheelchairs, walkers increase accessibility

By Sarah Ruan
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Administrators and student leaders tried to get around campus using wheelchairs and walkers Nov. 4 in the Freedom Challenge cosponsored by advocacy groups for students with disabilities.

The challenge event was cosponsored by Walk, Roll and Read, a student organization, and Project M.E.N.D (Medical Equipment Network For Those With Disabilities) to promote awareness of the difference technology can make for people with disabilities.

“(Freedom Challenge is) a term I came up with to symbolize the fact that assistance of technology allows people with disabilities to do things that they can’t do otherwise,” said Rachel Cywinski, a graduate student who serves as president of Walk, Roll and Read student organization.

“We started this event in 2008 because we felt that it was beneficial to get administrators and student lead-

ers together so that they could share the perspective of students with disabilities and see what it’s like on the campus, and also for them to see what a great difference assistance of technology makes if you have access,” Cywinski said.

Eight groups, each with one administrator and one student leader, went to different places on campus to experience various hardships for students with disabilities.

“I guess you just never think about that little thing in the bottom,” Honors Program student Mollmichelle Cabledue said when she was having a hard time going through the pathway to Genevieve Tarleton Dougherty Fine Arts Building in a wheelchair.

Dell M. Davis, head of public service for J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library, tried to use a walker there. She said this challenge gave her greater awareness concerning a lot of things that need to change.

Davis said she plans to talk with Dr. Cheryl Anderson, dean of library services, about some of the recom-

mendations, such as “the small things like table height, door openers and all types of things to make accessibility possible for our students with disabilities.”

There could be adjustable tables for persons in wheelchairs, Davis said.

“We don’t have enough money to buy a lot of things, but we can put them on our waiting list,” Davis said. “We are aware of things, and after we are aware of them, we definitely put them on the list to pursue them so that we won’t have those barriers.”



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Walk, Roll and Read’s Trudy Lettunich, right, escorts two ‘Freedom Challenge’ participants.

Rosenberg School eyes opportunities to serve

By Roya Attarhousseini
SPECIAL TO THE LOGOS

In fall of 2009, the University of the Incarnate Word School of Optometry welcomed its inaugural class of 62 students.

Conveniently located in the San Antonio Medical Center, the UIW School of Optometry is the nation’s first and only faith-based program.

The school serves to educate and prepare future leaders in optometry through excellence in education, patient care, vision research and public service within a context of faith and personal development. In 2010, the school received a generous donation of \$11.5 million from Sandra and Stanley Rosenberg for whom the school was then named after. The generous gift

is significant as it is one of the largest gifts in the country ever given by a Jewish family to a Catholic institution of higher learning. Additionally, the naming of the school made it the only one named (after an individual) school of optometry in the United States.

Since opening its doors, the program has been committed to fostering academic and clinical excellence, professional growth and community outreach. The students have provided vision screening throughout the city for the elderly, children and the underserved. The school sets up weekly vision screenings and eye health exams for the economically disadvantaged and minority citizens of San Antonio. Services are provided both on

and off the campus, with each location offering a wide range of clinical optometric services, comprised of comprehensive eye and vision care including refraction and dispensing, detection, diagnosis, management and rehabilitation of the conditions of the visual system.

Most recently, the school has also started to provide UIW students on its main campus with eye exams for a cost of only \$15 in addition to the list of the other health services the university already provides. Students can also get glasses and contact lenses at a significantly reduced cost. The experience of providing comprehensive care for all types of patients is essential for the students’ clinical education. Currently the curriculum em-

phasizes early hands-on clinical care integrated with didactic course work.

The demand for eye care is projected to rise with the overall aging U.S. population as a consequence of expected age-related changes in eye health and visual status. Additionally, many states are implementing initiatives requiring vision examinations for children prior to school enrollment. And as the rate of diabetes and diabetic eye disease has risen to epidemic proportions in the U.S., the public’s need for optometric care will continue to increase in San Antonio as well as throughout the country. Graduates of the University of

the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry can look forward to a rewarding career in serving patients to retain or regain their most important human sense: sight.

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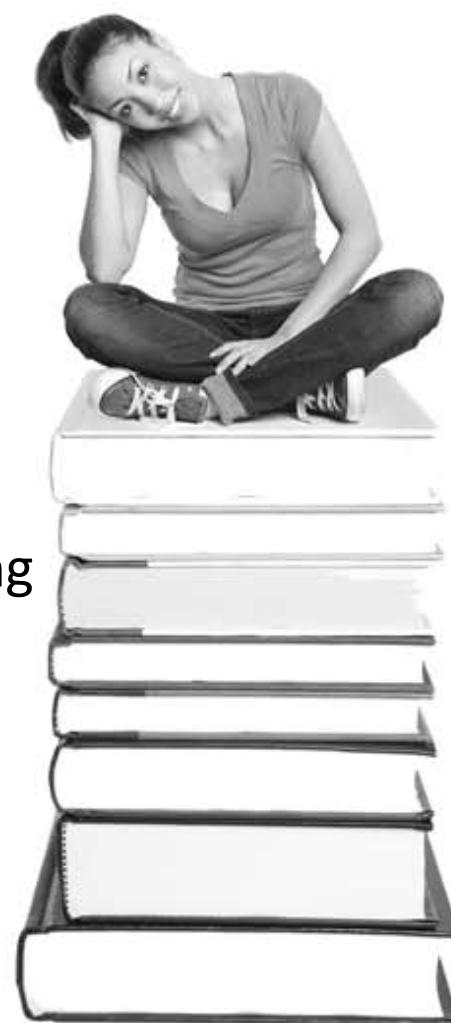
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UIW students discover ways to support 'Invisible Children'

By Joe Concepcion
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Students gathered Nov. 7 in Marian Hall Ballroom to hear the story of "Tony" while attending Student Government Association's (SGA) first "Invisible Children" screening.

Invisible Children began in the spring of 2003 when three young filmmakers from Southern California traveled to Africa. The young men soon would realize they were in the midst of what is now Africa's longest-running war, a war led by Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) made largely of kidnapped children turned into child soldiers.

SGA was first introduced to Invisible Children's cause in August by Caroline Garcia, a junior studying fashion management at UIW. Garcia, former president of the Campus Activities Board (CAB), approached fellow activist and SGA Student Liaison Robert Rodriguez about hosting a screening at UIW.

"I knew SGA was the perfect organization to help me reach out to various groups on campus and students as a whole," Garcia said. "With this event I hope to be able to express to faculty, staff, and students, that the benefits of helping these people are priceless."

Garcia was first introduced to the Invisible Children films by her older brother, Gustavo Garcia, who is president of an Invisible Children organization at the University of Texas at San Antonio. By partnering with SGA and the support of Campus Ministry, Garcia was able to bring a screening to UIW.

The film shown at the event told the story of a young boy named Tony who, just like many others, was growing up in a war zone. Young children, called "night commuters," would flee from their homes in the late hours of the night in search of refuge from Kony and the LRA who have been accused of torture, rape, several massacres and the use of child soldiers to abduct children.

Tony soon would befriend the young men and share with them his personal story and struggles: his night commute with friends to a tiny room where they slept in fear, the loss of his mother, and his hope his American friends would "not forget" his story. Upon their return



to California, the filmmakers shared their documentary of the war-weary children and Tony's story with friends and family, raising a mass awareness of the conflict.

Since their first trip in 2003, the grassroots movement has recruited thousands of activists, visionaries, and humanitarians to raise millions of dollars in donations. The organization works directly with the individuals and institutions supporting their efforts in advancing their cause. With the help of their "roadies," Invisible Children has traveled to more than 5,000 high schools, colleges, and churches hosting official screenings.

"By helping the people of northern Uganda and its surrounding areas, we are also investing in the long-term future health of our community," Garcia said. "By helping our generation to take part in such a life-changing experience they so desperately desire, you will be planting seeds for future leaders and motivators of our world."

In the film, the students also met Jolly, a Ugandan woman who urged the importance of the children's education. The organization now works together with volunteers in rebuilding schools devastated by war, providing scholarships, and employing mentors to oversee a healthy development in students.

"All that they are asking for is a community to rely on, someone out there to hear their voice because these children don't have anyone," said Angwech Collines, a Ugandan woman who students met at the UIW screening, said. "Let's be a part of a common goal."

Collines shared her story of how the war has affected her and her involvement with the organization.

Students also were given the opportunity to make a monthly commitment through TRI, a campaign dedicated to the rescue of the child soldiers abducted by the LRA. The campaign is one of many promoted by Invisible Children in fueling global activism and fighting toward peace. Donations also would benefit the "LRA Crisis Tracker," Invisible Children's Early Warning Radio Network.

"I know a monthly donation sounds like a huge commitment but it will help someone flee attacks in the Congo," Collines said. "These donations help local communities communicate with each other to let them know when the LRA will attack."

Garcia hopes the event will motivate students to be a part of history and living out the university's mission.

"My ultimate goal behind my advocacy for Invisible Children at UIW is to make an impact on everyone who may come across the story," Garcia said. "I want each and every person to know who the LRA is and why we are trying to put an end to their atrocities. It's amazing and empowering to know that a big part of the millions of dollars that are raised to help save these children and implement such life changing programs are because of our generation."

FYI

Invisible Children's biggest supporters are high school and college students around the globe.

UIW student Caroline Garcia hopes to bring an Invisible Children organization to UIW.

For more information about the Tony Bracelet film and Invisible Children's efforts, visit www.invisiblechildren.com. You may also contact Garcia at cbgarcia@student.uiwtx.edu to find out more about future events and how to get involved.

Students get eye exams on campus

By Ashley Ramirez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

University of the Incarnate Word students can now add eye care to the list of health services the university is providing for them.

Lately, Rosenberg School of Optometry set up three cubicles with eye exam equipment in Marian Hall Ballroom.

The optometrist presiding over these exams is Dr. Elaine Vlasak. The examinations take about 30 minutes. The price is set at \$15, which is below the usual price of eye exams across the city. Students don't have to have insurance from the school to get this examination. All they have to do is bring the money and a student ID.

"We are doing these examinations because part of the mission of the school is community service and outreach so they are showing this by helping students with affordable eye care," said Nathan McCarthy, a certified optometrist assistant.

Not only are the eye examinations at a low cost, the optometry school, 9725 Datapoint Drive, also provides

contact lens examinations at 30 percent off the regular price for students, and contacts at 25 percent off the regular price. At that location students can also get a pair of glasses for \$45 if they are single lenses.

Eye examinations may become a permanent fixture on the UIW campus. McCarthy also said the plan is to set up a recurring visit at least once a month on campus, especially for the students who cannot make it to the Datapoint location. Incarnate Word will try to bring back these examinations by the spring semester or summertime.

The first day the exams were offered, the participants came from near and far. Lamis Camarewntine from Lebanon was among them. Student Briana Barrett was another.

"I'm getting my eyes examined here on campus rather than someplace else because it's really affordable and convenient," Barrett said.

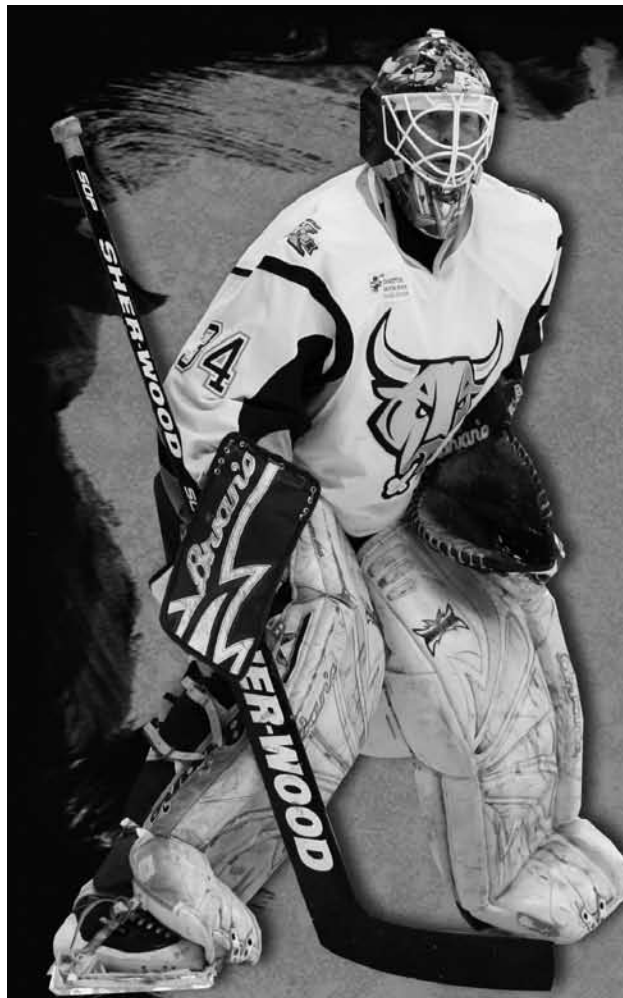


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Rosenberg School of Optometry student Britney Allison gives an on-campus eye exam at the University of the Incarnate Word.

FYI

The next eye care clinic is Thursday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. in Marian Hall Ballroom.



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Several University of the Incarnate Word students listen to an interfaith panel discuss their beliefs at a gathering Friday, Nov. 18, in Marian Hall Ballroom. The 90-minute event was sponsored by University Mission and Ministry.

Gathering looks at teaching children about faith

By Rachel Cywinski
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 11, 70 members of the UIW community selected an interfaith dialogue as the most important event to attend on a Friday evening.

Before a time of fellowship, pizza and homemade cookies in Marian Hall Ballroom, members of the UIW Interfaith Council answered questions posed by a University Mission and Ministry moderator -- graduate assistant Margaret "Marty" Battafarano: "How do you teach your children about your faith, and how do you teach them about other faiths?"

One of the panelists, the Rev. Bob Wright, a professor of theology at Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, said this was his first time participating in an interfaith panel.

"I did so wanting to respond positively to Marty's (a former student) request, and also to help the process of dialogue and learning about religious faith to the extent that I am able," Wright said. "Through the event I happily learned about the personal experiences and inclusive faith decisions made by persons of other faiths. They underlined the challenges and creativity demanded of persons of non-Christian faiths in raising their children in a predominantly Christian culture and nation.

"Such events, focused by very practical questions of how one lives and shares one's faith such as was the case with this panel, are certainly to be encouraged to promote continued growth in our own faith tradition and its sympathetic understanding of those of other faiths. The faith we're drawn toward deeper down is something that draws us all together."

UIW religious studies professor Sylvia Maddox, a Protestant, said, her goal on the panel was "to share the gifts of Protestant faith formation, its values, and the unique lens it offers to understand the formation of other faith traditions. I learned that in our awareness of a global-interconnected world, we are all seeking to learn about the ways in which we share the same desires and same longings. I saw this in the students who were listening but also in the presenters. Everyone has stories they want to tell and it was a gift to have a place of hospitality to share stories.

"One of the panelists, my Muslim sister, Dr. Fatma Korkmaz, a UTSA professor and head of the Turkish Women's Group, encouraged us to 'focus on the mountains and not pebbles.' We as citizens of the world, who follow in the divine way of Love thy neighbor, need to look at the good and not the bad, focus on the big similarities and not the minute differences."

Korkmaz, representing Islam, said, "I feel that God-minded people are more close to myself than people who don't really care."

Dr. Lopita Nath, a UIW history professor, discussed life with her Hindu father and Baptist mother, and her life as an "idol-worshipping Hindu" married to a Hindu from a tradition that prohibits idols. Nath described her life as richer for her parents, and now her husband's family and her, attending faith events with each other. Nath said her in-laws now attend Christmas parties at her house.

"This (interfaith dialogue) was fascinating in that every faith represented there had the same basic principles," Nath said. "They all stressed on the compassion, truth and righteousness and wanted their children to become

good people. I love any opportunity to learn from other faiths. I wanted to make people understand the basic idea of Hinduism and also to learn from others.

"I want to be a part of this effort and I think UIW is going in the right direction. Events like this create an awareness and also inform people of the direction the university is going and will be going in the near future. At this point in world affairs, when one sees a breakdown of every possible solution towards world peace, only dialogue and efforts like these can keep people focused. This event fitted well with the university's mission of creating enlightened and global citizens. Events like this are the bridge between the university and the global world."

UIW student Gloria Park, a Korean who practices Buddhism, said, "I learned that despite what faith an individual has in a philosophy or religion, we, as a collective society, can learn and grow from and with each other. I believe that the only way to have world peace is through dialogue. Interfaith dialogue can transcend any boundaries and austerities of culture and politics. Being a part of the interfaith discussion and council has made me stronger in my own faith.

"My goal for this event was to educate the people at the event about Buddhism and to help them understand the oneness of all faiths through the interfaith discussion. I feel that this was accomplished based on the comments from attendees after the event. I hope that more students become a part of the interfaith student organization. I believe that in order to have a healthful life, a person should have some sort of faith and be able and willing to share their faith with others."

Travel restrictions keep Project Africa at home

By Secilie Villarreal
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For two years, Project Africa leaders have been anticipating the day they would see the construction site in Mali, Africa, where the \$32,000 they raised will go to build a school.

However, the U.S. Department of State has issued travel restrictions for that country due to safety and health risks that could set up liability issues for the University of the Incarnate Word, so Project Africa is staying home, said Dr. John Velasquez, Project Africa's adviser.

However, an organization called Build On is going to construct the school. Build On has been to Mali 160 times and has constructed 160 schools, Project Africa leaders said. The newest school will serve at least 300 students and possibly 300,000 over its lifetime, Project Africa estimated.

The Mali trip wasn't only going to benefit the children there, but the UIW students who were actually going to travel and worked hard these last two years to get to where they are today, said Velasquez, a psychology professor.

Numerous fund-raisers helped in the effort as well as support from the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, UIW's Board of Trustees, and UIW's president, Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr.

"They (the students) wanted to do something that's never been done before," Velasquez said.



Interfaith Council focuses on future dialogues

By Rachel Cywinski
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Trevor Alexander, director of ecumenical initiatives for University Mission and Ministry, planned for years to develop an interfaith council.

He hoped to one day see an event where members of different faiths would discuss how they share with their own children. That dream came true at the Nov. 11 Interfaith Dialogue held in Marian Hall Ballroom.

Alexander said the Interfaith Council, which meets monthly for discussion, has a shared value of the dignity of the human person.

"The Interfaith Council has afforded me the opportunity to meet and make new friends," Alexander said. "Through the various discussions, I am deepening and understanding my own faith expression. The main goal of the (interfaith dialogue) was to inform our UIW community about the major faith traditions. We wanted to make it an informative session where people can ask questions and gain a better understanding about their own faith as well as other faiths. I was extremely pleased with the attendance, with the panelists, and the type of questions the audience asked.

"As one of the panelists stated, 'Our world is global; we have to learn to get along with our neighbors.' If we are to get along with our neighbors, I must understand my neighbors. I strongly believe that the Interfaith Council and the Interfaith Student Council is critical in continuing the dialogue, not

only for the university, but for the greater community as a whole. Not only is the interfaith dialogue ingrained into our UIW mission statement, it is inherently in a document by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord.

Uriel Diaz, a freshman business major from San Antonio, said, "I didn't know what to expect (at the interfaith dialogue). I thought it was going to be more of a debate. I came because my professor [Alexander] asked me. It wasn't a debate at all. It was interesting. I have grown more interested in learning more about other religions."

UMM graduate assistant Margaret "Marty" Battafarano organized the event at Alexander's behest.

"I wanted to do this to educate the UIW community about the different faiths represented at UIW," Battafarano said. "From organizing this event I became more aware about the (faiths) represented on our campus. Interfaith dialogue can enrich the UIW community in further understanding the truth about the different faiths on campus and in our global community.

"Working with the Interfaith Council and Interfaith Student Organization has encouraged me to learn more about my faith as a Roman Catholic. In reading Scripture and documents developed within the Church, I have gained more knowledge and understanding of my own faith. The more I learn about my

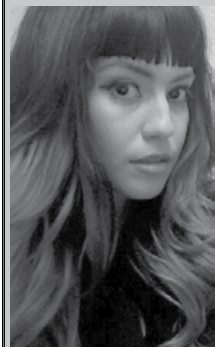
faith, the more I love it and become more secure in it. This has enabled me to be more confident and comfortable in engaging in interfaith dialogue to learn more about other faiths.

Interfaith dialogue "provides one of many opportunities for the diverse UIW community to interact and advance in mutual understanding and common good (UIW mission statement), and educates the UIW community, with the hope of reaching the global community," Battafarano added. "We will have another panel discussion (in the spring) on how different religions use sacred music. This will provide an exciting experience with live music and showing how music and other forms of art can create an environment for worship in meditation in the different religions. All are welcome to participate!"

Sister Walter Maher, vice president of Mission and Ministry, said the interfaith dialogue showed such an event is possible.

"The goal was to foster dialogue, to learn from other traditions how children are formed in their faith, and what children are currently being taught about other faith traditions. Learning how children are formed in their own faith context and how others' faiths are presented to them will shape a world where peace, harmony and solidarity reign. The focus on modeling faith was key."

Fashionable holiday tips



By Destine'e Flores
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WRITER

As the fall and winter seasons roll in, there are three categories people think of when it comes to the holidays: holiday dinners, gifts, and of course the outfits! Because we like to be relatively comfortable for the holiday treats, I look for clothes that are expandable. Yes, you want to feel comfortable while eating that turkey with a side of mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. I recommend knit cable tights, or alternatively leggings, with a nice slouchy tunic sweater dress and comfortable boots. Don't be afraid to play it up with fall colors, especially autumn's favorite colors -- maroon and brown. Here comes Christmas with the family, and a nice knee-length dress paired with a cropped tweed sequin sweater. A hint of red is a must for this holiday season, so don't forget! Play up textures by pairing the pleated look with fun lace tights and accessorize with a nice simple cross body bag. For New Year's Eve, it's time to sparkle, sparkle, sparkle! However, in a way you won't look like a disco ball but still look festive and glamorous for the New Year's ball drop. Keep warm with a lavish faux fur coat and an elegant sheer maxi shirt. Add a bit of sparkle with a cross body sequin bag and lots of fun accessories.

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From the Editor's Desk:

By April Lynn Newell



Raring to go after a live show

Silence made me laugh and trash left me in awe. Yes, you read that right. It has been awhile since I have been inspired. Occasionally a movie will hit that creative nerve, but never the same way that live theatre does.

Perhaps by my first line you already know what show I'm talking about, but that isn't my point. I am not writing a review but a declaration and a challenge.

It was fantastic to see a full theatre on a Friday night. Sure there were a few scattered empty seats, but for the most part the Majestic was cramped. There were people my age, older and younger, all to enjoy "Stomp," a traveling show, live, loud and heart pumping.

If you have never been to a live performance of any kind, concert or play, I urge you to go. Splurge, get nosebleed seats, whatever you have to do! It is so worth it. If you have not been to a live performance in awhile, get to one soon! There is nothing like the thrill of the theatre. Which was why I was so enthralled at the crowd. It's comforting to know people still attend.

Newspaper is dying, many say. I think journalists and those in theatre share a common thread in that saying. Our art forms are at risk. I say we can still save them.

So find a play or a concert and get to it!

Live performances inspire like no movie can. They spark creativity, they mesmerize and cause the right brain to salivate. It makes you believe, if even for an hour or two, that you can do something great!

Seeing these performers, normal and not touched-up by Photoshop or misrepresented in any way, sparks confidence and encouragement in their audience.

"You don't have to be thin, tall, white, black, shiny-haired or even remotely perfect," says the stage. "Just be you, do what you do."

So go!

Go laugh.

Go cry.

Go scream.

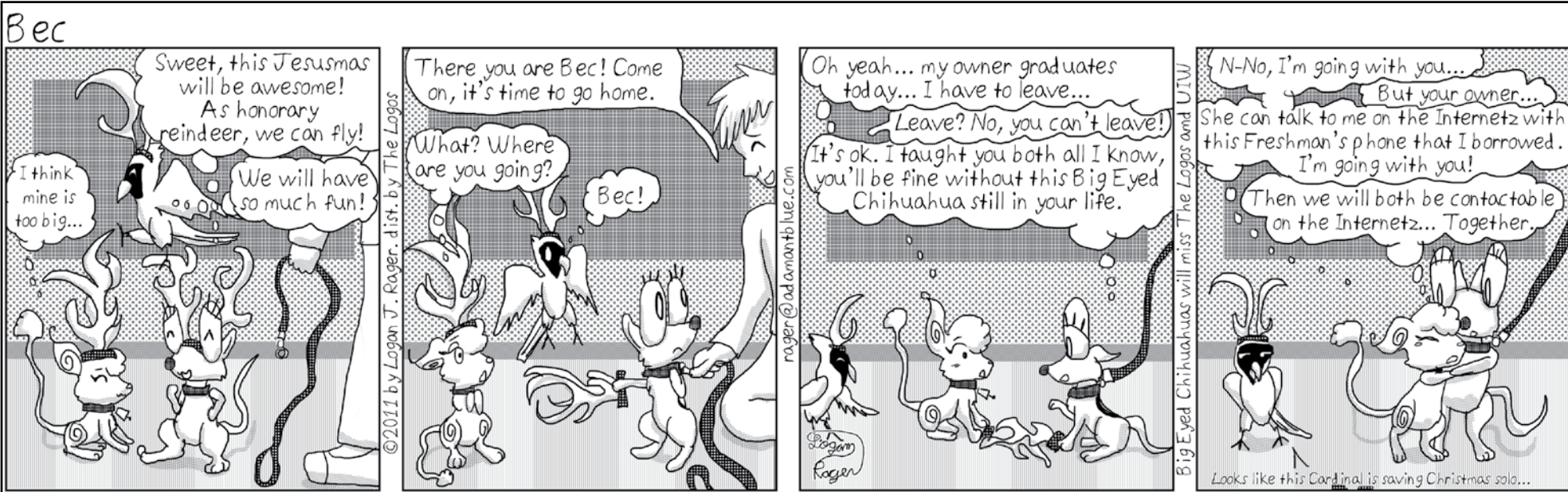
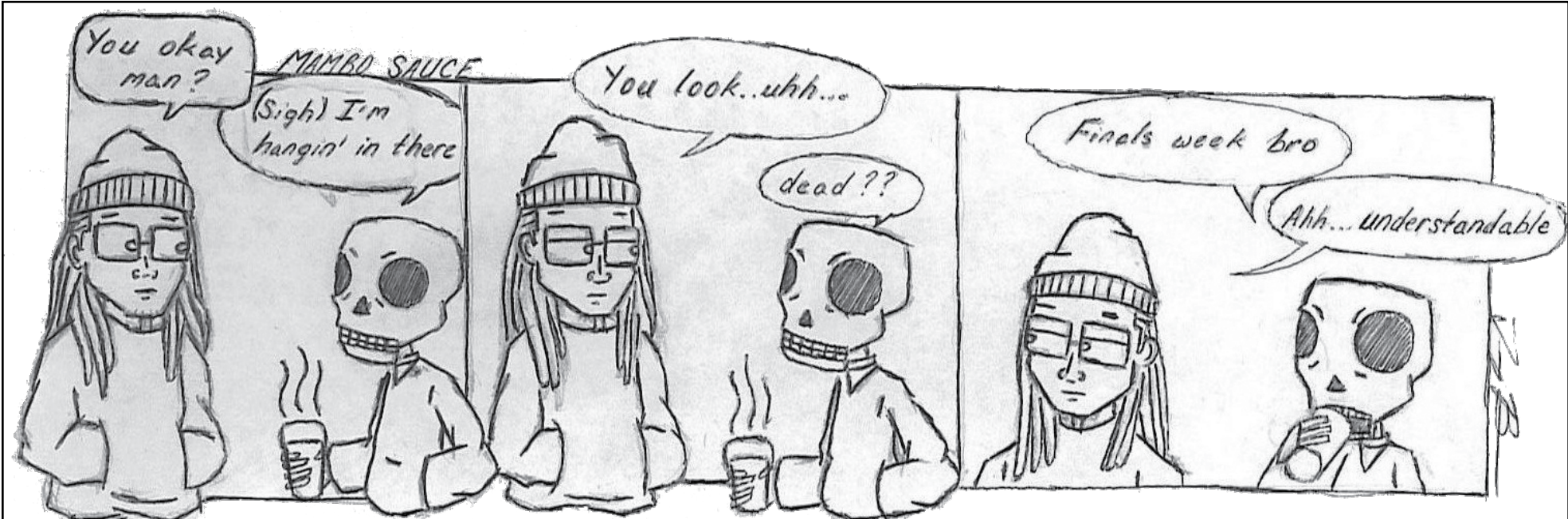
Go dance at the theatre. It is an experience you will not regret and want to relive again and again.

I tend to get something, a truism, a moral from every story. That night I realized that sometimes I live with my head in the clouds. What if this? What if that? What if dreaming didn't hold me back? What if I looked at the here now and actually accomplished a "what if"? What would the world look like if we stopped dreaming and began initiating? Began acting? Started an organization to feed the hungry? Built a business from nothing whose revenue went to cancer research? Finished medical school and opened a free and stable clinic in Uganda?

You can do it. Stop dreaming and start doing. Dreaming is a first step, take the next one!

So now you are thinking I am pretty crazy, getting all worked up over a measly play. Test it. Go to one. Analyze it until there is nothing left if that's your pleasure, or just sit back and enjoy it. See if you aren't inspired to create, build or do something.

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Show appreciation for others in 'romantic' holiday season



By Sarah Hudson
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The holiday season is typically seen as a time filled with all types of romance.

Beautiful dinners surrounded by family and loved ones that not only provide food for the stomach but also for the soul. Breathtaking Christmas lights illuminate the night and pathways for relationship adventures. Cold and crisp weather provide perfect prime opportunities for couples to become closer.

The joyful holiday cheer, which surrounds almost every inch of our country, is the best part of the season. It is hard to ignore, especially when you have a loved one to share it with. But something special about this cheerful idea is that it is a feeling, not a material. It is something we create, not purchase.

Another warm feeling that comes hand-in-hand with this holiday spirit is the feeling of gratitude and appreciation. Valuing the people you have around you and loving them for being in your life lifts everyone's spirits, whether they have

a significant other or not. If there is one thing I've noticed most about couples, it's they are not appreciated enough. With that being said, I inspire you to take a look at your relationship and if you are not in a relationship, take a look at the people you have chosen to be in your life.

The holiday season is always a great reminder of what we have and what we should be grateful for. Take the time to tell your significant other how much you love them or tell your neighbor how their friendly wave brightens your day. Even if the holiday season is not as stereotypically cheerful for you as it is for others, why not make it so? Appreciate what and who you have in your life.

So with love in the air, and happiness all around, I wish you and your loved ones a very safe and happy holiday season!



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letters to the editor



Accessibility advocate: 'This campus is committing a sin'

From Susan DeVault

Wow, all these University leaders deem UIW a campus dangerous enough not to risk their staff for one day in wheelchairs, yet are willing to daily risk the lives of the students, faculty, and staff who need wheelchairs or use crutches, canes or other devices necessary for daily life.

This university is called, "The University of the Incarnate Word," wow! These leaders of this campus should consider themselves to be compared to the chief priests and elders in the Gospel from the Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time -- Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011. I hope they are listening to the Gospel carefully to see if they are all talk and no action, words but no works! As a visitor I only spent a few hours on that campus and knew I would never want to attend such a horribly inaccessible campus.

You know I realized something else the other day. When I attended the University of Houston my first year as a freshman was in 1981. The ADA was not even thought of yet. ADA did not pass until July 1990. University of Houston

campus was VERY ACCESSIBLE for all students. When I went there, we had beautiful ramps, elevators, etc. Sometimes there were some maintenance issues but they were addressed.

The University of the Incarnate Word is a total shame considering it is a Catholic University with a leadership and guidance from Pope Benedict XVI and from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops -- <http://www.usccb.org> -- who have stated that persons with disabilities should be in the most fully integrated setting and have committed to following the "Spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act." This campus is committing a sin by ignoring the safety of all of the students, faculty and staff not only at a one day annual event but in their daily campus life!

(I am an) advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities!

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Gaby's garage



Switching taillights takes simple effort



By Gaby Gonzales
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WRITER

Have you ever put on a blinker and wonder why it is clicking at a faster pace than usual?

Well, that is your vehicle's way of letting you know your bulb is about to be out.

So what do you do in this situation? Do you take it to the dealer? Do you take it to a mechanic? No way! This is something so simple you can do it all on your own. There is nothing to changing out a taillight bulb!

If you have no idea of the size of your taillight bulb, go to your nearest automotive store and have it looked up. As soon as you have the bulb, get a wrench and you will be good to go.

First, open your trunk. Locate the plastic casing that covers your taillights. Once you've located it, take off the clips and set them to the side. Do not lose them! Remove the plastic casing and place it to the side. After that, you will see the nuts and bolts that hold the taillight. Take your wrench and loosen the bolts. Place them to the side and don't

lose them! Now, you can simply just pull the taillight off. When the taillight is off, you will see the bulbs and its casing. Very carefully pull off the casing and twist out the bulb. It should be a very simple removal. Once the bulb is removed, insert the new one and put the casing back and put the taillight back in place. Now all you have to do is put back on the nuts and bolts. When that is completed, put the plastic casing and clips back on.

Congratulations, you have just changed your taillight! If you want to check your work, simply turn on your vehicle and turn on the blinker. Once you hear it is clicking at its normal pace, you have completed your job.

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Men's soccer team falls in playoff run

By Jane ClareVosteen
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The men's soccer season came to an end Nov. 13 as the Cardinals fell to Fort Lewis 0-1 in the second round of the NCAA Division II Championship playoffs.

After blasting past Midwestern, the team traveled to Drango where the game was streamed live. Students gathered in the UIW Student Center to catch the action.

The Cards' offense outplayed Fort Lewis in the first half, testing its defense and putting six shots on the record compared to Fort Lewis's three, none of which were on goal.

Fort Lewis rallied in the second half, though, and continued to prevent the Cardinals from scoring, despite many opportunities.

In the 84th minute, Fort Lewis finally scored off a rebounded save by Incarnate Word senior goalkeeper Chris Fidler.

Fidler finished the season with an 11-3-3 record and 10 shutouts to his name. During the season, he was named a member of the All-Lone Star Conference First Team, Lone Star Conference All-Academic Team, and was Lone Star Conference Academic Player of the Year.

He was also named the 2011 Daktronics All-South Central Region Player of the Year, earning his place on the 2011 Daktronics All-South Central Region First Team along with teammates Callum Riley, Vincent Bailey and James Nero.

Riley, another senior, was an LSC Offensive Player of the year for the second time in a row. He led the Cardinals in points (20) and goals (four) and tied for second on the team in assists (four).

He was also All-LSC First Team with Nero, Bailey, Fidler, Edward Estrada, Carlos Picado, Abraham Campos and Chuy Cortes.

Senior Max Gunderson, an Incarnate Word staple, played every game this season and was featured on the All-LSC Second team.

The Cardinals won awards in the classroom as well. Senior Michael Langford was named to the 2011 CoSIDA District 6 Division II All-Academic Team and is eligible to become an Academic All-American with his 4.0 grade point average in business administration.

The Cards bid adieu to seniors Estrada, Fidler, Riley, Langford, Gunderson, Riley, Edgar Alvarez, Jesus Cortez, Alexander Deitz, Carlos Gonzalez, Jon Stephenson and Stefan Vivar.

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Cardinals senior goalkeeper Chris Fidler, right, earned a spot on the All-South Central Region First Team as well as the All-LSC first team after going 11-3-3 this year with 10 shutouts to his name. Several seniors finished their collegiate careers but saw the team get nationally ranked in the season.



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Midfielder Vinny Bailey, left, from Southport, England, scored the gamewinning goal against Midwestern State University en route to a 1-0 win in the first round of the NCAA Championship playoff series that was played on the home field at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium. Josh Ferona, right, of El Segundo, Calif., goes on the defensive against another opponent. The team finished 14-3-3 and has good prospects next year even with the loss of several seniors.

Women's team places eighth in LSC poll

By Spencer Ladd
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team was selected as the eighth seed for preseason polls for the Lone Star Conference with a total of 157 points.

Just two and a half short weeks after preseason polls were released, the Lady Cardinals came out for their first game of the season with a 74-42 score over Texas A&M International in Laredo on Nov. 14. Four Cardinals scored double digits. Jocelyn Jamon, a 5-10 junior, created her first double-double of the season with 12 points and 16 rebounds. Teammates Katy Cooke had 16 points. Chloe Wallace had



Coach Angela Lawson

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Katy Cooke takes a shot against an opponent



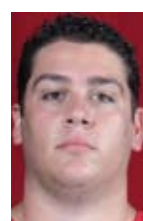
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Five get academic, athletic accolades



Jewasko



Segura



Rios



Cardenas



Suarez

Five student-athletes representing football, baseball and volleyball at the University of the Incarnate Word have received several awards on the academic side and field of play, pictured respectively as following:

Baseball pitcher Kirk Jewasko was named the Region's Top Scholar-Athlete of the year for Division II's South Central Region. This honor is sponsored by the Conference Commissioner's Association (CCA).

CCA President Butch Raymond said Jewasko's "...extraordinary accomplishments exemplify the balance of academics and athletics that is the hallmark of Division II."

Jewasko, a junior business management major, maintained a 3.80 grade point average while studying business management, and after the 2011 season was also named the Lone Star Conference male academic athlete of the year.

On the field Jewasko was named pitcher of the year by three regional squads and was ultimately a second-team choice on the Daktronics All-American team and third-team All-American selected by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Offensive guard Charles Segura was honored for the second straight year making the 11-member, all-academic squad in the Lone Star Conference.

As an accounting major, Segura is pursuing a bachelor's degree and a master's through UIW's five-year dual degree program. Segura has maintained a 3.75 grade point average. Segura has started every game for three consecutive years.

Segura also was voted onto the Capital One Academic All-Region team with a teammate --running back Trent Rios.

Rios, a junior business management major, also was recognized last year by Capital One. He has maintained a 3.52 GPA in the classroom. On the field he has consistently been ranked among the nation's all-purpose yards producer.

Sophomore volleyball players Sarah Cardenas and Danielle Suarez are on the 2011 Lone Star Conference all-academic squad.

Cardenas, who plays a combination of defensive specialist and setter, has posted a perfect 4.0 grade point average as a mathematics major. Suarez, a setter, has maintained a GPA of 3.96 while studying rehabilitative sciences. This fall she led the team with 584 assists and twice was named LSC setter of the week.

Women's basketball

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13 points and eight rebounds. Ashlyn Green had 13 points.

Resembling a similar defeat and score to Texas A&M International, the Lady Cardinals showed St. Edwards University on Nov. 16, what a 78-48 victory feels like. Jamon, Cooke and Wallace all did double-digit scoring along with Ifunanya Mora against the Hilltoppers.

Already 2-0 in the 2011-12 schedule, the team has already improved from the 2010-11 season after having an 0-7 start last year.

Coming off a challenging 2010-11 schedule and a 9-17 overall record, the Lady Cards still managed to pick up a few accolades in the 2010-11 season. Wallace, a transfer from Temple Junior College, was selected to the 2010-11 Lone Star South Division Honorable Mention Team, as well as Cooke. Both key players in the 2010-11 season with Wallace, a senior now, displayed 341 points, an average of 12.1 per game. Cooke, a 5-6 junior from Marble Falls, averaged 10.1 points per game and made a total of 32 three-point shots during 2010-11, the most on the team. Cooke was also selected as an LSC South Division Offensive Player of the Week in December 2010.

Also honored in 2010-11 was Mora, a 5-9 sophomore from Grand Prairie who was selected to the LSC South Division Second Team All-Conference as a freshman in 2010-11. Mora was also selected as an LSC South Division Defensive Player of the Week last January. Mora led the Lady Cards in 2010-11 with 47 steals and 15 blocks.

With the season already under way and off to a good start, the Lady Cardinals will play four more home games in December -- West Texas A&M (Dec. 1), Eastern New Mexico (Dec. 3), Texas A&M Commerce (Dec. 7), and Midwestern State (Dec. 14) -- and face Tarleton State on the road Dec. 12 in Stephenville and Cameron State Dec. 17 in Lawton, Okla. The women will play Arkansas-Monticello and Central Oklahoma in the St. Mary's Classic on Dec. 30 and 31, respectively.

Men's basketball



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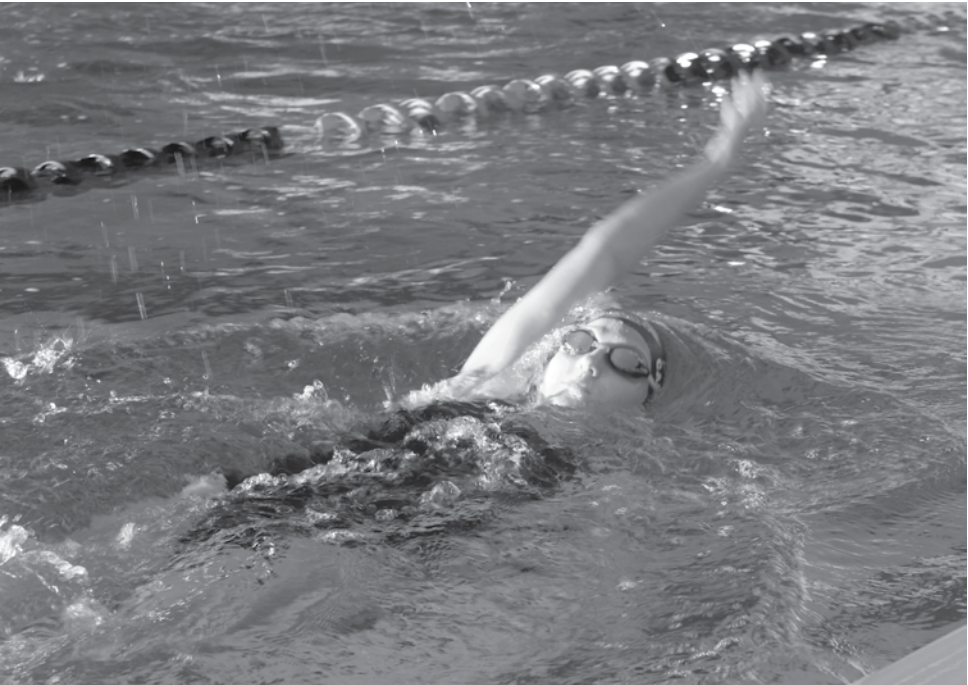
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Men's basketball is 4-2-0 after their 96-93 win in overtime over St. Edward's University in Austin last Saturday, Nov. 26. Senior Chris Johnson led the Cardinals with 22 points. The men have five home games in December and will try to get revenge Dec 29 on St. Mary's.

Swimming



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Incarnate Word men's swimming is ranked second and women's swimming has been ranked third in Division II after the first national poll of the season. The teams are members of the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Club sports enters picture

By Michelle Hale
LOGOS STAFFWRITER

Club sports opened its season in mid-October at the University of the Incarnate Word.

There are more than 15 club sports for students to be a part of outside UIW's 19 managed by the Department of Athletics.

Participants play against schools from all over the San Antonio area from the Alamo Colleges to some sports at the University of Texas-San Antonio ranging from basketball to kickball.

The women's club sports basketball team lost its season opener to Northwest Vista College 69-46. The men also lost their season opener to NVC as well by one, with the score being 76-75. The women's volleyball team won their opening season game against Northeast Lakeview College 3 games to 1.

Catch the Cardinals

December home games calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Women's Basketball vs. West Texas A&M 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. West Texas A&M 7:30 p.m.	2	3 Women's Basketball vs. Eastern New Mexico 2 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Eastern New Mexico 4:30 p.m.
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New mobile app allows organization, course access

By Lauren Villanueva
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Information Technology Services is now introducing an updated UIW App that has integrated Blackboard Mobile Learn for iOS and Android devices.

University of the Incarnate Word students can access their student organizations and any current courses quickly on their mobile device with the added feature.

The new Blackboard Mobile Learn was added to the UIW application Oct. 14 for iOS devices and Nov. 4 for Android devices. ITS expects the update to

be available to Blackberry users before spring break next year.

"We understand the importance of mobility and flexibility in the lives of our students and are committed to identifying and implementing apps and other solutions that meet their needs," Chief Information Officer Marshall Eidson said.

The ITS has been running a version of Blackboard Mobile Learn about a year, but was limited to specific users. Due to high student demand, the feature was integrated to a full version without limitations for iOS and Android users.

Campus usage of Blackboard Mobile

Learn has greatly increased since its integration into the UIW application with almost as many users using the feature in the last month than had been used the entire previous year.

As of Nov. 18 there have been a total of 5,880 downloads to the UIW application on all three platforms: iOS, Android, and Blackberry. This fall alone, campus usage has gone up by almost 190 percent since Blackboard Mobile Learn was integrated.

"We are very pleased with the adoption of mobile apps on the UIW campus," Eidson said. "It is a testament to the sophistication of our students and

their understanding that learning can take place anywhere and anytime, and technology helps enhance and reinforce this concept."

FYI

The original iOS application was available for download Dec. 28, 2009, the Blackberry application March 15, 2010, and the Android application Dec. 4, 2010.

Instructional Technology Services strongly suggests iPad users download the specific Blackboard Mobile Learn application which can be found searching "Blackboard Mobile Learn" at the App Store. It is a free app that has a unique user interface for the iPad.

Any questions and/or comments may be e-mailed to mobile@uiwtx.edu

University taking new steps to deal with substance abuse



By Anna-Alizette Ruiz
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

One may think a recent high school party that involved underage drinking at an off-campus party does not pertain to the University of the Incarnate Word but it does.

More than 100 students from O'Connor and Brandeis high schools attended an off-campus party a month ago where alcohol was served. While the consequences of the students are pending, this incident does bring awareness to the issue that students do hold off-campus parties and there is alcohol involved, making it easy to get buzzed before being tucked into bed by their parents.

In fact, according to a recent Texas School Survey, the average age of alcohol initiation of San Antonio Independent School District students is 12 -- clearly below the legal age. What worries the university is that these habits are brought in when their children enter college, away from parental guidelines, and tasting freedom for the first time.

Most universities offer substance abuse programs that provide counseling to students who feel they may have a problem with drinking. Now UIW is standing up against substance abuse and bringing awareness of the issue into the spotlight. The university has hired Edward Heath to be coordinator of the substance abuse program for both university and high school branches.

Stephen Lucke, creator of the Cardinal Wellness program, is an advocate for healthy lifestyles and encourages students to look at "quality over quantity," understand self-control and don't let the situation take control of one's actions. Drinking should not be a day-to-day habit.

"I believe drug and alcohol abuse education should be mandatory for every freshman in college. That way, at least the students start with a knowledge of the danger of these substances that lead to risky behaviors that can ruin their college career and their potential future as professionals and contributing citizens of society," said Samantha Buetello, peer educator president for S.T.A.R.S.

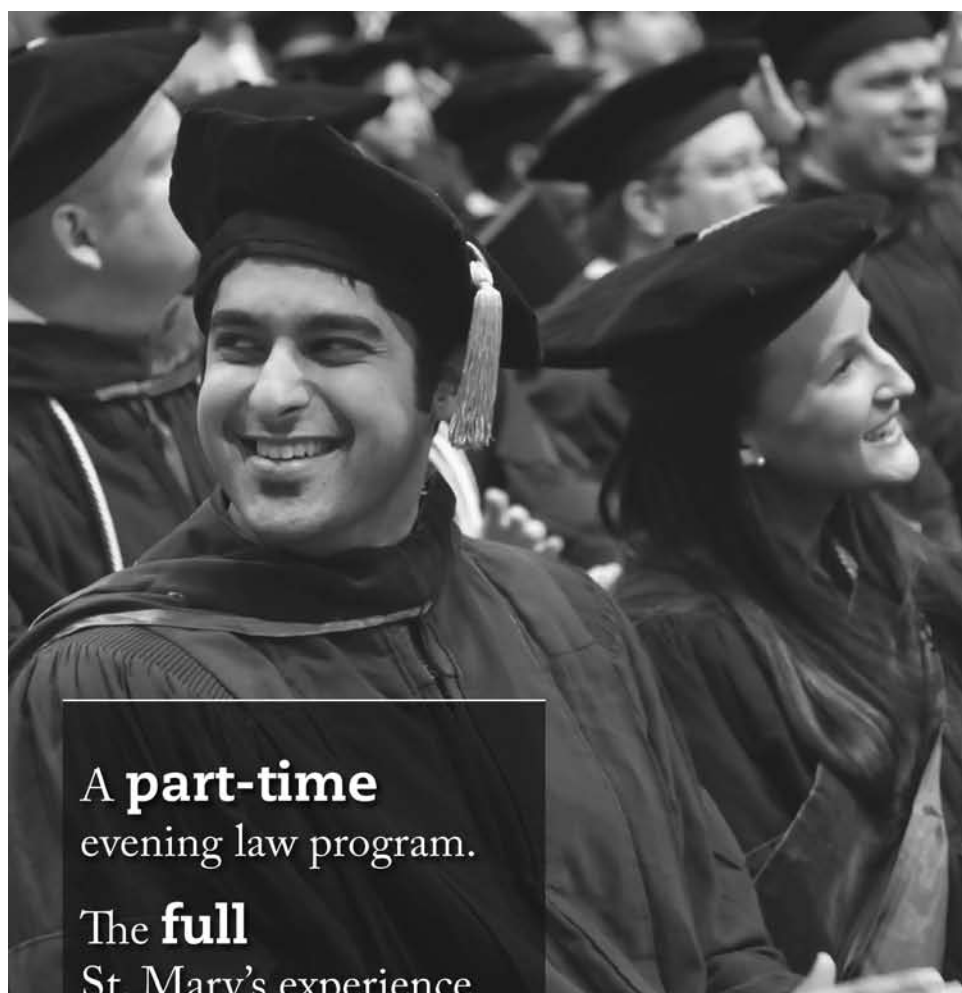
Heath plans to hold a convention in the spring semester to bring more awareness to a subject everyone is familiar with but does not take action on. These actions could change the lives of students who enter the world with the promises of a better future that this university instills in them.

The state of Texas continues to be the state with the most deaths in drunk-driving related accidents, and Texas does not even have the biggest population. Texas meets 3 out of 5 stars in the rating system of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), leaving out the two of the important, ignition interlocks and sobriety check points.

Perhaps the stand the university has taken will help shape students to become advocates for their future and changing the standards of what our state accepts in substance abuse today.



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Thousands pack stadium for celebration



By Aisha Rodriguez
and Sarah Ruan
LOGOS STAFF WRITERS

An estimated 7,000 people packed Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium and the areas outside its fences for the 25th Annual Light the Way celebration, on Saturday, Nov. 19.

The celebration sponsored by H-E-B started at 7:30 p.m., bringing musical entertainment and exciting surprises at the University of the Incarnate Word. UIW Police Chief Jacob Colunga said the 6,000-seat stadium was entirely filled and many attendees were seen standing along the fence line at each end zone.

In true holiday spirit, guests were seen donating new and unwrapped toys at drop-off tents. The toys donated were for the Elf Louise Christmas Project which provides gifts to children in need.

Entering the stadium, families enjoyed free hot-apple cider supplied by Sodexo Catering. Free glow sticks provided for children and guests illuminated the stadium's surroundings. Once guests were seated in stands, they were greeted by the co-emcees -- KSAT 12's Ursula Pari and Steve Spriester. Other special guests included H-E-B Public Affairs Director Dya Campos and ABC's "Desperate Housewives" actor and UIW alumnus Ricardo Chavira. The San Antonio Spurs' Coyote led cheers. And Santa Claus came in on a "Polar Express" train that circled the track with "Christmas angels" throwing candy and Cardinal Pride bracelets to the crowd.

Campos announced H-E-B was awarding a \$25,000 scholarship to UIW students, honoring the 25th anniversary of this event and its founder, Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., UIW's president.

"When I envisioned this event 25 years ago, I couldn't have imagined how this event would grow to become such a favorite holiday tradition for so many," Agnese said.

Before the event kicked off, the St. Anthony Catholic High School Jazz Band with special guest singer Sarah Centeno performed. The Rev. Thomas Dymowski, campus chaplain, led the crowd in prayer. Choirs from Incarnate Word High School, St. Anthony Catholic School, and St. Peter Prince of the Apostles performed as did UIW's Chorale and Marching Band. Legendary Tejano musician Patsy Torres, also

a UIW student about to earn her doctorate, brought the event to a close singing several musical numbers with UIW students Italic Chavez and Jacob Smith.

The stadium program concluded with the switching on of a million twinkling lights suddenly illuminating the night sky, while "snow flurries" and white balloons floated in the air. The number "25" was lit in the center of the field, also noting the event's 25th year.

As people left the stadium, they were handed lit white long-stem candles and recyclable wind-protectors. This marked the beginning of the candlelight procession, led by Mariachi Sol De Tejas, through campus to Brackenridge Villa. Many were seen taking photos along the illuminated routes, posing for pictures next to sandwich-board signs. Families and friends mingled with people from all over the city, enjoying the bright lights.

Reaching their destination at the villa, guests were treated to a complimentary reception hosted by H-E-B. There, they enjoyed mariachi music, free hot chocolate and an assortment of various sweet pastries. As Christmas carolers sang holiday tunes the crowds warmed up, soaking in the scenery and spectacular sights

"It's really good to see the city and students come together for this one event," said UIW junior communication arts major Jonathan Guajardo, president of the Student Government Association. "The Incarnate Word community has so much to offer the San Antonio community, and vice versa."

"The lights are really beautiful," Hakyoung Ahn, a Korean exchange student at UIW, said. "I have never seen anything so great like this before."

"Light the Way' is always having somewhere to come back to," said Adriana Estrada, 24, a UIW graduate. "It's a walk down memory lane and it's definitely a family tradition. We come every year."

"I love it," said retiree Katherine Winiecki, who has been to "Light the Way" three times. "It made everybody become a child. It also makes you feel like there is hope, when everybody can come together of all nationalities and just share the joy and the beauty of something. I love the lights. I love the way they made kind of a trail. What I really enjoy the most is to see the children. They're just enamored. I appreciate it very much that the college still does something -- even though in this very bad economy. This gives people hope."



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The 25th annual 'Light the Way' brought thousands to the holiday-lighting spectacle that began with a Mass, then moved to Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium. After the lights came on, a crowd holding lit candles walks around campus, some toward a reception at Brackenridge Villa, but most just taking the chance for many photos.

Dec. Movies

compiled by Teresa Velasco

Dec 2
Answers to Nothing
Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Look for: Dane Cook, Elizabeth Mitchell

Shame
Rated: NC-17
Genre: Drama
Look for: Carey Mulligan, Nicole Beharie

Dec. 9
Tinker, Tailor, Soldier Spy
Rated: R
Genre: Crime and Mystery
Look for: Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, Tom Hardy

New Year's Eve
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Romantic Comedy
Look for: Robert DeNiro, Hilary Swank, Ashton Kutcher

The Sitter
Rated: R
Genre: Comedy
Directed by: Jonah Hill, Sam Rockwell

Young Adult
Rated: R
Genre: Comedy
Look for: Patrick Wilson, Elizabeth Reaser

Dec. 16
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action, Crime
Look for: Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law, Rachael McAdams

The Iron Lady
Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Drama
Look for: Meryl Streep, Harry Lloyd, Jim Broadbent

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked
Rated: G
Genre: Family
Look for: Jason Lee

Carnage
Rated: R
Genre: Comedy, Drama
Look for: Kate Winslet, Jodie Foster, John C. Reilly

Dec. 21
The Adventures of Tintin
Rated: PG
Genre: Family, Animation
Look for: Jamie Bell, Daniel Craig, Mick Frost, Simon Pegg

Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action, Crime, Mystery
Look for: Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner, Simon Pegg

Dec. 23
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Drama, Thriller
Look for: Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara, Christopher Plummer

We Bought a Zoo
Rated: PG
Genre: Comedy, Drama
Look for: Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson, Thomas Haden Church, Colin Ford

Dec. 25
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Look for: Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock, Thomas Horn

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Look for: Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock, Thomas Horn

War Horse
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama, War
Look for: Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson, David Thewlis, Peter Mullan

‘Christmas Carol’ makes return run

By Lauren Silva
LOGOS STAFF WRITER



Charles Dickens’ beloved classic, “A Christmas Carol,” will be playing at the University of Incarnate Word’s Coates Theatre Dec. 2-17.

The story focuses on Ebenezer Scrooge, a lonely old miser who believes Christmas is a “Bah, humbug” experience. On Christmas Eve Scrooge is visited by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, who warm his hardened heart and save him from a dark future.

The university most recently put on this production in December 2006 and December 2009, featuring adaptations by Dr. Robert Ball, a theatre arts professor and department chair who plays Scrooge,

“However,” said director Mark Stringham, an assistant professor of theatre arts, “we’re all excited to bring back this wonderful story.”

Rendering by Professor Margaret Mitchell.

FYI

Show times for “A Christmas Carol” are 8 p.m. Dec. 2, 3, 9, 16 and 17; 7 p.m. Dec. 5 and 17; and 2 p.m. Dec. 11.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$8 for non-UIW students, and \$6 for groups. UIW students, faculty and staff get in free with ID.

The cast of a “A Christmas Carol” includes (actor, role) Robert Ball, Scrooge; Cody Lyle Asher, Bob Cratchit; Bradley Tejada, Nephew Fred; Mario Thompson, Boz; Amanda Belscamper, Joan/Mrs. Fezziwig; Tim O’Toole, Marley’s Ghost/Joel;

Kristen Mancha, Christmas Past; Eric Montoya, Young Scrooge/Man No. 2; Ashley Luebke, Fanny/ Martha; Gabe Fuentes, Dick Wilkins/Man No. 1; Ivan Ortega, Christmas Future; Diego Fresquez, Caroler/ Fezzi Guest; Lauren Garcia, Caroler/Fezzi Guest;

Katherine Gastel, Caroler/Fezzi Guest; Kate Ragan, Fezzi Guest/Bet; Sam Morgan, Mr. Fezziwig; Alessa Mañon, Miriam; Miranda Gonzaba, Grizzled Woman; Vanessa Lopez, Christmas Present; Kaitlin Adkison, Mrs. Fred/Belle; Sidney Burnette, Mrs. Dilber; Victoria Perez, Mrs. Cratchit; Grant Stringham, Peter Cratchit; Cole Stringham, Tiny Tim; Sean Tejada, Ignorance; Margaret Griffin, Belinda Cratchit/Want; Drew Pipkin, Very Young Scrooge; Zachary Mitchell-Kemp, Boy; and Grant Gillinger, Boy

Local masterpieces set for UIW arts, crafts sale

Art, jewelry and ceramics from local artists will be featured at a Christmas Art and Craft Sale set 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the University of the Incarnate Word.

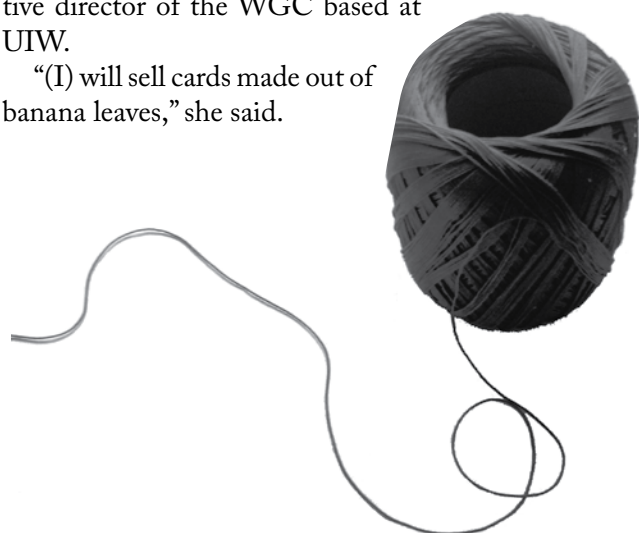
Sponsored by UIW’s Art Department, the sale will be in Genevieve Tarleton Dougherty Fine Arts Building.

The Art Department promises there’ll be “something for everyone in this holiday season” at the sale.

Featured artists – listed alphabetically – include Cristen Alicia, Loresa Angulo, Catherine Bau-Yassin, Olga Cardona, Taaffe Caton, Pat Gavin, Elmo Guernsey, David Hamilton, Wesley Harvey, Kris Hernandez, Teresa Koslow, Jimena Marin, Roxanne Markline, Denise Martin, Priscilla Martinez, Denise McCoy, Paul Northway, Theresa Northway, Justin Parr, Irene Pierce, Peggy Potts, Martha Prentiss, Laura Quinones, Christine Saalbach, Alison Schockner, Laura Schultz, Sarah Shore, Alejandro Sifuentes, Lucy Springs, Eloise Stoker, Atsuko Taniguchi, Enedina Vasquez, Joanne Villanueva and Karen Yarbrough.

And the Women’s Global Connection, a ministry of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, will be selling a unique item, said Tere Dresner Salinas, executive director of the WGC based at UIW.

“(I) will sell cards made out of banana leaves,” she said.



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Annual Red Dress Pageant slated for Valentine’s Day

By Destine'e Flores
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The annual Red Dress Pageant, a fashion show and health awareness bazaar, is set 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14, in Marian Hall Ballroom next year.

The pageant will feature red garments, modeled by UIW students that were designed and made by UIW fashion management students. The top three winning garments will be voted on by the audience.

Accompanying the fashion show will be a health fair aimed at bringing awareness to the dangers of heart disease in women. Scarves also will be sold. And there’ll be raffles for prizes.

In addition, “we are having celebrity guest speaker, Ursula Pari, of KSAT 12 San Antonio speak at the event,” said Dr. Melinda Adams, an associate professor of fashion management.



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These models participated in the 2011 'Red Dress Pageant' in Marian Hall Ballroom. This year's models will walk the runway on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2012, wearing red apparel designed by fashion students. The pageant also is used to spread health awareness as it relates to breast cancer.



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‘Is it real or virtual and does it matter?’: Part II



By Phil
Youngblood
LOGOS STAFF
WRITER

I remember reading a projection in the latter part of the last century to the effect this century will be known for biotechnology and virtual reality.

I am more inclined towards thinking this century will be known for the effects of climate change and population growth and shifts, but certainly on the technology side I would agree with that projection so far.

Back in the late 1900s, though, I remember wondering how we would get there, virtual reality-wise. On the biotech side, scientists were using breakthrough methods to sequence DNA base pairs and a draft of the human genome was announced in 2000, many years ahead of when we thought we would be there (completed in 2003). But virtual reality then was a clunky helmet in a video arcade. So what has changed? A lot, with more coming soon.

This year I am writing a series of articles about virtual environments, which I have defined as any technology that enables us to communicate other than face-to-face, in-person. In this article I continue the discussion of what it means to be face-to-face and if and when it matters.

A recent article in the New York Times and the San Antonio Express-News described how 20-somethings already have one foot in virtual reality and one foot in the physical world. It describes a typical night out – see <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/20/nyregion/out-on-the-town-always-online.html> – bouncing from face-to-face conversation to smart phone – e-mail from sister about dinner – back to conversation – text from friend about plans next week – back to conversation and eating – check online game to see if partner had made a move yet – back to conversation – check Facebook – just like that.

“It’s a generational thing,” one of them explains. “I could be out with my friends, and we’re all on our phones, still carrying on the conversation, and it’s not weird to anyone.” Another explains, “You’re passing in and out of consciousness, listening for key words... letting the ancillary parts drift off.”

No one is forced to use a smart phone like this so why is this becoming the norm? What is the draw and what are the benefits and consequences? A third of young adults admit they sometimes use their phones to avoid interacting with others. But is this really new behavior? There are many ways to do this in a social setting. One person in the article admits, “The phone is what we do when we don’t know what to do.” Is this any different than an awkward silence or standing around looking bored?

Smoking stays burning issue: no ifs, ands, or cigarette butts



By Sarah Stephens
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

With all this talk about restricting and/or banning smoking on campus, the smoking bans inside public areas, and the price of smoking increasing to a ridiculous high, I think we are beginning to realize smoking is no longer an accepted public activity.

Well, that solves it! Quitting is easier said than done considering nicotine is an addictive substance. It isn’t enough to regulate where people smoke, but to educate them on why they are still smoking after failed attempts to quit, and offer different options to help you quit “this time.”

S.T.A.R.S (Students Teaching and Advocating for Responsible Self-growth) has taken that stride. Walking to my classes on a recent Monday afternoon the smell of free hot dogs filled the air, the courtyard was extra-packed that day full of students sitting chatting, and as I went to check out those hot dogs I noticed what they were actually trying to do to me. Quit smoking! This ploy to visit their booth worked as the line of Ballpark frank lovers lined up for their chili cheese dogs. I walked to the information located at the side of their tent and began to read the literature.

Being a smoker myself (don’t tell anyone), I gazed over the pamphlets thinking, “been there, done that.” I began talking with Samantha Buentello, the president of S.T.A.R.S. She explained to me this event was actually leading to a larger one called “The Great American Smokeout.” Of course my mind first went to a scene in the movie “Dazed and Confused” involving Mathew McConaughey and a car full of wacky-toback, but I was soon brought back to reality. The American Cancer Society was marking the 36th Great American Smokeout on Nov. 17 by encouraging smokers to use this date to quit, or plan to quit.

“Tobacco use remains the single-largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the United States, yet more than 46 million Americans still smoke. However, more than half of these smokers have attempted to quit for at least one day in the past year.” (www.cancer.org). Nov. 17 also marked UIW’s fourth annual Smokeout.

S.T.A.R.S offers events nearly weekly on campus, supporting healthy, happy, content lives. I encourage you to get involved and to support your fellow Cardinals. If you would like any information on how to quit smoking, helping those who do or any other event that S.T.A.R.S sponsors please e-mail Buentello at smbuentello@student.uiwtx.edu

The pre-Smokeout event went on without a hitch. An estimated 150 hot dogs were given out, pledge cards, peer support -- you name it. I was encouraged to quit smoking and have taken the plunge myself... 4 hours 27 minutes and 43 seconds (at the time of this writing). Check in and see how I am doing.

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On the other hand, my students and others say they feel comfortable being “connected” in multiple ways. One person in the article describes this as a “thirst for awareness.” On the other hand, some young people admit social media is another form of social media and they are antsy that someone else is having more fun than they are and they do not want to be left out. “It’s like, I’m here but what else is going on? Is there something better, cooler, that I’m not in the know about?”

More profoundly, one person explains, “I don’t think of what’s here and what’s not here as separate.” For non-20-somethings this can be disturbing. As another youth shares, “I’ll be out with my mom and if I look at my phone, she says I’m being anti-social. I say, ‘I’m being social -- just not social with you.’”

Does this sound like you? Or are you shocked by this behavior? I would like to hear from you.

In Part I of this discussion I wrote I would share opinions and research and concepts on the convergence of virtual environments and the traditional educational environment. I think I will make that the subject of next year’s articles. There is much happening at UIW in that regard that is both exciting and significant in how it will impact the way we educate at UIW. I am looking forward to sharing it with you.

This is my seventh article in this series. I have written about the impact of social media, thinking and writing in 140 characters or less, what I have learned from live and virtual birds, when face-to-face matters and when it does not, and the issue of dead virtual accounts.

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