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UIW accepts Southland invitation

By Adrian Leal
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word was extended an official invitation to join the NCAA's Division I Southland Conference at a packed Aug. 20 news conference in Rosenberg Skyroom.

In a room filled with news reporters, student-athletes representing various sports, faculty and staff, UIW Athletic Director Mark Papich opened up the conference with a brief introduction followed by the projected invitation given by SLC Commissioner Tom Burnett.

UIW, presently an NCAA Division II Lone Star Conference member, will begin a four-year transition into Division I athletics, which will go into effect July 1, 2013. As of the 2014-15 school year, UIW will be considered an NCAA Division I school for scheduling purposes and will be eligible to officially compete for NCAA championships during the 2017-18 school year.

So this is the last year UIW will compete in NCAA Division II. Since 2007-08, 20 teams have been crowned champions in their leagues and advanced to the postseason. Incarnate Word now has 21 total teams competing in men and women's sports.

It's a legacy now headed for Southland.

"We are truly blessed to be joining such an outstanding conference like the Southland," said Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr.

Southland Board Chairman Dr. Baker Pattillo said he was honored upon receiving UIW's acceptance of the SLC offer and looks forward to a "...beneficial partnership with UIW."



Dr. Lou J. Agnese Jr., left, president of the University of the Incarnate Word, welcomes Southland Commissioner Tom Burnett.

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Game planning tests university



MAEGAN PENNA/LOGOS STAFF

Offensive and defensive players square off in drills at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium. The Cardinals will open the season at 7 p.m. Saturday against Texas College from Tyler. It is the first season for Cardinals coach Larry Kennan.

By Caitlin McKinney
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

College football calls for roaring crowds and excitement, but there is more than meets the eye when organizing the anticipated football games at the University of the Incarnate Word.

It takes hundreds of helping hands and plenty of patience to make every detail just right -- from large-scale duties such as security and press box duty, to the small tasks of loading soda bottles in the fridge at the concession stand.

Without the immense dedication from workers, volunteers and other organizations, the fun-packed games would not be as successful as they are.

Campus police play their own role at football games, along with local police officers directing parking and traffic in order to avoid chaos.

"We are fortunate that our UIW home games are on Saturday evenings," Campus Police Chief Jacob Colunga said. "This allows us to efficiently utilize our parking areas. With games being held on Saturday evenings, the parking that is usually taken up by students is empty enough to allow outside crowds a place to park for games."

Outside help from the San Antonio Police Department also is used as an extra

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Coordinator: Phonathon help can lead to 30 jobs

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If you volunteer to help with this fall's annual Phonathon, it could lead to you getting possibly getting paid in the long run.

Coordinator Patrick Greener estimates he'll be hiring possibly 30 people from the volunteers who begin training Friday, Aug. 31, for the program that raises money for the University of the Incarnate Word.

Alumni are called and asked to give money for scholarships, technology upgrades, student activities and other university needs.

"I'm excited about this year's Phonathon," said Greener. "It begins on Saturday, Sept. 29, and goes through Thursday, Oct. 4," Greener said. "AT&T has agreed to loan us about 50 cell phones so we can reach out to our alumni so we can ask for their financial support. We have recruited

a record number of student volunteers."

Greener manned a table Tuesday, Aug. 28, at the Student Government Association's fall Activities Fair to add to the number of student volunteers who can earn up to 15 of the 45 community service hours required for graduation and possibly later work their way into getting paid.

During the Phonathon, students reach out to alumni from a call center set up in Henry Bonilla Science Building on campus. Formerly held in the Dr. Burton E. Grossman International Conference Center, this new location will allow for



Patrick Greener

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Workdays signal 'Light the Way'

Special to the Logos

"Volunteer and have holiday cheer," the flier says.

Christmas in September? No, not quite. But it's a sign of things to come when the annual fall "Light the Way" workdays get under way at the University of the Incarnate Word.

The workdays will be 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 8, and Saturday, Sept. 22, in Marian Hall Ballroom.

That's when Kayla Rice, special events coordinator for the Office of Public Relations, said she hopes to see many UIW students earning commu-

nity service hours required for graduation as they check a million Christmas bulbs to see if they still work.

The bulbs are strung up annually across the campus later this fall for the 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17 kickoff of "Light the Way," an annual holiday kickoff the Saturday before Thanksgiving started more than 25 years ago by Dr. Lou J. Agnese Jr., UIW's president.

Agnese was in town interviewing for the job that now leaves him amongst the longest-serving presidents in the nation when he was inspired during a

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Compiled by Paola Cardenas, Assistant Editor

Hijack situation in Dutch airport

Lack of communication between the pilot and the control tower caused a passenger plane to forcefully land Wednesday, Aug. 29, at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport. Dutch F-16 Fighters quickly boarded the plane due to a fear of hijackers being involved. However, there was no threat to be found. It was simply miscommunication. It was the second incident on the airport that day. Flights had been delayed earlier that day because of a World War II bomb found by workers near Pier C.

Australian 'no Indian' job ad

A job advertisement posted on the Gumtree website appealing for cleaners for an Australian supermarket's cleaning firm has caused anger among many because it stated 'no Indians or Asians please.' Coles supermarket is the second-largest in Australia. Authorities have begun an investigation for racial discrimination in that company. Jim Cooper, a spokesman for Coles, said under no circumstances did they give an OK to post an ad with such directives.

Child preacher gets ordained

At only 11 years old, Ezekiel Stoddard has been ordained as a minister by his family's church. His mother and stepfather are both pastors who two years ago started their own church, Fullness of Time. Ezekiel's older brother is also involved in the church as a deacon. Their younger brother also plans to follow the same path they have. Other child preachers have been noted in other countries such as Brazil and Indonesia.

Attack against Amazon tribe

A group of gold miners attacked the Yanomami tribe in Venezuela, setting fire to a communal home, and leaving about 80 people dead. The attack took place about a month ago in the Irotatheri community close to Brazil's border, but because of the tribe's remote location, it took several days for those who discovered the burnt bodies to walk to the nearest settlement and report what had happened. According to Yanomami organizations, only three survivors have been reported.

Israel not guilty in peace activist's death

The Israeli court has ruled the state of Israel not guilty in the death of Rachel Corrie, a 23-year-old peace activist who was killed in 2003 by a bulldozer. Corrie was trying to stop the Israeli army from demolishing civil Palestinian homes. The judge stated Corrie's death was a regrettable accident and the state was not to be held responsible. Corrie's parents had filed a civil claim for negligence against the Israeli ministry of defence. Corrie's parents say it was "an accident that could have and should have been avoided."

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precaution to handle crowds and the traffic, Colunga said. "We also coordinate with SAPD to assist with the exit of our crowds at the end of the game."

CSC, a security company, also is contracted to provide extra help at football games.

Before each game, there are the traditional tailgate parties that happen in the designated areas near Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium. So officers are present to ensure no rules are broken.

"Our various groups and student organizations have been very cooperative and compliant," Colunga said. "[Although], along with athletic staff, we remind, and if necessary, enforce the tailgate policies issued to each tailgate group prior to the season."

External Business Manager Rick Smith said a lot of planning and teamwork goes into each game.

"The planning starts as soon as the final whistle blows on the previous season," Smith said. "What worked? What didn't work? How many tickets did we sell? Those types of questions are answered over several weeks of meetings."

Meetings are the very beginning of planning. Subjects about schedules,

media coverage and outside aspects are discussed and planned. Not only does the staff have to consider everything that needs to be done within the stadium, but there are also other organizations that complete the full college football experience. The cheerleaders, the band and dance team are all associated with having complete success at games. And fans expect everything to be right and do not want to worry about dealing with any problems such as dirty restrooms or trouble finding parking spots.

"There's a lot of pressure to not only get it right on the field, but to get it right off the field," Smith said. "There's a lot of pressure, from all areas, to get everything correct."

As for the crowds, fans at UIW football games do not normally cause any problems, but there is always a chance that could change before, during or immediately after the game.

"We have to make sure we have a set plan" for safety and efficiency, Lou Fox, assistant to the president for community relations and campus security, said. "There is always 'What if?' and we have to be prepared for that."

In case of an emergency, use text rather than call



Eric Patrick
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

In the wake of Hurricane Isaac's landfall in Louisiana, I am reminded of my days of responding to hurricanes as an EMT.

I am also reminded of the lack of food, clean water, power, and cell phone service. It is the lack of cell phone service I wanted to quickly mention something about. In the event of an emergency, if you have a loved one who has been affected, please resist the temptation to call your loved one. The best thing to do is send a text or two and wait for your loved one to call or text you back.

On Sept. 11, 2001, three things happened which hampered emergency responders. First, Verizon and AT&T both lost a cell tower in one of the Twin Towers. The second thing that happened was millions of people from around the country jammed the phone lines and cell

phone towers trying to find loved ones. Third, rescue operations were hampered by the loss of one communications tower in one of the Twin Towers. When emergency workers were unable to use radio communications, they resorted to cell phones.

While I was in Gulfport, Miss., for Hurricane Katrina, we had one spot in the parking lot where we were able to make cell phone calls to our loved ones to let them know we were OK. As we fanned out across the city in rescue operations, cell phone coverage was spotty at best and most of the time we were unable to make phone calls until the cell phone companies either brought in mobile cell towers, or power was restored to the area.

I understand you want to find out if whoever you're calling is OK, but what you may not realize is you could be tying up a line for an emergency worker who is in the area looking for your loved one.

The next time you need to find your loved one in an emergency, think about texting them instead of calling them. You may be saving another life by doing so.

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After the hoopla, UIW cheerleaders chanted "U-I-W," as those on hand began to converse with one another about the news.

"It's an exciting time for the university and its athletic program," said former Cardinal baseball player Matthew Flores, now a graduate assistant. "Division I is a big step forward and the preparation to compete at a high level starts now."

Although the shift to Division I looks promising for UIW Athletics' future, not being able to compete in the postseason for four years falls at the feet of current student-athletes.

"It's disappointing knowing we won't be able to compete and accumulate points in next year's meets," said swimmer Kelsey Cooke, a junior. "So we really have to ensure that we do well in competition this year."

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up to 70 student callers.

When the student volunteers make their calls to UIW alumni, they also update their potential contributors on the latest campus news and events. No experience is needed, and the event provides students the opportunity to network and gain valuable experience, Greener pointed out.

Volunteers also will have the opportunity to be entered into drawings at the end of the event for gift cards to places such as James Avery, UIW Bookstore, Subway and Frost Bank.

Although faculty, staff and some alumni also assist in placing calls, the majority are made by student volunteers.

"The community has chipped in by helping us feed the volunteers and other businesses have provided wonderful caller incentives and achiever rewards," Greener said. "Every penny raised will be put to good use right away. We plan to hire about 30 of our best volunteers so we can continue the program into November. These are exciting times."

Light the Way

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tour of the Christmas lighting he saw in the Windcrest area.

Now "Light the Way" has become a celebration that attracts thousands to Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium for the kickoff ceremony.

At the workdays, students also will get a free breakfast, participate in games and possibly win prizes. After the workdays, student organizations can compete for

prizes offered in the Oct. 20 "Light the Way Display Board Paint Day and Contest" that will be conducted 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Dubuis Lawn. Organizations have until Sept. 28 to register for the contest. The boards also are displayed around the campus during "Light the Way."

The boards' "design must reflect the organization's interpretation of 'Light the Way,'" Rice said.

Ministry to toll bells for 9-11

University Mission and Ministry will observe 9-11 at 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, with special programs.

"The bell will ring one time each for those that perished in the World Trade Center, for those who perished at the Pentagon, for those who perished in the fields of Pennsylvania and for fallen members of the armed forces," Alexander said.

The afternoon Interfaith Prayer Service will be in Our Lady's Chapel. "We will prayerfully reflect on the tragedy of 9-11 and honor those who have fallen, those who are still fighting to protect our freedoms, and commission our own UIW Police force," Alexander said.

Corrections

The Logos erroneously reported in the Back-to-School edition that the Printing Services office was responsible for producing some "No Smoking" signs. The office had nothing to do with the signs. The Logos regrets the error.

The Logos erroneously reported freshman football player Joseph Sadler was the holder of two national records and received a magazine's nomination for high school player of the week when he played for the Devine High School Warhorses. The Logos regrets the errors.



KATIE BOSWORTH/LOGOS STAFF

Diego Fresquez and Amanda Belscamper rehearse their roles for the two-character musical, 'The Last Five Years.'

Curtains to open on 'The Last Five Years' in Coates Theatre

"The Last Five Years," a musical, will open the fall theatrical season at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the University of the Incarnate Word.

The play by Jason Robert Brown will continue at 8 p.m. Sept. 29, Oct. 5-6 and Oct. 12-13 in Elizabeth Huth Coates Theatre Building.

Those auditioning for the musical had to perform 16 to 32 measures of a Broadway show-tune, preferably from Brown's play, which premiered in Chicago in 2001 and was then produced off-Broadway in 2002. It's billed as "an emotionally powerful and intimate musical about a man and a woman who fall in and out of love with each other over the course of five years."

Mark Stringham, an assistant professor of theatre arts and director of the play, chose Diego Fresquez to play rising novelist Jamie Wellerstein and Amanda Belscamper to play struggling actress Cathy Hyatt, the two main characters.

The play uses a form of storytelling in which Cathy's story is told in reverse chronological order (beginning the show at the end of the marriage), and Jamie's is told in chronological order (starting just after the couple have first met). The characters do not directly interact except for

a wedding song in the middle as their timelines intersect.

Brown's play was inspired by Brown's failed marriage to Theresa O'Neill. O'Neill threatened legal action on the grounds of the story of the musical represented her relationship with Brown too closely, and Brown changed the song, "I Could Be in Love With Someone Like You," to "Shiksa Goddess" in order to reduce the similarity between the character Cathy and O'Neill.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$8 for non-UIW students with I.D., and \$6 for groups of 10 or more.

UIW students, faculty and staff can attend free with I.D., but may purchase a second ticket for a guest at the \$8 discounted rate.



Professor William Gokelman

Rosenberg professor, student receive honors from Optometry Groups

An assistant professor and a student at the University of the Incarnate Word's Rosenberg School of Optometry have received special recognition.



Dr. Philip Aitsebaomo

Dr. Philip Aitsebaomo was named "Mentor of the Year" at the 2012 National Optometric Association convention in Toronto. This award is presented to NOA optometrists who display "the most interest in helping students across the different schools of optometry," as voted by the NOA executive council and NOSA members. Rosenberg has the largest NOSA chapter in the nation.

Student Salma Kiani has been awarded \$1,000 in the 2012 Hoya Vision Care Grant and Scholarship Program and all-expense-paid trip to the American Optometric Association convention

over the summer in Chicago. She also got \$200 spending money and a 16 GB iPad Wi-Fi.

The program is offered to third- and fourth-year optometry students who have an opportunity to not only win \$1,000 but qualify for the overall prize -- a \$6,000 scholarship awarded at the AOA convention.

To be considered, Kiani submitted an ePoster case study involving the use of a HOYA product. HOYA Vision Care of the Americas makes and supplies ophthalmic lenses to eye care professionals in the United States, Canada and South America.

Judging is based on originality, application of technology involved, product knowledge and overall analysis and composition.



Salma Kiani

Instructor's stop-bullying app receives USA Network grant

A technology instructor at the University of the Incarnate Word who has developed a smartphone application to curb bullying has been named a USA Network Characters United grant winner.



Timothy Porter

Timothy M. Porter, the CEO and founder of Appddiction Studio, a company specializing in smartphone application development, launched his "StopBullies" mobile app to help students and schools stand up to bullies.

The app allows bullying victims and bystanders to anonymously alert school administrators to bullying activity. In addition to its reporting features, the application also provides helpful

information and resources about bullying, such as warning signs and where to find help. The app also tackles cyberbullying. If a student is being harassed online they can take a screenshot of the messages or photos they have received to send to administrators. With this app, Porter has devised an innovative method to harness the power of technology to combat the scourge of bullying.

Porter, 40, is one of 10 honorees from the hundreds that were nominated on charactersunite.com during "Characters Unite Month" in February "for their extraordinary efforts in combating prejudice and discrimination," according to the cable network.

Porter gets a \$5,000 grant from USA Network, and is featured on-air in a public service announcement and online at charactersunite.com.



"Characters Unite Award winners deserve to be recognized for their tireless work in fighting hate and discrimination and promoting acceptance in their communities," Bridget Baker, president of NBC Universal TV Networks Distribution, said in a news release. "Along with our distribution partners, we salute these winners on the incredible efforts they lead."

Porter, who lives in Cibolo, started Appddiction Studio, LLC, a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business that specializes in mobile and web-based technology solutions, last year. His company works with smartphone apps and web apps for clients in federal, commercial, nonprofit, education and other industries.

Since 2009, Porter, a native of Vicksburg, Miss., has worked at UIW. Before coming to UIW, he served 10 years in the Army. He was injured in a bomb explosion and was medically discharged as a sergeant in his first class.

Porter said he was excited to win the award and make a contribution to stop bullying.

"Bullying is a senseless problem that is growing in number and severity in communities across the country and it needs to stop," Porter said. "This award helps to raise awareness of our app that uses technology to put a solution to work for bullying prevention."

Researcher to view presidential politics for Constitution Day

Two special events will mark the University of the Incarnate Word's celebration of Constitution Day in September.

Dr. Joseph Stewart Jr., a professor in the Department of Political Science at Clemson (S.C.) University, will discuss "Presidents, Justices, and the Constitution" in a presentation at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, in J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library Auditorium.

And the auditorium will be the location of the second program at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, featuring UIW's moot court teams in a debate, said Dr. Gary Keith, an assistant professor in the Department of Government and International Affairs. Keith also will be assisting Dr. Michael Forrest in the introduction of the moot court program.

Stewart's research interests span civil rights policies, racial and ethnic politics, public policy, and educational policy, Keith said, adding the speaker's work has appeared in a variety of political science, education, public policy, public administration, public law, and interdisciplinary journals.

Three of Stewart's books have received Myers Awards as "Outstanding Books on the Subject of Human Rights in the United States." Those books are "Race, Class, and Education" (with Ken Meier and Robert England, 1989), "The Politics of Hispanic Education" (with Ken Meier, 1991), and "Can We All Get Along? Racial and Ethnic Minorities in American Politics" (with Paula McClain, fifth edition, 2010). In addition, he is the co-author of "Public Policy: An Evolutionary Approach" (with James Lester, West, third edition, 2008), which was published in Chinese editions in 2001 and 2004. His latest publication is "Buenas Dias, Y'all: Latinos in the South," in the Oxford

Handbook of Southern Politics.

Stewart, who received a doctorate from the University of Houston in 1977, has previously held teaching or research positions at the University of New Mexico, University of Texas at Dallas, Educational Testing Service, West Virginia University, University of New Orleans, Rice University in Houston and Wichita State University. His research interests span civil rights policies, racial and ethnic politics, public policy, and educational policy. His work has appeared in a variety of political science, education, public policy, public administration, public law, and interdisciplinary journals.



He serves on the editorial board of the University Press of Virginia's "Race, Ethnicity and Politics" series, is co-editor of Rowman & Littlefield's "Spectrum" series, past president of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Southwestern Social Science Association, and vice president of the Southern Political Science Association. Stewart also works with K-12 teachers to improve pre-collegiate civic education. He is the former chief reader for the College Board's advanced placement government and politics exams and has served as a judge at the State of New Mexico, State of South Carolina, State of Georgia and National finals of the Center for Civic Education's "We the People" Program.

He was honored with a Special Recognition Award by the College Board Southwestern Regional Office.



‘Meet the Greeks’ beckons newcomers

By London Prince
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

“Meet the Greeks,” an annual campus event, took place Monday, Aug. 27, on Dubuis Lawn offered students to come and see what each Greek organization has to offer.

Lambda Chi Alpha member Crawford Eagans said, “Our main focus for ‘Meet the Greek’ is to get our fraternity’s name out and publicized on campus in the best way possible. Through this event our goal is to have a solid and strong ‘rush.’”

Lambda Chi Alpha, which participates in the North American Food Drive every November, says its purpose is to foster a high Christian standard of life and ideals, to establish brotherly love and connections between alumni and undergraduates, by teaching each other about courage, self-control, democracy and respect toward all with whom they may come in contact with.

Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority members Erica Howison and Courtney Casares jointly said the “Meet the Greeks” event is an opportunity “to let the students know that sororities are growing and we as a group conduct a positive spin on Greek life.”

“Whether students are pledging or not we want to encourage them all to come out and support our events and activities here on campus,” Howison said.

The motto of Alpha Sigma Alpha is to help young ladies develop poise and purpose through aspiring, seeking and attaining. Every year Alpha Sigma Alpha holds philanthropy events that help out organizations such as the Special Olympics, Girl on the Run, and S. June Smith Center 1 in Pennsylvania.

Alpha Sigma Tau sorority includes Habitat for Humanity among its charities, a member said. Every September, members also participate in an annual walk for Alzheimer’s disease.

“Through the event of ‘Meet the Greeks,’ we just would like to let everybody know that we are the best sorority out there with the highest overall student GPA,” Vice President Yelica Padilla said.

Does prevention of domestic violence and cultural diversity interest you? Well, if so the sorority of Delta Xi Nu could be your best fit if you are looking to inform others in the community. The sorority organizes philanthropies such as clothing-line projects and participates in a 5K run for cancer awareness. Delta Xi Nu has donated more than \$1,000 to the American Cancer Society.

The Greek gentlemen of Chi Phi say they strive for excellence and welcome new students with open arms. Their goal as a fraternity is to break all the negative stereotypes while maintaining a deep-rooted love for fraternal values. Events they set up include Phi Fridays, hookah fundraising, and volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club.

“Our mission is to help build better men through leadership and opportunity,” said member Tab Eliot. “We have unique individuals in our club that can help students though and after college.

“We are working diligently to recruit high-quality members. We are hoping to double our active membership very soon. So be sure to keep an eye out for us on campus. You never know what amazing event the Chi Phis have planned next.”



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Faculty, students and representatives with Women's Global Connection pause in Peru for a picture.

Peru experience leads to 'global understanding'

By Ana D. O'Connor
Special to the LOGOS

As an alum of Incarnate Word College, one of my fondest memories is participating in the Spina Bifida Conference. This conference was one part of my educational experience at "The College."

I learned that being part of the community, giving back, and real-life experience were keys to learning. After graduation I have continued to work within the field of education and I volunteer with various community agencies. Yet, working with the Women's Global Connection immersion trips have provided me with a global understanding of teaching, collaboration, and grassroots work. The WGC's three main goals for these trips: for participants to understand different cultures, to learn about collaborative relationships, and how to provide education for women using a grassroots leadership process.

As a volunteer, the first step is to prepare six months in advance for the trip. I met with the WGC staff to develop and prepare for the sessions to be conducted. A key component is to understand our roles and responsibilities. We entered into our immersion trip to Chimbote, Peru, with the understanding our participants come with their knowledge, beliefs and an amazing desire to learn more. Our role was to merge what we had to offer while respecting our participants. This initial preparation helped with modification throughout the training week.

A WGC core value is relationship-building. The sessions were full of activities, role-playing, and sharing from our participants. My trip was spent working with teachers, community leaders and home health workers. Spending time with our participants and visiting the

programs in which they provided services was essential. We learned our common goals of working to help families, children, and advocating in our communities are similar. We learned how the essential elements of caring do not vary from culture to culture. The synergy in each workshop started prior to and continued after the session was over. The breaks afforded opportunities for trainers and participants to exchange ideas and discuss the topics.

Many journeyers research the sites to which they will travel by obtaining books, visiting web pages, and discussing with people who have been there before. I did get a book, and through meetings with the WGC and the sharing of pictures I was able to get some information on Chimbote.

Yet, the experience of being in Peru cannot be found in a book or from a website. Until I was walking the streets, visiting with our teachers, and visiting programs, the beauty of Peru and her people could not be fully appreciated.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer was among five Women's Global Connection travelers

Partnering with professionals in the community, Incarnate Word faculty and students to travelers partnering with professionals in the community, Incarnate Word faculty and students to collaborate in Chimbote to teach 11 different topics to nine organizations a total of 18 times. Classes such as leadership, SPSS, time management, marketing, business and early childhood education reached 445 participants during the 10 days the team spent in the Ancash Region.

'Meet the Mission' scheduled Sept. 21

About three weeks are left before the Sept. 21 launch of "Meet the Mission," a special effort to get University of the Incarnate Word students to do community service hours needed for graduation.

Planners are hoping for a record turnout of students and faculty to join in the effort. Last year's mission had the largest turnout in its history, according to a joint statement from Dr. Chris Edelman, an assistant professor of philosophy, and Dr. Michael Frye, an assistant professor in engineering management.

The 2011 effort had 180 students completing 1,080 hours of community service hours in such activities as preparing meals, serving food, engaging children, handicapped people, and addressing needs at bat-

tered women's shelters and recovery homes. In addition, 26 faculty team leaders provided 156 hours. A faculty event organizer put in 10 hours the day of the event.

And that's not counting many hours of frequent meetings, administrative work and agency-related activities that take place year-round, the professors said.

Nearly 20 community service agencies are anticipated to participate in the fall mission.

"Because of this breadth of service, (Meet the Mission) continues to embody the spirit of service that is foundational to this university and its stated mission," they said. "Student involvement in service leads to a greater understanding of the UIW mission."



Sister Martha Ann Kirk, right, a religious studies professor at the University of the Incarnate Word, chats with two residents.



These two girls benefit from Women's Global Connection work supported by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

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From the Editor's Desk:

By Gayle Bustamante



Save the defensive mechanisms for the ring

I remember my first day of college like it was yesterday rather than three years ago. I was a determined 18-year-old with the goal of flying through her college years.

I distinctly remember entering the university through the Hildebrand entrance and roaming past the commuter parking lot with false hopes of finding a vacant parking spot. My jaw dropped in astonishment as I told myself, “So, this is college, the so-called ‘best years of my life.’”

It is safe to say, I was really missing my personal parking spot from high school at the time. How I was not late to my first class remains a mystery.

I remember this day so clearly mainly because I relive it again every year. I have left my house at least two hours before my class starts ever since. However, no amount of strategizing can prepare me for the back-to-school clutter as the school continues to excessively expand.

This year stunned me the most after letting out a sigh of relief when I finally found parking on the fifth level of the Ancira parking garage at 7:45 a.m.

To those who arrive to school at least an hour later: I am sorry!

I know, I know. This issue is not exactly new to UIW students or faculty, but it is a growing matter nonetheless. Don't worry though. This column is not going to be a long rant on the atrocious parking situation on campus.

I would just like to take the time to address the importance of taking precautions with fellow drivers in the

parking lot.

Trust me, I understand and share the same frustrations as a commuter at this school. Leaving your house two hours before your class starts, taking three different highways, trying to survive the morning rush hour and then battling for parking is no way to start anyone's morning.

However, don't let that frustration get the best of you or your car or someone else's car for that matter.

Drive responsibly and considerately.

I have heard students' stories and have had my own experiences to attest to the reckless driving in the parking lot and garage this year. Be smart out there, students. People need their vehicles.

Stop at STOP signs. Watch your speed. Look out for students walking in the parking lot. Lay off the tailgating. Don't drive in the middle of the road. Be aware of where you're driving and what is around you. Also, be extra careful around construction sites this year.

If the driver in front of you manages to find a spot, let them park instead of racing around their car with envy. What else can you do?

Yes, parking can be very aggravating and potentially ruin your day, but don't let that be your excuse to ruin someone else's.

We all share the same goal here: do well in classes and manage to find an empty, non-towing zone on a daily basis.

Beaks up, Cardinals. It'll get better!

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Back-to-school fashions follow seasonable trend



By Emilia Silva
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Once again we are back in school and fashion is in full swing.

Whether you are a returning student or a freshman or transfer, the trends do not change. Trends for back-to-school include maxi dresses and skirts in an array of colors and patterns, as well as skinny jeans or pants in bright colors and pastels or with rips in them.

Many are wearing loose-fitting tank tops with bandeau tops underneath. Several female students have been seen wearing sequins in summer colors. Back-to-school trends include cropped pants, tank tops, and cardigans for the cold classrooms. Prints, prints, prints galore --everything from plaid to the typical floral print to bird and other animal prints. Sheer blouses and summer-colored lace tops are all the rage.

Male students can be seen wearing polo shirts, bright shoes or shoes with bright details, and jeans.



EMILIA SILVA/LOGOS STAFF
Chasity Taylor, a fashion design major, models her outfit in the Joyce Building.



UIW participants push for peace in Mexico

Special to the Logos

Nearly 500 people – among them members of the University of the Incarnate Word community – pushed for peace and an end to violence in Mexico last Friday at a local rally.

Students, teachers and staff from the University of the Incarnate Word and Incarnate Word High School were among those helping to welcome, serve food, interpret Spanish and English in small-group discussions, and lead prayer and a vigil during the Caravan for Peace with Justice and Dignity at St. Leonard's Parish Hall.



Photo by Sister Maria Teresa Flores
A Mexican mother holds up a photo of her missing son. to stop such cruelty.”

The caravan -- two buses bearing about a 100 people from Mexico -- stopped in San Antonio. The riders were mostly family members of persons who had been killed or kidnapped in Mexico as violence has escalated since 2006.

Lauren Bennett, a UIW freshman on the swimming and diving team, said she was moved by one of the testimonies of a mother who lost her son.

“(The local authorities) could not even provide her with body parts for a proper burial,” Bennett said. “She then started her own investigation at her own risk. This was inspiring to me because although her son was already dead, she was willing to risk her life to provide justice not only for her family, but for others.”

Javier Sicilia, a noted Mexican poet, organized the caravan after his son was killed. Sicilia said drug addiction is first of all a medical problem calling for care. Medical solutions are called for, not just military.

Linda Mockeridge, a San Antonio social worker and speaker from the Buddhist community, pointed out that, “When I was in graduate school the drug prevention grant I was part of on the south side was discontinued to put the money into the ‘war on drugs,’ that was into guns, planes and agents.”

William Walker, an instructor in religious studies who is teaching Christian Ethics courses this fall at UIW, said, “After several very deeply saddening and disturbing stories from victims' family members were shared, it was especially moving and empowering to hear the shouts of solidarity from those listening that followed: ‘No esta sola, no esta sola!’ (you're not alone, you're not alone!).”

“And Sicilia did a good job relating the suffering of the Mexican people with the corresponding hardship being experienced by many in the U.S. as a result of mass incarceration for drug-related offenses, which disproportionately affects the black and Latino/Latina communities in our country,” Walker said.

For Cherie Pineer Huff, a junior biology major, the caravan was an experience “that not only served as an eye-opener for me, but it was also an experience that I shall never forget.

“I was overwhelmed at the pain and suffering these violent acts are causing to innocent people,” Huff said. “I could only wonder why is nothing being done

Fatima Perez, a biochemistry major at UIW, said, “Every day in the news we hear about tragedies around the world, but getting to hear the actual voices of the victims' family members is what makes us feel their pain. On the other hand, seeing the caravan united makes me proud and happy that they have raised their voices.”

Dr. Lopita Nath, an assistant professor at UIW who spoke at the event from the Hindu tradition, thanked Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a professor of religious studies at UIW who organized the Interfaith prayer at the gathering.

“Thank you for giving me an opportunity to be a part of the Caravan of Peace,” Nath said. “No amount of reading or media coverage could be a substitute for the personal testimonies of the victims and the families of the victims. It was heart-wrenching to listen to those stories. To all who were there, I'm sure it was a lesson in human rights. I wish them success in their search for justice and peace.”

Dr. Adrienne Ambrose, who is teaching several religious studies at UIW this fall, said, “It was clear that the speakers took strength from the presence of so many supporters. I'm hopeful that their courage will serve to awaken those of us in the U.S. who can push for real change.”

Dr. Gilberto Hinojosa, a history professor at UIW, said many of the victims were simply ordinary people whose lives were abruptly ended, with huge consequences for their relatives whose lives, in turn, would never be the same.

Bo Han, a management information systems instructor in the HEB School of Business and Administration, said he learned the drug war is not “only the fights among gangsters, but is influencing innocent people and the community in a worse and wider way. We can't just be an outsider anymore, but we need to stand up and do something.”

Blanca Diego, a government and international affairs major at UIW, said she was inspired by the bravery of the caravan participants.

“It is inspiring to see people's bravery in gathering and in sharing experiences to inform people of the injustices occurring,” Diego said. “They are taking a stand that hopefully will bring unity and change.”



The Caravan for Peace made a stop in San Antonio last Friday, Aug. 24, at St. Leonard Parish Hall, 8510 S. Zarzamora St., for rest, food, a silent vigil and interfaith opening. Several UIW students and faculty participated in the event, some having major parts on the program such as Sister Martha Ann Kirk and Dr. Lopita Nath.



FITNESS FOUNDATIONS

Stretching exercises prepare user for workout



By Barbara Trevino
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

If you are anything like me at the gym, stretching is the last thing on your mind when all you want to do is max out your deadlift and squat.

However, it is essential to keep your body limber and flexible when performing strenuous workouts. Stretching before and after exercise prevents injury and prepares the body's muscular system to do work.

As a physical therapy technician for Momentum Physical Therapy and resident gym rat of Gold's Gym, I have learned effective stretching exercises that can be executed in minimal time, almost anywhere.

Hamstring Stretch

a. For this stretch, you will need either a small towel or Thera-band. However, it can be modified without using equipment.

b. Start in a supine (face-up) position on the floor. Keep one leg bent and the opposite extended. Maintaining this position, use the towel or Thera-band and wrap around the ball of the foot of the extended leg. Make sure to hold the ends of the towel or Thera-band in each hand.

c. Slowly, bring the ends of the towel or Thera-band towards you. Only lift the leg to as high as you can sustain. You should only feel a small stretch on the hamstring. Hold this position for 30 seconds and continue stretch on opposite leg. Do this three times for 30-second holds on each leg.

Gastroc (Calf) Stretch

a. Start this stretch facing a wall. Standing at an arm's length, place both hands on the surface of the wall. Position legs at shoulder width, keeping one of them extended behind the other.

b. Lean towards the wall and hold this position for 30 seconds. You should be able to feel the calf of the extended leg being stretched.

c. Alternate legs and repeat the exercise. This should be done on both legs three times for 30-second holds.

Prone Quad Stretch

a. Start in a prone (face-down) position on the floor. Bend the right knee at a 90-degree angle. Keep opposite leg extended. The bottom of your foot should be facing the ceiling.

b. Using your right hand, pull ankle of bent leg towards buttock.

c. Hold this position for 30 seconds until you feel a stretch in your quadriceps. Alternate legs and repeat the exercise. Make sure to stretch both legs for 30-second holds three times. This exercise can also be executed with a Thera-band.

These stretches can be modified to everyone's needs. There are many variations of stretches for different muscle groups, but these basic stretches can be achieved by almost everyone. Instead of jumping right into your workout, take at least five minutes of your time to stretch before and after exercise. Not only will you be doing your body a favor by preparing for workout, you will also help prevent injury.

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Cigarette butts 'dirty' campus

By Rachel Cywinski
LOGOS Staff Writer

The trees around J.E. and L.E. Mabey Library are mulched in cigarette butts. They pile up in the leaves above the concrete drainage ditches until a gully washer takes them away and then they start piling up again.

"We're well aware that there are smokers," said Dr. Cheryl Anderson, dean of library services. "We have had students complain of the smoke."

And Dell Davis, head of public services at the library, said, "Dr. Anderson and I have received complaints more in line with concerns about second-hand smoke from active smokers. We think that the proper placement of a cigarette disposal container will encourage our campus smokers to move away from the entrance and will also help resolve the problem with the litter from cigarette remains."

Davis observed that although there are several entrances to the library, students tend to use a particular one in order to avoid inhaling smoke. She has requested facilities managers purchase a disposal container.

Several administrators were contacted to determine which department has the assigned responsibility to remove cigarette butts from campus. None claimed it.

"It has been my observation that our landscapers cleaned this area when they were performing their scheduled lawn maintenance around the library," Davis said. "I suppose our groundskeepers are simply being thorough – which is good, since they have not been tasked with focusing on cigarettes, but just removing trash (litter)."

A Student Government Association poll found 74 percent of 181 participants want more restrictions on

smoking on campus, as reported in the minutes of the Sept. 29, 2010, meeting. Similar surveys were used in the Alamo Community College District, which has a current enrollment of 62,400, before the district, all five of its colleges, all satellite campuses and district property went smoke-free five years ago.

In the Sept. 14, 2007, edition of The Ranger, San Antonio College's student newspaper, reporter Monte Ashqar wrote: "With the first day of school, this college and all of the district facilities and buildings became smoke-free, including the parking lots. This smoking ban was first discussed during the 2003-2004 academic year, when students, faculty and staff discussed a smoking policy in forums and agreed to prohibit smoking on the San Antonio College campus for health reasons."

The article goes on to explain: "According to that policy, out of 422 students surveyed, 70 percent supported smoking restrictions, including 39.6 percent of students who self-reported as smokers. The policy also mentions that smoking is a primary cause of fires, which cost schools \$5.9 million in direct property damage in 2002. Since 2005, incremental restrictions have been in place. What changed on Aug. 27 was that smoking became illegal even in the parking lots."

In a Ranger article dated Nov. 17, 2005, Julie Ann Sanchez detailed an employee survey at St. Philip's College, the oldest college in the district: "An online survey was conducted...with faculty and staff participating. With more than 200 responses, 20 were against a no-smoking campus."

St. Philip's instructional skills specialist Jamie Miranda, who teaches the college's developmental English laboratory courses, said she has considered UIW's



doctoral program but has begun exploring a smoke-free and more accessible option at Texas State University in San Marcos.

"My two primary concerns aside from the academic program are those pertaining to my health and safety, namely accessibility and a smoke-free environment," Miranda said. "Personally, I believe campuses should be smoke-free. Smokers choose to smoke. Those of us who are forced to breathe second-hand smoke do not choose to do so. Since I am an asthmatic, I prefer to attend a smoke-free campus. It has been my experience on other campuses that the smoking areas tend to be near faculty parking or near the entrances of buildings. As a result, I often have to pass by smokers on my way to class or work. I end up having to use my inhaler once I am inside."

Miranda added: "When an issue such as this affects the health and well-being of employees and students, action needs to be taken. If a policy making UIW a smoke-free campus is enacted, the campus must be willing and able to enforce the policy in order for it to actually effect positive change."

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Root, root, root for the Cardinals



By Geno Encina
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Saturday, Sept. 1, is the big date for our very own football team as we open up our season against Texas College.

Be on the lookout for an enticing game as both teams are eager to start off the year strong, looking to prove we are ready to step up toward Division 1 when we join the Southland Conference.

Incarnate Word will definitely be ready to show everyone what we are truly made of. Even though the Texas Steers didn't win a single game last year they aren't to be taken lightly. Having come off a 2-8 season, the Cardinals will be hopeful contenders in the last year of being in the Lone Star Conference and strive to stand out this fall.

With not too many seasons under our belt, the Cardinals football team is strung together with a good amount of seasoned athletes and upperclassmen not only making their mark out on the field but also in the classroom.

The Cardinals' backbone this year consists of 20 seniors, among them running back Trent Rios, the all-time leader at Incarnate Word for rushing yards and touchdowns. He enters his senior year with 1,931 yards and 20 rushing touchdowns. After being named an honorable mention All-Lone Star Conference the past two consecutive years, his impact on the team this season should definitely spark attention towards



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The Cardinals hope to rebound from a 2-8 season for their last run in the Division II Lone Star Conference..

the Cardinals. Trent and many others are ready to help send the message that the Cardinals are a team who can have a shot at the conference title and be contenders in the playoffs.

So remember to be there Saturday at Benson Stadium. We expect to see the student body of Incarnate Word attending and rooting for the Cardinals as we start off the year with a win.

Come out with a friend, wear your favorite UIW shirt, and expect nothing less than a great game as we support our 2012 football team and upcoming season.

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Coaches address preseason predictions

Lone Star Conference preseason polling has men's soccer at the University of the Incarnate Word nearly on top but football, volleyball, women's soccer and cross country/track teams near the bottom.

The league's head coaches, sports information directors and various media representatives cast votes in the poll announced July 31 at Lone Star's annual Media Day held this year at the Holiday Inn Airport in San Antonio.

The men's soccer team is expected to finish second this fall to Midwestern State in preseason polling among four teams. Other polls predict UIW's soccer women

placing seventh among eight teams, men's cross country placing ninth among nine teams, women's cross country seventh among nine teams, football seventh among nine teams, and volleyball 10th among 11 teams.

"I have no idea where we'll finish," Larry Kennan, new head football coach at UIW, said at the Media Day luncheon.

"I am not surprised we were selected to finish where they have us," said Dr. Derek Riedel, who coaches the men's and women's cross country and track-and-field teams. "I think most coaches don't put any thought into it and just place each team where they finished last year



Larry Kennan

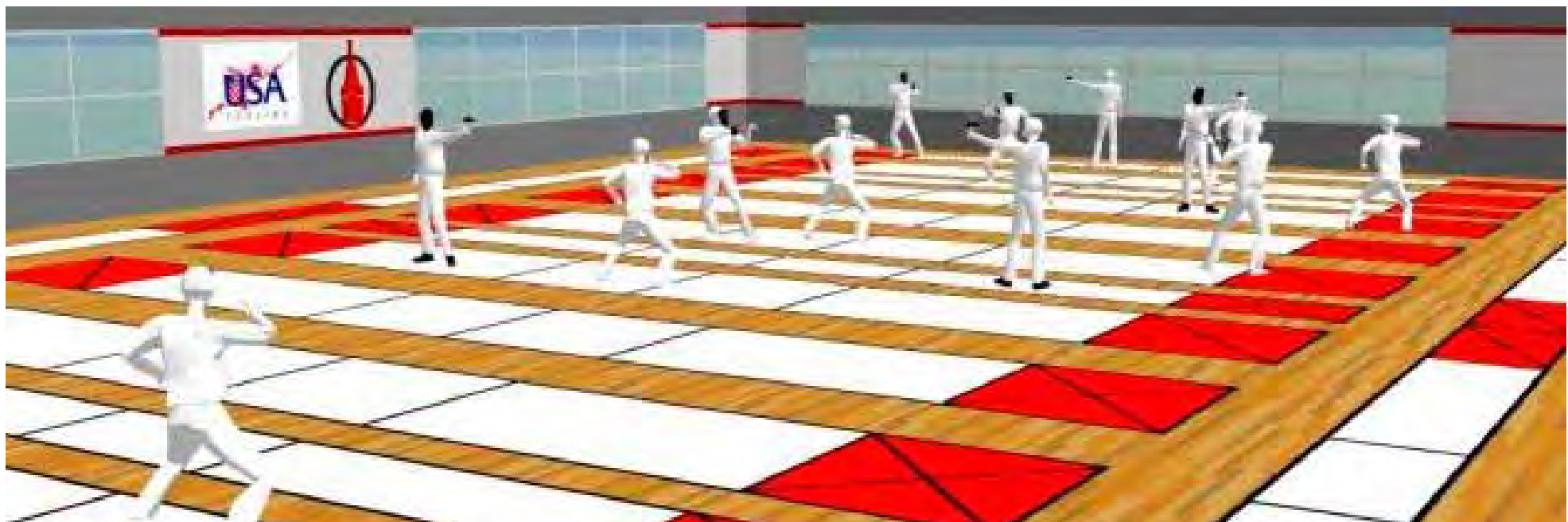


Dr. Derek Riedel



Jennifer Montoya

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Fencing joins lineup through new center



Dr. Lou J. Agnese Jr., center, president of the University of the Incarnate Word, is joined by other officials digging the ceremonial first dirt for the Fencing and International Sports Center at St. Anthony High School's campus.

Fencing will become the 20th sport at the University of the Incarnate Word in conjunction with the opening of the Fencing and International Sports Center on the campus of St. Anthony High School.

Ground was broken May 23 on the multimillion-dollar center at the school, 3200 McCullough Ave., made possible by a \$2 million contribution from the Bexar County Venue Tax. UIW will fund an additional \$1 million toward the facility expected for occupancy in 2013.

The 17,000-square-foot fencing and international sports facility will include 12 fencing strips; several practice strips; training rooms; spectator and exercise areas; and an armory. The center will serve as a multipurpose facility allowing UIW to develop an NCAA fencing program; provide facilities for a U.S. Fencing Association club for the community; serve as a training facility for fencing athletes including hosting of regional and national competitions; and support community initiatives such as the Dreams for Youth fencing.

Some Olympians past and present were at the groundbreaking. Besides the community and UIW, the center will serve students at St. Anthony's and Incarnate Word high schools, part of the Brainpower Connection.

"We're pleased to provide new opportunities for students interested in pursuing fencing at both the collegiate and high school levels with what will be the finest fencing center in Texas," Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., UIW's president, said at the groundbreaking.

"Bexar County voters overwhelmingly approved the venue tax referendum in 2008 because they realize the physical and mental importance of having athletic opportunities for our youngest citizens," Bexar County Commissioner Paul Elizondo said. "Fencing is a prime example of a sport that develops the athlete mentally and physically, so we are very happy to collaborate with the university on this project."

Preseason Predictions

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at the conference championships. I don't vote like that because I think it's short-sighted to do so but the preseason polls are what they are – a prediction.

“Hopefully, we can blow past those predictions and finish higher than we have our first two years in the league. This is a very strong league so any finishes in the top half can be considered a successful finish.”

Volleyball Coach Jennifer Montoya begs to differ with the poll as far as her team is concerned.

“When you look at our roster and see that we have lost six seniors to graduation, who were all major contributors for the past two years, it is easy to see why the majority of voters feel we are No. 10,” said Montoya of her team, which opens its season with four matches at a tournament in Golden, Colo., at the School of Mines against Dallas Baptist, Colorado Mesa, Arkansas Fort Smith and the host team.

“Of course, I have a completely different opinion of our team this year,” Montoya said. “Yes, we lost about half of our team. However, we have several

players this year that will fill the gaps. Transfer Chetina Chavis (a senior from Houston) will be a big presence at the net both offensively and defensively. Returners Beth Soukup (a junior from Helotes, Texas) and Stephanie Bonura (a senior from Houston) are expected to contribute offensively along with redshirt freshman Angelique Vidaurri (San Antonio), who we could not utilize last year. Angelique has had an entire year to train and mature. We have seen her game really improve. By the end of our spring season, she was a dominant force at the net, raising the level of play in our gym. We will look to returning senior, Lydia Werchan (Smithson Valley, Texas) to lead our defensive effort. Senior setter Danielle Suarez (San Antonio) will quarterback our offense.

“Bottom line is it's going to be a team effort. We will train to have a very aggressive defense both at the net and at the back line, and to produce a balanced attack. This is the tallest team UIW has ever had. We will use our size to our advantage. As long as we can stay healthy, we can compete.”

UIW fans can follow Cardinals via Twitter

The Athletics Department has created a Twitter account for each sport at the University of the Incarnate Word. All URLs below begin with www.twitter.com/insertsportthere Sport/Team

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UIW Women's Soccer
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UIW Men's Basketball
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GETTING READY FOR A SEASON

Members of the men's soccer team practice at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium, site of their home games. Preseason polls in the Lone Star Conference have the team placing second but players consider that a challenge to prove the pollsters wrong. This will be the last season for the team in Division 2 as the university begins making a transition next year.

Men's soccer player earns preseason prize

Lone Star Conference preseason polling resulted in Incarnate Word's James Nero being selected Defensive Preseason Player of the Year among soccer players and the UIW men expected to finish second.

Nero, a defender from Charlotte, N.C., was a key piece of the Cardinals team that advanced to the third round of the NCAA Division II Champion-

ship and finished 14-3-3 on the year. He helped the defense post 10 shutouts, while scoring twice to earn All-LSC first team acclaim.

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James Nero

Catch the Cardinals

September home games calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		28	29	30	31	Women's Volleyball vs. Colorado Mesa 10 a.m. Women's Volleyball vs. Arkansas-Fort Smith 2:30 p.m. Football vs. Texas College 7 p.m.
2 Men's Soccer vs. Colorado School of Mines 1:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6 The Cardinal Football Coaches' Show 7-8 p.m.KKYY Radio (680 AM)	7 Women's Soccer vs. Regis College 4 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs. Ouachita Baptist 5 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma Noon	8 Women's Volleyball vs. New Mexico Highlands 9:30 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs. William Jewell (Mo) 2:30 p.m.
9 Women's Soccer vs. Metropolitan State College of Denver 11:00 a.m.	10 Women's Golf vs. UIW Fall Invitational 2012 Women's Fall Golf Schedule Women's Golf vs. UIW Fall Invitational	11 Men's Golf vs. UIW Fall Invitational 2012 Women's Fall Golf Schedule Women's Golf vs. UIW Fall Invitational Women's Golf vs. UIW Fall Invitational	12	13 The Cardinal Football Coaches' Show 7-8 p.m.KKYY Radio (680 AM)	14 Men's Soccer vs. West Texas A&M University 5 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs. Texas A&M-Commerce 7 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Abilene Christian University (Red & Black Welcome Back Night)7:30 p.m.	15 Women's Volleyball vs. Texas Women's 2 p.m.
16 Women's Soccer vs. Midwestern State University (Rally Red Day, Residence Life BBQ) 12 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. OLLU Texas 7:30 p.m.	17	18	19	20 The Cardinal Football Coaches' Show 7-8 p.m.KKYY Radio (680 AM)	21	22 Football vs. West Texas A&M 7 p.m.
23	24	25	26	27 The Cardinal Football Coaches' Show 7-8 p.m.KKYY Radio (680 AM)	28 Men's Soccer vs. Ouachita Baptist University 1 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs. Abilene Christian 7 p.m.	29

UIW students to present research

Eighteen University of the Incarnate Word students will share the results of their summer research as McNair Scholars in a Saturday, Sept. 15 conference at UIW.

The South Texas Regional McNair Scholars Research Conference also will feature several scholars from other institutions in presentations that take place 9-10 a.m., 10:15-11:15 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. in Henry Bonilla Science Hall.

UIW's scholars, their majors, hometowns, topics and mentors include:

Paul Amador, a biology major from Katy, Texas, on "Generation of Agglutinin-like Sequence (ALS) Mutants in Selected Clinical Strains of Candida tropicalis." His mentor is Dr. Ana Vallor, an assistant professor of biology.

Judith Arriaza, a mathematics major from San Antonio, on "Growth Patterns of Ethnic Groups in Bexar County with Modified Leslie Models." Her mentors are Dr. Zhanbo Yang, an associate professor of mathematics, and Dr. Flor de María García-Wukovits, an assistant professor of mathematics.

Carmen Cortazar, an engineering management major from Converse,

Texas, on "Zombies! The Application of Genetic Algorithms to Model Artificial Agents." Her mentor is Dr. Michael Frye, an assistant professor of engineering.

Victoria Figueroa, a government and international affairs major from San Antonio, on "Comparing China's Economic Development: Guangzhou, Haudu, and Panyu." Her mentor is Dr. Lopita Nath, an assistant professor of history.

Jenny Gomez, a mathematics major from San Antonio, on "Apparel Size Standards within the Fashion World." Her mentors are Dr. Joleen Beltrami, an instructor of mathematics, and Dr. Jesús Cuéllar Fuentes, an assistant professor of mathematics.

Ralonda Green, a communication arts major from San Antonio, on "Disney: Exposing the Myth." Her mentor is Dr. John Perry, a professor of communication arts.

Jaime López, a cultural studies major from San Antonio, on "Body Talk: Exploring Dance in Theory and Practice." His mentor is Dr. Douglas Gilmour, an associate professor of philosophy.

Celia Martinez, a marketing major from San Antonio, on "Are Grocery Store Apps the Next Big Thing?" Her mentor is

Timothy Porter, an instructor of information systems.

Annalisa Moore, a mathematics major from Helotes, on "Public Health Policy and Managing Bioterrorism." Her mentor is Dr. Zhanbo Yang.

Alfonso Pagaza, a government and international affairs major from Mexico, on "Turkish EU Accession Bid: A Political Study." His mentor is Dr. Kevin B. Vichcales, dean of Graduate Studies and Research.

Darleny Pagaza, an accounting major from Siguatopeque, Honduras, on "UIW VITA and other VITA Sites: A Comparative Study." Her mentor is Robin Guerrero, an instructor of accounting.

Eric Salas, a psychology major from San Antonio, on "Transitions Project." His mentor is Dr. Maria Félix-Ortiz, an associate professor of psychology.

Shannon Samples, a double major in mathematics and engineering management from San Antonio, on "Skin Safe Sunscreens." Her mentor is Dr. Joleen Beltrami.

Marsha Sanchez, a music major from San Antonio, on "Liturgical Music of Spanish Language Catholic masses

(1962-1989)." Her mentor is Dr. Kevin Salfen, an assistant professor of music.

Jan Santos, a history major from Union City, Calif., on "Pacifying Dragons? U.S.-China Policy from 1970 to 2010." Her mentor is Dr. Lopita Nath, an assistant professor of history.

Scott Torres, a business administration major from San Antonio, on "Trading Liberty for Convenience: An Examination of the Separation of Powers and Executive Rulemaking." His mentor is Dr. Kevin Vichales.

Valerie Velez, a double major in mathematics and engineering management from Helotes, Texas, on "Control of Lego MINDSTORMS: Robot Balancing on a Ball." Her mentor is Dr. Michael Frye.

Jannelly Villarreal, a biology major from San Antonio, on "Analysis of a Neurogenic Response in a Viral Model of Multiple Sclerosis." Her mentor is Dr. Ernesto R. Bongarzone, principal investigator for the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology for the College of Medicine at the University of Illinois-Chicago.



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Jannelly Villarreal

Sociologist to address South Texas luncheon

A 2002 University of the Incarnate Word sociology graduate who now has her doctorate will speak Saturday, Sept. 15, at UIW for the South Texas Regional McNair Scholars Research Conference.

Dr. Sarita Molinar-Bertinato, who holds a doctorate from Texas A&M University in College Station, will speak 11:35 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Marian Hall Ballroom during lunch for the conference that will involve more than 100 McNair Scholar students, faculty and staff.

Besides UIW, other participating schools include Our Lady of the Lake University,

St. Edward's University, St. Mary's University, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Trinity University, the University of Texas-Austin, and UT-San Antonio.

This year graduate representatives

from universities across the nation will attend to recruit the undergraduate McNair Scholars who are presenting their research at the conference from 9 to 10 a.m., 10:15-11:15 a.m., and 1-2 p.m. in Henry Bonilla Science Hall. A 2:15 reception will close the event.

When Molinar-Bertinato was a McNair Scholar at UIW, Dr. Roger Barnes, a professor of sociology, was her mentor. Her research topic was on "Robert K. Merton's Anomie Theory: The Application of Ritualism in Everyday Societal Relationships."

After earning a Master of Criminal Justice degree from Boston University in 2005, she entered the sociology doctoral program at Texas A&M and completed her Ph.D. in sociology with concentrations in political sociology, social change and policy formation. Her dissertation was on "Próspero: A Study of Success from the Mexican Middle Class in San Antonio, Texas."

She currently lives in the New York City area.

Born

Oct. 21, 1950

Salt Lake City,, S.C.



Died

Jan. 28, 1986

Challenger

Dr. Ronald E. McNair

Dr. Ronald E. McNair was the nuclear physicist who died aboard the space shuttle Challenger in 1986.

In 1989, Congress approved funding for the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program to support and promote "the high standards of achievement exemplified by (McNair)."

In 1999, the U.S. Department of Education, which administers the McNair Scholars Program, selected the University of the Incarnate Word as a site for one of 14 McNair programs in the state.

The purpose of the McNair Scholars Program is to support and prepare less-affluent, first-generation college students, as well as students from under-represented groups in pursuing graduate studies leading to a Ph.D.

Those selected begin preparing for a "doctoral study through faculty mentoring, active participation in research, learning assessments, financial assistance, and preparation for the graduate school application process."

Interested in being a McNair Scholar? "The ideal candidate for this program is an academically successful student with a high level of dedication, commitment, desire, and emotional maturity."

Vendors draw many to market

By Angela Hernandez
LOGOS STAFFWRITER

Wide arrays of local business made appearances in Marian Hall Ballroom Tuesday, Aug. 21, for the Cardinal Marketplace.

Some of the vendors included Princeton Review, Bed Bath and Beyond, La Madeleine restaurant, Chase Bank and freelance crafters.

“I think the fair is a great way to reach our target market since we are across the street from the university,” said Mike Long, regional sales manager for La Madeline. “The restaurant even has free Wi-Fi for customers that come in and want to eat and work.”

Bed Bath and Beyond donated some goods such as a comforter set and white erase boards for raffles that took place every 10 minutes. The biggest door prize of the event was a scholarship from Kaplan College.

“Each year the fair has a great turnout because students come and mingle while enjoying food and getting to shop for items they can’t always get in stores,” said Valerie Pena, a Student Activities worker handing out raffle tickets and bags of popcorn.

“When the local businesses learn that the fair is coming up they come to us [Student Activities Center] because they know this event showcases the many of the things to do and places to eat nearby,” Pena said.

For many of the vendors, this wasn’t their first time at the fair. Most of the booths selling crafts and jewelry have set up shop on campus at other times.

Art major Margret “Midge” Johnson had a table set up for her business, Made by Midge, where she was selling crocheted hats and hair accessories.

Johnson said she was even willing to negotiate the prices of her items.

“Students are usually in a bind for cash so I understand they can’t always afford to buy what they want over what they need,” she added.

Emily Knife, a bartender at Lion & Rose British Restaurant and Pub, said the establishment has the

“only smoking-allowed restaurant in San Antonio, having Tuesday night trivia and ‘Pint Night -- when a customer buys a pint they get to keep the glass at no charge.”

Rebecca Boles she was back for her second year at the event, showcasing products.



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Much merchandise was available from several vendors participating in the Cardinal Marketplace on Aug. 21.

“Last year I was only promoting Mary Kay makeup products, but this year when I got a call saying the fair was coming up, I knew I would have to introduce the ‘Usana Dietary’ products I have been working with because there is always a great turnout at these kinds of campus events,” Boles said.

The marketplace is one campus event that likely will stay on the back-to-school schedule.

“As long as there will be businesses that want to promote themselves and students who are interested, we will continue to make the vendor fair an annual event for years to come,” Pena said.



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Midge Johnson, left, an art major, brought along friends who also sold their handmade products for the event..



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A vendor, left, talks to potential customers about the variety and diversity of the products available on her table.

CARDINAL SPLASH



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Freshman Diary: Coming to UIW a moving experience

By Marina Rodriguez

With summer coming to a close, students made the much-anticipated big step in their college career Aug. 16 for move-in day at the University of the Incarnate Word.

The event-packed day was busy but emotional for students leaving their families and homes for the first time.

Cars were filled with every student's lives packed away. Students arrived at campus as early as 8 a.m., ready to move in. In order to monitor the move-in process progressed in a smooth and timely fashion, some UIW upperclassmen stood by to offer assistance. In addition, faculty and staff made themselves available to limit the chaos.

To help the students meet among themselves, a picnic was held by Campus Life on Dubuis Lawn.

Many freshmen did not finish moving until 4 p.m. Some finished minutes before the pinning ceremony at 6 in Alice McDermott Convocation Center where administrators, faculty and staff were present to welcome and pin new students. The candle lit by each student represented the light that will guide him or her through the four-year journey here at UIW.

The Student Government Association was host for a luau to close off the night. A tropical reception was held at Marian Ballroom. Students had the opportunity to make new friends, say farewell to their families and enjoy the wide variety of free food.

Overall, moving-in day was a memorable and tiring one for freshman Megan Garza.

"Moving in was a workload especially with the (hot) weather and the stairs," Garza said. "I had helped my sister move into her apartment the previous day. Although I was very tired by the time it was my turn to move in, it was definitely worth it."



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Various stations were set up on Dubuis Lawn to offer water and fan-driven air to help cool down the movers.



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Cristina Luna, above, a graduate assistant assigned to the Office of Campus Life, prepares to serve beverages to freshmen moving in on Thursday, Aug. 16. Many parents, families and friends also enjoyed the refreshments.



ENTERTAINMENT

Sept. Movies

Compiled by Charlie Young

Sept 7 Bachelorette

Rated: R
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Rebel Wilson, Kirsten Dunst and Isla Fisher

Keep the Lights On

Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Drama
Starring: Thure Lindhardt, Zachary Booth and Souleymane Sy Savane

The Words

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama,
Starring: Olivia Wilde, Bradley Cooper and Zoe Saldana

The Cold Light of Day

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama, Thriller, Action
Starring: Henry Cavill, Sigourney Weaver and Bruce Willis

Sept 14

Resident Evil: Retribution

Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Action
Starring: Milla Jovovich, Sienna Guillory and Colin Salmon

Finding Nemo: 3-D

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Family, Animation
Starring: Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Alexander Gould

10 Years

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Starring: Channing Tatum, Rosario Dawson and Justin Long

The Master

Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Drama
Starring: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Joaquin Phoenix and Amy Adams

Liberal Arts

Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Comedy, Drama
Starring: Zac Efron, Josh Radnor, and Elizabeth Olsen

Stolen

Rated: R
Genre: Action
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Mark Valley and Josh Lucas

Sept 19 Hollow

Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Horror, Thriller

Sept 21 End Of Watch

Rated: R
Genre: Action, Thriller
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Anna Kendrick, and America Ferrera

The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama, Comedy
Starring: Logan Lerman, Emma Watson and Ezra Miller

House at the End of the Street

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama, Thriller
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Elisabeth Shue and Gil Bellows

You May Not Kiss the Bride

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Romance, Comedy
Starring: Dave Annable, Katharine McPhee and Rob Schneider

Sept 28 Looper

Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Drama, Thriller
Starring: Bruce Willis, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Emily Blunt

Won't Back Down

Rated: PG
Genre: Drama,
Starring: Viola Davis, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Lance Reddick

Hotel Transylvania

Rated: Not Yet Rated
Genre: Animation, Comedy
Starring: Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Fran Drescher, David Spade and Cee Lo Green

Bringing Up Bobby

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Comedy, Family
Starring: Milla Jovovich, Spencer List and Marcia Cross

Solomon Kane

Rated: R
Genre: Action, Adventure, Fantasy
Starring: James Purefoy, James Babson and Laura Baranik



Roland Sul serves double duty as administrative secretary for the music and art departments as well as director of Semmes Fine Arts Gallery in UIW's Dougherty Fine Arts Center.

‘Arequipenos’ features ‘white city’ works

The Art Department is holding a reception 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, to kick off a special display featuring 11 Peruvian contemporary artists from a fabled city, an administrator said.

The “Arequipenos” exhibit will hang 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays Aug. 31-Oct. 5 in Semmes Fine Arts Gallery in Genevieve Tarleton Dougherty Fine Arts Center, said Roland Sul, gallery director and administrative assistant for the Art Department at the University of the Incarnate Word.

The display features the works of German Rivera Pinto, Nancy Carpio, Mitchell Factor Lama Daza, Carlos Alfredo Sanchez Nina, Jaime Antillaque, Patricio Garcia-Velarde Paredes, Tani Brun Velando, Nereida Apaza Mamani, Raul Chuquimia Ramos, Milko Torres Torres and Erick Huanca Zevallo.

These artists – ranging in age from their 20s to their early 40s -- all hail from the Arequipa area in southern Peru known as the “white city” for its beautiful colonial buildings that are built of sillar, a white volcanic stone, Sul said.

Arequipa is located in southern Peru, situated 2,335 meters above sea level and is a gateway to the Andes. The city is surrounded by three volcanos: Misti, Chachani and Pichu Pichu. As Peru’s second-largest city, it has nearly doubled in population in the last quarter of a century and today is home to 800,000.

“The 11 young artists of this exhibition represent a new vision, art that is fully aware of the present as it explores national and self-identity and a social consciousness linked to the complex cultural and historical situation in Peru,” according to a news release.

‘Guild Wars 2’ eliminates some role-filling



By Ariana Abrigo
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ArenaNet is looking to redefine the MMORPG -- Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game -- genre with the release of its newest installment of the “Guild Wars” franchise five years in the making.

“Guild Wars 2,” which was released this week, is a MMORPG focusing on the social aspect of the genre, gaining the attention of the “casual” community. However, “Guild Wars 2” is not strictly for casuals. Hardcore PvE and PvP patrons will find the implementation of mechanics such as dodging incoming attacks and the ability to cast while moving to be refreshing and challenging. Many seasoned MMO enthusiasts will agree the introduction

to this level of mobility in combat situations requires a higher skill cap so keyboard turn-ers beware.

One of the most surprising elements in “Guild Wars 2” is the elimination of the “holy trinity” or the need to fill roles for a tank, healer or DPS (damage dealing) slot. This most prominently affects PvE scenarios such as dungeons-and-raid instances where the responsibility of your characters’ health bar is shifted from a group of players dedicated to healing the party to you. Mechanics such as dodging and the implementation of a self-heal for each available class makes the player responsible for her or his own success or demise.

Community is king in “Guild Wars 2” and ArenaNet has made a point to emphasize the importance of social interaction within the game through dynamic group events and shared questing. What this means is that you and your comrades both benefit from your contributions and efforts towards an objective without requiring you to join a party.

Even more impressive, there is no racing

to beat another player to a resource node. Any MMO player with experience in leveling up crafting professions in a highly populated area can rest assured that the iron vein or lavender patch seen on your screen is “instanced” and cannot be stolen.

Two things you should know if you are intending to pick up “Guild Wars 2”:

- 1.) Party formation is shaky. Due to the implementation of overflow servers which compensate for overcapacity, it is possible to be separated from other members in your party. So if you plan on leveling with a friend, consider a lower population server. ArenaNet is offering free server transfers for the first seven days of release to accommodate players looking to congregate.
- 2.) Exploring is highly encouraged and rewarded in “Guild Wars 2.” Completion of an area map results in experience and loot.

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Comedian tickles Cardinals



By Noel Herrera
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Laughs, tears and fears. “Saturday Night Live” veteran comedian Dean Edwards covered all the bases and more with his act Thursday, Aug. 23, in Marian Hall Ballroom.

“Fellas, is anyone in here wearing skinny jeans?” Edwards asked. Incarnate Word men responded with whoops and screams. “That’s a man?” Everyone cracked up, especially when Edwards imitated running with skinny jeans on.

The Student Government Association and Office of Campus Life brought Edwards to town, putting him up at the Courtyard by Marriott on Broadway where many UIW upperclassmen are staying due to campus crowding.

The comedian shared a little of the spotlight with the students of UIW as well. Edwards

became comfortable with the crowd at once, embarrassing anyone who left, came back, came in late or was on their cell phone. Students were perfectly fine with it though. They interacted right back, talking to him about their majors and campus life.

As for Edwards, he poked fun at several targets, including his observations of several music stars.

“Lil Wayne sounds like -- you know like when your stomach growls, it’ll be like aaaaahhhhooh...,” Edwards said. “Drake seems sad all the time. Hey, Drake! Cheer up, man! It’s gonna be OK. And Nicki Minaj is schizophrenic all the time!”

The crowded ballroom screamed with laughter.

Edwards related to the crowd easily. Because he’s from Brooklyn, he said he understood college students like rap a lot. He shared that he went to community college for a short period of time while in the Army Reserves, ultimately choosing his comedy career over both options. He said he’s proud of UIW students being in a four-year college instead of community college, encouraging Cardinals to keep pushing because it’ll pay



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Dean Edwards mixes with the crowd in Marian Hall Ballroom.

off in the long run.

Edwards also said his wife, who is British and Jamaican, is an educational success story. She has her doctorate and is a tenured professor.

“I’m so proud of you!,” Edwards said he told her. “We got tenure! Then she’s all, ‘Whatcha mean ‘we’?”

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Scott fills interim role as HEB school's dean

By Stephanie Sendejo
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

As interim dean of the HEB School of Business and Administration, Dr. Jeannie Scott has had to leave the classroom this fall to become a full-time administrator.

Scott, formerly assistant dean, has been HEB's leader since the former dean, Dr. Shawn Daly, left to become the dean of the business school at Niagara (N.Y.) University.

As HEB's assistant dean the past four years and a teacher through the summer, Scott said she got "the best of both worlds. (I got) to be a part of the administration and work with the faculty and the students, help solve problems and help with the curriculum, and I was still in the classroom, which I really like too."

Scott started at the university as a teacher, slowly gained more responsibilities and enjoyed the dif-

ferent challenges involved. This has allowed her to become the professional liaison with the outside community, internship director, MBA director and assistant dean.

"I like helping people achieve their personal goals and I like the classroom," she said.

Meanwhile, the new provost, Dr. Kathi Light, said it may be January or June 2013 before a permanent dean is named.

She's assembled a search committee made up of faculty and people from the wider community to find possible applicants. The provost is looking for someone who has a doctorate in business or a field related to business, teaching experience in undergraduate and graduate levels, done research in the business area such as publishing and presenting, been active in the busi-



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Dr. Jeannie J. Scott is not teaching any classes while she serves as interim dean and internship director at HEB School of Business and Administration.

ness community in some way, appreciates UIW's vision and mission and understands who UIW students are.

After the committee

narrows down the applicants, the finalists are invited to the university for about two days to meet the UIW community and be evaluated for the committee, provost and the

president, Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr.

"This process is set up so that there's input from the committee," Light said. "We try to make sure we're selecting someone

who understands and appreciates who we are and wants to work at a faith-based institution, which we call sort of an intangible institutional fit."

Teaching Center sets fall calendar

The Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of the Incarnate Word has several events lined up on its fall calendar for faculty development, said its director, Dr. Susan M. Hall.

The scheduled topics include:

Sept. 14: "Informal Writing," 1-2 p.m., Gorman 119. Presenter: Dr. Amanda Johnston, director of the Writing and Learning Center. Description: Short writing tasks can help students think more deeply about material they are learning. Participants will explore writing prompts that can be used in many disciplines but that do not require extensive grading.

Sept. 19: Open House, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., AD 212. Description: Drop in for snacks. Meet Sonia Jasso, director of the Directions and Connections Center. Learn how to submit "Early Alert" grades. Instructors in 1000- and 2000-level courses will submit these grades in late September to provide early and realistic feedback to all students in lower-division courses. All faculty members who attend this Title V-funded session will receive a thank-you gift.

Sept. 25: "Blackboard Announcements: Best Practices," noon-1 p.m., Room 230 at J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library. Presenter: Jessica Martinez-Palacios, an instructional designer. Description: In addition to welcoming students, announcements can help them navigate the course. Participants in this hands-on session will learn to use Announcements to direct students to specific resources, such as YouTube, Flickr and SlideShare.

Oct. 8: "Organizing your Blackboard site with Folders and Modules," noon-1 p.m., AD 212.

Presenter: Jessica Martinez-Palacios. Description: Learn some strategies for making a Blackboard site more user-friendly for both students and instructor. Martinez-Palacios will illustrate possibilities with before-and-after versions of a site. The design suggestions, based on the "Quality Matters" rubric, work for traditional, blended and online formats.

Oct. 11: "Hope and Student Success," 4:30-5:30 p.m., Tilton Room (Joyce 106). Facilitator: Dr. Pat Lonchar, assistant dean and professor of English in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. Description: Participate in the



first CTL "journal club" meeting. Think of it as a book club with no continuing commitment -- for a discussion of "Here's Hoping."

Oct. 31: "Researching Student Learning," noon-1:15 p.m., Special Collections Room in Mabee Library. Facilitator: Dr. David Fike, senior research statistician. Description: This session on the scholarship of teaching and learning (SOTL) will consider framing a researchable question from both quantitative and qualitative perspectives. A panel of UIW faculty engaged in SOTL projects will also discuss research projects in several disciplines.

Nov. 5-6: "Writing Your Teaching Statement," 4:30-5:45 p.m., Room 478, Nov. 5, in Feik School of Pharmacy, and noon-1:15 p.m., Nov. 6, Room 1107 of School of Physical Therapy. Presenter: nationally known expert Barbara Millis will lead participants as they begin to write their own teaching statements. Description: Writing a philosophy of teaching helps instructors to identify what they most value about learning and to consider ways to make their practices consistent with those values. Additionally, statements of teaching philosophy are often needed for faculty self-inventories, promotion files, or teaching awards.

Except for walk-ins and open houses, reservations are requested, Hall said, because they make it easier to send reminders and do other planning.

"If you forget to make a reservation, please attend the event anyway," Hall said, adding participants may reserve a spot by going online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CTLevents> or by calling or e-mailing her - (210) 283-5030 or hall@uiwtx.edu

Virtual environments, simulations and real life – Part II



By Phil Youngblood

"We all live every day in virtual environments, defined by our ideas."

I started my last article with this quote from Michael Crichton (1942-2008) to explain how we can have such diverse ideas about topics that it seems we live in different worlds.

My argument was that because we view the world through our experiences and temperament, that we do in fact live in different worlds, the virtual environment of our minds, so there is no such thing as an absolute shared "real life."

The reason I broached this was because invariably when I suggest using technology-created virtual environments (ways we communicate and interact with objects other than through a face-to-face collocated experience) in teaching and learning or other purposes, I am told these experiences are not "real life," which means they are not "face-to-face" (f2f) and are therefore of inherently lesser valuable. The explanation is usually that virtual communications lack body language and a tactile experience so that even talking face-to-face with a full-sized person on a high-resolution screen in which body language is apparent would not be considered by them the same as talking "face-to-face."

This brought me to the argument about what was required for effective teaching and learning (or conducting a meeting or other activities) and examples where a virtual environment would not (yet) be appropriate, such as learning how to recognize a chemical smell or what a computer part feels like, but also where a virtual environment could enhance teaching and learning, such as simulations of how a chemical reaction or how computer communications work.

That is where I left off in my last article. I felt it necessary to develop these ideas further in this article because simulations are not the only way that virtual environments can enhance the educational (or training or meeting or other personal) experience. Since they lack these qualities, virtual environments may not be appropriate for experiences

that require body language or a tactile experience, but most teaching and learning (and training and meeting) does not require this.

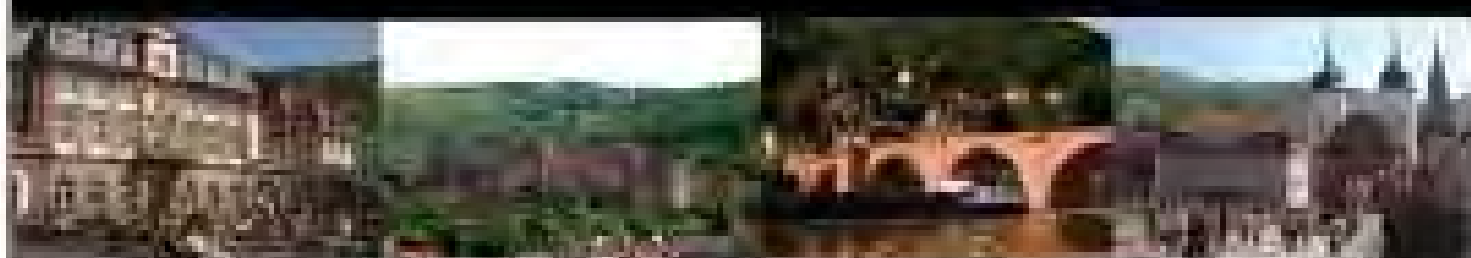
Also virtual environments may not be appropriate if you believe the only way to keep someone's attention is through the intimidation of physical presence. However, that argument does not work for the same reason we live in the world in our mind. Just because you are staring at the instructor does not mean you are in the same world as they are at that moment.

Daydreaming, doodling and working on something else during class predate technology by centuries. Many instructors realize the value that virtual environments such as Blackboard play by providing a virtual space to communicate and manipulate objects outside of limited class sessions. Others add virtual environments such as "slides," music or videos to the face-to-face encounter in the classroom to help focus or enhance the teaching and learning experience. Audio and visual media, while passive experiences, can serve to expand the limited size of the classroom when people in different locations and times are featured.

Virtual environments also can be active experiences for the student. Texting can be used constructively for students to share experiences with each other and to confirm and explain what was said while not interfering with the teacher's presentation. Blackboard Collaborate and other technologies that provide two-way virtual communications can bring "visitors" (perhaps experts or practitioners in the field) into the classroom. 3D virtual worlds such as Second Life can add a virtual "tactile experience" as well as be used to talk with others around the world and to conduct "field trips" to places where it might otherwise be too expensive or unsafe or culturally prohibitive. Each of these virtual environments can add to the value of a class by expanding beyond the limited space, limited time, and one-to-many or one-person-at-a-time limitations of face-to-face communications in the traditional class.

This is my fifth article in a series this year on the social aspects of "computers in your life." I invite your feedback, dialogue and differing opinions on this topic.

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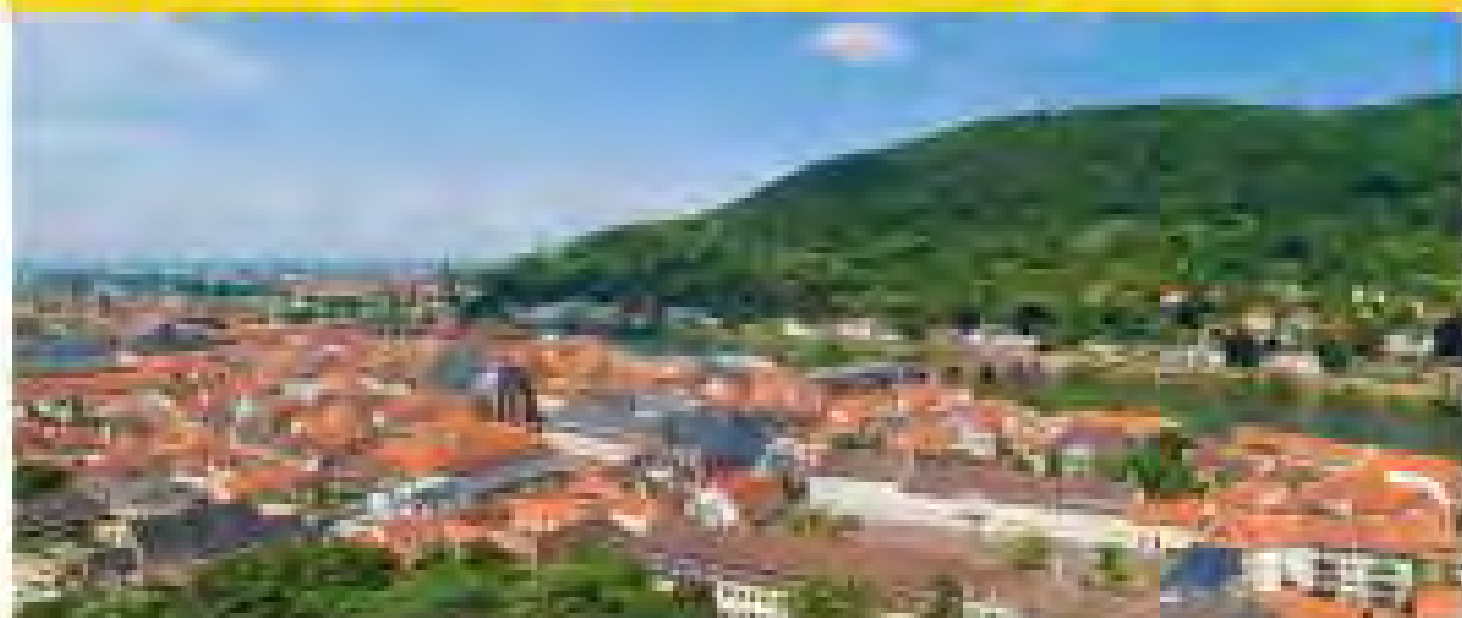
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