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City planner: UIW needs better accessibility

By Michele Gualano
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word can improve its accessibility to the handicapped if it spells out on a map where ramps are and replaces its doorknobs with lever handles, a city planner contends.

Judy Babbitt, an accessibility planner for the City of San Antonio, made these suggestions

at an April 10 meeting sponsored by Walk, Roll and Read – a new student organization – to help UIW create a more accessible environment for disabled students.

“I’m not here to point fingers or to tell anybody what they’re doing right or what they’re not doing right,” said Babbitt, who uses a wheelchair. “What I’m

here to do is be an outsider, maybe creating a little more awareness to what the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) is to the people who are protected by it.”

To get a personal feel for campus accessibility, Babbitt revealed at the meeting that she came to campus on a Sunday and took a chal-

lenging trip to The Blue Hole.

“What I discovered on this campus is your map does not show where ramps are on the buildings or accessible paths,” said Babbitt, who brought a map of the Riverwalk to the meeting in Burke-O’Mahoney Room as an example for UIW to create a more signa-

friendly campus map. Signs are very important for the disabled, especially those in wheelchairs, she said.

“Every time I wanted to see if there was a ramp, I had to roll clear up to the building,” Babbitt said. “If there was a ramp-sign on the sidewalk, it would be so



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Judy Babbitt



BIANCA BOURGEOIS/LOGOS STAFF

Suited University of the Incarnate Word cheerleaders lead more than 30 hopefuls through routines they'll need to master during the first night of tryouts in Alice McDermott Convocation Center.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

BeginUIW allows get-ahead freshmen

By Diandra Escamilla
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Selected first-year students will have an opportunity this summer through BeginUIW to make a smooth transition into college while earning credit for math and English.

Dr. Denise Doyle, vice president of academic and student affairs, and Sandy McMakin, dean of student success, formed BeginUIW following the success of Jump Start, a program previously developed by Dr. Chris Paris, an English professor and former adminis-

trator in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

BeginUIW’s goal is “to help students become better- prepared academically and understand the expectations of college,” McMakin said.

Students considered for selection are current high school seniors who are confirmed to begin Incarnate Word during the fall term who are eligible to enroll in preparatory level courses and able to attend one of the two, four-week summer sessions.

“ACT, SAT, and



Sandy McMakin

TAKS test scores, as well as their overall grades, are taken into consideration in the selection process,” McMakin said. “We are looking for whether or not the students qualify for the bridge courses.”

The goal was for 36 incoming students to express interest in

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ContinUIW returns

By Eric Flye
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Looking for something productive to do over the summer if you haven’t graduated? How about staying in school?

For students looking to graduate sooner, or continue their learning experience over the summer, ContinUIW is the program to be a part of. Not only does the program give students a chance to accelerate their scholastic career, ContinUIW offers grants to help ease the

cost of tuition.

Students who have taken at least 12 semester hours and have maintained at least a 2.5 grade point average qualify for the special grant offered to Incarnate Word students. Those taking three to five hours over the summer will receive a \$1,000 tuition grant. Students taking six to eight hours will receive a \$1,500 tuition grant. And those taking nine or more hours earn the \$2,000 tuition grant. People taking 9 or more hours receive \$2000 off



Dr. Kevin Vichcales

of summer tuition. Residents taking six or more hours receive a \$500 housing grant.

FYI

Classes for the summer semester can be found in the spring 2008 course catalog or online at <http://www.uiw.edu>
For more information, call (210) 829-3157.



Red

Wanted: UIW’S next mascot

By Ginger Taylor
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

UIW is looking for a few good mascots.

The university is in search of at least two students to become “Red,” as the mascot has been named. The name came through a campus-wide nomination process and survey

last year.

These mascots are needed to entertain the crowd at games and be friendly, outgoing and lively during other campus events.

“The Campus Activities Board (CAB) purchased two costumes in January 2007,”

said Kristen Garcia, assistant director of leadership activities who advises CAB. “The first one is a fierce costume for athletic events, and the second one is for campus and off-campus events.”

Up until now, there has been no permanent person serving

as mascot. Instead, CAB members and other student leaders have voluntarily fulfilled Red’s duties as needed. At first, only CAB members were allowed to wear the costume, but they have now opened the position to anyone who would like to

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Campus conference to look at ‘Second Life’ technology

Special to the Logos

The University of the Incarnate Word is venturing further into the multi-user virtual environment called “Second Life” and serving as a co-host to a May 20 conference on the new technology.

UIW is collaborating with the American Society for Training and Development to be a host for the first “San Antonio Virtual Environments in Education and Training” Conference in Rosenberg Sky Room.

The purpose of the conference is to explore how MUEs are currently being used, said

Phil Youngblood, head of the Computer Information Systems program.

Speakers will share their experiences to date or plans to use them, Youngblood said, adding that representatives from local universities, USAA, KLRN (PBS), MTC Technologies, Applied Technologies, and others are expected to attend.

At the conference, Youngblood and other UIW representatives will share their experiences with Second Life.

Last August, Dr. Jim Parlett, chief information officer for the university,

challenged the faculty to explore how “Second Life” could be used for education and training.

After some individual experimentation, five people—Youngblood; Ana Gonzalez, instructional technology instructor; Terry Peak, coordinator of technical training; Dr. Paul Lewis, a philosophy professor; and Ellen Clegg -- met “in-world” with representatives from four San Antonio universities.

The success of that meeting inspired Youngblood to schedule CIS 4399 (Programming in Second Life and Real

Life) for the Spring 2008 semester. Youngblood co-taught the course with adjunct John Champion, Dr. Andre Berthiaume of DePaul University in Chicago (who let UIW use his virtual university), and Dr. Emmanuel Druon of the Université Catholique in Lille, France. Students in the class were able to interact socially and to collaborate with students in France and Mexico (at Universidad de Monterrey) on Group Projects.

This February, Gonzalez, Peak and Youngblood shared UIW’s first experiences and “lessons learned”

with the first international course in “Second Life” at the Southwest Regional EDUCAUSE Conference in Houston. Attendees felt UIW is approaching this new technology in the right way, with the backing of instructional technology staff and the interest of a variety of educators, and UIW was invited to speak at other conferences.

This spring’s course has proven a success and will be followed up by CIS 4399 (UIW Second Life Campus) in the Fall 2008 semester, co-taught by Dr. Hubert Zitt, a visiting professor from Germany,

with other instructors and students from universities worldwide. Students from all UIW degree programs are welcome to explore how this new technology can be used in their field of study, Youngblood said.

“Second Life” has proven a rich environment in which to meet other educators and researchers worldwide, Youngblood said. “I have delivered presentations ‘in-world,’ have contributed to a peer-reviewed in-world publication, and received offers to collaborate on projects, including an e-mail from Portugal.”

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much easier.”

Some of the changes to make buildings and campuses more accessible cannot be done overnight, Babbitt said.

“For 200 years people with disabilities were left out of this country,” Babbitt said. “They were left out of the building planning, policy planning and religious planning. Now, the ADA act passed in 1990 says you can’t do that anymore. You can’t leave one-quarter of our population out.

“Twenty-one percent of the American population has some form of disability. Now, multiply that by the number of family members they have and the number of friends they have, and you’re looking at a huge proportion of our country.

“Because people with disabilities have been left out for so long, they are having just as hard a

time, as the institutions are, dealing with building accessibility issues. So people with disabilities have to drop out socially. I know many disabled people who still, till this day, cannot go to a restaurant and understand what to do. That’s a pretty sad state, and it’s because they’ve been isolated for so long.”

Babbitt explained how important universal design for buildings is for disabled individuals. If a person cannot get into a building, whether it be a school, church or a store, how can they participate within society.

At the meeting, Steven Heying, UIW’s director of facilities management, agreed with Babbitt about the positioning of signs. Heying conducted a campus accessibility walkthrough in 2001. Heying said many issues were addressed in dorms

and the main buildings to ease accessibility for disabled students.

Heying said he plans to do another walkthrough soon.

“I have two or three places in my head that I’m gonna check out,” Heying said. “When you do 90 percent, the 10 percent that’s left really stands out.”

Babbitt suggests a committee consisting of the administration and the students to address accessibility issues that need to be fixed.

“The committee should address what are we going to do about these issues, not what are you going to do about my problem. Is Incarnate Word accessible? No. But is the attitude accessible? That is the key. Then every issue becomes not an issue, but it just becomes something that you all work together to solve.”

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BeginUIW.

“Currently, there are 39 students who will hopefully register officially after Advising Day,” said McMakin. “We can expand it to include more students into our program if needed.”

The first session begins the first week of June and the other the second week in July. Classes will

be 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the admissions building. The sessions will be taught by faculty familiar with first-year students. Amanda Johnston, a program assistant for the Learning Assistance Center, will manage the program and the student tutors.

Not only will BeginUIW students get a head

start on math and science courses, they’ll also learn about time management, financial commitments, study skills and more.

“Yes, it’s about academics, but it’s about so much more,” McMakin said. “It’s about helping students become members of our community and to understand our mission.

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wear it.

“We haven’t really been advertising to anyone to wear the mascot, but we’re planning on having auditions,” said Noelle Webber, CAB president.

The wearers need to be committed to attending games and events. Since many events are held on the weekends, a prospective applicant would need to take that into consideration, as well. The candidates also will need a certain level of pride and dedication to UIW. Commitment is the key and school spirit is the goal.

Many students may be wonder-

ing what it’s actually like inside the costume. Webber, who has been in both the fierce and friendly costumes, said, “Besides being extremely hot in the costume, it was a fun experience. I was able to pretend I was someone/something else, and most people had no idea I was in it.”

Auditions will be held in fall 2008. For potential mascots, Webber recommends they “just remember that you are representing UIW, including the students, faculty and staff, so act accordingly to our mission statement when in the costume.”

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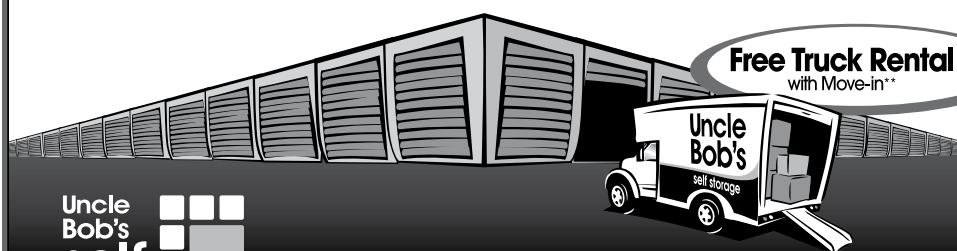
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Student wins Iron Chef title

By Jennifer Rangel
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

For the second year in a row, a student won the Sodexo-sponsored Iron Chef competition which took place April 9 in Marian Hall Student Center's cafeteria.

Communication arts major Melissa Baker took home a \$150 prize for her Almond Crusted Redfish with Tomato Basil Cream Sauce. Last year, another communication arts major, Jaime Trevino, won the first competition with a shrimp dish.

Winning \$75 each were challengers T.J. Williams, assistant to the dean at John and Rita Feik School of Pharmacy; Dr. Diana Tison, a professor in the School of Nursing and Health Professions; and Dr. Shawn P. Daly, dean of the H-E-B School of Business and Administration. All three chose beef tenderloin to do their stuff.

Students coming and going for lunch witnessed the competition. One long table held a large variety of ingredients, from oils to nuts. Three smaller tables held fresh plates and utensils for cooking and serving purposes. Four tables – each bearing the name of the contestants – were lined side-by-side. The tables were equipped with individual gas burners, a cutting board and a trash bin.

Just as the real “Iron Chef” on The Food Network, there was a secret ingredient, or in this case, a choice of beef tenderloin or fillet of redfish. The participants had one hour to create a main dish with either ingredient.

Williams began heating olive oil in her pan. As she cooked the tenderloin, she added lemon juice, capers,

the crowd with a rather unusual technique for slicing zucchini curls. She cut off the ends of the zucchini and stuck a skewer through the center, lengthwise. She then sliced into the zucchini at a bias without removing the knife, and turned the zucchini. When the knife reached the opposite end, she pulled out the knife and skewer to

the contents of the pan onto their plates, and began working on a basic sauce from the pan juices. She added a vegetable base and flour to the juices and began browning the sauce over low heat, adding the mushrooms to the pan once more. A simple yet savory dish, she plated the tenderloin topped with the mushroom gravy.

Daly cooked the tenderloin along with diced onion, yellow bell pepper, ginger, garlic, broccoli and asparagus. He was much aflutter with the clock ticking and seeing his neighbors, Williams and Tison, were in the lead. Once the food was cooked, he removed it from the heat, and began coating sliced tomatoes with breading. He attempted to fry the tomatoes, but unfortunately had to abandon the idea as the tomatoes fell apart in the hot oil. He plated his dish beautifully.

Baker seemed very excited and quietly confident in her plan for her fish dish. She heated her pan along with olive oil. She then added minced garlic, diced tomatoes, lemon juice, diced onion, basil, parmesan cheese and tomato

Melissa Baker
paste.

She let this sauce heat thoroughly before blending it in a blender, and adding cream. She then began to chop roasted almonds and coat her redfish fillets with them. In a clean pan, she heated more oil and watchfully cooked her fish fillets to a golden perfection. She plated the fillets, topping with a squeeze of lemon juice and the tomato basil cream sauce. Baker thinly cut lemon slices, and twisted them over the sauce and added a few sprigs of parsley for color.

While the chefs were doing their work, the judges -- Richard Morgan, general manager of Sodexo on campus; fashion design major Favinn Maynard; Kristin Garcia, assistant director of leadership services; and Janine Chavez, office coordinator for the Office of Campus Life -- waited patiently, chatting about what they were observing. They sorted their ballots as they began tasting each dish, then proclaimed Baker the winner.



Judges Janine Chavez, left, Favinn Maynard and Kristin Garcia try dishes.

ginger and parsley. Once cooked, she removed the meat and quickly sautéed a blend of yellow squash, button mushrooms and sliced black olives. Williams seemed to know exactly what she was making, as she took the lead with plenty of time to work with. She soon began to plate her beef tenderloin, topped with the veggie blend and pan sauce. She then wowed

reveal the fun curl. She cut the curl into three pieces and fanned it out over the meat dish.

Tison began to heat her pan with a bit of oil. She took her time cooking the tenderloin to perfection. She seemed calm and unaffected by the amount of time remaining. Alongside the meat, she sautéed mushrooms, garlic, herbs and asparagus. She removed

Students play laser tag

By Joela Avelar
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Students got a chance to have good clean fun and exercise April 18 with laser tag in Marian Hall Ballroom.

Besides the tag, students enjoyed free pizza and beverages in the ballroom, which was filled with barrels and other props to help block the players from getting hit. The room was darkened to give it the laser-tag feel, and camouflage patterns covered all the props.

The Smith Agency was re-

sponsible for setting up the event sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. Participating students had to sign a liability waiver, read the rules and get ready to have some fun.

“We were given a task for an event with an exciting theme for students to socialize,” said Arianna Ingle, a sophomore communication arts major.

Up to eight students could play at a time, and they were divided into two teams (red and green). The gear was a pack around the waist, a headset

which sounded with an explosion to let the player know they had been hit and the laser gun. Each game lasted 10 minutes.

The first round ended with the red team at 79 and the green team at eight. Players were running, crouching, crawling and basically doing anything to avoid getting hit. With intense music playing in the background, players really got into the game.

Aside from the excitement, there was another incentive:

*‘It’s super-duper,’
senior says*

prizes for the highest-scoring players. Prizes ranged from \$20-to-\$50 Wal-Mart gift certificates and \$25 restaurant certificates.

Students really seemed to enjoy this event.

Lucian Williams, a freshman computer information systems major, gave laser tag two thumbs up.

“It’s super-duper!” senior psychology major Sunil Mathew said.



Jenny Rangel

With all the homework, classes, jobs and other responsibilities we attend to, it's only natural to feel a bit worn out. Where do we turn to for a boost?

If you're finding it hard to concentrate, try increasing protein-rich foods in your snacks and meals. Cheese, meat (make it lean!) and soy products help you feel alert, energized and full longer. Snack on low-fat cheese, roasted soy nuts or skinless chicken to get your brain back in the right gear!

In a funky mood? Eat more CHOCOLATE! The fat, sugar and large amounts of tryptophan raise serotonin

and endorphin levels in the brain. So you not only have a happy mouth, but also a happier mood! Just don't over-indulge. Too much of a good thing can be bad by adding some unwanted weight.

Ever find yourself in a great mood one minute, and then feel like pulling your hair out the next? Mood swings happen to all of us when we're dealing with dehydration. You may not feel under-hydrated, but mood swings are a good indicator you are. Drinking eight to 10 cups of water a day can dramatically improve the way you feel emotionally. So trade in your bottles of soda for bottles of water!

If you're having a hard time

getting up in the morning or are just feeling sluggish, try having eggs for breakfast. Eggs are a great source of zinc, an element that helps regulate blood-sugar levels. With zinc in your system, you'll feel more awake and engaged. If you're watching your fat intake, try Egg Beaters with Yolk. A ¼-cup serving (equal to one egg) has only 40 calories and two grams of fat.

Stressed out? Anxious? Nervous? Try calming your nerves with some skim milk or a handful of almonds. Both are calcium-rich, which is great for reducing anxiety. The Blue Diamond brand offers 100-calorie packs of almonds that bring in 50mg

of calcium.

Bad temper? Pectin, a soluble fiber, not only lowers your blood cholesterol, but lowers your heart rate, adrenaline levels and blood pressure when your body kicks into fight-or-flight mode. Some foods that contain anger-reducing pectin are grapes, grapefruits, apples and carrots.

If you're down in the dumps and feeling a lot like Eeyore, adding more folate to your diet will help perk you up. Folate is a lot like Mother Earth's version of Prozac, which boosts serotonin levels in the brain. Next time you feel depressed, treat yourself to a grilled salmon fillet for dinner and a nice bowl of

fresh strawberries for dessert. Both of these foods will leave you feeling happy!

Nature has a way of treating all our body woes. By adding these foods, along with plenty of exercise and sufficient amounts of sleep, you'll be feeling in tip-top shape. Try one, try all, and you're sure to see a difference in your mood!

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CHOOSE LIFE

Unborn children need anti-abortion advocates



Brittany Valadez

In a society with decaying moral values, it's no wonder that the life of the unborn is a heated argumentative topic that keeps Washington on its tiptoes.

For Amy, her stance on abortion was not based on personal opinion, but personal experience. Sadly, Amy's mother attempted to abort her on three separate occasions, yet she lived and grew into the healthy young woman she is today. She based her opinion on the choice of the baby, not ing any baby, if given the choice, would choose life.

Margaret Sanger is the woman known for her passion for women's rights. Yet abortion rights for women should not be compared to suffrage rights that were established for meaningful purposes. Many believe Sanger's intentions were for one of three reasons: To prevent unwanted pregnancies, prevent children with birth de-

fects from enduring a terrible life and to "reduce the burden of charity and taxation for public relief." What may appear to be humane acts of kindness only hides the truth of what can be called racial and social injustice.

Sanger's real intentions were "to protect society against the propagation and increase of the unfit." "Unfit" according to Sanger, were those of the minority and lower class. Yet today, minority women, who make up 28.8 percent of the population, account for 45 percent of all abortions. While millions of minority Americans are pandering for minority rights and complaining of "racist whites," they are actively participating in acts that were set to terminate their race almost 100 years ago.

While Sanger's attentions were somewhat racist, it is not the Caucasians' fault that minority women are actively having abortions today. That being, it is not the fault

of the child that his/her mother decides to act on her sexual desires. So if it is not the child's fault, then why should he/she have to pay the penalty for someone else's sin?

Women today feel they should have unlimited access to condoms and birth-control pills. After all, it is their body and they should be free to do whatever they want with it. Condoms and birth-control pills are used as an excuse to have unlimited premarital sex without worrying about the possibilities of disease and pregnancy. If someone feels "mature" enough to participate in such sexual activity, then she is mature enough to endure nine months of a child growing inside her.

There is also the argument of date-rape for the mother and the protection of the unborn child from hereditary disease and birth defects. In cases of date rape, it is argued a woman who did not participate in sexual activity of her choosing

should be allowed to terminate her pregnancy. Yet a woman with strong faith and moral values knows while it is not her fault, it is not the fault of the child either. That woman also knows there are many families who would love to have a child of their own, no matter what circumstances surrounded the creation of the baby. There is an option here and that option is for the mother to carry the child to full term and then to give it up for adoption if she so chooses. As for birth defects and diseases, a child should not be euthanized because he or she was born different. If it is apparent that, after extensive tests on a woman considering pregnancy, a hereditary fatal disease will be passed to the next generation, the woman then has the option of taking birth-control pills to prevent pregnancy. This applies to mothers who are married and wish they could have children -- not unmarried

young woman engaging in a night of "fun."

The idea a child can be viewed as an economic burden to society is appalling. If society pays welfare for people who can work but won't work, there is no excuse why society cannot support a person in need of health care for a reason that he/she cannot help. It is amazing today that Americans will fight so hard for "global warming," but views the life of the unborn as trivial. It is astonishing that those who spend their money saving whales are the ones supporting abortion -- while claiming saving a human life is too costly to our economy. Pro-choice proponents wish to terminate life citing "financial stress" while, at the same time, they are the ones supporting free health care for illegal aliens paid for by each and every one of us, the taxpayers. If taxes are such an issue, then we should be trying to eliminate all the pork-barrel spending in

our state and federal government and allocate all that money to help pay for the "financial stress" that preserving the life of a human costs society.

I believe if a woman were to be able to watch her child develop in her womb, she would not even consider abortion. Science proves a baby has a heartbeat and lungs within the first month, and that qualifies the child as a living, breathing human being. For example, although a child is 5 years old, he is still considered a human although he has yet to reach his peak of adulthood. Adulthood is simply a title for a phase of life, just as a fetus is a title for a phase of birth.

In the case of Amy, her life was almost taken away from her. But that story does not have to happen again. Our voice can have a strong, powerful meaning to the future of an unborn child. Choose Life.

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Texas students face the heat at Climate Change Summit



Angel K. Horne

Hundreds of students converged to confront climate change at the Re-energize Texas Summit earlier this spring in the state with a carbon footprint as big as "the stars at night."

The conference, held Feb. 8-10 at the UT Austin Teaching Center, took place in sync with three other regional, student-driven summits on global warming in Oregon, Ohio and Georgia.

The purpose? "To create a powerful youth coalition to make Texas a leader in safe,

clean, just and affordable climate solutions," summit organizer Praween Dayananda said in a news release for the event. Dayananda is among a team of students from the UT Campus Environmental Center who planned and directed the summit.

The team points out in their "Talking Points" that the summit's timing was crucial because, "This is the year of the young voter," and Texas presidential primaries would swiftly follow the students' return to their home campuses.

Outside the Teaching Center, as students checked in or registered for the event, they also could register to vote or sign up to become a volunteer deputy registrar in order to register other eligible voters in their communities and on campus.

Summit attendees were

loaded up with information handouts from non-profit event sponsors, such as Public Citizen, the National Wildlife Federation and World Wildlife Fund, among others. Over the course of the three-day event, the summit showcased a crew of keynote speakers ranging from "CE-Yo" of organic yogurt company Stoneyfield Farm, Gary Hirshberg, to national radio commentator Jim Hightower (and everything in between: an IPCC contributing scientist, two veteran activists, the mayor of Austin, a reverend, an evangelical pastor and a [Buddhist] brother).

Between energizing speakers, the students attended trainings in elements of activism and leadership: lobbying, recruiting and campaign planning to name a few. Interlaced with train-

ings and speakers were diverse workshops all centered on how climate change affects every aspect of society and humanity.

Speakers throughout the workshop both commended the students for sacrificing a weekend to attend a climate change conference and reminded them the task they face entails much, much more.

Yearwood also called for students to use the best tools for networking at their disposal: "We must use our weapons -- MySpace and YouTube ... Revolution may not be televised, but it will be uploaded."

Though speakers harped on the leviathan-sized changes necessary to slow down the rapid warming of the earth (for example, the need to reduce carbon emissions 80 percent from to-

day's levels by 2050), each gave equal care to inspiring their young audience to rise to the challenge.

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it,"

Hirshberg told an auditorium full of hopeful and nervous faces. "Anyone who thinks they're too small to make a difference has never been in bed with a mosquito."

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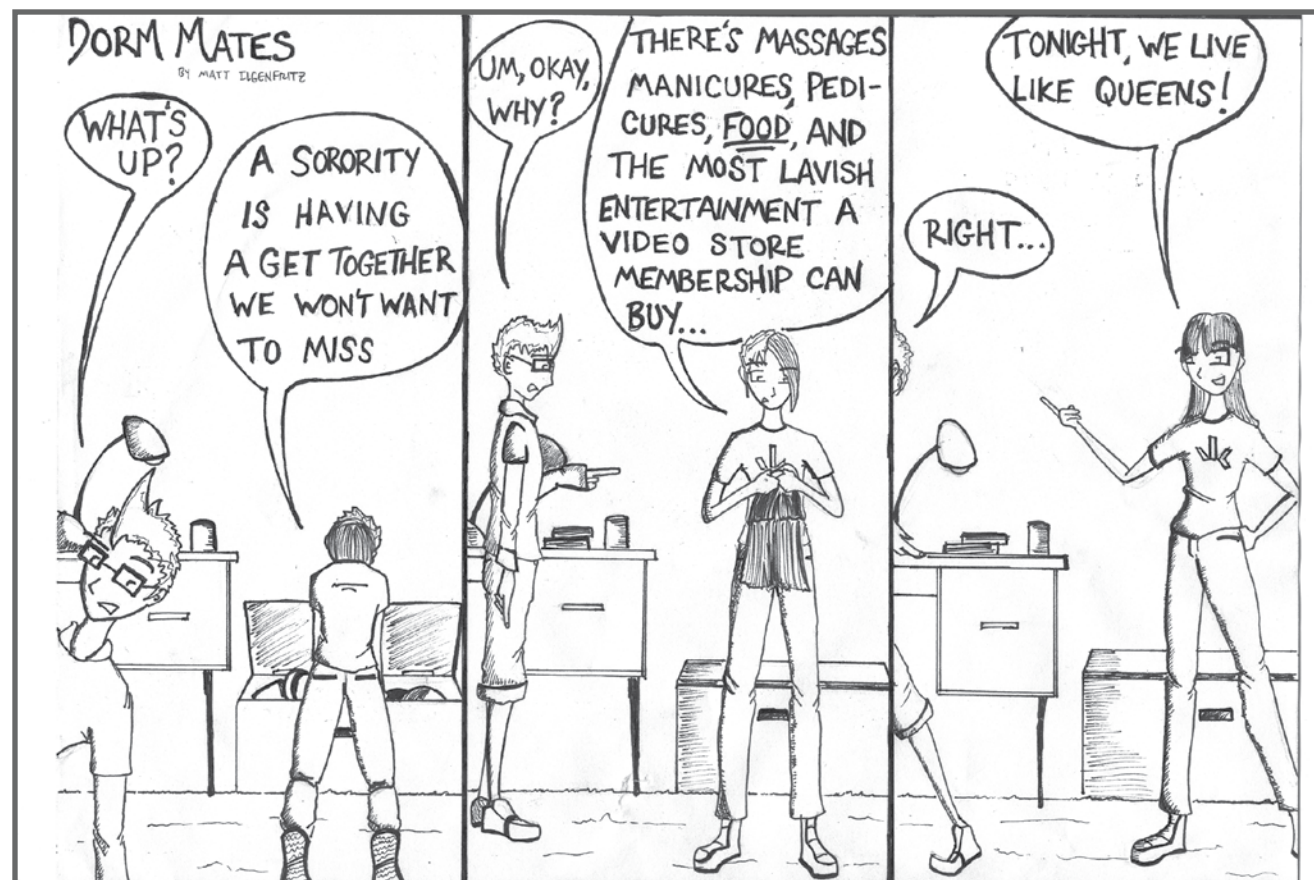
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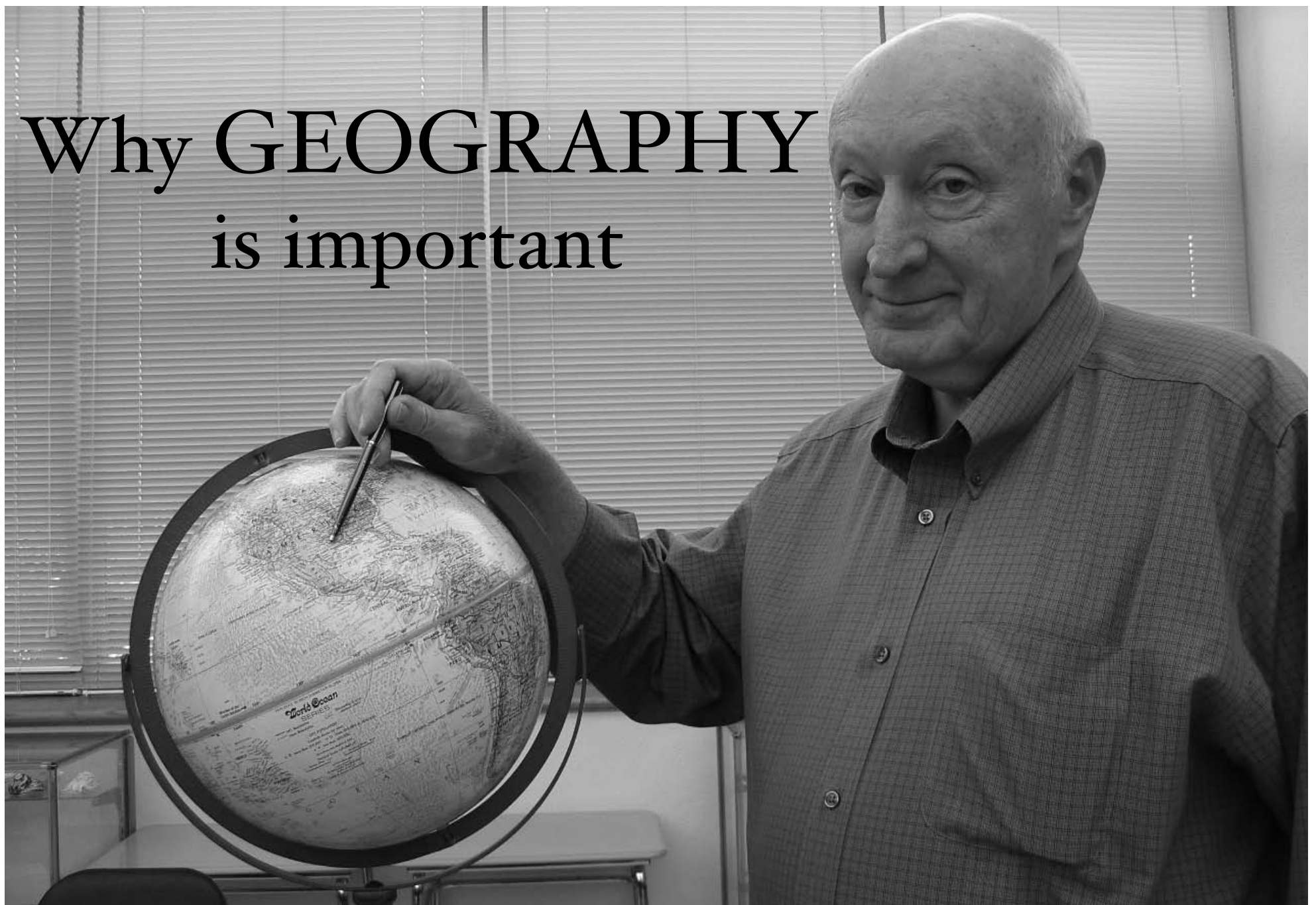
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Adjunct Professor Larry Peabody contends surveys show college students are woefully unfamiliar with many important geographical sites in the world including countries and many capitals. **BURGUNDI BERNAL/LOGOS STAFF**

In his book “Fundamentals of World Regional Geography” (Thomson Brooks/Cole, 2007), author Joseph J. Hobbs cites a 2002 study commissioned by the National Geographic Society in which a population of U.S. citizens aged 18-24 were asked to locate on maps many of the most important places in their lives and in the news.

Eleven percent of those surveyed could not locate the United States on a blank map of the world. Forty-nine percent could not find New York City, ground zero for the most spectacular of the 9/11 attacks. Eighty-three percent did not know where Afghanistan is, despite that country’s omnipresence in news of the war on terrorism. Eight-seven percent did not know where to situate Iraq, which at the time was also prominent in the news as U.S.

forces prepared to invade the country.

The National Geographic Society survey also tested the geographic awareness of 18-to-24-year-olds from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Sweden and Great Britain. Americans came in next to last, above only the youth of Mexico. (Sweden, incidentally, was No. 1, followed by Germany and Italy.)

Most of you reading this article are in that group of 18-to-24-year-old Americans. The dismal findings related above are not meant to embarrass you or confront you with how little you may know about the world. Instead, they pose a challenge to you to *learn* about our world, especially the cultures and lifestyles of the people who inhabit our planet’s countries and regions.

Geography is not just

about learning the capital of France (Paris) or Singapore (which, by the way, *is* Singapore since it is a city-state, one of a handful worldwide). Geography is learning, and knowing, about languages, dress, climate and weather, topography, religion and politics, and most importantly, the history and background of a country and their inhabitants.

In order to flourish in today’s world economy, no matter what business or career you choose, you need to know the people of the country you’re competing against or conducting business with. Rest assured they know about you and your country. Just as in sports, knowledge of your opponent’s weaknesses and strengths can mean the difference between success or failure.

Recent scientific breakthroughs in high-speed trans-

portation and communications have shrunk our world tremendously. Where once it would take months, perhaps years, to reach a remote spot on the globe can now be accessed in a matter of hours or days. With the advent of satellite and Internet communications, that time has shrunk to a matter of seconds.

So what is all this leading to, you ask? Simply this. In order to complete your well-rounded education at UIW, whether your major is fashion management, biology, marketing, kinesiology or nursing, you should consider an elective in geography, whether it be World Geography (GEOL 1311) or Physical Geography (GEOL 1321). Now is the time to learn about our world and its peoples -- not later.

Final questions! Can you locate the United States on a map? New York City?

Afghanistan? Iraq? Do you know the capital of Afghanistan? Iraq? The United States? If you answered “no” to any of these questions, consider geography as an elective before you leave UIW.

What’s the difference between latitude and longitude? How many continents are there? How many oceans? Which one is the largest, area-wise, and deepest (and saltiest)? What’s the largest city in the world? What’s the longest river? Measured from its base to its summit, what’s the tallest mountain? (Hint: it *isn’t* Mount Everest). If you answered “I don’t know” to any of *these* questions, then you need to *seriously* consider geography as an elective before you graduate from UIW.

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Mexico wants next U.S. president to address issues



Josh Sanchez

ministration at the Universidad de Monterrey, discussed Mexico’s interest in November’s U.S. presidential election.

Vega’s presentation shined light on what many Americans fail to realize: American politics just don’t stay in America, but greatly affect Mexico, as well.

“A lot of people in America don’t realize that the Mexico populous is curious about the three front-runner American candidates, and are anticipating a leader that can further help Mexico with

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its problems,” Vega said at an April 14 program in Bonilla Science Hall sponsored by the Department of Political Science.

What are Mexico’s problems? Vega emphasized two: migration and drugs. Mexico is waiting for an American leader who can offer a valid pathway for Mexicans who want to find work in the United States, and who can offer a plan to fight the increasing number of narcotics flowing from South America.

U.S. Republicans and Democrats have failed to offer any real support or reform for Mexico’s tribulations. Historically, it has been the Republican Party’s close ties with the Mexican government and the public effort to help Mexico’s



BIANCA BOURGEOIS/LOGOS STAFF
Alejandra Vega tells why the U.S. presidential race is important to Mexico.

economy that would make Mexicans favor the Republican Party. However, since the Clinton and current Bush administrations, all that has changed, and now Mexicans

are favoring Democrats for their sympathy towards immigration.

Vega contended U.S. Sens. Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and John McCa-

in have not offered any valid plans to help the problems in Mexico, and have failed to offer Mexico the publicity it deserves.

However, this isn’t to say Mexico might not favor a candidate. It was ex-President Bill Clinton’s effort to strengthen ties with Mexico that gives Hillary Clinton an edge.

The problems with immigration and drugs are not easy, and the deep socioeconomic problems in Mexico are essentially Mexico’s problems. However, if you want reform for Mexico, and have a deep concern with immigration, vote for – Pff... like that’s an easy answer.

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Professor becomes hub for international studies

By Jessica Nicole Ortiz
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Going by the office of Dr. James F. Creagan, ambassador-in-residence at the University of the Incarnate Word, could land a student in the midst of a special studies program.

Creagan's office in AD 382 is also the home of the new Center for International Studies.

The center is the focal point for students in the interdisciplinary major instituted last fall. They study political science, history, languages, international business, economics and a whole range of courses that have a common focus -- the world. In addition to taking courses across the curriculum, students in international studies are expected to have an international experience and cultural immersion through the Study Abroad program which

Creagan's wife, Gwyn, directs from her office in the Dr. Burton E. Grossman International Conference Center. Majors typically study abroad for a semester and may take advantage of internship possibilities, also with the federal government and U.S. embassies around the world.

The center also sponsors lectures on international themes and offers career counseling for those looking toward government service or non-governmental experience abroad.

Creagan, who joined the faculty in January 2006, is well-equipped to direct the program. He was a career diplomat for more than 30 years, has been a university professor before, and was president of John Cabot University in Rome, a destination for some UIW students who

have studied abroad.

The international studies program developed because professors in the Social Sciences and Humanities as well as international business have been acutely aware of the importance of an international component in the education of today's university students, Creagan explained.

His own experience in government and university convinced him that UIW students would benefit from a program of studies interdisciplinary in nature and international in focus.

"With full support from the deans and university administration, our professors worked to create an area of study that focuses on the reality and impact of globalization on all our lives," Creagan said.

For some students who may find study abroad prohibitive because of the expense, "I am very pleased to report a generous donor has made available scholarship opportunities for certain students who wish to study abroad but who may lack sufficient funds."

Up to \$5,000 is available for qualifying students with a major or minor in international studies to study abroad for a semester, Creagan said.

"Students can come by my office in AD 382, check with the Study Abroad Office or go to the Office of Financial Assistance for further information," he said.

Creagan also pointed out the center "would like to highlight the broader internationalization of UIW that has long been a priority of



Dr. James Creagan

President Louis Agnese and the UIW faculty and staff. UIW has a large contingent of international students in both undergraduate and graduate studies. UIW emphasizes the possibility of an extremely rewarding Study Abroad experience, that takes advantage of the myriad of agreements with 'sister schools' or universities outside the U.S. And the presence of UIW in both China and Mexico is important now and will increase in significance. All UIW students can

benefit in many ways from the ongoing internationalization of this university.

He sees a bright future for international studies majors and minors.

"I think the new major can be challenging and culturally rewarding, and it offers wide curricular choices that will provide solid preparation for an international career in government and non-governmental organizations as well as international business and academic fields."

Student to get \$18,000 award toward tuition

A double major in marketing and fashion design is the winner of the William G. McGowan Scholarship worth \$18,000 toward tuition, the H-E-B School of Business and Administration an-

nounced.

Griselda Aguirre Esparza, a native of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, becomes the latest recipient of the McGowan Charitable Fund, which was resulted in 11 scholarships to UIW

students in the last nine years.

McGowan was the founder and chairman of MCI Communications. Each year, his foundation provides this scholarship for a full-time business stu-

dent who meets certain academic and non-academic criteria. Applicants also must submit an essay to the business school's faculty selection committee.

Esparza, who was raised in Peidras Ne-

gras, Coahuila, recently served as a coordinator for UIW's "Cutting Edge '08" production at Marriott Rivercenter. She also is the newly elected president of the Fashion Society.



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Top Swimmer

Freshman wins NCAA championship

By Melissa G. Hernandez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

If you have never heard of Alex Yatsko, one thing you should know is breaking swimming records is something that comes easy for the UIW freshman.

Yatsko was one of two UIW swimmers who received All-American honors at the NCAA Division II Swimming Championships held in Columbia, Mo.

Yatsko swam the 500 freestyle in a little more than four minutes. He also took the

national title, making him the first national swimming champion at UIW. (Other national winners include Jonas Andersson, the NAIA tennis singles champ in 1995, and Andersson teaming up with Javier Ruiz to win the national championship in men's doubles the same year.)

When Yatsko swam in Louisiana, he broke two records: the 500 freestyle and the 1000 freestyle.

Yatsko has been swimming competitively since the age of 8 in

his home of Minsk, Belarus, in the eastern part of Europe. He does admit the hot South Texas weather makes the swim more comfortable.

"The climate is good," Yatsko said. "Where I am from, it is cold."

"I thank Coach (Phillip) Davis and the assistant coaches for the support. I didn't have much support in Europe. Here in America I do," he said.

Yatsko, whose father also calls him after every race, said he is impressed with the fa-



COURTESY PHOTO

National swimming champion Alex Yatsko plans to begin training for the Olympics after finals.

cilities and training offered at UIW.

"I have great training, a great pool, and a great weight room," said Yatsko.

After finals next

week, Yatsko plans on training for the Olympic trials.

You can see the love for swimming in Yatsko's eyes. He describes the feeling of

touching the wall as an incredible rush.

"When I touch the wall, it is so great," he said. "When I touch the wall, I have won the race."



CARDINALS' SPRING SPORTS

Members of the women's softball team, left, wade in the waters of the San Antonio River awaiting plastic turtles floating downstream in the annual Spring Fling. A tennis player, bottom left, gets in the swing of things on the home court. The baseball team, below, takes on another opponent at Sullivan Field, also the home of softball.

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Annette Marroquin

Like a myth, but indeed it's not!

The semester went by extremely fast and before we know it summer will as well.

All this football talk has been going on for way too long. It almost seems

The fall semester of 2008 will be an exciting, interesting and memorable semester.

Football players will be on campus attending class and will even be residing on campus for the first time in UIW history. Come 2009, we will see the football field intact again, the stadium finished (cross your fingers) and our football players practicing on the field.

They will proudly be sporting their football shirts around campus and have a huge, friendly yet shy smile on their face. Maybe we can get the bookstore to put some football shirts up for sale so we can purchase them and support our team!

Although many students have been complaining about the "football fee," I think this football team is a real blessing

and privilege for the entire school. It gets us noticed more and makes UIW more prestigious -- not that we weren't awesome already! I mean, seriously, who doesn't love college football? I know I do!

Paying a little more for a good cause never hurt anyone. This football team will only bring more excitement, school spirit and all-around fun to UIW.

So, let's get ready for some football, UIW! To all: have a great summer! Be safe and have a fun and relaxing approximately three months! Graduating athletes, congratulations to you! Thank you for being a part of UIW athletics and putting on a good show every time! We love you!

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UIW student flexes at fitness expo

By Jessica Ramos
LOGOS NEWS EDITOR

Roll up your sleeves and tie up those Nikes. Fitness guru Meagan Rodriguez will motivate you to hit the gym and pass on that creamy cheesecake calling your name.

Rodriguez will be competing in San Antonio's first WNSO-FAME South Central Championships & Sports Expo competition on Friday, May 2, at Sunset Station.

The fitness expo, sanctioned by the World Natural Sports Organization (an all-natural, drug-tested organization), doesn't just showcase bodybuilders with lumpy physiques, but models with toned, shaped bodies that exhibit good health.

The expo will feature an array of models competing in different categories—swimsuit, fitness, muscle, figure and bodybuilding. A panel of five judges will look for a good balance in symmetry, style, presentation, but most of all, personality, said Rodriguez. "They're looking for someone who is marketable."

Rodriguez, a 20-year-old junior sports management major, is an independently contracted personal trainer who works out of the locally owned gym, Body Focus. She's been training eight months to pump up for the fitness expo that's donating 15 percent of its profits to the YMCA. She hopes the expo will attract around 3,000 locals and spread awareness about health issues plaguing San Antonio, specifically obesity.

Rodriguez claimed she was overweight during her high school years. In an unsuccessful attempt to shed the pounds, she developed a two-yearlong eating disorder. She eventually reached a weight of 103 pounds and said she didn't realize how "tiny" she was. During

her freshman year in college, Rodriguez said she hired a personal trainer to help her get healthy.

"You see Victoria's Secret models and swimsuit models with the abs you just dream of having," Rodriguez said. "I wanted that. I just didn't know how to get there. I thought eating healthy was eating bran flakes and exercising was running."

Rodriguez, now a healthy 135 pounds, said a lot of people don't know what to do when it comes to getting in shape, eating right, and living a healthy life.

"It's a mystery," she said. "Many people don't understand what nutrition is."

She said many people focus just on losing weight or counting calories, which can be empty calories lacking any nutritional value. She also stressed many people can't distinguish a "good carb from a bad carb."

According to the American Obesity Organization, 31.1 percent of the Alamo City's population is obese. Obesity can lead to detrimental illnesses, such as high blood pressure, heart disease, and different forms of cancer. Rodriguez said her ultimate goal isn't to influence people to compete to be healthy, or to look like a fitness model, but to influence people to live healthier lifestyles that include exercising and making good diet choices so they will have self-confidence on a day-to-day basis.

Rodriguez weight-trains three times a week and has a cardio routine two to three days out of the week. She recommends those seeking a healthy regimen to hit the weights twice a week and get the blood flowing at least 30 minutes two to three times a week. Rodriguez said small changes in dietary habits also prove successful. She dropped 30 pounds eliminating soda and

fried food from her diet, said Rodriguez. However, the self-proclaimed pizza lover admitted having a "cheat day" when she's not training for the competition. Rodriguez said a person should aim to eat healthy 85 percent of the time to reach his or her goal.

With misinformation circling fitness magazines and TV, and mysterious ingredients lurking on the grocery-store shelves, the smartest thing to do is to get a personal trainer, said Rodriguez. With tuition and books, college students may find it difficult to hire a personal trainer, with internships and part-time jobs paying the bills.

Rodriguez, who offers discounts to college students, said the problem with being healthy is people don't know what to do, and professional guidance maps out a successful and reasonable plan. On her Nutrition Unlimited Web site <http://www.nu-ufitness.com/>, she provides tips on living a healthier lifestyle and even offers a suggested grocery list. She also writes articles on wellness and fitness for "C San Antonio" magazine.

Manuel Rodriguez, her hukuiwsband, described his wife as down-to-earth and disciplined. The 25-year-old San Antonio Police Department officer said he wants her to get exposed so people know who she is and that she's a professional, to become familiar with her credentials, and to trust her, knowing she wants to help people. He hopes everyone will "jump on the bandwagon for their longevity, to feel better about themselves, and learn as much as they can for their health."

Rodriguez also works with the San Antonio Sports Foundation for a program aimed at getting Texas school-children in shape in response to a bill passed last summer. Senate Bill 530 set benchmarks for

the state's public school students to reach and maintain certain fitness levels to help curb childhood obesity, with a third of children in schools having "weight problems." Rodriguez said this bill has a goal, but doesn't have a plan. She and the foundation will be working with students to prepare them for the physical tests next year.

Rodriguez hopes she can be a role model for others who have had similar experiences with eating disorders, or those who are having trouble getting healthy. She said she has always wanted to compete and hopes to break ground with her



Meagan Rodriguez works out often to keep fit.

personal goals as well. "I want to step out of the box; I want to push my boundaries. I've always

been an introvert. I want to be more confident and never regret saying 'I did this!'"

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TOP TEACHERS

Presidential Award goes to Carleton



BURGUNDI BERNAL/LOGOS STAFF
Dr. William Carleton is the winner of the 2008 Presidential Teaching Award that includes a \$5,000 stipend and a plaque for him.

By Rachel Walsh
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Dr. William Carleton, professor of physical education and the chair of the department of human performance, is the 2008 winner of the Presidential Teaching Award.

Carleton, who has been a UIW professor for the past 28 years, teaches dimensions of wellness classes and both undergraduate and graduate kinesiology.

Current students, alumni, faculty, staff and administration nominated a list of 28 candidates, which a selection committee narrowed down to three contenders. UIW president Dr. Louis J. Agnese, Jr. made the final selection, which was announced at the annual Faculty Appreciation Luncheon on April 11.

Carleton views the award as

a great source of motivation and considers the “intrinsic feeling of accomplishment that you impacted students” the chief prize. The award includes a \$5,000 stipend and a plaque, which to Carleton “represents the fine teaching of all the faculty at UIW.” This view is indicative of Carleton’s strong belief in the positive effect people have on each other, especially within the UIW community.

In fact, he particularly emphasized the role of the others in his own success. He said, “For anybody to experience success, you have to have the support of others. My support has been students, the Sisters of Charity and the faculty, administration and staff. That support has always motivated me.”

2008 NOMINEES

The following professors were also nominated: Dr. Lydia M. Andrade, Dr. Sally M. Baynton, Dr. David Campos, Dr. Julian M. Davis, Dr. J. Jackson Davis, Dr. Traci C. Edmond, Henry E. Elrod, Paul R. Fayfich, Dora R. Fitzgerald, Dr. Valerie K. Greenberg, Letitia Harding, Earl D. Harmsen, Dr. M. Sharon Herbers, Dr. Elizabeth Kreston-Schlitt, Dr. Brian G. McBurnett, Dr. Paul F. Messina, Dr. Amalia M. Mondriguez, Dr. Bernadette O’Connor, Dr. Richards S. Peigler, Dr. John Perry, Dr. William A. Schurter, Dr. Mary Beth Swofford, Dr. William F. Thomann, Theresa M. Tiggeman, Dr. John M. Velasquez, Dianne Wetsel and Diana K. Young.



2008 Moody Professor Margaret Mitchell, left, receives congratulations from the 2007 winner, Eilish Ryan.

Mitchell gets Moody Award

By Erin Nichols
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Theatre Professor Margaret Mitchell’s name periodically appeared on the Moody Professor ballot for years.

She still was expecting to hear someone else’s name when the winner was announced April 11 at the annual Faculty Appreciation Award.

When her name was called, it was “truly unexpected,” Mitchell said. She said she felt a lot like actress Susan Lucci who was awarded a Daytime Emmy in 1999 when Lucci had been up for an Emmy 18 times before.

The Moody award, established at UIW and Our Lady of the Lake University in 1971, is the highest honor a faculty member can receive, according to college officials. The award is made possible by a grant given to the two universities by the Moody Foundation, which awards grants to private colleges and universities throughout Texas.

As the 2008-09 Moody winner, Mitchell is required to give the fall 2008 commencement address and Moody lectures at UIW

and OLLU during the year.

Mitchell has been designing costumes and sets for the stage for 23 years, 16 of which have been spent at UIW. She has received 13 ATAC Golden Awards for design or direction throughout her career and her work has been displayed nationally and internationally, most recently at McNay Art Museum.

Mitchell said her favorite UIW production for which she designed the set and costumes was 2003’s “Electra.” This spring’s production of “The Importance of Being Earnest” is another favorite, she said.

When asked about her feelings concerning the commencement address, Mitchell said she is nervous about speaking in public. However, theatre senior Saska Richards is truly excited and looking forward to hearing it.

“Margaret is a necessary and integral member of UIW’s theatre department,” Richards said. “Her humor and natural demeanor will serve her well in presenting the commencement speech to the graduating class of 2008.”

Admissions returns to orientation leaders

By Erica Mendez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The Office of Admissions has selected 25 students to work as orientation leaders at the summer sessions for first-year and transfer students.

Orientation leaders will work hard but have fun as well, said communication arts major Stephanie Hall, who served last summer as an orientation leader but this time is orientation student coordinator.

“It’s all a matter of if



Stephanie Hall

you want to be more involved in school and you care about the school and the freshmen,” Hall said. “Plus it’s a paid summer job. I can’t think of anyone last year who flat-out said, ‘I hate this job.’”



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Dean to run two offices

By Callisto Griffith
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Come June 1, Dr. Cheryl A. Anderson will begin wearing two hats: dean of the School of Interactive Media and Design and dean of J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library.

The library will be her only domain after a national search – expected to begin this fall – is conducted for her replacement with the school she’s headed since 2003 when it was founded.

Anderson, who holds bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Missouri in Columbia, currently supervises five departments: Communication Arts, Computer Graphic Arts, Computer Information Systems, Fashion Management and Interior Environmental Design. She is responsible for over-

seeing the budget and personnel and working with the faculty to ensure the programs meet academic standards. She works with the students in an advising capacity and serves as an advocate for the school inside and outside the UIW community.

Anderson came to UIW in 1991 as director of instructional technology. She previously worked at Austin Community College. She said she came to UIW because there is a similar mission in terms of working with the students in their academic ability, moving them closer to their career path.

“In a private institution, I enjoy the close community,” Anderson said. “It’s very collegial in everyone working towards the same mis-

sion.”

Other programs Anderson is associated with at UIW are the University Planning Committee, Assessment Committee, Grants Advisory Board, Dean’s Council, UPC Communications Committee and the Goal 3 Strengthening Undergraduate Education Committee.

After June 1, she’ll split time between her office in the Administration Building and the library where she’ll supervise the budget and personnel, ensuring the library meets the needs of the faculty and the students, and working with librarians, staff and various constituencies to develop and implement strategic plans for improvement of services.

“I plan on getting to know everyone and

their needs,” Anderson said. “I want to see where they believe the library is going and how we can improve to serve the students.”

Next year’s main focus for the library will be the periodic program review, a survey on which the students and faculty can document on how well the library is currently doing and where the library needs to improve.

Basil Aivaliotis is serving as the temporary dean at the library, supervising the reference librarians. Former dean Mendell Morgan is transitioning into retirement.

Dr. Denise Doyle, vice president for academic and student affairs, announced in March that Anderson would begin the transition from one deanship



Dr. Cheryl A. Anderson

to another.

“I am excited about (Anderson) working with the professional librarians to create a new strategic vision for the library and to strengthen the service and resources of the library,” Doyle stated at the time. “Her enthusiasm and administrative capacity will be a great asset as we move forward in the library and across campus.”

“I am very excited about this new opportunity,” Anderson said. “It will be a challenge and I like challenges. I look forward to working closely with the librarians and staff to create a new vision for the library, which builds on its successful past – input from faculty and students is very important for the creation of this vision.”

UIW lauds ecology, leader at Earth Day

By Alice Ramirez
LOGOS CAMPUS EDITOR

Dr. Robert Connelly, assistant vice president for academic and student Affairs, received the second annual William Mulcahy Award for Ecological Stewardship at an Earth Day ceremony held Tuesday, April 22.

Connelly, who is also UIW’s director of assessment, was honored with this award presented annually on

Earth Day to a person who has contributed to preserving the campus and planet. Dr. Sally Said, a Spanish professor, presented the award to

Connelly, whose name will be displayed on a plaque at the AT&T Science Center.

“I am honored to be associated with someone like Bill Mulcahy who has done so much in the last 21 years to protect and enhance

the natural beauty of the campus,” Connelly said of the man who received the award which bears his name last year. “But (the award) really stands for that group of folks from UIW and the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word who have shown such dedication and persistence in serving on the Headwaters Committee these last five years.”

In addition to his



Dr. Robert Connelly holding the second annual William Mulcahy Award for Ecological Stewardship.

long-term work with the UIW campus’ Green efforts, Connelly, together with the Head-

waters Committee, has been instrumental in the development of the Headwaters Coalition, a non-profit organization and sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. The coalition is dedicated to spreading an ecological ethic and preserving 53 acres of undeveloped land including the Blue Hole adjoining the UIW campus as a nature sanctuary.

Lacey Halstead, executive director of the coalition, said “we are starting a master-planning process to create a nature sanctuary on this land. We will be building pedestrian trails and developing the sanctuary to be used for education and spiritual development. Our anticipated users include, of course, the UIW community, but also the larger community.”

You and your virtual identity, now and soon



Phil Youngblood

In my last article I wrote about how experts project most Internet users will establish a virtual identity in the next five to 10 years.

Actually, anyone who uses the Internet already has a virtual identity. Their identity depends on with whom they interact, the degree of control they have over the information divulged about themselves, and how accurately the information they can control represents them.

To organizations, almost all of whom use standard “first-generation” websites, including ones that allow you to be online in the first place, you exist as a “one-dimensional” record of data – an account name and number, perhaps a real-life name, address,

and credit card number, a collection of transactions you have had with them (and with associated enterprises with which they have shared your information), and a customer profile that allows them to place you in a group of similar customers to which they can direct their attentions.

If you have become involved in the “second generation” of websites, that is, in blogs, wikis, and social networking sites such as MySpace, Facebook, school or group sites, or online-dating sites, your virtual identity is a bit more “two-dimensional” because you can control much of the information you divulge to others.

Who you are online may include real-life photos, links to people with whom you associate, information you have chosen to disclose about you, and what you think about some things (which also discloses how well you write and

how you think, by the way). [You need to be aware the Internet is very public and that all this is valuable information to many people and organizations, not all of whom you might want to know what you have divulged about yourself – but that is a topic for another day and time.]

Still, even though the content originates from you, this virtual identity is not exactly you. It is rather a static image of you and it sits there waiting for someone to view it and hopefully respond to you. It may may not be exactly who you are. You likely have chosen an online name that is not your real name (a good idea, considering how public these sites are) and you may have chosen to represent who you would like to be rather than who you are right now. This is not unlike what we all do in real life. We dress in ways that tell others “who we are” or how we want them to see us, we



talk in certain ways, talk about certain topics, and behave in certain ways that portray us the way we want to be viewed by the individual or group with whom we are at the time. We even display body language that gives off a lot of information of which either supports or contradicts our other efforts to get the people with whom we interact to believe we are who we are portraying. However, online you have more options. We have all heard about how, especially in online-dating sites, users establish virtual identities that may be very different from real life, which may work until you actually want to meet someone.

If (actually when) you start using virtual environments such as “SecondLife” (www.secondlife.com), which are prototypes of the upcoming “third generation” of the Internet, suddenly you have a quasi-“three-dimensional” identity and even more options than in social networks. For one thing, you never have to be who you are in real life in these worlds because there is no expectation to do so – think about the implications of that for awhile.

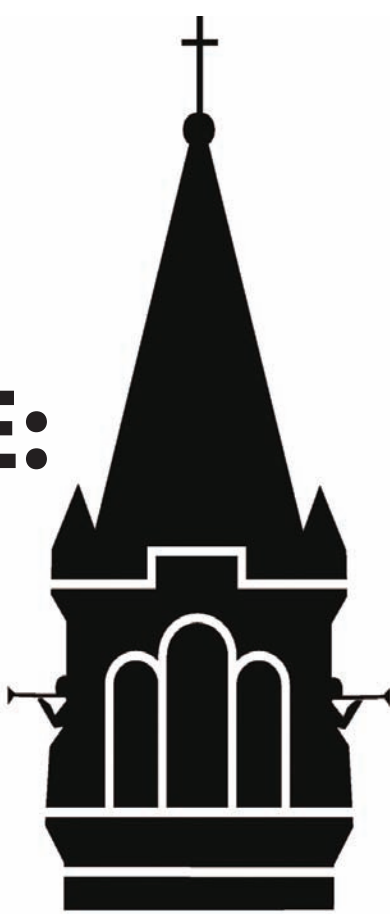
For example, you can have any body image you wish, and you can be any gender or race or age. If you are disabled, and wish to change that

image, you can, or vice versa. Unlike social networking sites that sit there waiting for a response, you can actively seek out others and interact with them in almost any way you can imagine. But you will find that what you cannot change is how you write (or speak) or think. And you may soon find the biggest difference between virtual environments and real life (at least right now, with their currently limited technology), is the lack of body language and the sense of feel. Once technologies are developed to incorporate these important real-life attributes, I envision people will flock to these worlds. I will continue to discuss identities in virtual environments and their use as a tool for education and training in future articles.

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Sandals are standard footwear apparel for many Incarnate Word students.

Flip-Flops

Fashion favorite or failure?

By Erin O'Brien

LOGOS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Whether they're wrapped in a beach towel or a parka, most San Antonians consider flip-flops a fashion must-have.

Stroll through Six Flags, the Witte Museum or the halls of UIW, and you're bound to see hordes of thong-clad folks from all walks of life.

Take the Shops of La Cantera, for example. If you took a seat in a covered area, sipped on a vanilla latte and counted the feet of your fellow shoppers for exactly one hour, you would probably lose count of how many males and females from infancy to geriatrics flip-flopped their way past you in thongs of all colors, patterns and styles.

It seems flip-flops have officially made the transformation from shower shoe to "it" shoe. Although flip-flops are hardly elegant, most of their fans adore them for their comfort and simplicity. Fourteen-year-old Bria Marty, for one, wears them "every other day, practically" because "they're so comfortable! They're so casual! And they're cheap!"

Jonathan Beard, a 24-year-old communication arts major student, shares Marty's enthusiasm over America's "most versatile shoe."

"I wear flip-flops because they are fast and convenient," said Beard.

The fashion world has answered the prayers of comfort-seeking Americans. All sorts of flip-flops flood the fashion market, ranging in prices from \$3.50 at Old Navy to \$490 at Saks Fifth Avenue. Now you can buy a special set of flip-flops for every outing from shopping at the grocery store to dancing at the holiday gala. The amusing uglydress.com, for example, features a terribly tacky pair of heavily beaded, white, 4-inch platforms called "bridal" flip-flops.

Although flip-flops have an extensive fan following, not everyone has jumped onto the thong sandal bandwagon. Dr. Annemarie Walsh, former director of fashion management at UIW, for one, describes the former shower shoes as a "fashion failure."

"I detest [flip-flops]," said Walsh. "The noise they make is annoying, and if you watch someone walk in them, they walk flatfooted and almost waddle. It just shows how low casual attire has sunk in the United States."

Although many marvel at the casual feel of flip-flops, business big-wigs usually skip Pacsun and Billabong when shopping for their work wardrobe.

To them, flip-flops are the staple of the laidback, the lazy and the lackadaisical. Needless to say, your potential bosses won't leap from their seats to hire you if you sport a set of thong sandals to your job interview. Business counselors also advise professionals to skip the flip-flops during work hours because, as Walsh said, "Exposed toes are never professional."

Health professionals also lower their brows at thong sandals because sandals tend to cause a lot of foot trouble. Fallen arches, tendonitis and ankle breaks and sprains commonly plague flip-flop wearers. Melissa Holm, a 22-year-old University of Texas-San Antonio student and former peer mentor with the NEISD Kids Involvement Network, said, "[Children] in flip-flops fell down and hurt themselves on the playground on a daily basis because their feet didn't get any support. There were a lot of injuries."

Love them or hate them, flip-flops are literally "all the rage" throughout the 50 states. By today's standards, you can slip them on with everything from shorts and sweatpants to suits and gowns. But you might still want to use some discretion. In other words, stick to your heels and oxfords for job interviews.

Cross-country biker to raise funds for African orphanage

By Erica Collins

LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Former Incarnate Word tennis team captain Samantha Mangum is preparing for the bike ride of a lifetime this summer as she crosses America to raise funds for an African orphanage.

On June 6, Mangum, a 2006 psychology graduate, will leave Yorktown, Va., with three other bikers for seven weeks, ending in San Francisco. Along the way, she and her companions will raise money for Living Water Children Center in Arusha, Tanzania.

Mangum was inspired to organize the ride after spending two weeks living with the Living Water children last summer. While there, she cared for AIDS patients, taught math, cooked for, tutored and played with the 33 children who call the orphanage their home.

Shortly after returning to the United States, Mangum received an e-mail from the center asking for her help in raising \$50,000 to be used to buy land where a new school and a fenced playground would be built for the children of the orphanage.

Mangum received an athletic scholarship to play tennis. On the court, she became an All Heartland Conference Champ and was ranked in Division II of the NCAA. Off court, she joined the Psychology Club.

Mangum almost never made it to UIW. Six years ago, she was driving with her best friend, Caesar Sada, on Interstate 10 eight hours west of San Antonio when she fell asleep after getting road hypnosis. When she woke up, the car was thrown into a violent roll. The vehicle flipped 10-15 times before coming to a stop. Mangum regained consciousness in the back part of the car, upside down, with her hips having shifted six inches to the left of their natural position. Mangum and Sada were airlifted to nearby hospitals where Sada died. What saved her life was the fact, she said, ironically was the fact she had not been wearing her seat belt.



Samantha Mangum will ride her bike for a cause.

again, I'm going to climb a mountain and ride my bike across America."

Mangum explained she set such difficult goals for herself because she needed a journey that would help her gain her faith and peace back in her life. Mangum could not return to play tennis for UIW and lost her scholarship.

After returning to the classroom, Mangum finished her bachelor's degree. Today, she lives in Kent, Conn., where she works in the Admissions Office of The Kent School, a boarding school. But she's leaving that job soon for the bike ride.

She's already accomplished the mountain-climbing. While in Tanzania last summer, Mangum summited Mount Kilimanjaro.

Now her new mission is to ride across the United States to raise awareness for the people who helped her on her journey towards recovery and to highlight the importance of helping the children in Arusha.

"They changed my life and now I need and want to change theirs," Mangum said. "I have put grad school on hold, am leaving my job, and dedicating my life to serve these people until the last brick is stacked."

Asked what she would say to people who have never participated in any kind of service to the world community, Mangum said: "I'd tell people to stop and smell life. Take a breath, lend a hand, smile more, you never know when life is going to end and when it is going to begin. I'd encourage people to find peace within them and then carry that peace out through actions of service to others. I would encourage every human to do something huge, something that during a certain time in life seems almost impossible. Something that could and would define their souls if accomplished or even just attempted."

"This bike ride means the world to me because those children mean the world to me. The bike ride stands for love to others, for caring, to show that during a time of 'war' people are coming together. It stands for personal sacrifices, overcoming obstacles, and it stands for my second chance at life. For me, this bike ride lets me know that life, at any point in time, can take away anything, in order for you to gain everything."

Quirk comes out

Two hundred copies of the 2008 edition of *Quirk*, the campus magazine, appeared at a public party Tuesday, April 29, in the Special Collections Room of J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library. Copies of the 60-page book on 10-by-7-inch paper cost \$7. Included in the 60 pages are works from the student body -- and faculty and staff for the first time. Fashion student sketches are another new feature.

Quirk



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"When I woke up in the hospital I was told about Caesar and was also told I'd have to learn how to walk again," Mangum said. "After hours of crying and not knowing what I'd do next, I told my family: 'When I learn how to walk

Ex-UIW basketballer finds rapping success

By Rosalia Vega
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Kyle “Lee” Milson had hoped to play in the NBA. An injury sidelined that dream for the former UIW player but he’s found new success in the music industry as a rapper.

Once rated the No. 5 player in the state while he was in high school, the 27-year-old from Houston is now gaining attention on stage.

Lee is thriving as an independent label artist for 3rd Degree Entertainment, owned by Juan Gonzalez. In 2001, Lee was introduced to Gonzalez, who owns the record store, Urban City, in South Park Mall.

Since that meeting, Lee has produced 70 mix-tape features, five solo projects, and given hundreds of live performances. He also has collaborated with

notable artists such as Chamillionaire, Sean Paul and Lil Wayne. Most recently he performed at the Soulja Boy concert for the “98.5 Beat Bash.”

“Every artist doesn’t start off being great,” Lee said. “I had to practice on my natural abilities. I developed a real raw sound at first. It was a mixture between 50 Cent, Snoop Dogg and Ludacris. Now I’m working on crafting my own unique sound.”

Before his foray into music, Lee was more concerned with making it to the NBA. He once received the attention of several scouts and coaches from universities all over the country. However, one day his dreams to join the NBA were dramatically derailed. While playing during a game, he tore his ACL in half.

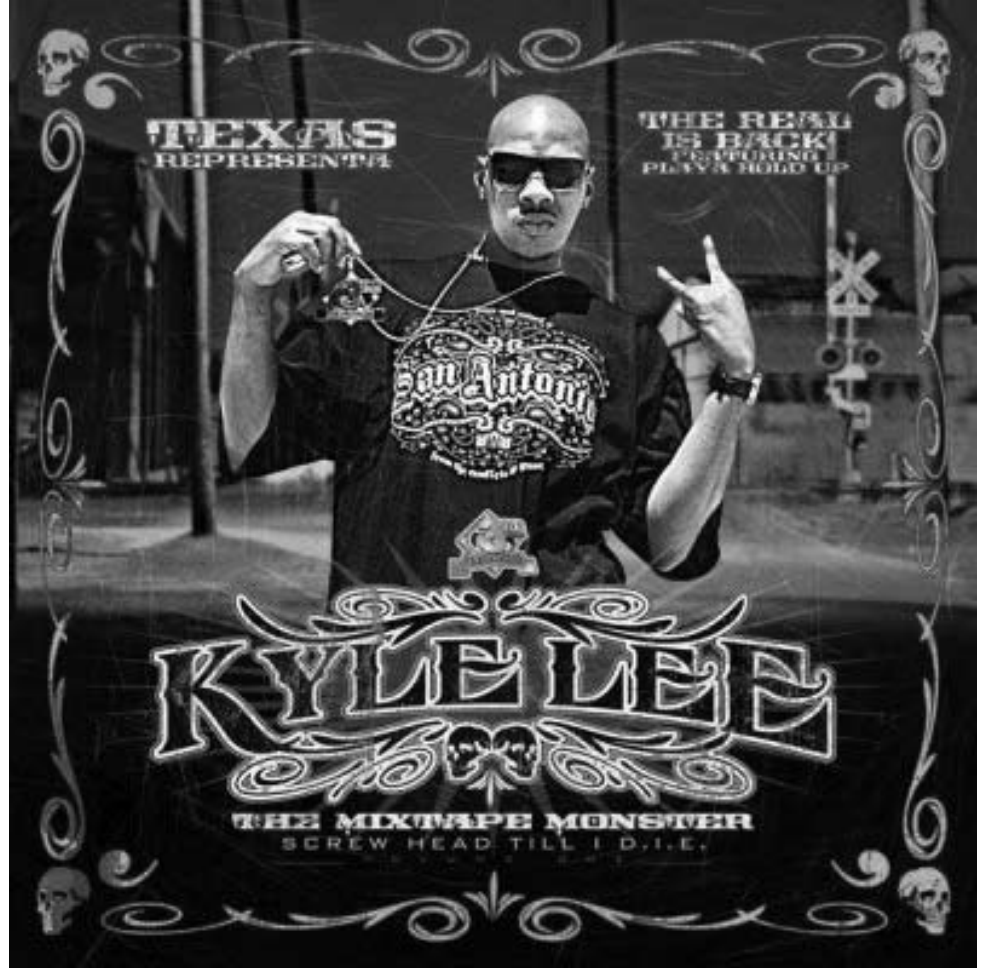
“It was a tough year after that,” Lee said. “It was like being on an extreme high of success only to fall. It was very frustrating, because I was unable to play and the coaches and scouts couldn’t see me perform.”

Aside from his injury, Lee also contracted a staphylococcus infection that left him bedridden for six weeks.

“Incarnate Word was the only university that gave me the opportunity to continue playing and gave me a scholarship,” said Lee, who majored in athletic training while he went to UIW.

His music career dominates his life these days.

“Eventually, I would like to sign with a major label, but I am really enjoying where I am right now as an independent artist,” said Lee. “I



Cover to Kyle Lee's cd

FYI

Kyle Lee's current album, “Kings of Texas 3” is out in stores now. To listen to his music, visit his MySpace page at <http://www.myspace.com/darealkylee>.

A Kid Named Thompson: Poppy-Punk Rockers

By Mel Hernandez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

For all the pop-

punk/rock enthusiasts out there, A Kid Named Thompson is a perfect

way to satisfy your enthusiasm for the pop-punk sound every

high school student loves.

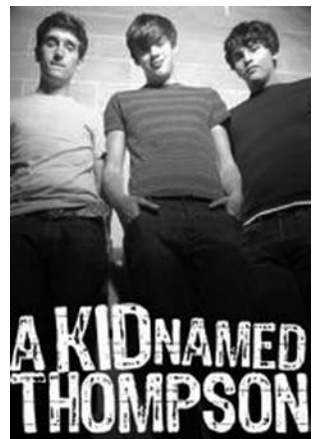
AKNT is comprised of two brothers -- drummer Jon and bassist/vocalist Josh Harter --and their best friend Marc Molina, who plays guitar and contributes vocals.

They’ve got a great sound if you’re into that type of rock, which reeks of Blink 182 and

Jimmy Eat World.

The San Antonio natives released their album, “I Want to Wake Up,” last July 9. Unfortunately, the sounds are too similar to the other dozens of poppy-punk bands out there to keep me interested.

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KUIW adds talk show Holocaust survivors tell story

By Rae Williams
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

When listeners tuned into KUIW.org at 6 p.m. Monday, April 7, they were introduced to the first talk radio show on the KUIW Internet radio station.

Broadcasting with Ignacio Arreola Vidal, more commonly known as “DJ Memo,” the station featured two Holocaust survivors, Dr. George Fodor and Ana Rado.

Fodor, a doctor of philosophy with a degree in chemistry from Rice University in Houston, discussed his childhood in Hungary. Having watched the unfolding of the events at the age of 13, he detailed the rise of German power and how it affected his childhood and family life.

“The Holocaust is the best-documented event ever,” Fodor

said. “The Germans kept records as well. Most records were destroyed. However, many were left. We must teach children about the facts. There are an untold number of sites that deny it ever happened. I encourage people to visit HolocaustHistory.org. Please send in questions. There are over 20,000 volumes related to the Holocaust.”

Rado, also a Hungarian survivor, has helped a Laredo schoolteacher start a tolerance program by telling her story. Speaking of her turbulent childhood

and recalling her first German takeover experience at the age of 11, Rado spoke slowly and quietly into the microphone. Having to wear a yellow Star of David, she remembers mostly how it felt to lose her parents.

“I remember having my parents taken away,” Rado said. “I also remember seeing my mother for the last time. My sister and brother are still alive. We survived. My family is one of my most important gifts to my life. My husband passed, but I still have my children.”





J.P. McDaniel

“Grand Theft Auto” franchise, I’ve yet to actually sit down and play one of the games.

Whether this is because the game seemed dull when my brother played it, or because I really enjoyed being a devil’s advocate while my brother played, the game itself was always something to marvel at. Rockstar North, the developer for the Grand

Having always been a fan of the

with each of its titles.

The fourth installment, which was released worldwide April 29, aims to raise that bar once again. Reviews are already coming in with perfect scores for the game. Industry experts also are claiming the title will top “Halo 3,” which made \$300 million its first week, by almost \$100 million.

A total of four trailers have been released. Along with the visual teasers, Rockstar North has been slowly revealing information about a first for the Grand Theft franchise: multiplayer.

Supporting up to 16 players online and in-game at the same time, “Grand Theft Auto 4” is entering the multiplayer realm with a rumored 15 different online modes. As of April 18, only a handful of these modes were known in detail. Keep in mind, for the majority of these modes, there is no set map. They all take place across the entire landscape of Liberty City, a re-imagined New York.

This time around, the game takes place you play Niko Bellic, an Eastern European seeking the age-old American dream. His cousin has convinced him to come to Liberty City, but when he finally gets there, he quickly finds out the riches he was

promised were just a lie.

In “Cops N’ Crooks,” a team of cops is hunting down a team of crooks. The objective for the crooks is to reach the extraction point for their leader. The cops are able to see the crooks on their radar, but not their objective. They must eliminate the leader (marked by a star) before they reach their objective. Journalists who have had a chance to play the game have said this was the most fun mode.

“Team Deathmatch” and “Deathmatch” are much like every other game featuring these modes except that kills are not recognized as the points – money is. It is dropped when a player is killed, and

you must run over it to collect it. The team or player with the highest money count wins the round.

Another mode that has been talked about is the “Grand Theft Auto Race.” While this would seem at first rather standard (grab a car, race to the checkpoint and eventually the finish line), players are able to get out of their cars and shoot the other racers. This creates all kinds of havoc with players trying to blow up their enemies.

Little is known about the story. For such a big title, this is

a feat in its own. Rockstar North kept everything under wraps for the single player. This is not to say it hasn’t been riding the hype machine, though.

Make sure not to miss “Grand Theft Auto 4,” as it most assuredly will be one of the greatest games of 2008.

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Niko Bellic

Comedy: Laugh in face of finals



Erin O'Brien

Nothing can drive students to hit the bottle faster than the dreaded week of comprehensive exams and term-paper deadlines that come every May and December.

These five diabolical days of drudgery amuse students about as much as debts, breakups and hangovers. In other words, they’re no laughing matter. However, don’t let incessant studying ruin the first days of May! Take a trip to Blockbuster between study sessions and comb the comedy aisle for a funny flick that will turn your frown upside down. Just make sure you grab something that looks like it can laugh you into a stomachache. After all, as legendary comedian Charlie Chaplin once said, “A day without laughter is a day wasted.”

Rent it: “Being There” (1979)

Starring: Peter Sellers, Shirley MacLaine, Melvyn Douglas and Jack Warden

No movie makes fun of our inability to comprehend the secrets of life quite like “Being There,” Hal Ashby’s thoughtful, yet lighthearted, come-

Nothing can drive students to hit the bottle faster



dic masterpiece. In this film, miscommunications and misunderstandings abound when Chance (Sellers), a simple gardener, leaves his country home and dazzles the world with his simple TV-inspired sayings. Eve and Benjamin Rand (MacLaine and Douglas) amusingly mistake Chance’s profound insights and life lessons. Sellers, in one of his last performances, skips the slapstick and gives an understated and incredibly endearing performance that many argue should’ve won him his second Oscar. There’s a reason this top comedy has survived nearly 30 years and will probably survive 30 more.

Others to Rent: “Heathers” (1989), “The 40-Year-Old Virgin” (2005) and “Murder by Death” (1976)

Skip it: “Epic Movie” (2007)

Starring: Kal Penn, Adam Campbell, Jennifer Coolidge and Jayma Mays

Evidently Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer (the “master-

minds” behind the “Scary Movie” franchise) didn’t get the memo telling them the world really didn’t need another senseless spoof. This obnoxious mix of bubblegum and bile from 2007 focuses its farce on “The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,” “The Da Vinci Code” and the “Pirates of the Caribbean” movies. And in true “Scary Movie” fashion, it doesn’t forget to throw in some low-brow stabs at Tom Hanks’ mullet, the aging “Harry Potter” kids and Michael Jackson’s baby-swinging episode from a few years back. In general, the sloppy splicing of plots and endless array of poorly pondered punchlines, ignorant protagonists and awful jokes offer little more than 93 minutes of crude, eye-rolling crap.

Others to Skip: “Dude, Where’s My Car?” (2000), “Beerfest” (2006) and “The Man Who Knew Too Little” (1997)

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Summertime performances to rock region



Erica Mendez

It’s all about the music! That’s what it should be. So if you’re thinking about music, as much as I am, then summer is going to be a major blast for you with upcoming music concerts and events.

Let’s start off with one concert that I’m sure tickets will be gone by a week before the concert if not sooner. Mixfest! Mix 96.1 will be holding Mixfest this year on May 10, at Sunset Station. Playing will be Simple Plan, Ryan Cabrera, Colbie Caillat, and Maroon 5.

One concert that will be worth a day trip or two will be Projekt Revolution ’08. On the main stage will be Ashes Divide, The Bravery, Chris Cornell, and of course Linkin Park. On the Revolution stage, Atreyu, 10 Years, Hawthorne Heights, Armor for Sleep, and the Street Drum Corps. Unfortunately, this year the tour won’t be stopping by in San Antonio, but you can catch up in Dallas on August 23 and Houston on August 24. Can we say road trip?

For the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater several

concerts are lined up for the summer!

To start off the list, Iron Maiden hits the stage on May 21. On June 21, Jackfest will be stopping by with Smash Mouth, Boston and Styx.

Country fans won’t be disappointed when the Rascal Flats with Taylor Swift hit the amphitheater on June 22. Get your tickets fast! Don’t forget about the infamous Warped Tour ’08. Taking the stage on July 5 will be bands such as The Devil Wears Prada, Gym Class Heroes, Relient K, and Angels and Airwaves to name a few.

If you love rock music, this one will definitely be up your alley-- Crue Fest! Crue Fest is a concert with none other than Motley Crue. Other bands to perform are Sixx A.M. (in case you didn’t know, Sixx A.M. is with Nikki Sixx who also plays for Motley Crue) Buckcherry, Papa Roach, and Trapt.

Sunset Station is up for a pretty good catch of artists as well. Type O Negative with Hatebreed and 3 Inches of Blood will be in town on May 28 as part of the Jagermeister Tour. June 20 will bring the Toadies to San

Antonio

Let’s not forget about the AT&T Center. The infamous Stone Temple Pilots will be there on June 27 for their reunion tour with more concerts to come.

Scout Bar is a new low-key concert venue sure to deliver some cool concerts. (Located at 19314 N. 281 at Redland Road.) As a fan of rock and metal alike, I intend on seeing Otep with Eyes Set to Kill on May 1. Mindless Self Indulgence on May 15, with the Birthday Massacre and Combichrist. May 11 brings Nonpoint with The Exies, and Deepfield. May 23 brings Eisley for all those people interested in them! An old band making a name for itself again is Lifehouse. Matt Nathanson is coming along on June 9. I had no idea Billy Bob Thornton had a music career. He will be coming with the Boxmasters on July 23! To check out who else is coming to town at the Scout Bar go to www.scoutbar.com.

Music is always just around the corner. Until the first concert coming up this summer, keep it real in rock n’ roll style and remember it’s all about the music!



'Cutting Edge' stages parade in Rivercenter

By Elva Garza
LOGOS Editor

And then there were 950 -- that was the number of guests who attended the 28th annual Fiesta "Cutting Edge" fashion show. But this time the show unfolded in a new location.

This year's show took place on Monday, April 21, in the elegant Marriott Riverwalk

Hotel in the heart of downtown San Antonio. Previously held on campus in Rosenberg Sky Room, the change of location allowed 200 more spectators than last year. Despite the added space, the show continued to be predominantly sold out.

Tables that range from \$750-\$1,500 were quickly

filled by former UIW alumni and prominent fashion businesses, who admired the student-produced centerpieces that resembled designs themselves.

The centerpieces were not the only thing the students took care of; they also arranged models, lighting, music, designs, as well as the business aspects of it all. This hard work was done by 24 students enrolled in the Fashion Show Production Class, and 80 volunteers, all with the help of veteran instructor-producer Teri Lopez.

"Being offsite the workload increased tremendously but the class and (student) coordinators stepped up and went above and beyond," Lopez said. "The design and production classes worked well together and supported each other. We attribute the success to them."

As the show came closer to a start, two of

the fashion program's most beloved contributors took the stage. First was Kathleen Coughlin, who graced the spectators and nerve-wracked students with a prayer. Then, there was retired UIW fashion professor Annemarie Walsh who at this show was recognized with the Golden Needle Award. This award recognizes someone who is not a faculty or student but donates an immense amount of time and effort to the success of

this program.

"To my former students, I miss you, I love you, I believe in you, and even though I may not be your teacher anymore,

you will always be my students," Walsh said.

The buzz of nostalgia and excitement

was only suppressed by the sound of blaring music and lights that indicated the start of the

The production was fast-paced, energetic and dynamic, and even when a technical difficulty caused disruption in the music, the show would not be undermined.

The clothing was as

eccentric as the designers themselves. Inspirations were worlds apart from the other but endeavors put forth by the students were all the same.

After the collections of the 16 student designers were pro-



Professional models strut the runway wearing fashions designed by UIW students at the Marriott Rivercenter. The annual Fiesta fashion show moved downtown to accommodate a larger crowd.

fessionally paraded down the catwalk, a brief recess took place to allow spectators to enjoy their three-course chicken dinner, mingle amongst each other, and participate in the various activities being held for fund-raising efforts.

Outside the main hall, one could opt to buy a raffle ticket in hopes of winning Tiffany's Signature Collection pieces, or try their luck in the silent auction where different businesses donated goods such as gift cards, baskets, or even a signed basketball from the Spurs.

"I am buying a ticket to help out my fellow Cardinals, and if I can win a Tiffany's necklace while I am at it,



fashion show is to go straight back into the fashion program to provide scholarships for its students and future fashion show productions.

In the end, winners were named, spectators were satisfied, and students were relieved, all in all another successful show for Incarnate Word.

"We put so much work into the entire semester and

then after 30 minutes it's done," student coordinator Lauren Trejo said. "It's an unexplainable rush during the show, and after it's done you can relax knowing that

your hard work paid off."

"Wow," all I can say is 'wow,'" sophomore Britney Fontana said. "I came to the show because I had a free ticket, but I walked away impressed with our school. After seeing this I am proud to say I am from Incarnate Word."



then it is a deal of a lifetime," senior Jennifer Williams said.

All the money collected from this



And the WINNERS are...

Best Design: Rosanna Isham, first; Stephanie Travieso, second; and Leslie Juarez, third.

Best Construction: Samantha Plasencia, first; Rodrigo Velez, second; and Marissa Gutierrez, third.

Best Collection: Stephanie Travieso, first; Rosanna Isham, second; and Rodrigo Velez, third.

Most Innovative Collection: Oswald Elias Delgado

Best of Show: Stephanie Travieso



Annemarie Walsh hears Eileen Sullivan tell of her award.



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Joseph Kirby

The Business Club dimmed the lights, dropped the curtains and tipped the phantom this past week, closing the 2007-08 academic year with a grand final event — the Spring Trip to Houston.

This event played over the latter portion of advising week, lasting through a mellow Thursday and, of course, a feel-good Friday (April 17-18).

Leaving the red-brick campus at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 17, nearly 21 Business Club members, including the club's advisers,

headed east for the Port of Houston Authority — the liquid portion of the energy-city. Before arriving at this port, however, the group chomped on burgers and picked at salads in one of Houston's local Bennigan's restaurants while anticipating the approaching boat tour.

After squiggling

names on systemic sheets of paper, the group shuttled over to the port's Sam Houston Pavilion for the 2:30 p.m. boat tour rendezvous. The group had a brief visit with security and then stepped off of the pavement and onto the water-displacing metal of the Sam Houston charter boat -- a boat that ferried the group up and down the Houston Ship Channel for a few turns.

Stepping back onto pavement at the tour's end, the group left the port and transferred to the swan-filled Embassy Suites in the Galleria district of Houston. Waiting for room keys, the group guzzled down a few gallons of the complimentary, orange-hinted water that sat unsuspectingly near a set of polished elevators in the lobby area. Leaving the water for rooms on various floors, the group members dropped off their belongings behind the numbered, lockable doors and remembered the evening with the day's last activity: dinner at the highly regarded P.F. Chang's China Bistro restaurant.

Rising with the sun on Friday morning, the group assembled in the lobby near the table where the orange-hinted water sat. After drinking a few more gallons of the water, in addition to some coffee, the group shuttled over to the Marathon Oil Building for a kolache-filled

breakfast with Dutch Holland, founder and chairman of Holland & Davis Inc.

Holland delivered a captivating presentation to the group, emphasizing organizational change through the vehicle of a theater metaphor. Holland also touched on related topics such as change engineering and Holland & Davis's emphasis of it. After the presentation, Holland distributed signed copies of his book, "Change is the Rule," while personalizing each copy with student names and his own flair of added emphasis, "Change Rules!"

With time running short, Holland and the group quickly exchanged firm handshakes and warm goodbyes. Subsequently, the group headed back to the hotel, only staying long enough to gather belongings. Taking personal items downstairs, the group visited the orange-hinted water stand one last time and then said "Au revoir" to the majestic swans that lingered in the coolness of the artificial pool.

After turning in room keys and taking last breaths of the Houston air, the group departed for home, leaning west towards *good ol' San Antone*. On the way back, the group concluded the trip by making one last stop in Schulenburg, Texas, for finger-licking barbecue.

Overall, the Business Club thanks Holland, Dr. David Vequist and Dean Shawn Daly for making the company visit and trip possible. Furthermore, the Business Club thanks the advisers — Dianne Wetsel and Diana Young — for the excellent year and constant guidance.

Finally, as the retiring Business Club president, I would like to personally extend one last thank-you to all of the Business Club's members, and especially, to the Executive Council and Committee people for the highly successful, award-winning year. Never forget the rules of the game: Godspeed and take care.

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The Business Club at the Port of Houston Authority where the club spent their final event for the semester.

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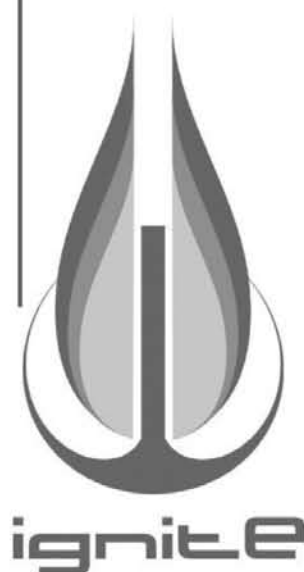
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GROUP TO SERVE SUMMER AFRICAN MISSIONS



Lindzi Wasco



Dr. Patricia Lieveld



Dr. Neeta Singh

Two University of the Incarnate Word professors and two graduate students will be bound for mission work to Tanzania this summer, according to the Women's Global Connection.

The WGC is a ministry of the San Antonio-based Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, which founded the university.

Serving as missionaries will be Dr. Patricia Lieveld, an associate professor of Pharmacy Practice at John and Rita Feik School of Pharmacy; Dr. Neeta Singh, an associate professor of nutrition in the School of Math, Science and Engineering; Lindzi Wasco, who is working on her master's degree in nutrition; and Elaine Talarsk, a doctoral student in international education and entrepreneurship.

In a statement, Lieveld wrote this is "my first trip to Tanzania, so part of the trip is more of a fact-finding mission than an actual project. I am a pharmacist by training, but I also have a degree in public health. I am interested in obtaining information on clean water -- how it is obtained, problems associated with obtaining it, and what the Women's Global Connection can do to assist in identifying methods of improving the ability to obtain clean water."

Lieveld has identified a product known as the LifeStraw -- see website at <http://www.lifestraw.com>-- which allows for filtering water from any source to remove a significant amount of bacteria and viruses.

"I am hoping to determine on this and on future trips if the product is something the villagers in various Tanzania cities, but especially Bukoba, would be interested in learning to use. My ultimate goal is to determine if access to clean water reduces the incidence of water-borne infectious diseases.

Lieveld also is interested in the transport of clean water from one area to another. WGC's director, Sister Dot Ettling, has mentioned a product called Q-Drum -- see website at <http://www.qdrum.co.za>-- which reduces the burden of transporting clean drinking water.

The pharmacist said she became interested in the mission because she teaches the course, Principles of Public Health for Pharmacists, and has tried to emphasize to the students the importance of being a public health advocate on a global level.

"I explained to the students that I have an interest in one of the basic necessities of life -- clean, drinking water -- one that many of us take for granted, since we are able to turn on

our faucets and the water 'miraculously' appears. This is not true for many parts of the world. I wanted to see for myself what I can do to help those less-fortunate in obtaining potable water."

Wasko is continuing her involvement in an ongoing soybean project in rural Bukoba that Singh began in 2006. The focus of the project is to grow soybeans as a means of creating economic sustainability and thereby improve health and diet quality of the local residents. The project is based on the most recent, and the first, Tanzania Mainland Nutrition Survey (2006) on children under 5 and mothers of child-bearing age. The survey reports data on the nutrition status of children and women by district. Data depicts widespread stunting, wasting and underweight children among other things.

In 2007, graduate student Laura Provenzano joined Singh on the mission, helping to conduct nutritional workshops in villages and classrooms to expand the knowledge of not only working with soy but also incorporating soybean into existing diets.

"The women of the region have successfully harvested the soybean and are knowledgeable of the nutritional benefits," Wasko wrote. "Strategically it is important

to market the harvested soybean crop amongst the local markets for the expansion of the project. Thus, my efforts will be directed toward creating a demand within the region through various marketing strategies. My visit (in July) will include activities such as conducting a one-day workshop for implementing marketing strategies, taking samples of soybean to the local market to distribute, contacting schools and hospitals and visiting surrounding villages to talk to women. My hopes are that the marketing effort will help to increase soybean consumption in the diets, and in doing so improve their health and diet quality in relation to protein consumption. I also hope the marketing effort will also increase the utilization of the soybean crop to greater means such as soy milk production, possibly through vita-goat.

"The benefit of this project is that it is multidimensional in nature as it provides nutrition, agriculture and business. By educating these women we are giving them the means to drive their own success, and their own economy into the future. It is this bottom-up approach that will hopefully instill lifelong sustainability and dependence of the women of the Rural Bukoba Region of Tanzania."

Pastoral Institute celebrates 40th year

Special to the Logos

The Pastoral Institute celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, noting its birth in 1968 as an undergraduate certificate program and its 1972 expansion to the graduate level.

The institute at the university has consistently responded to the educational needs of people in or preparing for lay ministry. Within a flexible curriculum, consistent with adult learning styles, the program encompasses

three areas of study: Scripture, Theology (including the historical, sacramental, liturgical, moral and ecclesial dimensions) and Ministry.

Through the Pastoral Institute, UIW provides an academic program designed to prepare participants to serve competently and effectively in contemporary ecclesial ministries and lay leadership, especially in parish settings, religious education on all levels, catechetical leadership, and youth ministry.

Music workshop features composer

The 13th annual Pastoral Institute-sponsored Workshop in Pastoral Music will feature the founder of the University of Notre Dame Folk Choir in June 27-28 sessions.

The sessions featuring Steve Warner will be 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 27, and 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28, in Our Lady's Chapel.

Warner will focus on "The Voice of the Artist" in the Friday evening session which will be a concert and commentary on sacred music featuring his compositions. Warner has served 28 years as director of the Office of Campus Ministry at Notre Dame.

"The Voice of the Student" will be Saturday's focus where the emphasis will be on the lessons learned, laughs encountered, and songs that have accompanied the ministry of young adults at Notre Dame over the last 25 years.

Participants will have a chance to sing, discuss, compare, and discern the movements of the "present and future of the church," said Sister Eilish Ryan, director of the institute. "Pre-



Steve Warner

sentations will address how music is one of the many ministries which are meant to contribute to a greater whole, to the honor and glory of God and to the building up of the community."

Warner received his bachelor's degree in religious studies from St. Michael's College in Winooski Park, Vt., where he then served as a director of liturgy for two years. He moved to Notre Dame where he earned a master's degree in theology/liturgy in 1980.

Warner joined the Campus Ministry staff at Notre Dame in 1979. Since that time he has continued to build up programs and enhance the integrity of sacred music and worship at the university. With his assistance the liturgical tradition on campus continues to grow, influenced by the presence of the Folk Choir.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE WORKSHOP
To register for the Workshop in Pastoral Music, call the Pastoral Institute at (210) 829-3871 or e-mail Sister Eilish Ryan, the director, at eryan@uiwtx.edu

Ministry Conference set at UIW

"Catechesis as Ministry of the Word" is the focus of a June 20-21 Ministry Conference at Dr. Burton E. Grossman International Conference Center.

Special speakers include Dr. Kathleen H. Brown, director of For-

mation for Ministry and an adjunct professor at Washington Theological Union, and David Orr, a career senior executive with the U.S. Department of Justice.

The conference will emphasize how catechists

and Catholic religious educators are not only teachers, but also ministers of the Word, instruments of the Lord's power and signs of the Spirit's presence, according to a brochure.

"This conference will address how they can make the Word a part of their own lives, as well as the lives of their students, through prayer, story, and poetry. We will explore scriptural texts for the im-

ages and metaphors which speak to our faith, to the deepest longings of our hearts, and to the role of the catechist," a statement read.

Brown, who has a doctorate in spiritual formation from Catholic University of America, is the author of "Lay Leaders of Worship: A Practical and Spiritual Guide" (Liturgical Press), and co-author with Orr of "Companions on the Journey: The Gift of



David Orr

Spiritual Friendship" (DeSales Resource Center).

Orr earned a bachelor's degree in English, with a focus in creative writing, from Northern



Kathy Brown

Arizona University. As an avocation, he writes poetry as a form of prayer, through which God draws near to hearts and shares in our deepest feelings.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE
Registration for the Ministry Conference is \$45 a person. For groups of three or more, registration is \$35 a person.

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