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National Intelligence: “Expect terrorist attack”

Director of National Intelligence Dennis C. Blair, and other intelligence officials, say to expect a “concentrated terrorist attack within the next six months. As al-Qaida affiliates gain in countries such as Yemen and Somalia safer places to meet, the threat of terrorist attacks has become a concern.”

...from Osan to Obama...

Obama and some of the Yemen al-Qaeda group members behind the airliner plot.

However, White House officials are unsure if the bin Laden and al-Qaeda group members behind the airliner plot will stay on radar and a threat to Americans but may not have actually had much influence on the Christmas Day attack.

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Spring

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10 a.m.-6 p.m. in the UIW Rosenberg SkyRoom.

Job fair is free to students, employers, and job seekers.

Check out the UIW Career Services website for a list of attending employers.

Students: Bring your student ID, Resumes and Dress Professionally

Drawing for $100 gift cards will take place for completed student surveys following the job fair.

Iran launches rocket, holiday

Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced and celebrated a new national holiday, Space Technology Day, by launching a rocket with several types of rare animals, flowers, grains, and a mouse into space. This concerns U.S. officials because rockets can be altered into long-range missiles. Ahmadinejad also showed several satellites the nation plans to send into orbit. This is a sign of bigger achievements to come,” Ahmadinejad said. See a video of the rocket launch on www.washingtonpost.com.

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By Rachel Walsh

Spring into 2010 with a new fashion

A new decade among us means not only new clothes but also new shoes, there are a lot of options to consider for spring but the wedge is at the top of the trend list.

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FEATURES

As debates over health care continue to rage on, the relatively new phenomenon of medical tourism, now a multibillion-dollar industry continues to spread internationally. The University of the Incarnate Word is leading the way in medical tourism research.

Dr. David Vequist, a business professor who is the founder and director of the new research center, said UIW is a perfect location for medical tourism. Vequist describes medical tourism as an "outsourcing" of health care. People are increasingly going abroad for health care, predominantly to save money - in many cases, a procedure done outside the U.S. can cost half as much as it would to have it done in the States.

The University of the Incarnate Word has the largest market and highest spending rates of any industrialized country in the area of health care, the biggest market for medical tourism is Europe. People who live in countries such as Britain, France or Germany can relatively easily go to places such as Turkey, Eastern Europe or Asia where it may be cheaper and faster to acquire medical services.

In countries such as Canada and Mexico, people often have to wait long periods of time for medical services, sometimes six months to a year for serious procedures, which contributes to the increasing popularity of medical tourism. An MRI, for example, could involve waiting for months in Canada, but can be done in one day in Poland, Vequist said.

Another reason people go abroad for health care is to receive procedures that are unavailable in their own countries. For example, hip resurfacing, a less-invasive alternative to traditional hip replacement surgery which requires less rehabilitation, is common in Europe but not approved in the United States. Similarly, stem-cell treatments are still controversial in the United States but practiced in places such as Turkey.

The trend of medical tourism also can have negative implications, which the UIW center investigates in the interest of medical care or shopping around for the best deal. For example, health care in the United States due to tort reform, so an increasing number of people from New York, Los Angeles and other places with higher costs are choosing hospitals in Texas cities such as Houston and Dallas. Because health care is becoming more consumer oriented," Vequist says, healthcare providers are making more efforts to attract patients as customers. Some hospitals have begun offering yoga. Other facilities, such as Elite Medical Center and Spa in Stone Oak, social justice. In India, a country destination for Americans seeking health care, many people live in poverty and do not have access to health care, regularly dying as a result, so there is some concern about tourists having priority in receiving medical services.

Serious ethical violations have occurred in the area of organ donation. Because the demand for organs outweighs the supply, they are very expensive, and residents of poverty-stricken areas have fallen victim to people who buy organs such as kidneys in order to make a profit. Since medical tourism leads to increased demand, there is the potential for this kind of exploitation to become more common.

Another example of exploitation is surrogacy tourism, which involves Americans going to countries such as El Salvador in order to find women to act as surrogate mothers, avoiding the legal technicalities and expenses which come with hiring surrogate mothers in the United States. Vequist considers it part of the UIW center's work to expose and counteract such corrupt practices.

Not all medical tourism occurs on an international basis. Avionite tree and spine institute medical tourism also has been growing. People are increasingly opting to go to local clinics with more competition and more tourism opportunities for a "very prestigious" honor for UIW. He is currently the only full-time researcher at the center, but other faculty members, especially from the School of Nursing and Health Professions, and a few graduate students have assisted with research and presentations. Vequist would like to increase student involvement and is teaching a class on medical tourism this spring.

He said the research center could have been located at any major research university in the world, so having it at UIW is "a very prestigious" honor which could help raise UIW's profile as a research institution.

The first medical tourism research conference was held in late January at Marriott Courtyard Riverwalk Hotel.

"It is quite an honor for the UIW community and the City of San Antonio to have an opportunity to host this very distinguished group of thought leaders in what is arguably the fastest-growing industry in the world," Vequist said. "The Center for Medical Tourism Research is very proud to have been involved in this landmark event and now we need to continue to push for more research and intellectual conversation on this controversial and fascinating trend."
Extended Run Players set benefit production

By Ana Clara Rodriguez

LOGOS STAFF WRITER

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Biology instructor Ben McPherson helps out in the Headwaters area bordering the University of the Incarnate Word. For McPherson, who won an ecological stewardship award last year, the area is an outdoor lab for students.

Potential applicants, several announced she would be leaving for several environmental organizations. Having completed a Master of Environmental Science and Policy degree in graduate school, she selected Middlebury College in Vermont because of its renowned environmental ethic, and completed a bachelor’s degree in English with a minor in biology.

Seeking a global perspective in graduate school, she selected Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Science and completed a Master of Environmental Science degree.

Ballou first worked for the Texas Nature Conservancy, and then the Hill Country Foundation. She also served as a intern for several environmental organizations.

Last fall when Halstead announced she would be leaving the Headwaters Coalition and asked for help in locating potential applicants, several of Ballou’s friends forwarded the message to her. Ballou had just completed 12 years of volunteer work, primarily at Bonham Academy where her children attended school, and was seeking full-time employment. She assumed the directorship shortly before the CCVI annual conference, which was held in Mexico City. There Ballou forged commitments between CCVI members across the globe.

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Practical needs of the sanctuary include development of infrastructure such as signage, solar composting toilets, management of invasive plant species, and the addition and maintenance of foot trails. Raising raising funds for these efforts is a major effort. A third-year architectural design studio at the University of Texas at San Antonio students is completing its proposal for a pavilion. An environmental policy and law class from Our Lady of the Lake University is developing an attitudinal survey instrument to raise awareness of litter in special places such as UWS’s campus. The UWI Biology Department is setting up two, 1-acre test plots. On one plot, all non-native species will be removed. If it will be monitored to determine whether native plants will grow when the others are removed. The other plot will feature native plantings as non-native species are removed. The goal is to determine what will be needed to "nurture ecological integrity," Ballou said.

As a service-learning project, Trinity students are removing soil which had been dumped into the Little Blue Hole in Olmos Basin. The Little Blue Hole, the Blue Hole traditional symbolic headwaters, and thousands of springs on this campus, within the CETI Headwaters Preserve, on the Episcopal Archdiocese of West Texas property to the north, and in residential yards across Alamo Heights and Olmos Park, are together the actual headwaters of the San Antonio River. Due to reliance on the underground aquifer as a municipal water source and associated removal of water, the water level is very high enough to cause most of the springs to flow after an exceptional rain event.

The biggest question remains, Ballou said: "What to do with the Blue Hole? What do we want to do with the Blue Hole and its role as symbolic headwaters and the river and its 1,500,000 plus years of history of human habitation?"
OPINION

Change in a different direction

By Raphael Van Gelder
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Someone who once posed naked in Cosmos has now posed naked in the U.S. Senate.

This would be cause for concern in any circumstance, but especially in our current political climate inhabited by the Massachusetts state legislature consisting no longer of the senator who regarded himself as the great legislative hope of the day. It is time. Ted Kennedy, a steadfast Democrat.

Brown, is no longer a Republican, but he also conducted his campaign from his pickup truck and portrayed himself as a cheerleader of the conservative Tea Party movement. So he did win the very local election where modern politics is thought to exist.

Experts are saying it may all be due to the increasing cost of health care reform. At the time President Barack Obama made this move, a senator came to see the Senate at a rally in Massachusetts. I’m sure the millions of Americans who have been waiting in line for health care reform nationwide. Since Massachusetts residents already pay some of the highest taxes in the country, they may be used to the possibility of paying even more for something they already have. By raising the Senate’s Republican Massachusetts residents come very well may have ended Kennedy’s dream of national universal health care, the cause he advanced from the 1960s until his death. A friend of the Kennedy family told the New York Times, “The notion that health care reform might die because Teddy died is very hard to deal with.” So the millions of Americans who do not have access to health care would agree.

Other explanations for Brown’s victory have surfaced as well. Many political analysts and have said Democratic candidate Martha Coakley, attorney general of Massachusetts, did not exactly run an exemplary campaign. She apparently thought it would be a cinch win in a state that she had controlled the election, as did most Democrats. When a Suffolk County judge initially showed Brown in the lead, he made a public announcement, but after polls closed, Coakley and her supporters started to worry.

As the election grew closer, prominent Democrats such as Virginia Kennedy (Ted Kennedy’s widow), former President Bill Clinton and Ernesto Zedillo pitched in with Coakley’s campaign. Obviously, star power does not always work. Brown’s big celebrity attraction was former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

So it was about the anger that the health care mess did not focus on who controlled both Democrats and Republicans, the key to winning. I could not be more thrilled with Coakley, not because she lost, but because former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney – another Republican who won a Massachusetts election – said “This really does change everything, you know that!”

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UTW.edu -- a follow-up

By Rachel Walsh

Oh, hello UTW homepage. Don’t move. I need you to take the bland-looking website over, Blan- clance.

By the looks of things, you still have challenged me from time to time. Oh, but look here: a site for the students to do, to make you a give-a-you a resource. I mean, we can’t just know about something. So if you have a resource and you’d like to do it here, let me know you heard about it. I mean, you have looked around campus?

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Computer Literacy 101

More than just what to click

By Raphael Van Gelder
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You might think “lit- eracy” would be a simple term to define. The fact is, to be literate about technology requires recognizing the meaning of the term is evolving. Other definitions showed up didn’t just mean reading and writing.

Literacy can also be contextual, as biblical, as computer usage. Then there is the degree to which you are literate, as in dis- tinguishing between the functionality and literate.

The U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) defines being literate as knowledgeable to “identify, understand, interpret, create, commu- nicate, compute, and use printed and written mate- rials associated with various contexts. Literacy is a continuum of learning in enabling individuals to achieve their goals, to develop their knowledge and potential, to participate fully in their commu- nity and wider society” from a June 2006 meeting of international experts. A UNESCO report in 2004 describes the plu- rality of literacy as “digital literacy” or “literacy in the digital age.”

It is important to note that although we’ve included the term “digital” in this context, digital literacy is not limited to the digital age. It is not a new concept. The term to define. Not so. In fact, to be literate about computer technologies, not always the domain of the young and beautiful, but the very fact that we have never been able to completely filter, traditional college-aged students are not on the leading edge of computer at all. In fact, things are changing fast now there is a self-generated “digital gap” and traditional college-aged students are not on the leading edge of computer technologies, work, and the world. I also must conduct research to discover if there is any trend in technology and the work they do. I also must conduct research to discover if there is any trend in technology.

I would like to say that I would be able to be able to do some more research on computer trends and lifestyles which I might also share with our students because they will be working with them when they graduate, which will then trickle down to general society, including beyond UTW.

One of my students told me she was not in- spirational to people like the computer, work. Computer technology is too important for any of us to be computer literate, so, I started doing research on computer. In this article, I am writing a series on “computer literacy” in a broader sense that I hope you will find interesting and helpful.

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Computer technology can be very difficult to “see the forest for the trees.” Persons who do not know how we have gotten there but may be less likely to understand better the computer technology can address situations or op- portunities, including being computer aware.
‘Good job’ on graphic

To whom’s idea is this a picture to feature the article “Pedestrian peril” on the front page of the December issue of the Logos. The story and article both really caught the attention of many of the students and faculty, and it certainly is graphic. But you took the photo illustration probably generated the most discussion of any Logos issue in the past four years, and I am proud.

Some commen...
In 1999, history was made when the University of the Incarnate Word established China Incarnate Word. This school is the first American school in the People’s Republic of China where students are able to earn a degree accredited in the United States without leaving China. This school came into existence under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., UIW president, and Dr. Patricia Watkins, vice president for international programs. In the late 1990s, when an unprecedented opportunity became available for American institutions to establish campuses in China, these two individuals seized it, making the first American educational institution in China an international reality.

Since the school was established, it has achieved many important milestones. For instance, in the spring of 2003, the school held its first graduation ceremony, where 38 students received associate degrees. In late July 2010, the milestones will continue to accumulate as another large group of students is scheduled to graduate.

At the graduation ceremonies, students receive an associate or bachelor’s degree. Before these degrees are presented to students, keynote speakers such as AmCham South China President Harley Seyedin reinforce the magnitude of the graduation with an opening speech. Of course, for CIW to achieve its milestones, it has had to rise above many challenges.

“One of the biggest challenges of this operation is that an American school physically based in China has never been done before,” said Ernest Amende, CIW’s lead teacher. “China Incarnate Word is a new initiative, and there is no American-Chinese education reference model. China Incarnate Word and the Chinese schools have to learn from each other as the current model develops,” he said.

Bringing the Western style of education into a Chinese setting also has proven to be tough. With Western education, discussions in the classroom are encouraged and emphasis is placed on critical and creative thinking. However, in Chinese schools, the teacher is the unquestioned expert who lectures as students take notes and listen.

“When new students enter China Incarnate Word, they have to quickly adapt to a foreign style of teaching,” Amende said. “New professors who come to China also have to adapt to a student who is from a different context and culture.” Students often choose to go to CIW because they are able to earn an accredited UW degree without leaving China. This opportunity is possible because U.S.-certified professors teach the courses. Moreover, UW outlines the course curriculums, class materials and textbooks, making CIW’s degree programs, which include international business and international accounting, mirror that of UW.

Educators from the United States travel to CIW to teach the courses, which range from English as a second language to journalism to psychology. For students to receive their chosen degree, they must complete the same degree requirements as students at UW, including community service hours.

The school is looking to grow even larger in the next 10 years. This growth in size will allow the school to provide more degree programs while also serving a larger proportion of the local population. These offerings will continue to enhance the exchange of cultures between the academic and local community and between China and the United States and further UW’s efforts to globalize.

China Incarnate Word students Heaty Hu and Lisa Yin wrote this piece edited by Joseph Kirby, a journalism instructor at CIW who graduated with a business degree from UW and formerly wrote a column for the Logos.
Men lose first game at home

LOGOS SPORTS EDITOR

By Pamela Martinez

The Incarnate Word Cardinals stood second in Heartland Conference play and hope to regain the top seed depending on the outcome of the next five games prior to tournament time.

This past week, a home game Feb. 5 vs. St. Mary's will give the Cardinals a chance to offer payback to the Rattlers who came Jan. 16 to Alice McDermott to take down the Cardinals in a 54-50 loss. The Rattlers now have a 48-38 in Alice McDermott and would like to avenge that game in seven rebounds.

The Rattlers are 16-6 overall and 10-1 in Heartland Conference play as the team nears the next five games prior to tournament play and hope to regain the top seed going into the Heartland Conference Championship.

The team has been 6-5 away. The Cardinals “address our needs at every position,” Coach Mike Santiago said. “We have more than one linebacker coming in because we found more needs at every position,” Coach Mike Santiago said. “We have more than one quality player,” Santiago said. “And, we hit it big on defensive line which will allow us to make some moves from our DBD team to bolster our offensive line.

The 2009 team played its first season last fall, winning its first home game in Benson Stadium and ending the season with a 14-5 record. Playing as an independent the first year, this fall will mark the first season in the Lone Star Conference.

The recruits will help the Cardinals “address our needs at every position,” Santiago said.

The men’s distance medley relay smashed the 2009 provisional national qualify with the program, “Coach Angela Lawson making an immediate mark for the men’s and women’s teams at the University of Houston Indoor Meet.

“I want to give St. Mary’s a lot of credit for their defense,” head coach Angela Lawson said. “They took us out of everything we wanted to do.

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For the first time, Incarnate Word's men's tennis team ranked No. 1 in the South Central region and the players have been working hard to stay there.

"This is the best team I've had in a while," said Coach John Newman, 71, who's been coaching UW men's and women's tennis teams for 19 years.

Senior Francisco Segura led the team to finals in singles at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association while the team of sophomore Alec Weiland and senior Maxime Moreau reached the finals in couples.

"It (captain) is an honorary position that takes leadership," said Newman. Moreau has been captain two years and Euberg one.

When it comes to the team, what works the best is "our friendship," Moreau said. "We are a very big and strong family."

The women's team, which also has been ranked in the ITA, made it to nationals but not as far as the men.

Newman said he relies on his team captains, Maxime Moreau, 22, a senior psychology major from San Antonio, to motivate the rest of the team.

"We all want this to go well, so we all work as a team," Euberg added.

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Eleven University of the Incarnate Word students will be inducted into the McNair Scholars Program at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, in Room 126 of the Joyce Building. The 11 will make up the newest group of scholars who will be engaged in a variety of summer research projects. They later will be assigned UIW professors as mentors.

The goal of the program is to produce people from underrepresented groups who will go on to complete a master's degree and Ph.D., with the intent of furthering research and returning to teach at the college level.

As one of the federally funded TRIO programs, the program is aimed at providing people who are economically disadvantaged and first-generation undergraduate college students with academic and career support in educational endeavors beyond a bachelor’s degree. The program is named for Ronald E. McNair, the second African American astronaut in space and mission specialist on the Challenger mission in 1986.

Components of the program include: an intensive paid summer research internship with a faculty mentor, career and professional development, participation in conferences around the nation, preparation for the Graduate Record Exam and assistance with the graduate school application process. Research that students produce is published annually in the program’s research journal.

**McNair Program adds 11 scholars**

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**GREEK RUSH**

Reels recruits for new year

By Lexi Salazar

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Cardinals get deeper in debt for student debt

By Josh Sanchez
LOGOS CAMPUS EDITOR

The favor surrounding a study that reported University of the Incarnate Word students graduating with nearly $40,000 in student debt has centered on long-simmering issues regarding UIW's financial aid policies.

According to "Student Debt and the Class of 2008," the fourth annual study conducted by the Institute for College Access & Success, UIW was the only private Texas university that made its list for students graduating with high debt at an estimated $40,000.

The institute that conducted the study a Berkeley, Calif.-based nonprofit that researches the availability and affordability of higher education. According to its findings, reasons why schools made the high debt list are "high tuition, inadequate grant and scholarship programs for students with financial need, the cost of housing, and other expenses in particular communities, or the demographic makeup of the graduating class."

Over the holidays, a news story reporting UIW's debt rank appeared in the San Antonio Express-News, prompting a response from Dr. Lou Agnese, UIW president.

"With the national recession, we're mindful students make sacrifices by attending private universities like UIW," Agnese said in his article. "That's why we feature the lowest tuition among the five, largest private universities in Texas. We've added over $2.5 million to the financial assistance budget – part of a record $4 million we've added in assistance this year."

Agnese went on to credit student debt to nursing school, pursuit of five-year accelerated bachelor's-to-master's programs, enrollment in summer and study abroad coursework.

"Even with our efforts to make UIW more affordable, many students have a variety of non-traditional obligations that transcend traditional college needs, such as child care, transportation and military commitments," he stated.

State data from the report shows that in 2008 St. Mary's University students riddled in with an estimated debt load of $31,750. Our Lady of the Lake University with $30,000, Rice University at $29,000, and St. Edward's University climbing the hill at $27,000. The average debt for students attending public and private four-year institutions in Texas is nearly $28,000. The national average is roughly $27,000.

The annual report was split between public and private universities, and was compiled using data from U.S. News & World Report, Peterson's, Wintergreen Orchard House, and College Board.

Not every school submitted data to the surveys, and there are differences in the way schools interpret the survey questions. Additionally, some schools fail to update their figures, and use the same figures multiple years in a row.

"The amount of debt you all graduate with is definitely cause for concern," said Edie Irons, communications director at the institute. "Although you guys aren't the most expensive private school in Texas, graduates are leaving with an alarming amount of debt. nearly double the national average. It could be in your financial aid office isn't offering enough resources...don't use up a student's federal aid or offer private loans too early. Maybe they aren't discouraging private loans enough."

Amy Carcanagues, director of financial assistance at UIW, said 3 percent of the current student body has taken out private loans, translating to roughly 342 students.

"When a student comes in we definitely steer them toward federal and state funds," said Carcanagues. "In a four-year period, students are really feelingolving with federal loans."

Although Cardinals made the high debt list, according to Agnese's response, the default rate on student loans has been below 5.7 percent since 1999.

"I spent my freshman year and a summer at UIW, then a year and a half at Trinity," said re-admitted UIW junior Alfred Macdonald. "Trinity's tuition isn't per year is roughly double that of UIW's. My indebtedness as a result of each school's center part of the ratio."

There remains mixed emotions regarding UIW's new list ranking among students.

"By the time I finish school I'm going to have at least $40,000 price tag on my college degree," said UIW senior Alison McBride. "If I could do it again, I would have started out in a community college and then transferred. You don't know much about loans when you're 18 and want to go to college. Nobody really told me about college debt in high school. I just knew I wanted to go to school and UIW offered theater. I know I paid too much for this degree. I try to think about the debt though, no use worrying myself."

Excerpts from Dr. Lou Agnese's statement on student debt

We pride ourselves on our mission, which is to offer educational opportunities to populations historically underserved by higher education. This means our student body encompasses the entire socio-economic spectrum, which includes students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds that might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend a four-year college. And research shows that students with a bachelor's degree can expect to earn more than those without one.

Let me add that with the country suffering through a recession, we're equally proud of offering the lowest tuition rate among the state's five largest private universities.

We spend time discussing loan options with our students from orientation through graduation. Students are informed about their options for borrowing and repayment, so that they are making solid decisions.

We inform our students about loan forgiveness and loan repayment programs offered by federal, state and private sources.

For over the last three years, Incarnate Word has held to a positive default rate below 5.7 percent or below, which reflects graduates ability to manage their loans.

It's also worth pointing out that many of the colleges do not even report this data, or choose to report federal funds only. In the most recent report, many Texas private schools did not respond to the question.
Attention Cardinals,

If you’re graduating in this economy, ignoring your student loan payments and allowing the bills to rot in the mailbox could seem like a good idea. In this economy, you probably need all the money you can get to maintain an adult life. Moreover, the chances of finding a job during your loan’s grace period is looking grim, and recent college graduates face serious competition from laid-off baby-boomers that can’t afford retirement.

In any case, you probably realize student lenders can’t exactly punch you if you decide to stop paying the bills and might allow yourself to sink in abysmal debt to cover your apartment rent or something as important.

Well, Cardinals, I’m here to tell you to fear the student lenders. Specifically private lenders such as Chase, Wells-Fargo, Bank of America and SallieMae.

So students with private loans, listen up, because although SallieMae can’t physically slap you, she can make you her financial slave.

Let me begin by telling you the power a private lender has over you.

1. Sue
2. Garnish wages up to 25 percent
3. Report delinquency to the credit bureaus and ruin your credit score.
4. Continue to bill and allow interest to accrue during declared bankruptcy.

In other words, they can make you a financial slave. There is almost zero protection from a private lender.

However, if you already have a loan and plan to graduate, listen up. Here is a process that can help you manage a private loan.

First, if you have a federal loan and a private loan, because of the job market, I suggest you defer payments on your federal loan as far back as possible (you can defer up to thirteen years) and begin your adult life by concentrating on repaying your private loan. Private loans have less consumer protection than government loans and the stakes are higher if you fall into default.

Second, if you still can’t afford a private loan payment, call the lender and explain your hardship. Depending on the situation, you might qualify for loan deferment or forbearance, which is an extended grace period to pay back a loan, usually three to six months. With loan deferment, interest doesn’t accrue, while with forbearance it does and it is capitalized (added to the loan balance). Obviously, push for deferment.

Third, if you still can’t pay off a private lender call and ask for consolidation. Consolidation resets the term of the loan, and may reduce the monthly payment. However, there’s a catch. The total interest paid over the lifetime of the loan will increase -- meaning you’ll end up paying more for the loan over time.

Fourth, if worse comes to worse, charge the bill to a credit card. Believe it or not, credit cards offer more consumer protection than a private student loan and are easier to manage. Moreover, if you declare bankruptcy, you are no longer responsible for the bill payments charged.

Private borrowers, I urge you to repay your lenders. You can sit and yell that you didn’t know about the dangerous implications until you’re blue in the face, but the fact remains that bankers have the power to come after you and ruin your life. If you’re still in school, I suggest you try everything in your power to get off a private loan. Quite literally the dangers of defaulting are far too risky.

Just food for thought.

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‘Lady’s Not for Burning’ keeps crowd engaged, surprised
By April Lynn Downing
LOGOS MANAGEMENT EDITOR

‘Crazy Heart’ is a heavy film, following a drunk, washed-up music-artist as he wanders away his life and loses the two people he ever really loved.

It seems like the film would be depressing through and through. However, first-time director Scott Cooper did something quite amazing: adding little bits of humor to lighten the mood before it became too heavy.

‘Crazy Heart’ was shining in its reality-based plot, scenes and star couple Jeff Bridges and Maggie Gyllenhaal playing Bad Blake and Jean Craddock. At the Jan. 26 screening of the movie at the Palladium, audience members wept on the backs of their seats throughout the movie as they grappled with the question of why the characters would continue wandering, wondering if Bad’s sobriety would come too late, and pondering if he would ever get his life on the right track.

The most surprising part of this movie was not in fact the slightly disturbing 90-year-age difference between the star couple, but that Colin Farrell could sing country, and well. While Farrell’s singing abilities were a little hard to take, his low, striking voice almost made you forget the fashion faux pas.

Meanwhile, the movie’s family and town officials have begun gathering for an approaching wedding and are trapped with the predicament of the two-year-old’s wedding—both of which may or may not be arranged in the morning and should somehow be included in the pre-wedding arrangements. This play was written as a response to the emotional and social state of dependence that was left in Europe after WWII,” said Mark Stringham, an assistant professor who’s directing the play.

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‘Lady’s Not for Burning’ shares story behind award winning film
By APRIL LYNN DOWNING
LOGOS MANAGEMENT EDITOR

This film is the director’s medium. Scott Cooper, who has directed the movie after wanting to write and producing movies for many years, is a fan of the cinema. I say that they are all important. As a child actor in Virginia, I knew the world as a director, what is giving it a new lease on life and the characters were also very important.

The Maybeth family is the director’s family. Deliberately lying, Cooper did not really love. But sometimes the right thing is to say that they are all important.

‘Lady’s Not for Burning’ looks inward of Fry’s work opens Fri.
By Blanca Morales

‘Lady’s Not for Burning’ will be showing at the San Antonio theaters and has been awarded for two Oscars (Best Leading Actor and Supporting Actress) last for the season on March 7.

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At The Plaza President's
For Whom the Bell Tolls

Logos win is one of the boldest, highest
faces being hung. I hope you viewers come away with from this movie!

Jen Sosnicki, Director of Casting, said Mark Stringham, an assistant professor who’s directing the play.

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that Trivium needs because I think people what the right combination of it all is, but I scream, but some mixed vocals in be and ya’ll decided to come out with some Slipknot. Every time we do a tour like that, that have stuck with us since like ’05. But definitely seeing our fan base grow and we second half of the tour. The last one we did and country looks the same. But this is our second tour with the band, correct?

AC: And after the Crusaders’ tour, I PG: Well, I mean, I guess the scenery is exactly the same: we've done a lot, a lot of tours. Probably about 800 shows now. AC: 800? PG: Yeah. I can look forward to… it could be up to 77 additional years! We may be young now, but there's no hurt in starting to add a few years early. Tally up your answers to see how many more years of life you can look forward to… it could be up to 77 additional years!

AC and EM: We’re right behind Aus.

AC: We have a lot coming for you. But Be a woman: +3.3 years

AC and EM: Gregoletto!

PG: Greg-Oh-Let-Toe

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