Division I fate in trustees’ hands

Will we or won’t we? The University of the Incarnate Word’s possible bid to seek Division I status in athletics is now in the hands of UIW’s Board of Trustees. Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., UIW’s president for the past 25 years, is going to report the results of a student survey on the issue at the Dec. 9 board meeting. Agnese had said earlier that if UIW goes Division I, a national search for a football coach would be conducted. That search already is under way.

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

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

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

New book chronicles Lou Agnese Jr.’s legacy

As the president of the University of the Incarnate Word, Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr. is the focus of a book about his life and history at UIW since 1985. The board of trustees believed the book would be a great idea to chronicle the history of the university and Agnese to mark his silver anniversary as president. The title of the book is “Lou: From Brooklyn to Broadway, The University of the Incarnate Word’s 25 Years With Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr.”

The author of the book, Dr. Patricia A. Watkins, retired last year as vice president for international programs. She formerly was principal of Incarnate Word High School and dean of the Dreeben School of Education. Agnese asked Watkins if she would take the project of becoming the author to his book. Since Watkins had written a couple of other books, she had experi- ence under her belt.

“He has been with me since 1988 so she has kind of lived through a lot of my time here at Incarnate Word, so she’ll make a good author,” Agnese said.

“We spent a lot of time together over the last year,” Agnese said. Dr. Watkins has also spent a long time with Mickey, my wife, who has lots of scrapbooks, lots of information. A lot of people that have been here since that period of time are still here and have kind of lived through it as well. So Dr. Watkins has probably interviewed a couple hundred people in the writing of the book. So it has been a very interesting voyage,” Agnese said his home- stead to have been selected for the book and he is grateful and excited to.

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

Web Time Entry (WTE) will accurately keep track of time and attendance with little to no human intervention. This will limit errors and improve accuracy — both of which have become concerns with the paper system as the university continues to grow. Some of the benefits of the new Web Time Entry include a reduction in interoffice paper flow, and in timekeeping, officials said.

The new myUIW Portal gives access to WTE. On the portal, users can look up timesheets, paystubs, leave balances, and tax forms. Web Time Entry is also a way for students and staff to be ac- countable for their time worked. The system automatically controls internally for such things as overtime (which must be approved prior).

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

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

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Rosenberg School eyes opportunities to serve

In fall of 2009, the University of the Incarnate Word School of Optometry welcomed its inaugural class of 62 students. Conveniently located in the San Antonio Medical Center, the UIW School of Optometry is the nation’s first and only faith-based program.

The school serves to educate and prepare future leaders in optometry through excellence in education, patient care, vision research and public service within a context of faith and personal development. In 2010, the school received a generous donation of $11.5 million from Sandra and Stanley Rosenberg, named after the school. The generous gift was beneficial to get administrators and student leaders together so that they could share the perspective of students with disabilities and see what it’s like on the campus, and also for them to see what a great difference assistance of technology makes if you have access,” Cywinski said.

Eight groups, each with one administrator and one student leader, went to different places on campus to experience various hardships for students with disabilities. “I guess you just never think about that little thing in the hornet,” Honors Program student Mollmichelle Cabeza said when she was having a hard time going through the pathway to Genesys/Tartan Dougherty Fine Arts Building in a wheelchair. DELL M. Davis, head of public service for J.E. and L.E. Malve Library, tried to use a walker there. She said this challenge gave her greater awareness concerning a lot of things that need to change. Davis said she plans to talk with Dr. Cheryl Anderson, dean of library services, about some of the recommendations, such as “the small things: like table height, door openers and all types of things to make accessibility possible for our students with disabilities.”

There could be adaptable tables for people in wheelchairs, Davis said. “We don’t have enough money to buy a lot of things, but we can put them on our waiting list,” Davis said. “We are aware of things, and after we are aware of them, we definitely put them on the list to pursue them so that we won’t have these barriers.”

The demand for eye care is projected to rise with the overall aging U.S. population as a consequence of age-related changes in eye health and visual status. Additionally, many states are implementing initiatives requiring vision examinations for children prior to school enrollment. As the rate of diabetes and diabetic eye disease has risen to epidemic proportions in the U.S., the public’s need for optometric care will continue to increase in San Antonio as well as throughout the country. Graduates of the University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry can look forward to a rewarding career in serving patients to retain or regain their most important human sense: sight.

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

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

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

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

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

The film, shown at the event told the story of a young boy named Tony who, just like many others, was growing up in a war zone. Young children, a child’s right, were forced to flee from their homes in the late hours of the night in search of refuge from Kony and the LRA who have caused a widespread of torture, rape, several massacres and the use of child soldiers to abduct children.

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

The optometrist presiding over these exams is Dr. Elaine Rosenberg, director of the University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry.

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

The optometric pretest covering these exams is Dr. Elaine Rosenberg’s who charged $20, which is the usual price of eye exams across the city. Students don’t have to have insurance from the school to get the exam. All they have to do is bring the money and a student ID.

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

Not only are the eye examinations at a low cost, the optometry school, 9255 Draptor Drive, also provides contact lens examinations at 30 percent off the regular price for students, and contact lenses at 25 percent off the regular price. At that location students can also get a pair of glasses for $45 if they are single lenses.

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

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

“By getting my eyes examined here on campus rather than somewhere else because it’s really affordable and convin- ent,” Barrett said.

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Invisible Children’s biggest supporters are high school and college students around the globe. Invisible Children has recruited thousands of activists, visionaries, and humanitarians to raise millions of dollars that are raised to help save these children and their families from the war. Donations also would benefit the “LRA Crisis Tracker,” Invisible Children’s Early Warning Radio Network.

“I know a monthly donation sounds like a big commitment but it will help someone live a better future in the Congo,” Collins said. “These donations help local communities communicate with each other to let them know when the LRA will attack.”

Garcia hopes the event will motivate students to be a part of history and bring UIW students closer to the organization’s mission.

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

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

The holiday season is typically seen as a time filled with all types of romance. Whether it is the love for your significant other or not, it is a time to express your gratitude to those around you. While you may not have the time or the energy to be romantic with every person you encounter, it is a great time to show appreciation for others.

The feeling of gratitude and appreciation is a very safe and happy holiday season. Even if you are not in a relationship and you are not appreciated enough, you can still show your appreciation. Even if you are not in a relationship and you are not appreciated enough, you can still show your appreciation.

Another warm feeling that comes with the holiday spirit is the feeling of gratitude and appreciation. Valuing the people you have around you and loving them for being in your life lifts everyone’s spirits, whether they have a significant other or not. If there is one thing I've noticed most about couples, it's that they are not appreciated enough. With that being said, I hope you take the time to look at your relationships and to appreciate them. Turn the time to tell your significant other how much you love them or tell your neighbor how their friendly wave brightens your day. Even if the holiday season is not as stereotypically cheerful for you as it is for others, why not make it so? Appreciate what and who you have in your life.

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

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If you want to change a taillight bulb, you have to remove the plastic casing that covers your taillights. Carefully pull off the casing and place it to the side. After that, you will have to remove the nuts and bolts. Once the bulb is removed, you will have to put the taillight back in place. Now you will have to do is to twist the bulb out. You should see the plastic casing and clips back on.

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

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Men’s soccer team falls in playoff run

By Joe Clark-Vestner

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

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

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

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

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

Fidler finished the season with an 11-3-3 record and 16 shutouts to his name. Several seniors finished their collegiate careers but saw the team get nationally ranked in the season.

He was also named the 2011 Daktronics All-South Central Region First Team along with teammates Callum Riley, Vincent Bailey and James Nero.

Riley, another senior, was an LSC Offensive Player of the Year for the second time in a row. He led the Cardinals in points (20) and goals (5) and tied for second on the team in assists (four).

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

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

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

The Cards had adios to seniors Estrada, Fidler, Riley, Langford, Ganderson, Riley, Edger Aburto, Jesus Cortes, Alexander Deitz, Carlos Gonzalez, Jon Stephenson and Stefan Vitez.

Women’s team places eighth in LSC poll

By Jarrod Leit Logos Staff Writer

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

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Men’s soccer team falls in playoff run

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Riley, another senior, was an LSC Offensive Player of the Year for the second time in a row. He led the Cardinals in points (20) and goals (5) and tied for second on the team in assists (four).

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Women’s team places eighth in LSC poll

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Five get academic, athletic accolades

By Jarrod Leit Logos Staff Writer

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

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

CCA President Birch Raymond said Jewasko’s “…extraordinary accomplishments exemplify the balance of academics and athletics that is the hallmark of Division II.”

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

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

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Women's basketball

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

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

Coming off a challenging 2010-11 schedule and a 9-17 overall record, the Lady Cards still managed to pick up a few accolades in the 2010-11 season. Wallace, a transfer from Temple Junior College, was selected to the 2010-11 Lone Star South Division Honorable Mention Team, as well as Cooke. Both key players in the 2010-11 season with Wallace, a senior who displayed 341 points, an average of 12.1 per game. Cooke, a 5-6 junior from Marble Falls, averaged 10.1 points per game and made a total of 33 three-point shots during 2010-11, the most on the team. Cooke was also selected as an LSC South Division Offensive Player of the Week in December 2010.

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

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

Swimming

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

Men's basketball

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

Club sports enters picture

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

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

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

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

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

University of the Incarnate Word students can access their student organiza-
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An estimated 7,000 people packed Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium and the areas outside its fences for the 25th Annual Light the Way celebration, on Saturday, Nov. 19.

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

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

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

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

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

Before the event kicked off, the St. Anthony Catholic High School Jazz Band with special guest singer Sarah Centeno performed. The Rev. Thomas Dymski, campus chaplain, led the crowd in prayer. Choirs from Incarnate Word High School, St. Anthony Catholic School, and St. Peter Prince of the Apostles performed as did UIW’s Chorale and Marching Band. Legendary Tejano musician Patsy Torres, also a UIW student about to earn her doctorate, brought the event to a close singing several musical numbers with UIW students Teala Chance and Jacob Smith.

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

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

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

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

“I love it,” said retiree Katherine Winiecki, who has been to “Light the Way” three times. “It made everybody become a child. It also makes you feel like there is hope, when everybody can come together of all nationalities and just share the joy and the beauty of something. I love the lights. I love the way they made kind of a trail. What I really enjoy the most is to see the children. They’re just enamored. I appreciate it very much that the college still does something -- even though in this very bad economy. This gives people hope.”
The 25th annual 'Light the Way' brought thousands to the holiday-lighting spectacle that began with a Mass, then moved to Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium. After the lights came on, a crowd holding lit candles walks around campus, some toward a reception at Brackenridge Villa, but most just taking the chance for many photos.
Local masterpieces set for UIW arts, crafts sale

Art, jewelry and ceramics from local artists will be featured at a Christmas Art and Craft Sale set 8-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the University of Incarnate Word.

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

“Christmas Carol” makes return run

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

On Christmas Eve Scrooge is visited by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, who warm his hardened heart.

Rendering by Professor Margaret Mitchell.

The story focuses on Ebenezer Scrooge, a lonely old miser who believes Christmas is a “Bah, humbug” experience.

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

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

The Dec. 11 show is sold out.

“My favorite part of the show is seeing Ebenezer Scrooge transformed into a better man,” said Spring Graciano, a UIW junior studying administration of justice.

Incredibly Close

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Rated: PG-13

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Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

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The Adventures of Tintin

Dec. 21

Look for: Jamie Bell, Daniel Craig

Genre: Family, Animation

Rated: PG

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Dec. 31

Look for: Meryl Streep, Harry Connick Jr.

Genre: Drama

Rated: Not Yet Rated

For more information, contact T eresa Northway at 210-829-3280 or the8049@gmail.com.

Annual Red Dress Pageant slated for Valentine’s Day

The annual Red Dress Pageant, a fashion show and health awareness function, will be in Genevieve Tarleton Dougherty Fine Arts Building.

“We are having celebrity guest-speakers, Ursula Port, of KSAT 12 San Antonio speak at the event,” said D r. Melinda Adams, an associate professor of fashion management.

These models participated in the 2011 Red Dress Pageant at Mary Montessori Hall. This year, models will walk the runway in Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14, 2012, wearing red apparel designed by fashion students. The pageant also is used to spread awareness to the dangers of heart disease in women.

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

Humans in a life-size dress designed by UIW students will model garments on Valentine’s Day.

According to Ball, “this year, our main focus is people.”

Artists dressed as the characters in “A Christmas Carol” will wal...
I remember reading a projection in the latter part of the last century to the effect that this century will be known for biotechnology and virtual reality. I am more inclined to thinking that virtual reality will be known for the effects of climate change and population growth and shifts, but certainly on the technology side, I would agree with that projection side.

In the late 1990s, though, I remember wondering how we would get there. Virtual reality-wise. On the biological side, scientists were using breakthroughs to improve DNA base pairs and a draft of the human genome was announced in 2000, many years ahead of when we thought we would be there (completed in 2003).

But virtual reality was a clunky helmet in a video arcade. So what has changed? A lot, with more coming soon.

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S.T.A.R.S (Students Teaching and Advocating for Responsible Self-growth) has been marking the 36th Great American Smokeout on Nov. 17 by encouraging smokers to use this date to quit, or plan to quit. Being a smoker myself (don’t tell anyone), I gazed over the pamphlets thinking, “We think we are beginning to realize smoking is no longer an accepted public activity.”

However, more than half of these smokers have attempted to quit for at least one and when it matters. In this article I continue the discussion of what it means to be face-to-face and if and when it matters. I am writing a series of articles about virtual environments, which I have defined as any technology that enables us to communicate other than face-to-face, in-person. In this article I continue the discussion of what it means to be face-to-face and if and when it matters.

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

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

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