UIW accepts Southland invitation

By Adrian Leal

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

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

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

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

“It’s a legacy now headed for Southland. We are truly blessed to be joining such an outstanding conference like the Southland,” said Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., Southland Board Chairman Dr. Baker Pattillo said he was honored upon receiving UIW’s acceptance of the SLC offer and looks forward to a beneficial partnership with UIW.”

Game planning tests university

By Caitlin McKinney

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Coordinator: Phonathon help can lead to 30 jobs

Special to the Logos

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

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

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

“I’m excited about this year’s Phonathon,” said Greener. “It begins on Sunday, Sept. 29, and goes through Thursday, Oct. 4.” Greener said AT&T has agreed to loan us about 50 cell phones so we can reach out to our alumni so we can ask for their financial support. We have recruited a record number of student volunteers.”

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

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

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precipitation to handle crowds and the traffic, Colunga said. “We also coordinate with SAPD to assist with the exit of our crowds at the end of true time.”

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

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

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

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

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

Meetings are the very beginning of planning. Subjects about schedules, media coverage and outside aspects are discussed and planned. Not only do the staff have to consider everything that needs to be done with the stadium, but there are also other organizations that need to complete the full college football experience. The cheerleaders, the band and dance team are all associated with having complete success at games. And fans expect everyone to be right and don’t want to hear about dealing with any problems such as dirty restrooms or troubled parking spots.

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

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

“We have to make sure we have a set plan for safety and efficiency,” Lee Fox, assistant to the president for community relations and campus security, said. “There is always ‘What if’ and we have to be prepared for that.”

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up to 70 student callers.

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

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

Although faculty, staff and some alumni also assist in calling places, the majority are made up of students.

“The community has chipped in by helping us feed the volunteers and other businesses have provided wonderful caller incentives and achievement rewards,” Greener said. “Everyone really can put the best to good use right away. We plan to have about 35 of our best volunteers so we can continue the program into November. These are exciting times.”

In case of an emergency, use text rather than call

Evacuation horns that are connected to the campus public address system are used to alert campus residents to evacuate.

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

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

On Sept. 11, 2003, three things happened which hampered emergency responders. First, Verizon and AT&T both lost a cell tower in one of the Twin Towers. Second, it was determined millions of people from around the country jammed the phone lines and cell phone towers trying to find loved ones. Third, rescue operations were hampered by the loss of one communications tower in one of the Twin Towers. When emergency workers were unable to use radio communications, they resorted to cell phones.

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

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

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

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

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

At the workdays, students also will get to enjoy free breakfast, participate in games and possibly win prizes. After the workdays, student organizations can compete for prizes offered in the Oct. 20 “Light the Way Display Board Plant Day and Competition” that will be conducted 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Dubuis Lawn. Organizations have until Sept. 28 to register for the contest. The boards also are displayed around the campus during “Light the Way.”

The boards’ design must reflect the organization’s interpretation of “Light the Way.” Rice said.

Correction

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

The Logos erroneously reported freshman football player Joseph Sadler was the holder of two national records and received a magazine’s commemoration for high school player of the week when he played for the Divine High School Warhorses. The Logan regrets the error.

Attacks against Amazon tribe

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

Israel not guilty in peace activist’s death

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

Hijack situation in Dutch airport

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Curtains to open on ‘The Last Five Years’ in Coates Theatre

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

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

Those auditioning for the musical had to perform 16 to 32 measures of a Broadway show-tune, preferably from Brown’s play which premiered in Chicago in 2001 and was then produced Off-Broadway in 2006. It’s billed as “an emotionally powerful and intimate musical about a man and a woman who fall in and out of love with each other over the course of five years.”

Mark Stringham, an assistant professor of theatre arts and director of the play, chose Diego Fresquez to play rising Chicago lawyer Jamie Wellerstein and Amanda Rosenberg professor, student receive honors from Optometry Groups

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

Dr. Philip Amstutz was named “Member of the Year” at the 2012 National Optometric Association convention in Toronto. This award is presented to NOA optometrists who display the most interest in and concern for the welfare of patients and the help of students in the different schools of optometry as voted by the NOA executive council and NOA members.

Rosenberg has the largest NOA chapter in the nation.

Student Salma Kiani has been awarded $1,000 in the 2012 Hoya Vision Care Grant and Scholarship Program and all-expense-paid trip to the American Optometric Association convention over the summer in Chicago. She also got $200 spending money and a 16 GB iPad Wi-Fi.

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

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

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

Instructor's stop-bullying app receives USA Network grant

A technology instructor at the University of the Incarnate Word whose work has helped students develop a smartphone application to curb bullying has been named a USA Network Characters United winner.

Tommie M. Porter, the CEO and founder of Apptitude, an app development company specializing in smartphone applications, said the competition, launched “to harness the power of technology to put an end to bullying,” Porter, 40, is one of 10 honorees from the hundreds that were nominated on charactersunited.com in February “to shine a spotlight on the issue of bullying prejudice and discrimination,” according to the cable network.

An $8,000 grant from USA Network, and featured on- air to announce and online at charactersunite.com.

‘Characters Unite’ winners

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

Dr. Joseph Stewart Jr., a professor in the Department of Political Science at UIW, will discuss “Presidents, Justices, and the Constitution” at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, in J.F. and L.E. Mahé Library Auditorium.

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

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


Research to view presidential politics for Constitution Day

When he was named “Mentor of the Year” at the Academy of Southern Regional Office. He was honor- a second ticket for a guest at the $8 discounted rate. Ticket prices are $10 for adults, $9 for UIW students with I.D., $7 for groups of 10 or more.

Seniors, $8 for non-UIW students with I.D., and $6 for special education students.

To attend free with I.D., but may purchase a second ticket for a guest at the $8 discounted rate.

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

“Bullying is a serious problem that is growing in number and severity in the United States, Canada and South America. It is growing in number and severity in the United States, Canada and South America. It is growing in number and severity in the United States, Canada and South America.

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

Since 2009, Porter, a native of Vicks- burg, Miss., has been working at UIW. Formerly serving at UIW, he served 10 years in the Army. He was injured in a bomb explosion and was medically dis- charged as a sergeant in his first class.

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‘Meet the Greeks’ beckons newcomers

By London Prince
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Our mission is to help build better men through leadership and opportunity,” said member Tab Eliot.

“We have unique individuals in our club that can help students through and after college. We are working diligently to recruit high-quality members. We are hoping to doubling our active membership very soon. So be sure to keep an eye out for us on campus. You never know what amazing event the Chi Phis have planned next.”
Peru experience leads to ‘global understanding’

By Ana D. O’Connor
Special to the LOGOS

‘Meet the Mission’ scheduled Sept. 21

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

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

As a volunteer, the first step is to prepare six months in advance for the trip. I met with the WGC staff to develop and prepare for the sessions to be conducted. A key component is to understand our roles and responsibilities. We entered into our immersion trip to Chimbote, Peru, with the understanding our participants came with their knowledge, beliefs and an amazing desire to learn more. Our role was to merge what we had to offer with our participants and visiting the people who have been there before. I did get a book, and through meetings with the WGC and the sharing of pictures I was able to get some information on Chimbote. Yet, the experience of being in Peru cannot be found in a book or on a website. Until I was walking the streets, visiting with our teachers, and visiting programs, I didn’t get the true beauty of Peru and her people could not be fully appreciated.

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Back-to-school fashions follow seasonal trend

By Gayle Bustamante

Editor's Desk:

Back in the days when we were in school, we would be looking forward to the new school year. The back-to-school shopping was always exciting, and we would love to wear our new clothes as soon as possible. Now, with the start of the new school year, we are reminded of those good old days.

As we prepare for the new school year, we are reminded of the importance of safety on the roads. It is crucial to be aware of our surroundings and follow the rules of the road to prevent accidents. The following are some safety tips:

1. Always wear a seatbelt and ensure that your children do the same.
2. Drive defensively and be aware of your surroundings.
3. Keep a safe following distance.
4. Avoid using a cell phone while driving.
5. Avoid alcohol and drugs.
6. Be patient and allow other drivers to merge safely.
7. Obey traffic signs and signals.
8. Keep a safe speed and adjust it according to the conditions.

By following these safety tips, we can prevent accidents and ensure a safe and enjoyable back-to-school experience.

UIW participates push for peace in Mexico

Nearly 100 people – among them members of the University of the Incarnate Word Community – pushed for peace and an end to violence in Mexico last Friday as part of a similar rally.

Students, teachers and staff from the University of the Incarnate Word and Incarnate Word High School were among those helping to welcome, serve food, lead quiet prayers in English and small group discussions, and lead prayer and a vigil during the Caravan for Peace with Justice and Beauty in St. Leonard's Park.

"I'm, 15, two hours bearing about a 100 people from Mexico stopped in San Antonio. The riders were mostly family members of persons who had been killed or kidnapped in Mexico," said Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Autumn Mokeridge of the UIW students.

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

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

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

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

Stretches To Do At The Gym

Gastroc (Calf) Stretch

This area is often stretched during a physical therapy session. A proper position can be achieved by standing with one hand on the wall and holding your other leg in front of you. The leg should be parallel to the ground. This position will allow you to stretch in multiple directions.

Snatch Stretch

This stretch is designed for the legs and can be performed in a standing or sitting position. The legs should be stretched as far as possible. This stretch can be achieved by sitting on the floor with your feet flat on the ground and your hands on your thighs.

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Cigarette butts dirty campus

By Rachel Cujavtse

The trees around J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library are mulched in cigarette butts. They pile up in the leaves above the concrete drainage ditches until a gully washer comes along to clean them away.

“We’re well aware that there are smokers,” said Dr. Cheryl Austad, dean of library services. “We have had students complain of the smoke.”

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

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

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

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

A Student Government Association poll found 74 percent of 181 participants want more restrictions on smoking (campus, as reported in the minutes of the Sept. 29, 2010, meeting. Similar surveys were used in the Alamo Community College District, which has a current enrollment of 62,400, before the district, all five of its colleges, all satellite campuses and district property went smoke-free five years ago.

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

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

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

St. Philip’s instructional skills specialist Jamie Miranda, who teaches the college’s developmental English laboratory courses, said she has considered UIW’s smoking on campus, starting with changes on the southeast corner of campus near faculty parking or near the entrances of buildings. As a result, I often have to pass by smokers on my way to class or work. I end up having to use my inhaler once I am inside.”

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

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

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

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Fencing joins lineup through new center

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Hopefully, we can blow past those predictions and finish higher than we have our first two years in the league. This is a very strong league so any finish in the top half can be considered a successful finish,” Volleyball Coach Jennifer Montoya begs to differ with the poll as far as her team is concerned.

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

“Of course, I have a completely different opinion of our team this year,” Montoya said. “Yes, we lost about half of our team. However, we have several players this year that will fill the gaps. Transfer Chetina Chavez (a senior from Houston) will be a big presence at the net both offensively and defensively. Returners Beth Sodecek (a junior from Helton, Texas) and Stephanie Romero (a senior from Houston) are expected to contribute offensively along with redshirt freshman Angelique Vidaurri (San Antonio), who we could not utilize last year. Angelique has had an entire year to train and mature. We have seen her game really improve.

By the end of our spring season, she was a dominant force at the net, raising the level of play in our gym. We will look to returning senior, Lydia Winch (Smithson Valley, Texas) to lead our defensive effort. Senior setter Danielle Stane (San Antonio) will be a big presence at the net as well.

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

Men’s soccer player earns preseason prize

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

Nero, a defender from Charlotte, N.C., was a key piece of the Cardinals team that advanced to the third round of the NCAA Division II Championship and finished 14–3–3 on the year. He helped the defense post 10 shutouts, while scoring twice to earn All-LSC first team acclaim.

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UIW students to present research

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

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

UIW’s scholars, their majors, home- towns, topics and mentors include:

- Paul Aranador, a biology major from Katy, Texas, on “Generation of Agglutinin-like Sequence (ALS) Mutants in Selected Clinical Strains of Candida tropicalis.” His mentor is Dr. Ana Vallor, an assistant professor of biology.
- Judith Arriaza, a mathematics major from San Antonio, on “Growth Patterns in Henry Bonilla Science Hall. A 2:15 p.m. presentation will involve more than 100 McNair Scholars, faculty and staff.

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Vendors draw many to market

By Angela Hernandez

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Emily Knife, a bartender at Lion & Rose British Restaurant and Pub, said the establishment has the “only smoking-allowed restaurant in San Antonio, having Tuesday night trivia and ‘Pint Night’ — when a customer buys a pint they get to keep the glass at no charge.”

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

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

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

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

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Raid VII
Rated PG-13
Starring: Jai Courtney
Genre: Action

Sept 17
The Gold Light of Day
Rated PG-13
Starring: Maria Bello, Olga Kurylenko
Genre: Action, Thriller

Sept 21
Finding Nemo: 3-D
Rated PG
Starring: Ellen DeGeneres, Albert Brooks
Genre: Animation

Sept 24
Rango
Rated PG
Starring: Andrew Garfield, Jeff Bridges
Genre: Animation

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

The scheduled topics include:

- **Sept. 14:** “Informal Writing,” 1-2 p.m., Room 119.
  - Presented by Amanda Johnson, director of the Writing and Learning Center.
  - Description: Short writing tasks can help students think more clearly about material they are reading or writing about. Participants will be given writing prompts that can be used in multiple ways, but that do not require extensive planning.

- **Sept. 19:** Open House, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Room 201.
  - Description: Meet the CTL staff. Snacks. Meet Sonia Josa, director of the Directions and Connections Center.

- **Sept. 25:** “Making Learning Engaging,” 1-2 p.m., Room 230.
  - Presenter: Jessica Martinez-Palacios.
  - Description: Learn some strategies for making a Blackboard site more user-friendly for both students and instructor. Matrix will illustrate some capabilities with before-and-after versions of a site. The design suggestions, based on the “Quality Matters” rubric, work for traditional, blended and online formats.

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

- **Oct. 6:** “Writing Your Teaching Statement,” 4-6:45 p.m., Room 478. Nov. 5, in Feik School of Pharmacy, and noon-1:15 p.m., Nov. 6, Room 1107.
  - Description: This class is designed for junior and senior faculty members who are interested in writing a teaching statement.

- **Oct. 10:** “Virtual Environments, Simulations and Real Life – Part II,” 1-2 p.m., Room 201.
  - Presenter: Phil Youngblood.

**Virtual environments, simulations, and real life – Part II**

By Phil Youngblood

“Virtual environments, simulations and real life are not really the same thing. This is an absolute shared ‘real life’.”

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

“My argument was that because we view the world through our experiences, the way we interpret concepts such as ‘virtual’ is different in different worlds, the virtual environment of our minds, so there is no such thing as ‘real life.’”

“The reason I broached this was because inevitably when I suggest using technology-created virtual environments (ways we communicate and interact with other people, place and time) to conduct research, learning or other purposes, I am told these experiences are not ‘real life,’ which means they are not ‘face-to-face’ (f2f) and are therefore of inherently lesser value. The explanation is usually that virtual communications lack body language and a tactile experience to that even talking face to face with a real person is a high-resolution screen in which body language is apparent. It would not be considered by them the same as talking face to face.”

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

“Throughout this article I have tried to provide examples of virtual environments that require body language or a tactile experience, but most teaching and learning (and training and meeting) does not require this.”

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