ATTENTION, STUDENTS: YOU’VE GOT CARDINAL MAIL – LOOK AT IT

By Diandra Escamilla

LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Students, if you’re not checking your Cardinal Mail, you could be missing something important.

Cardinal Mail is UIW’s answer to staying connected and sharing official communications such as bills, course registration and award letters with students rather than trying to keep up with myriad, non-Cardinal Mail addresses.

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ZOMBIE PIC SETS PREMIERE

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using mostly Incarnate Word students for his cast and crew, senior Bryan Ortiz is unveiling his “Doctor’s Revenge” at 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28.

The world premiere of “Re-Animator” is the climax of a San Antonio Film Festival that began with the showing of eight short films in The Artex on the River, 21 E. Commerce St. (corner of Commerce and North St. Mary’s.

Ortiz, a theatre arts major, spent about seven months shooting and editing his film featuring an anti-hero, Dr. S, who ends up killing the students of zombies that have become “infected.” Dr. S doesn’t want to save the world, but has to in order to save himself.

Ortiz describes his full-length film as “evil Dead” meets "Smiley" Leiva; a communication arts major at UIW.

Almost the entire movie was shot on campus, including the Headwaters apartments, University Housing and Heritage Hall.

Garages and UIW docks are two areas students use to get around campus.

UIW News Editor

By Jessica Ramos

If you’re hearing a siren this week, don’t be alarmed. It’s not your imagination.

Incarnate Word officials are testing emergency sirens sporadically throughout the week, said Doug Endsley, vice president of business and finance. As soon as an emergency notification plan that the University implemented when its president, has directed is complete, the community will be informed what the protocol or bursts will mean, Endsley said.

The sirens and the implementation of a Red Alert emergency telephone system are in response primarily to last spring’s Virginia Tech shootings that sent a clear message that colleges and universities need to re-evaluate their emergency procedures and preventive tactics.

Agnese issued a statement addressing campus safety follow ing recent shootings at Jacksonville State University shootings.

In the event of a worst-case scenario, such as a shooting, Agnese said the campus will immediately lock down. During a campus lockdown, necessary emergency procedures, such as security evacuations and containment, will be in place to assure the safety of students, faculty and staff. Details of this protocol are also being finalized.

UIW faculty also are being asked to be on the alert for possible troubling situations, Endsley said.

“Faculty [has] a good track record with recognizing students in distress and working with student services in dealing with possible disturbing situations,” he said.

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PHARMACY CLASS GETS WHITE COATS

By Anthony Ibarcena

LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The School of Pharmacy Class of 2011 took part in the annual White Coat ceremony on Friday, September 14 in the WJ Rosenberg Sky Room.

At the ceremony, the entire class of 96 – 59 women and 37 men – received their white coats, a mark of considerable importance and unification in the world of pharmacy.

Led by Dr. Arcelia Johnson-Panizz, dean of the school, they pledged publicly their devotion to the best patient care.

The white coat symbolizes professionalism and the dedication to the first year in the pharmacy program. It also marks the transition from pre-pharmacy to pharmacy followed by all who journey along the path of pharmacy academia. I remember the feeling of honor in the world of pharmacy.

In 2003, UIW found itself having to support four to five e-mail systems. The numerous changes in e-mail addresses of faculty members and students caused considerable confusion when it came to effective communication.

“Many students, although encouraged, failed to let the Registrar’s Office know about e-mail account changes,” said Dr. Denise Doyle, vice president of academic and student affairs. “We had been searching for a consistent way to communicate with our students.”

In late 2005, the university discovered a solution: Cardinal Mail. This is the university’s very own e-mail system that has finally connected students and faculty together by giving them similar e-mail addresses.

However, some students have not entirely opened up to Cardinal Mail, using their personal e-mail addresses to communicate with professors, school officials and students. School officials face the challenge of getting these students to warm up to their Cardinal Mail accounts.

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UIW notes

Heritage, Peace Days

By Jessica Ramos

LOGOS NEWS EDITOR

Incarnate Word’s October agenda is serving up two major events: Heritage Week and Peace Day.

Heritage Week, the week of Oct. 15, is the celebration of the history and heritage of UIW and its founders. The 21st annual Peace Day, Oct. 31, explores diverse ways to promote universal peace in remembrance of a UIW alum.

On Heritage Day, Oct. 15, UIW will be celebrating the heritage of the University of the Incarnate Word through a variety of events.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the events.

On Peace Day, the university will be hosting a series of events to promote universal peace.

For more information, visit the UIW website or contact the Office of Marketing and Communications at 210-357-7320.
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Because increasing numbers of students graduate and enter on a yearly basis, this switch requires a change of mindset and this change will not happen overnight, Doyle said, estimating it will take at least two or three years to adopt a full change in behavior.

On average, some UIW students said they check their Cardinal Mail accounts about once a week.

"If my professors required that they communicate class information through my Cardinal Mail, I would definitely check it more often," said Alex Sema, senior class senator.

Cardinal Mail contains features that many students might not be aware of because of infrequent use. Features, such as global address lists, carry contact information for all students and faculty at UIW.

"I like the fact that Cardinal Mail has this feature because it has helped me contact classmates when they were not reachable by phone," nursing major Angie Cortez said.

Parlett estimates there is a 60 percent usage. But however the numbers are manipulated, officials would like to see this number grow.

Aside from efficient academic communication, checking school e-mail has its perks. During the spring, the National Survey of Student Engagement is sent out to students via Cardinal Mail. At this time, students may receive some compensation for checking their mail.

"There are three to four prizes given out by drawings for answering the survey," said Doyle.

If picked, students are notified through their school e-mail.

The university would like to make the changes necessary to create a more efficient and effective way to communicate with students.

"New ideas are being considered, such as a text messaging service," said Parlett. "Although it is expensive to implement, it will be considered around the fall of 2009."

Up until this point, students have never been required to check their Cardinal Mail accounts. Recently, however, a change has been made. Incoming freshmen are now required to communicate with their professors through their Cardinal Mail accounts. The First Year Engagement Office really pushes and emphasizes this as an effective way of communication.

"Personal e-mail addresses change, snail-mail addresses change," said Doyle. "The only thing that won’t change is your Cardinal e-mail address."

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with issues," Endsley said.

Endsley also urged students to report any behavior that raises concern and to be aware of their situation and environment. "Resident students should not prop open residence hall doors that should otherwise remain closed and be aware of strangers ‘tailgating’ when they access secured facilities," he said.

Campus police will also provide an escort service to students concerned about their safety, Endsley noted.

With UIW in the final stages of implementing its emergency protocol, Endsley asserts that "university students are safe [and] need to exercise common sense, and be aware of their situation and environment while on the campus."

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UIW traces its roots to the founding of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word on Nov. 15, 1899, the cornerstone of which began the tradition.

A ceremony honoring the founders kicks off the celebration at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 15. Other events that day include a sponsored cookout in the Plaza; noon Mass in Lourdes Grotto; an employee recognition ceremony at 3 in the Chapel of the Incarnate Word, followed by a reception at Brackenridge Villa. Other key features of the week will be UIW Story Hour, where alumni tell stories of their UIW experience; and the Heritage Day Campus Landmark Contest, with prizes as high as $100 for student groups who capture the best picture of a UIW landmark.

This year marks the 21st annual Peace Day at UIW. Peace Day promotes an open dialogue among individuals over controversial issues in a non-violent manner and uses peace as a way to create a more tolerant and understanding social environment. Peace Day also pays homage to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was murdered by a homeless man after offering him shelter in his home.
Sisters eye headwaters restoration

By K. Angel Horn
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

As a generation of students, we have to be aware of the dangers of climate change head-on, the resources of clean water and air-filtering trees are quickly becoming as valuable as a quality education.

Fortunately for students at the University of the Incarnate Word, the Blue Hole, a natural spring that bubbles up from the Edwards Aquifer and feeds into the river is, in addition to uniquely beautiful and clean, a historically sacred site. It is a lesser-known fact the campus is embedded in the headwaters of nearly 53 acres of urban forest protected as an archeological historical site by the University. The Blue Hole.

While the rest of the campus is fair game to real estate development, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, in conjunction with the University, formed the Headwaters Coalition to ensure the ecological preservation of this undeveloped area.

The coalition is a non-profit composed of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Native American students, the University and others who use the area for many years. The coalition was formed to create the coalition and set aside the land for “education, research and conservation and spiritual development.”

The deed for the land was given to the coalition, which will manage the preservation of the area. Halstead believes the coalition has an immense task.

“We’re going to go in and do ecological restoration in this area because it’s been much loved, it’s been much used and it’s been much imaged,” she said.

The headwaters land is scrubbed between U.S. 281, Olmos Dam upstream, and neighborhoods from which invasive species have already impacted the local ecosystems. However, the biggest impact will probably come from the university itself as blurry boundaries weave around the campus side by side.

“We have to always be juggling the needs of campus and impacts from a large number of people,” said Halstead. “I would like to see the university work together to try to do something that benefits us all but…[but the university wants the football program, and we’re going to try to work with them as best we can to minimize the impacts],” she said.

Aside from managing damage control, the coalition also will work toward restoring and enhancing the area.

“The one other thing that we want to do is start providing more visibility and easy access for people to get onto some of the headwaters land,” said Halstead.

The creation of new trails and continuation of existing trails will be an ecological balancing act for the coalition. “It’s also a great opportunity for student involvement,” Halstead said.

“We’re going to be doing some construction projects, some cleanup, maybe some planting, taking out some of these ‘invasives’ [species],” said Halstead. “We’ll be using student help in every- thing, and we want to make sure that this coalition can share ownership in, so we want them to be involved.”

Some professors have already led walks through existing trails or held class in the area known as St. Bridgette’s Oak, a serene trail area canopied by a breathtaking, towering oak tree. Biology classes have used the area for many years to identify species, take soil samples and perform water quality tests.

But Halstead aspires for everyone from Spanish majors to business students to take in the scenery. “I would like to see that every student in every major has exposure to the headwaters at some point,” she said.

While Halstead notes a small space cannot be “all things to all people,” the plan is to make the most of variety along with nutritious the land presents to the university and local community.

The coalition will work to feature the sacred history of the urban forest.

“The other part is that we want to use this as a platform for sharing the idea of stewarding God’s creation,” said Halstead. “And we also want to share different world views on the sacredness of nature, to spread the word and live out the mission that the Sisters have set forth to creating caring and aware- ness in the community and create a larger group of people who share that con- servation ethic.”

Students seeking to live the mission can take the trails. Experience the ancient sacredness of the green space. Be amazed that only minutes away from the chiming tower and bustling classrooms is here a quiet oasis, a home to frogs under fallen leaves. A haven, a little known land.

“If you can love 50 acres of dead reality easily!” said Halstead. “It’s a magical, but tiny little spot. And we need to be very, very careful with it.”
San Antonio native Emilio Garza, a judge on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, talked about the simplicity of the U.S. Constitution at a "Constitution Day" program, Sept. 17.

Garza opened the program in J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library Auditorium with a brief history of the Constitution and its relevance to today’s youth. “He was intelligent, showed great love for the Constitution and was inspiring,” said Monica Hernandez, a freshman at UIW.

The questions-and-answers portion of his presentation was when things got heated up. Hot-button issues such as race, immigration and threats that contaminate the Constitution were among some of the topics asked by students and professors alike. The presentation was followed by a reception in the Special Collections Room on the second floor where students got a chance to talk one-on-one with Garza. What ensued were long conversations and intense discussions.

“Judge Emilio Garza was evasive and characteristic of most conservative politicians,” said freshman Alfred MacDonald.

Federal judge sheds light on Constitution

Quirk seeks thoughts on spring submissions

Quirk, the spring literary and artistic journal published annually by the English Department, is encouraging students to start thinking about contributions they wish to submit. “We hope to see a stimulating range of subjects and treatments in the entries submitted so that this year’s Quirk may reflect the diversity of outlook, experience and expression in our student body,” said faculty adviser Linda Ford.

The journal is produced by students in the Editing and Publishing class. Poems, short stories, essays and artwork in a variety of media are selected for publication in a blind review process, and the finished book comes off the press during the last week or two of classes. The deadline for submissions for this year’s edition of Quirk will be near the middle of February 2008. The exact date will be announced shortly after the start of the spring semester, together with submission guidelines. Submission guidelines are likely to be substantially the same as last year’s, which may be viewed at www.uiw.edu/quirk. Copies of Quirk 2007 are available for $5 each at the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences office, AD 163 (checks or exact-change cash only).
‘Meet the Mission’ serves community

By Kristine Jacobs
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

For the second year in a row, students and faculty members participated in “Meet the Mission” on Friday, Sept. 7, to demonstrate the values that form the foundation of the university.

Thirty-five faculty members and roughly 250 students turned out for the event in hopes of introducing new students to the mission of the university while emphasizing the overall importance of service to the community.

‘Meet the Mission’ was very inspiring in many ways,” said freshman Barbara Garcia of her involvement at the Visitation House. “I really enjoyed helping the Sisters clean their storage room so they could expand the play area for the kids. It’s always a good feeling to give back to the community, and it’s always a good feeling to help out others in need. It was a satisfying feeling knowing that my youth could really help out someone who needs it. It was a morning well-spent, and I felt really accomplished.”

For the first time since the program started, volunteers rode VIA’s public buses to 22 various non-profit agencies in the San Antonio community. Although hundreds of participants traveled off campus to their destinations, several of those involved in the program seized the opportunity to extend the day of service and help out on campus, as well.

“I went to the UIW Retirement Center and did work in the garden,” sophomore Trish DeScioli said.

Most groups began their service projects around 9 a.m. and finished at 1 p.m., earning four community service hours towards the 45 required for graduation.

Sister Martha Ann Kirk and doctoral student Rolla Ailyadi joined a group of students at the peace CENTER, helping the center prepare for one of its big events.

“We were grateful that we could assist in preparing the space and materials for ‘Piece of the Peace,’” large gathering held on Sept. 11 to work towards the development of a U.S. Department of Peace,” Kirk said.

Many of those involved in the event walked away with more than just a few community service hours; faculty and students alike gained knowledge of their surroundings and an understanding of the efforts of their community as a whole.

“As of Sept. 14, $451,529,056,794 had been spent on the war in Iraq,” Kirk said. “The time has come for a Department of Peace in our country.”

The “Meet the Mission” emphasis on the role of service gives light to the foundation upon which the university was established in 1881.

A few of the agencies served included the SAMM Shelter, Travis Park Methodist Church, Salvation Army, San Antonio Food Bank and San Antonio Children’s Shelter.

Professor Kathy Vargas had several of her photography students accompany teams of students to chronicle the event.

Dr. Harold Rodinsky, a psychology professor, helped organize the first “Meet the Mission” last year and dedicated his time again this year to its purpose.

“This year’s event was a tremendous success due to faculty ownership of the event and a faculty-student collaboration that provides service and continues in the spirit and tradition of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word,” Rodinsky said. “Planning has already begun for the third ‘Meet the Mission’ next year.”
Sisters prepare volunteers
By Alice Ramirez
LOGOS CAMPUS EDITOR
The road to Guatemala is making a stop in San Antonio for missionary Laura Koeppel.

"I want to go to Guatemala to better understand Latin America in order to be a better teacher for Latinoos in the United States," said Koeppel.

Koeppel, 25, is among five young adults dedicating a few years of their lives to helping the disadvantaged in Peru, Guatemala and the United States as volunteer missionaries for the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. The five received blessings at a Sept. 19 service in Our Lady's Chapel.

Koeppel, who earned degrees in biology and Spanish in May 2004 from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, has been teaching at an all-girls high school in Milwaukee the past year. Her missionary assignment awaits her in Kano 'j' in El Quiche, Guatemala, where she will help in a home for disadvantaged children who would ordinarily not have the chance to get an education.

The five missionaries are headed for Chinotne, Peru; siblings Emily Tardio and Nicole Tardio, both of Cincinnati, and Northern California native Todd Schmidt.

The Tardio sisters both have bachelor's degrees in nursing from the University of Toledo. Emily Tardio, 24, who graduated in May 2006, spent the past year working as a hematologist and oncology floor nurse at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

"I would like to learn more about the Peruvian culture and to help where needed as a nurse," Emily Tardio said. "I hope to go in solidarity to live simply and grow in my faith through the joys and challenges of these experiences."

Tessia Pierce, a 22-year-old native of Dayton, Ohio, recently graduated from the University of Dayton. Pierce studied nursing from the University of Dayton. Pierce studied nursing from the University of Dayton, Ohio, recently graduated from the University of Dayton. Pierce studied nursing from the University of Dayton, Ohio.

"I feel called to serve the people of Latin America," Pierce said. "I hope to go in solidarity to live simply and grow in my faith through the joys and challenges of these experiences."

Schmidt, 24, who graduated in May 2006, earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Toledo. Emily Tardio said, "I believe that this will deepen my relationship to God."

The five new Incarnate Word Missionaries, as well as Sister Sofia Mamani, Sister Mirella Neira and Sister Gladys Paredes, three Peruvian nuns who have come to the United States to study English, were honored at a supper Friday, Sept. 7, at the Annunciation Community, which is also home to Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a religious studies professor at UIW.

"A few years ago, UIW students might share their time with those in need," Kirk said.

In the last 20 years, SGA President Kevin Moriarty said, "campus organizations, offices, departments, generous sponsors and the Student Government Association have collected more than 35 tons (70,000 pounds) of food."

All participants must report to Marian Ballroom no later than 8:15 a.m. for registration which includes the signing of a liability form. A light breakfast will be served before buses leave at 9, Moriarty said.

"We appreciate your help to make this year's Golden Harvest as successful as the past years of commitment and service," he said.

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news that makes our midterm exams. Yuck. including the dreaded whole bunch of tests, the bombardment of a to start preparing for survived. Now we have am I kidding? It's been class. Getting back in since the first day of ready survived a month ready to play -- all he 51, is geared up and Coach Mike Santiago,细腻 in psychology, receiving a bachelor's years while ultimately ing cornerback for two university in Cedar City, to Southern Utah University in Flag- Hall for the 2007-08 as a student at Southern Utah Uni-

The Wellness Center at the University of the Incarnate Word serves as a testing point for many women seeking a spot on the Dance Team for future games.

Wow! We have al- ready survived a month since the first day of class. Getting back in the groove of waking up early and studying has been splendid. Yeah right, whom am I kidding? It’s been tough. Thank God we’ve survived. Now we have to start preparing for including the dreaded midterms exams. Yuck. That’s enough about news that makes our teeth grind at night. So, how about the Cardi- Good luck this season, ladies!
Next will be bas- ketball and soccer, then basketball, tennis, golf and swimming. The anticipation of waiting to play your first game after working so hard is exciting. Good luck to all you athletes out there. Make UIW proud.
There is also a new men’s swim team on campus. Welcome to UIW, guys, and may your season of compe- tition be a worthwhile and unforgettable first- time experience. Have fun, relax, put on your little Speedos and swim like Marlin the clown fish from “Finding Nemo.” As Dory says, remember to “just keep swimming.” Good luck, guys.
Drifting away from sports a little bit, what’s up with the cafeteria de- meting us sushi? When I went in the other day to get some lunch, I felt like eating sushi, but to my surprise, there was no sushi. I liter- ally gasped. I couldn’t believe my eyes. It seemed to me like sushi was popular on campus. I say they should bring it back. Bring it back!
Organizations, clubs and all of the other ac- tivities on campus have pretty much already been selected. I want to say congratulations to all of the people who had to go through stressful interviews and to those who thought the interview process was a piece of cake. Dedica- tion, determination and discipline will only make you better. Keep up the good work, UIW. The sports, organizations, clubs, activities and students make this campus worthwhile. Keep all of the athletes in mind, and let’s try to show a little more support and school spirit. After all, they are representing you. So support your fellow Cardinals at the games and events; and keep waking up on time for class, people, because it’s crucial for your suc- cess in life.
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Seasoned Santiago sets up for play

By Annette Marroquin
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Football Head Coach Mike Santiago, 51, is geared up and ready to play — all he needs is his army of football players. A native of Arizona, Santiago graduated from Brophy College Prep and enrolled in Glendale (Ariz.) Community College in 1974 where he played corner back for two years, later he moved to Southern Utah University in Cedar City, where he played starting corner for two years while ultimately receiving a bachelor’s degree in psychology, health and secondary education in 1977. Santiago also received a scholarship to play at Southern Utah. In 1978, Santiago found his first as- signment to coach in football, at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. Later he coached wide receivers at North Carolina State University in Raleigh (1982); and quarterbacks, wide re- ceivers and tight ends at Northern Arizona University in Flag- staff (1983-84); and wide receivers and tight ends in Beaumont, Texas. Santiago became head coach at Stephen F. Austin University in 1999 and achieved the nation’s biggest turnaround when his wife, Rochelle, 49, an adjunct professor at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, and youngest son, Tyler, 18, relocate next sum- mer. Their oldest son, Dallas, 22, is a student at Southern Utah Uni- versity in Logan. Everyone is anx- ious to know what kind of players will be com- ing to UIW. To give a hint, the football de- partment is looking for strong, fast, talented, athletic boys. On the other hand, the depart- ment is also looking for players with good moral conduct, as well as intelligence. Santiago assures the university that none of these traits will be compromised. “If there’s a red flag on any of these players, they will not be recruit- ed,” said Santiago. Although “no one will probably be receiv- ing a full scholarship,” there are 36 partial scholarships available to players beginning with 12 next fall. While Santiago is waiting for the forma- tion of his team, he spends time watching the other athletes. “I watch soccer a lot at UIW,” he said. “I visit with all of the coaches as much as I can. I’m probably bug- ging the athletes more than they want.” Santiago says he is looking forward to the beginning of UIW football because by coaching the broad- ened new team at UIW, he is living one of his life-long dreams. “I’ve always wanted to coach in a Catholic institution and start a program from scratch,” said Santiago.
'Chips and Salsa' spices ballroom
By Orlando Castaneda

To kick off National Hispanic Month, University of the Incarnate Word’s Office of Residence Life partnered with the Hispanic Latino Association for the sixth annual “Chips and Salsa” mixer on Sept. 18.

The festivities held in Marian Hall Ballroom began promptly at 7 p.m. with Resident Life Coordinator Elizabeth Cruz, a UIW graduate, welcoming students to the celebration.

The tradition started in fall 2001 with Cruz’s best friend, Cecilia Iniguez, another UIW graduate, organizing the event. The first “Chips and Salsa” started as an incentive for resident assistants, but the event has since become a traditional festive celebration.

This year, the Hispanic Latino Association took part in the decorations of Marian Hall and the event’s promotion. The association’s president, Nilsa Valle Padilla, said she was proud of the increasing popularity of the event where students munched on chips and salsa.

“I’m glad because it took a big effort,” Padilla said. “It helps promote our culture and activities that we need to bring to the school.”

At the event, Cruz graciously thanked Residence Life and the Hispanic Latino Association for their hard work.

Professional dance instructors Steve Garcia and Linda Pham taught salsa, merengue, and ba-chata, a dance from the Dominican Republic. "This is the first time I showed up as the salsa lessons are going on," sophomore Elizabeth Jauregui said. “I learned steps that I didn’t know before.

UIW students practice dance steps after receiving free instruction at the annual ‘Chips and Salsa.’

‘Chips and Salsa’ spices ballroom
By Orlando Castaneda
Graffiti Party makes mark

The first 150 students to show up at the Graffiti Party in Marian Hall Ballroom received a free T-shirt from the sponsoring Campus Activities Board.

Participants enjoyed everything from Mexican food to cotton candy. For many at the festival this has become a tradition to kicking off the school year.

“I think Wordstock is a great Incarnate Word tradition,” said Andrea Cyterski-Acosta, dean of admissions. “It’s only a few years old but with any tradition I think it’s going to get bigger and better. The food is great, especially the chocolate-covered strawberries.”

The music set the tone for all ages playing a wide variety of songs. Kids were dancing while other took a seat under the trees enjoying fajita tacos sold by the Pre-Pharmacy Association.

The warm weather draws many for refreshments at booths such as KUIW’s.

Neon lights add a festive glow to the Graffiti Party sponsored by UIW’s Campus Activities Board, of a DJ spinning the runtabels. “It’s a safe party for all students,” CAB Adviser Kristin Garcia said, “and it (gave) them the opportunity to do something fun.”

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By Jaclyn Garcia
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Food, music and family were highlights of Incarnate Word’s annual Wordstock festival, which took place Saturday, Sept. 8.

Participants enjoyed everything from Mexican food to cotton candy.

With this event being the first, many students did not know what to expect, and the CAB leaders were unsure of how the Sept. 20 event would turn out. But from the outside, the party was eye-catching.

This event gave students the chance to let loose, to spray their friends with silly string, to hang glow sticks around their necks and to dance in the neon lights to the sounds of a DJ spinning the runtabels.

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Protesters parade for peace

My experience started as a crowded VIA bus backed down Broadway on Aug. 28, 2007. The bus was packed with construction workers, people in suits heading to downtown work, people dressed in layers with plastic sacks slung around their arms and all sorts of other people with staring problems. I got off at Travis Street, ducked through a back alley and found myself in Alamo Plaza. I walked to the gazebo on the opposite side of the Alamo and considered the second place in Alamo Plaza.

As it grew near to 5:30 p.m., the first sign of the peace parade began to emerge. I wasn’t sure what to expect. I was in short sentences. Me and Kenduskeag, Maine. Just north of their hometowns and refused to look at us. Others shook their heads and refused to look at us. As the protest continued, the main flux of protesters had already dispersed, so I felt it was time for me to leave, as well.

In my group, there were veterans, hippies, business people, hippies and members of various political parties. The protesters met up and started as a crowded VIA bus backed down Broadway on Aug. 28, 2007.

The protesters mumbled about, confiding in one another, introducing themselves or displaying their signs along the street. A few of the old-school “peace freaks” complimented me on my long hair, headband and vintage M.A.S.H. T-shirt, telling me they were glad to see the spirit was still alive in the younger generation. A few people even asked to have their pictures taken with me.

The Asian tourists who stared curiously and took pictures of the protesters were soon replaced by reporters and news cameras. At one point, a woman stood up with a bullhorn and began to speak about the American, Iraqi, civilian and Coalition casualties of the current war. After the man took the bullhorn and explained and gave them the peace sign. Some of the officers waved back, but others shook their heads and refused to look at us to make it clear they did not support us. After the reading of the casualties, some people gathered for a living art display in front of the Alamo Visitor Center. The display was organized by a very flamboyant man who instructed us to carry candles and walk around a sign that said, “Make Art, Not War!” Afterwards, there was a prayer service.

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Open source software saves

Freedom seems like a gimnuck in the software world these days. Technology giants are continuing to market software with free up-grades, 60-day trials and other benefits that hardly offset the overall costs of expensive software. These plays and others keep the group bouncing back into the pockets of technology giants while users are increasingly left stuck with the programs of the past.

Users looking to save some time and cash should investigate open source software options before dropping their re-investment on proprietary software. Open source refers to a category of software that is usually free, modifiable and relatively similar, if not better than, most purchasable software applications. Open source software may include software packages such as Sun Microsystems’ Open Office (www.openoffice.org) or individual programs such as Mozilla’s e-mail client, Thunderbird (www.mozilla.com/thunderbird). Open Office can directly replace Microsoft’s Office suite while Thunderbird can directly replace Microsoft’s Outlook Express e-mail client.

Since these items are cross-platform friendly, users can view and edit Word and Excel documents in Office’s functionally similar, Writer and Calc applications. Furthermore, users can easily import e-mail and account set-tings into Thunderbird from Outlook Express. Whatever the situation, open source software provides features that practically parallel those of proprietary software at an unbeatable price.

The types of open source software extend to past productivity suites and e-mail clients; users can find open source games for neglecting time or open source business software for flipping coins. No matter what features users cover, they should be able to find them if they follow the open source solution.

Users who would like to improve open source oppor-tunities further should visit www.sourceforge.org. This site houses a wealth of open source software and provides links to some of the most powerful releases available today.

All in all, users should visit this site with caution, the downloading of open source software may lead to a fatter wallet and a healthier conscience.

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Lesson from 9-11: Give peace a chance

The other morning on Sept. 11, 2007, the sixth anniversary of the 9/11 bombings, I was listening to the radio as I do often.

The disc jockey, who was referring to this unforgettable, horrendous act, said, “I feel that since these bombings, everything is back to normal, as it was before, don’t you think?”

I asked myself, “What is wrong with this man? How can everything be normal as before when there is a war going on depriving us of our peace? How can everything be normal as before when mothers and fathers have lost sons, and family members have lost loved ones in this war? How can their lives be the same living without them day-in, day-out?”

Public opinion is still polarized on the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq. We don’t need people who support the war and who believe the best way to support our troops is to make sure they remain in an unskiable war for the foreseeable future.

The university wants to raise tuition and fees as opposed to raising their financial aid. I was about to be protest or demonstration. Before I knew it, I was being interviewed by a local TV station asking me, “why was I there?” I truthfully responded that according to the U.S. President Herbert Hoover, “It is the old men that start wars, but it is the young men that die.”

As the interview continued, I also responded that I was there, “to pray and my admiration for the American flag, waving at Fort Sam Houston, for the last four summers as a temporary, part-time office automation assistant. On my very first day that I was reporting to work, as I drove close to the entrance of the post, the first thing that caught my eye was our American flag, waving in the clear blue sky. Next, I saw as many troops as I would ever see in my life, and felt very proud and filled with emotion, as chills took over my whole body. To be honest, my eyes got watery as a result, and I had to abstain from crying as I was about to be processed into my new job, and didn’t want to ruin my makeup.

To date, four years later, I have had to say “goodbye” to my troops who I have befriended and worked with together, as well as seen others return witnessing the loss of a leg, trauma-traumatized from the evils of war. But God has given me the capacity to remain strong in my job as well as helping out at the post to the best of my ability, thereby serving my country even if it is here at home, and not in Iraq.

My love, my respect, and my admiration for each and every courageous U.S. soldier will remain forever, and ever, to the point of real emotional outcry, “while everything is back to normal.”
300: Manly Movie

By Erin O'Brien

U N I V E R S I T Y  O F  T H E  I N C A R N A T E  W O R D

Zack Snyder's latest creation, “300,” took the rental shelves by storm when it made its way to DVD July 31.

Rentable by some and hated by others, is “300” actually worth the rental fee? Well, for better or worse, it features enough blood, breasts, brawls and battle action to keep every last boy in America happy for the next few months.

He brawny Spartans spend most of the film demonstrating the extent of their stupendous “manliness.” They growl and snarl through the air as they slaughter the Persian army and its exasperating beasts (including a giant with a mouthful of fangs that looks like a troll!). The “manliest” man of all, King Leonidas (Scottish actor Gerard Butler), leads the outnumbered, scantily clad warlocks to their inevitable deaths.

Apostrophes possess exquisitely “manly” qualities, the men also come off as more than slightly insane (they laugh as arrows from the opposing forces bombard them, walk barefoot over corpses and crack jokes to one another as they practically battle in blood and gore.)

Needless to say, women are mostly beside the point in “300,” moulded to the bare minimum of awkward silence to drive any viewer into the deranged world of its exaggerated beasts and battle action to fill enough blood, breasts, brawls and battle action to make poor attempts at stylishness to impress fashion.

With its exaggerated beasts and battle action, “300” is probably the best example of the “manliness” trend that haunts the horror section. Many of these films are simply beside the point as they practically bathe in blood and gore. In this bleak and bizarre world of horror cinema, morphine-mad Spartan queen, but Butler manages to bring a bit of the towering, movie-legendary Spartian queen, but Butler manages to bring a bit of the towering, movie-legendary character to life. She becomes the strongest female player on screen.

The other-top-the-ter “manliness” and excessive level of testosterone in this movie may be laughable and slightly irritating, but the impressive stylistic elements are unlikely to leave anyone’s eyesundisappoint- ing Point. In fact, Snyder’s “300” is probably the best “gay” movie of 2007.

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Did director Neil Jordan, in the words of Gene Roddenbery, “boldly go where no man has gone before” when he made the psychological revenge thriller, “The Brave One”? Not really. The woman-loses-loved-one-and-goes-on-killing-rampage plot is pretty standard right down to the end of the movie. (Remember the “Kill Bill” movies? Even they weren’t the first of their kind.)

Basically, while New York City radio announcer Erica Bain (Jodie Foster) and her fiancé, David Kirmani (Naveen Andrews), go walking, they get brutally beaten by a pack of thugs for little, if any, reason. Erica goes comatose and awakens a few weeks later only to learn David wasn’t lucky enough to wake up. After a bit of due devastation and seclusion (and the miraculously prompt disappearance of her scars and bruises), Erica picks up smoking, goes dark and morbid during her radio show, gets a gun and blows the brains out of anyone who presents a potential threat. Somewhere along the way, she becomes acquainted with Detective Mercer (Terrence Howard), the dedicated and edgy detective assigned to the case of the “vigilante murderers” (her murders, incidentally). Standard plot action ensues. As the Aerosmith song goes, “it’s the same old story, the same old song and dance.”

To add to the lack of originality, the attempted comic relief that comes in the form of Detective Vitale (Nicky Katt) is just that: attempted. Vitale delivers a number of sarcastic remarks in such a fabulous impression of Ben Stein in the Clear Eyes commercials that the “humor” goes right over the heads of the viewers. And even when the “jokes” register, they’re not terribly amusing.

The only real non-standard elements in this crime drama are the powerful performances from Foster and Howard. Foster plays Erica with incredible emotion and psychological competence. She turns in yet another performance worthy of her earlier stunners, including “The Accused” and “Taxi Driver.” And Howard plays Detective Mercer with enough aptitude to match his performance in “Hustle and Flow.”

Another interesting element in the film is the angles and position of the camera. With Erica’s increasing paranoia, the camera follows her from behind and shoots her from small spaces and through peepholes. It’s almost as though the camera acts as a spy waiting for Erica in dark corners and watching her every move.

Like the “Kill Bill” movies, “The Brave One” practically applauds revenge. Sure, the men (yes, Erica’s victims are all men) deserve what they get, but does that make Erica’s actions right? She never “learns her lesson,” so to speak. So is the film saying it’s OK to murder people as long as they have wronged you in some way? See the movie and decide for yourself.

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Greek life: Helping, not hazing

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Greek life on campus is spreading through the school, and students are getting more involved.

“Students interested in joining a Greek organization should learn a bit about the organizations before they rush to rush. The University of the Incarnate Word has three sororities – Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau and Delta Beta Chi – and two fraternities – Lambda Chi Alpha and Chi Phi. Students wanting to join a sorority or fraternity have to follow a few policies set by UIW including having at least 12 hours of course work completed. ‘During the fall semester there really isn’t a formal rush,’ said Kristin Garcia, assistant director of leadership activities, who oversees Greek organizations and the Greek Council. ‘They can recruit students over 12 hours,’ Garcia stated. This way, the sororities and fraternities can make sure the students have time management. They are looking for members to replace others than the stereotypical drinking, hazing and partying.”

“[Greek life] is so much bigger than just here at UIW;” said Garcia. “It goes beyond paying a certain amount of money to be in an organization. At a national conference, I heard someone say ‘It’s not for four years, but forever.’”

Alpha Sigma Tau, the newest sorority on campus, does a lot of arts and crafts and most likely made any Greek gear its members wear. To join, any woman must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and should expect to get involved with the Animal Defense League, Habitat for Humanity and Pine Mountain Settlement.

“We have our rituals where we are accepting sisterhood,” said Vivian Cerroto, chapter secretary. “It’s our lifetime friendship, and we keep that sacred. We are not here to discriminate. We’re not trying to mold you into us. But if you want to just hang, then that’s cool, too.”

Alpha Sigma Alpha does a lot of community service and bonding through their work with Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center.

“They help out throughout the community,” said Marithza Calderon, a sophomore in the process of joining Alpha Sigma Alpha. “That’s why I want to be in their sorority. I want to be community- and school-involved. What could be better than joining a group of all girls that promote friendship and loyalty?”

Like many other sororities, students must have a 2.25 GPA in order to be considered for membership. “Sisterhood lasts a lifetime” is the motto for Delta Beta Chi, which works with the SAMM Shelter and Boom Budies, as well as with a lot of community cleanups. Add a 2.0 GPA to the mix and students have what it takes to join. It’s not all about fun, but hitting the books, too.

The men of Chi Phi are involved with the Big Brothers of America and the Boys and Girls Club of America. Its members build a brotherhood around service, friendship and making a difference. The last fraternity on campus is Lambda Chi Alpha, who promote good gentlemen.

“We all have our moments where we all fall short,” Davis said. “But we like to be called the gentlemen of Lambda Chi Alpha. We never take the letters off because we need to carry ourselves like gentlemen everywhere we go and let others know about Lambda Chi Alpha.”

Banners from last spring’s Greek Week hang from Agnese-Sosa Garage for each sorority and fraternity on the UIW campus.
The editor of the San Antonio Express-News will bring a number of topics ranging from security to essential freedoms at an Oct. 29 forum sponsored by the Center for International Studies. The center is a new feature of the academic program at the University of the Incarnate Word, said Dr. James Creagan, ambassador-in-residence.

"We’re all thinking about what you were doing a few years ago, before the beginning of the information age. But today, with computer technology now and in the future, there may not be a technology package to respond to a crisis," said Dr. Bob Rivard, Editor Bob Rivard, 54, is the author of "Trail of Feathers: Searching for Philip True," his first book, which is a nonfiction true crime thriller about the disappearances and murders of True, then chief of the Express-News’ Mexico City bureau.

Rivard, also the Express-News’ executive vice president for news, was named "Editor of the Year" in 2000 by Editor & Publisher, the trade magazine for the newspaper industry. He has worked for five different newspapers in 30 years career. He also served as a foreign correspondent in Latin America and as a senior editor at Newsweek.

"Fine. Bye…" If you want to share your thoughts with family and friends, and then give you a serious and thoughtful answer. Today it is all "How RU?" "Fine. Bye." If you want an answer and they can’t give you more time to answer your questions, and you don’t answer us immediately, we interrupt them and, when they don’t answer us, immediately, we dismiss them, come up with answers from our own cultural perspective, and want to go home. But significant cultural changes take time – think civil rights and gender equality in the workplace. Plus, many students want to share our "fast-food" world.

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