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Newsbriefs....



+Special thanks go to Mike, Albert, Marisol, Dorothy, Tracy, Sam, Carmen, Vivian, Nancy, and Cindy for a wonderful **Meet and Greet** opportunity on April 25th.

+Campus Ministry sponsored a special **ecumenical prayer** service to show solidarity with those affected by the tragedy at Virginia Tech.



Pictured above: students and staff join hands in prayer for the victims. Below: Students write **words of consolation** on a large card which was mailed to Virginia Tech students.



SGA President Bids Farewell to UIW

At the SGA Awards Banquet, **Sam Houston Sanders**, SGA President, was given the Student Leader of the Year award. In a poignant farewell to his peers as he moves on to Harvard University for his graduate degrees, Sam expressed his passion for UIW, developed over four years of campus engagement and faculty interest and support. His words echo the kind of outcome wished for each student who passes through UIW:

I'm in the SGA office a lot. I do work in there every now and then. I eat, socialize and study there. I pontificate, reflect, plan, prepare. I listen to music, and if you're there during the right song, I dance.... But last night I came into the SGA office



Sam plays his saxophone in the Motherhouse Chapel

and I prayed. I prayed to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, and thanked him. For the experience, the honor, and the privilege it has been to serve in Student Government at UIW. I thanked him for allowing me to grow so close to this place, to forge so many lasting friendships. I thanked him for the all-nighters, the stressful days before big events, the EC meetings that seemed to start earlier

every week.

I thanked him for the feeling I got when I saw all that food go into those trucks after Golden Harvest. The awe I always feel whenever I step foot into the Motherhouse Chapel. I thanked him for letting me feel like the most loved person in the world when I walked to class and people actually said hello to me. I even thanked him for the pain of knowing that this has to end.

So before I left the office last night, I prayed that I never forget. That I never forget my fellow officers, the students we worked so hard to serve, and Dr. Mac who worked so hard to make sure we kept working oh so hard. I prayed that I never forget the day I found
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Peter Fingar Receives CCVI Student Spirit Award

Senior biology major, Incarnate Word. Peter **Peter Fingar**, received the prestigious CCVI Spirit Award at the SGA Awards Banquet on April 19th.

This annual award recognizes a student who exemplifies the spirit of service embedded in the mission of the Sisters of Charity of the



lives that mission in his contributions to Campus Ministry, as a Student Ambassador, as a dedicated residence hall supervisor, as a participant in Golden Harvest and in many other civic and UIW service opportunities.

Mission Values: Faith, Care for the Earth

Peigler and Kirk Create Garden with Plants Mentioned in Bible and Qur'an

Dr. Ric Peigler, Associate Professor of Biology and Sr. Martha Ann Kirk, Professor of Religious Studies teamed up to plant a "Holy Land" garden consisting solely of trees and shrubs, flowers and herbs native to the Holy Land and cited in the Bible and Qur'an. They are also creating a web site which offers photos and explanations of the plants, accompanied by quotations from the Holy Scriptures of the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic religions.

Their hope is to educate and promote respect for the three great religions that have their roots in the "Holy Land."



As Dr. Sally Said looks on, Dr. Ric Peigler arranges food made from plants native to the Holy Land. In honor of **Earth Day**, Dr. Peigler and S. Martha Ann Kirk introduced a university group to the Holy Land Garden, planted in front of the AT&T Science Center. See www.uiw.edu/garden



Above: Frankincense

Below: Myrrh

Academic Excellence Celebrated at Honors Convocation



Dr. Ed Gonzalez presents chemistry certificates at MSE Honors Convocation.

On Sunday, April 29, each UIW School celebrated its students by acknowledging those who had been accepted to national honor societies and by handing out

plaques and certificates recognizing achievement in various disciplines.

Chief among the honorees were those who received the **Amy Freeman Lee Scholastic Achievement and Service Recognition Award**: Saman-

tha J. Jacoby, Rebekah Brown, Christine Schott, Stefanie Brown, Sean Arredondo and Jill Kielaszek. These students were selected based on academic excellence and service to church and community. The names of the awardees are placed on a plaque located in the office of the V. P. for Academic and Student Affairs.

"Students leaving our institution must be prepared and motivated to take a transformative leadership role in addressing the crucial issues of our time..." Sr. D. Ettl

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this place, lost on an August afternoon, drawn to this campus by a big red steeple, not knowing that that steeple would lead me to the four best years of my life. I prayed that I never forget the Incarnate Word ducks and cats, and possums. I prayed that I never forget how much Dr. Andrade believed in me, how much Dean Aronson rooted for me, how much Dr. Metz pushed me. I prayed that I remember the circle, the clock tower, the Caf,

the walks to Central Market, the wonderful world of Dubuis 3rd.

I prayed that I never forget. I prayed that when these memories begin to slip away that the Lord would pull them up to the forefront of my soul through gentle, sentimental tugs on my heartstrings. That when the hymn to the Incarnate Word starts to fade in my mind that he would bring it back to my recollection as a mighty symphony. I prayed that when I forget your smiling

faces that I would begin to see them again in my family, new friends, and strangers just passing by. I prayed that I never forget. And as I left that office that night, I realized that that prayer had already been answered, several, several times over.

I will NEVER forget this place. I am committed to this institution. I am totally dedicated to its cause. I am a cardinal for life and I will never forget it. All hail the Incarnate Word.