

# UIW Mission Newsletter

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## Athletics Department Sponsors “Meet and Greet” and Blessing of Athletes

Faculty and staff joined **Mark Papich, Athletic Director**, as he welcomed a large and enthusiastic group of athletes and coaches to an ice cream social before the official gathering for instruction on student handbook issues.

**Fr. Philip Lamberty** and **Trevor Alexander**, Campus Ministers, were on hand to bless the athletes and encourage them to cultivate respect and good sportsmanship among themselves and with competitors.

Father Philip reminded the athletes that their patron saint is **St. Sebastian**, so known because of his physical endurance during the persecutions he suffered.



Wayne Witt, Sports Information Director, chats with Damita Pape, Keith Tucker and Marveen Mahon during the ice cream social.

## UIW Freshmen “Meet the Mission”

The University of the Incarnate Word welcomed new students with a variety of major activities during the first week of school. Among them was the invitation to experience UIW’s commitment to service, especially to the most needy among us. A group of faculty organized a “Meet the Mission” in-the-community day for the freshmen by contacting a variety of agencies needing a helping hand and assigning a faculty-led team to each one.

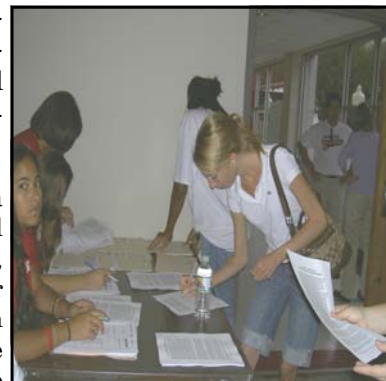
Students returned to campus with a better appreciation of their own blessings and a desire to share their gifts with others. Many of them promised to return to the agencies visited to continue the work begun that day. International students saw a side of the U.S. which they had not envisioned and were eager

to offer their help for future service days.

Faculty-student bonding in a non-classroom environment was an added bonus of the experience.

At the pizza party scheduled after the event, Trevor Alexander and Dr. Glenn Ambrose asked the student groups to

reflect together on the impact of what they had experienced.



Above: Students sign in to begin their day of service. Left: Dianne Wetsel, Dan Dominguez, Bonnie McCormick, S. Eilish Ryan and Ben McPherson wait for their teams to assemble.

## New Students Pack Sky Room at Welcome Dinner

Dr. Renee Moore, Dean of Campus Life, welcomed over 600 new students and parents to the traditional start-of-the-year dinner and pinning ceremony, August 18th. In their remarks, Drs. Agnese and Doyle directed the students’ vision to graduation and

encouraged them to set that as a goal from the beginning of their university career. Sam Sanders spoke eloquently about the Mission values of community service, search for truth, genuine faith, and dedication to getting a well-rounded education. “Let your light shine and let people see God shine through you,” the SGA President, Sam Sanders, advised.

Alumna Tai Ingram told how the global perspective she gained at UIW is now helping her understand her role in the greater community. Myra Cazares, Jose Lozano, Peter Fingar and

## Three New Sculptures and Champion Laurel Tree Dedicated

Two original Paul Tadlock sculptures and an Angel of Hope statue now grace the UIW campus.

“**Classmates**,” opposite the Wellness Center, celebrates student life and will be dedicated to all UIW students during October.



“**Living the CCVI Mission**” near the Brackenridge will be dedicated on October 11 in honor of the CCVI’s during this, the 125th anniversary of

the founding of the university. Featuring a student discussing her studies with a Sister, this sculpture was donated by Mrs. Patricia Crain in memory of her husband, trustee Bill Crain.



The “**Angel of Hope**,” is one of 67 bronze statues nationwide that serve as a memorial to children who have died. Standing in a very

peaceful area of campus near the Grotto, it is surrounded by benches where parents can come to have a quiet moment of reflection and prayer. A candlelight service will be held at this statue every December 6th.



A **Texas Mountain Laurel tree**, located North

East of the Grotto, has been designated the National Champion of its kind and will be featured in a special dedication ceremony sponsored by the Headwaters Committee at 11:30 a.m. on Heritage Day.

## News Briefs...

- The 2006 **S. Charles Marie Frank** lecture, scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th, will focus on “Vulnerable Populations in our own Backyard: Improving Health through Research”.
- **Peace Day** will be held on October 25th.
- **Incarinate Word High School** will hold its 125th anniversary celebration on November 4th.

- SGA is beginning its annual **Golden Harvest** food collection by asking offices to donate non-perishables to augment local neighborhood food collections on October 21st.

- Members of the San Antonio Symphony and San Antonio Brass and Chorus will present a **Christmas Concert** in the Chapel of the Incarnate Word on December 3rd to celebrate the Chapel’s 100th anniversary.

*Paul tells us, “Here’s what I want you to do. God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.” Rom. 12:1-2*  
—Laity Lodge Bulletin

## Heritage Day Story Hour Recalls Alumni Memories

In honor of UIW’s 125 anniversary, Dick McCracken asked alumni to send recollections of their days on campus. The response was overwhelming so readers were invited to choose the most touching or the funniest stories to be presented in a story hour during Heritage Week.

Former students told of their days in the residence halls trying to outwit the Sister supervisors and ac-

knowledging that the Sisters often pretended not to see the pranks. Others remembered professors who inspired them to excel, who fed them when they were hungry, and who remained in contact long after classes were over.

Using a Readers Theatre approach, “Heritage Story Hour” will be held in the Library Auditorium on Tuesday, October 10 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.