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J.W. Waterhouse, Britain, 1849-1917 (detail) Circe Invidiosa, 1892, London, Oil on canvas, 180.7 x 87.4 cm, South Australian Government Grant 1892, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide.

# Part II of Trilogy: "Traffic in Women'

on't miss part two of the trilogy "Traffic in Women," the progressive theater piece with an all-female cast that divides its focus between revenge and grief. The light drama clashes Attic themes with post-modern attitude and revives the Furies—those ever popular avenging deities. Having regained partial powers of revenge from Athena in Part I, they find themselves caught in Act 4, scene 1 of MacBeth until Hecate comes to the rescue. The plot moves on to a humorous scenario: a grief group in the underworld.

Written by English Associate Professor Janet Lowery, the play is co-produced and co-directed by Lowery and Communication Instructor Livia Bornigia. Bornigia also performs the main role of Laodamia.

"When I began writing the dramatic monologues (and later the plays), I chose the phrase as a title because it brings into focus so many of the narratives and journeys that women from classical mythology through to contemporary times experience, many of which begin with an abduction, a violent rape, a molestation, or a forced (arranged) marriage," Lowery said.

Curtain call is 8 p.m. for Feb. 2, 3, 9, 10 and 12 and 2:30 p.m. for Feb. 4 and 11, in Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum Blvd. The play is open to the public. Tickets are \$15 at the door; students and seniors pay \$10.

## Trafficking in Women: A Panel Discussion

A panel discussion on the issues surrounding trafficking in women will be held at 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb 8 in Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum Blvd. Topics include the role Houston is playing as a hub in international human trafficking and why; the process by which women and girls are kidnapped by traffickers; and how the use of brutality is linked with drug trafficking, pornography and other types of servitude.

Panel members include: Eva Eitzen, attorney for Catholic Charities; Deacon
Joe Rubio representing St. Jerome's Center; a representative from the U.S.
Attorney's Office; Jacqueline Garcia, YMCA International Services; and Dominican Sister
Ceil Roeger, an activist in human trafficking locally and nationally. Dr. Lowery will moderate the event.
UST co-sponsors include the English Department, the Master in Liberal Arts Program, the Center for International Studies, the Women, Culture and Society Program and the Catholic Studies Program.

## Money, Money, Money...Moneeey

The Alumni Association Board of Directors would like to extend to all sophomores and juniors an opportunity to apply for the 2007 Alumni Association Student Award.

The Alumni Association
Student Award is a \$1,500 scholarship given to a sophomore or junior
who possesses the scholastic merit
and willingness to continue their
education, but have encountered
substantial financial difficulty
completing their degree. The alumni
board will be awarding two scholarships.

Current sophomores or juniors who are in financial need must submit an Alumni Association Award application form, an award letter from Financial Aid, a faculty reference and a one-page essay to the Office of Alumni Relations by **5 p.m. Feb. 28, 2007**.

Candidates must be full-time with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Along with a faculty reference and a one-page essay, the applicant should include an unofficial award letter from the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, if applicable.

Final selections will be made in May 2007. For more information on the award and for the one-page essay requirements, go to www.stthom.edu/ia/alumni/ scholarship.html.

Applications are available in the Link Lee Mansion or online at the above Web address.

#### St. Thomas Aquinas Mass

The Mass of St. Thomas Aquinas, the opening Mass for UST's 2007 spring semester, will be at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30, in the Jerabeck Center. All denominations are welcome.



#### 2007 Aquinas Lecture

Dr. John M. Rist will deliver the 2007 Aquinas Lecture "Practical Reasoning After the Fall," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, in Cullen Hall. The Lecture is sponsored by the Center for Thomistic Studies.



#### "The Celtic Tiger"

Dr. Joseph McFadden, UST professor of history and president emeritus, will discuss "The Celtic Tiger," a period of rapid economic growth in Ireland, at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 1, in Cullen Hall.



## Show Off Your Skills During Football Madness

Join Recreational Sports and Student Activities for sundry football activities including a Football Skills Challenge at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan 30, on the Campus Life Mall, and a Madden Tournament at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1, in the Old
Bookstore of Crooker
Center, 3909 Graustark.
Prizes will be awarded for winners of both activities. For more

information contact

Matt Gustafson at 713-942-5036.

# Guys and Dolls Auditions

Put on your thespian persona for auditions of "Guys and Dolls" at 6-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, and 6-9



p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, in Jones Theatre.

Those auditioning on Monday are asked to prepare one song with sheet music, and those auditioning on Tuesday are asked to come prepared to move and read. Wednesday, Jan. 31, will be devoted to call backs.

For more information or to explain a scheduling conflict contact Gino Chelakis at 713-525-3523 or chelake@stthom.edu.

### 'Inconvenient Truth' Screened at Convenient Times



Make time on Tuesday, Jan. 30 to watch the film "An Inconvenient Truth," a documentary featuring Al Gore that examines global warming.

The all-day showing will begin at 10 a.m. in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center, with the last showing at 9 p.m. The film will be shown again at 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, in Guinan Hall, 1303 Sul Ross.



Willer Lecture Series
William L. Saunders, senior
fellow and director, Center
for Human Life and Bioethics,
Family Research Council in
Washington, D.C., will deliver the
2007 Archbishop J. Michael
Miller Lecture titled
"International Law, the Supreme
Court and the Family." He will
discuss international law and the
family, the "right" to gay marriage
and abortion in U.S. Courts.

Saunders was a principal drafter of the FRC's "Building a Culture of Life: a Call to Respect Human Dignity in American Life."

Saunders attended Harvard Law School. In 1999, he founded Sudan Relief and Rescue, Inc., to aid the persecuted church in Sudan. In 2001, he was appointed by President Bush to serve on the U.S. delegation to the U.N. Special Session on Children.

The lecture, presented by UST's Catholic Studies program, begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, in Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum. The lecture, sponsored by the John W. and Alida M. Considine Foundation, is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Catholic Studies at 713-525-6989.



Msgr. Steele Lecture Series n interfaith dialogue is Aplanned for the Msgr. William Steele Lecture Series at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Nold Auditorium, 9845 Memorial Drive. Keynote speaker is Omar Inshanally, imam of the Islamic Society of Greater Houston, who will address "A Theological Basis for Harmonious Coexistence." He will speak to the values of Islam that support harmonious coexistence among Christians, Jews and Muslims, and the practical implications of these values.

Responding to the dialogue are panel members Rabbi Steven
Morgen of the congregation Beth
Yeshurun, and Fr. Leon Strieder,
associate professor, School of
Theology, University of St.
Thomas. The event moderator is Fr.
Brendan Cahill, rector, St. Mary's
Seminary. A question and answer
session will follow the panel
discussion.

Founded in the mid-1980s, The William Steele Lecture Series was named after Msgr. Bill Steele, a champion of interfaith dialogue. Speakers are part of the Coalition for Mutual Respect. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Nita Sacco at 713-686-4345.



Black History Month
Join the Black Student Union
and the Office of Student
Affairs in celebrating Black
History Month beginning at 12:30
p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1, on the
Crooker Patio, where students can
pick up information regarding the
month's events. Included among
the activities are three talks.

The first will be at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, with UST board member and alumnus Martin Wickliff Jr. in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center. Wickliff is a member of the Epstein Becker Green Wickliff & Hall law firm in Houston, specializing in labor and employment law. The second talk will be at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, with two-time Emmy winning journalist Linda Lorelle in the CoC Conference Room. Crooker Center. The third is at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, with former astronaut and retired Maior General USMC Charles Bolden in the Ahern Room. Crooker Center.

All speakers will address the topic "How has being African American influenced your leadership style?"

For more information contact the Office of Student Activities at 713-525-3576.

# Service Learning: From Classroom to Job Success

rvice Learning at University of St. Thomas means different things to different people. For Melissa Blanton and Kimberly Campo, it means the beginning of their careers. The two met in 2004 in Dr. Anne Davis' Principles of Management class, Cameron School of Business, where they soon teamed up for a service learning project. Part of a threewoman group, they decided to work with Women of Wardrobe, a branch of Dress for Success in Houston, which consists of women age 21-35 who raise money for the non-profit organization. Dress for Success promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

The group was charged with devising a marketing plan for WOW that would get the word out about this new division of Dress for Success. The group presented three advertisements to WOW and their management class. The advertisements were well received and one of the WOW members was so impressed that she asked the girls to create a separate campaign for her new purse line.

"University of St. Thomas students have been invaluable to Dress for Success Houston," said Nancy Levicki, president and cofounder. "Melissa and Kim stand out as examples of creativity, enthusiasm and dedication for our cause. They are exceptionally bright, capable young women who



have benefited tremendously from their St. Thomas education and are eager to give back to the Houston community."

It was from this inspiring course work that Blanton and Campo decided to create their own business, KM: kreative marketing. KM is dedicated to providing marketing for small, independent businesses by creating unique products that reflect clients' business needs and individuality. They have developed marketing, ad campaigns and Web sites for fashion designers, jewelry designers and entrepreneurs, and have also started event planning.

Blanton and Campo serve on the executive board for WOW, Blanton as event chair and Campo as public relations chair.

"UST has provided me with a wonderful learning environment and great preparation for the real world, because it actually put me into it," Campo said. "We learned a great deal from our mistakes, and had the benefit of hands-on learning, which made the experience so much more rewarding."

"The University of St. Thomas stands for integrity, discipline and courage," said Blanton. "These three key traits at UST have been beneficial in my career. I now have courage to get through the hard times at work because UST taught me to never give up."

The mission of service learning is to assist the University in serving others, specifically offering resources to meet the needs of the Greater Houston Metropolitan area.

"Service learning projects not only benefit the community, they increase the student's ability to apply classroom material," said Dr. Ann Davis, associate professor of business administration and marketing. "But for these young women there is the added benefit of finding job success."

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