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The Iconic Copy: Reproducing Books

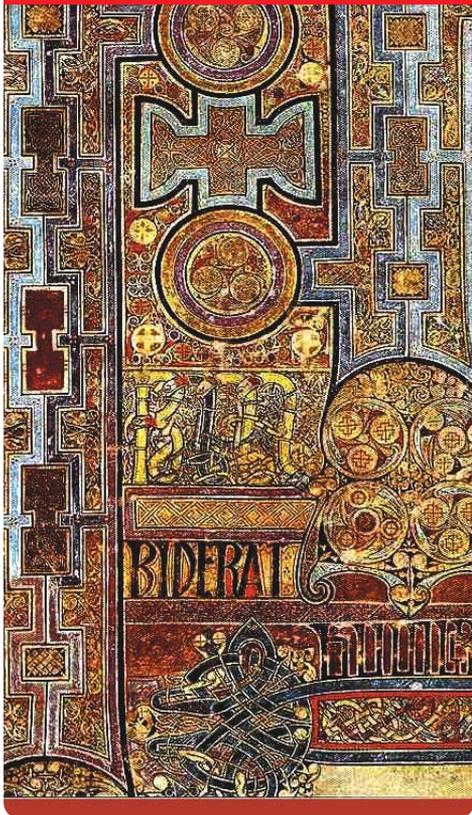
Chet Grycz will speak on the art and craft of creating facsimiles of historic and fine books, accompanying an exhibit of such facsimiles at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22 in Doherty Library. On display will be reproductions of *The Book of Kells*, *The Lindisfarne Gospels* and the Peplin copy of the *Gutenberg Bible*.

Grycz is curator of books at the Internet Archive, the world's largest online "open access public library," currently scanning over 1,000 books a day. Prior to joining the Internet Archive, Grycz was CEO and publisher of *Octavo*, which specialized in ultra-high resolution digital imaging technologies of rare books and special

collections from the world's most prestigious libraries and museums.

An editor and author of numerous technical and scholarly articles, publications and books, Grycz has taught several courses on Internet publishing technology and in library science. He was instrumental in the formation of a post-graduate Center of Excellence in Information Management at Nicholas Copernicus University in Torun, Poland, which serves professional librarians and information specialists from the Central European region.

The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Friends of Doherty Library. Light refreshments will be served.



Essay Contest Brings Young Students to Campus

Since its inauguration in 2004, submissions to UST/Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Essay Contest have grown more than fivefold from the original 350 entries. Cosponsored by UST's Catholic Outreach Office, the contest invites students from area Catholic schools in grades 3-12 to submit essays on a

chosen theme. This year's theme, "A Person of Faith and Character who is also an Instrument of Peace," prompted more than 1,900 submissions, which volunteer faculty read and judged. Included in the awards celebration

was the release of white doves symbolizing the peace that Catholics advocate and strive to practice.



Volunteers gather for a round of reading essays.



Global Perspectives Offer Insights at Film Fest



Cinephiles will travel across the globe and through time at the International Film Fest '07. Back-to-back screenings of two acclaimed films each day are scheduled from 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Feb. 23-25, Tiller Hall.

Moviegoers will be sent to the Western Front during World War II to celebrate an unauthorized truce

in *Joyeux Noël*. They will then head to Argentina to witness how a mid-life crisis offers a chance for meaningful reassessment in *Hijo de la Novia*.

On Saturday, the 2006 Academy Award Winner for Best Foreign Film, *Tsotsi*, will examine how one man's life of violence in South Africa is redeemed through another's innocence. Leaving South Africa, filmgoers will delve into mid-19th century samurai mores and love in the Japanese film *Tsogare Seibei*. On Sunday, *Paradise Now* will explore two young Palestinians and their decision to become suicide bombers. The finale, *Water*, is set in 1938 colonial India against the backdrop of Mahatma Gandhi's rise to power, and traces the roles of social justice and social constraints in a young Hindu widow's life.

The International Studies Society and the CIS Intercultural Track sponsor this event. Contact: Diana Garcia at 713-525-3530.

Author Gives Voice to South Asian Women

The Women, Culture, and Society Program presents Bapsi Sidhwa, acclaimed novelist, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, Cullen Hall. Her talk is titled "South Asian Women Talk: Exploring Female Characters in *Cracking India*, *Water: A Novel* and "An American Brat."

Sidhwa, hailed as "Pakistan's finest English-language novelist" by the New York Times, writes novels that chronicle the history of the Indian subcontinent. Her



anthology, *Beloved City: Writings on Lahore*, was published last year. *Cracking India* was made into the film, *Earth*, by director Deepa Mehta. Sidhwa's play, "An American Brat," will be produced in Houston by Stages Repertory Theater in the spring.

Sidhwa will sign her books, which will be available for purchase. The talk is free and open to the public. Contact: Elsa Zambosco-Thomas at 713-525-3123.

"The Last Forest"

Authors of the book "The Last Forest," Mark London and Brian Kelly will present a slide presentation and discuss their book at 8 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 20, Anderson Hall, Room 103.



Women of the World

Hear Rosario Arguello discuss women, globalization, NAFTA, economics and indigenous struggles for autonomy in Chiapas at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, UST's Jones Hall.



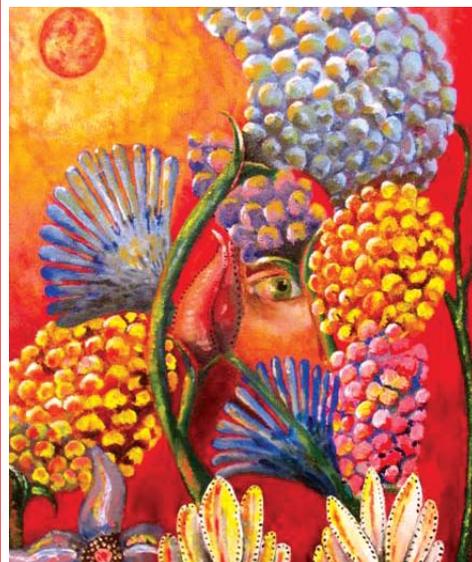
USTinsights Happy Hour

Seniors and alumni from UST's Mentoring Program, USTinsights will meet from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Bocados, 1312 West Alabama. Contact Monica Clem at 713-525-3115.

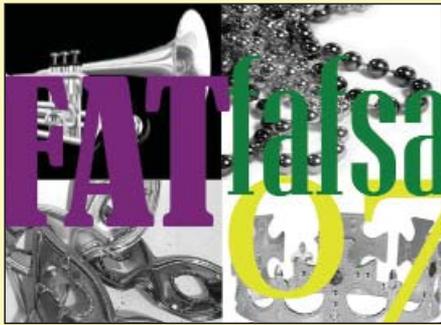


Work of Featured Artist Enlivens Fat FASFA

First-year studio arts student Omar Gonzalez will be the featured artist at Fat FAFSA. His work will be on display 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 19 and all day Feb. 20 in Guinan Hall Lobby.



Isolation, 8x12, acrylic on canvas, 2005



Fat FAFSA Celebration

Join the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid and the Council of Clubs for the third annual Fat FAFSA, an event dedicated to promoting student participation in the financial aid process, from noon-2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 on the Academic Mall. Lenders will be on-hand to provide information on borrowing money. Computers will also be available for students who want to apply for aid, and for graduating seniors who need to complete their exit counseling. The event includes food, music and a parade.

Popular Houston-based crooner John Evans will perform acoustic sets during Fat FAFSA. His 2006 recording, "Ramblin' Roy," was named best local disc of the year by the Houston Chronicle HandStamp. Evans has earned top honors in the Houston Press Music Awards for the past six years, including Best Musician of the Year. An acoustic collection of new tracks, "Slide Show," will be released this month.

Fat FAFSA will also feature an art exhibit showcasing artwork by faculty members, staff, students and alumni.



Black History Month

Join the Black Student Union and the Office of Student Affairs in celebrating Black History Month. Included among the activities are talks given by three prominent African Americans.

Speakers will address the topic "How has being African American Influenced Your Leadership Style?"

Two-time Emmy winning journalist Linda Lorelle will speak at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center.

Lorelle most recently worked on the documentary titled "Beyond Brown vs. Board: The Journey Continues," which discusses how Houston desegregated its schools. She is also a two-time recipient of the national Gracie Award.

Astronaut and retired Major General USMC Charles Bolden, Jr. will speak at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center.

Logging in over 680 hours in space, Bolden served as a pilot on the STS-61C Space Shuttle Columbia and the STS-45 Space Shuttle Discovery. He later commanded a crew on the STS-45 Atlantis and on the STS-60 Discovery.

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



Lenten Lecture Series

For 18 years, Wednesdays in Lent are highlighted by a series of lectures at the University of St. Thomas. Started and co-sponsored by Margaret Hotze of Veritas Catholic Bookstore in Houston, the series has covered a wide range of topics important to Catholic life.

This year's topic, "Anointing of the Sick," explores a keener understanding of suffering as it unfolds in the scriptures as well as in the tradition of the Church. It is vital that members of faith search for a deeper grasp of the universal experience of suffering, as well as the ministry through Christ's body, the Church, and thereby grow in appreciation of this sacrament.

All lectures are held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. The lectures on Feb. 21 and Feb. 28 will be in Scanlan Room, Jerabek Center, all others will be in Jones Hall.

On Feb. 21, Dr. Paul Hahn, UST professor of theology, will discuss "Sickness and Healing in the Old and New Testaments" in Scanlan Room, Jerabek Center.

For more information contact Sr. Madeleine Grace at 713-525-3529.

UST Accountants Offer Free Tax Preparation to Community

For the 24th year, more than 50 University of St. Thomas accounting students, alumni and volunteers are providing free tax preparation through the IRS (VITA) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program in north Houston from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturdays, Feb. 24, March 17, 24, 31 and April 14. Preparers will offer free tax assistance and elec-



tronic filing at the MD Anderson YMCA, 705 Cavalcade, near the Irvington intersection. UST faculty, staff and students are invited to have their taxes prepared these Saturdays. For convenience, a separate room has been set up at the YMCA for UST members.

“This site is managed and run completely by University of St. Thomas students from start to finish,” said Professor Ramon Fernandez, MBA, CPA, CFP®, CMA, CIA, who oversees the VITA program for UST. “We are also Houston’s only 100 percent computerized VITA sites, which provides free electronic filing and transmission from the site itself.” The UST/YMCA site is the largest one in the city, completing 100-200

returns per Saturday.

“We will do Forms 1040EZ, 1040A, and even the “long form” 1040. We will do itemized deductions (Schedule A), interest and dividend income (Schedule B), simple capital gains and losses (Schedule D), and most of the credits, earned income credit, child tax credit, education credits and dependent care credit,” Fernandez said. “We generally cannot do more complicated returns like self-employment income (Schedule C), rent and royalty and K-1 income (Schedule E), and the like.”

The group will not take appointments. “We request you just show up for assistance on a first-come, first-served basis,” Fernandez explained. Taxpayers are urged to arrive before noon as the volunteers must close down work at 2 p.m.

Taxpayers are asked to bring a copy of last year's return (if available), the social security cards of taxpayer/spouse/dependents, and current year “papers” such as W-2s; 1099s; bank and investment statements; 1098-T tuition payments; 1098-E student loan interest; 1098 mortgage interest; child care provider statements; and the like. Returns usually take about an hour and can be electronically filed for free. Electronic filing usually enables a refund within 2-3 weeks instead of 4-8 weeks for mailed tax returns.

For more information contact Ramon Fernandez at 713-525-2103.

Lenten Sacrifice

The Lenten experience promises to take on new dimensions with an innovative program Campus Ministry is developing in an effort to reach out to various local, ethnic communities and to open the hearts of students. The new program will feature prayer, fasting and alms giving. Sr. Maura sets a high standard citing John Bunyan, English preacher and author of *The Pilgrim's Progress*, “You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.” Learn more about this program on the weekly display board in the entrance of Crooker Center.

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