

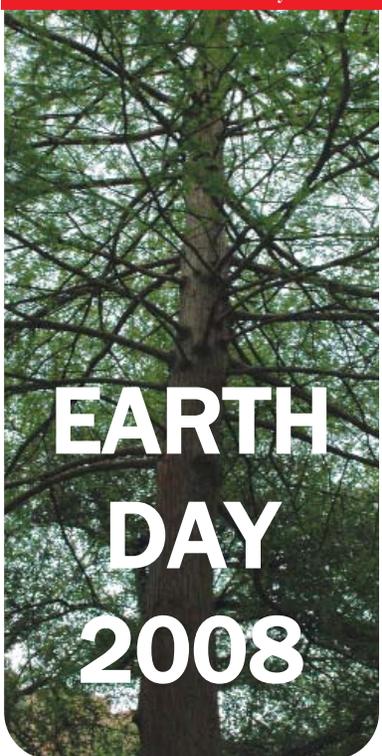
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EARTH DAY 2008

UST Celebrates Earth Day 2008 with Dr. Lasher

The pontificate of Pope John Paul II and the theology of Pope Benedict XVI offer profound contributions to the question of religious responses to the environmental crisis.

To further discussion on the Catholic response to this issue, UST will celebrate Earth Day 2008 with a lecture by Dr. Connie Lasher, founder and executive director of the John Paul II Institute for Theology and Environmental Studies, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in Anderson Hall, Room 103.

In the lecture, titled "Ecological Identity and Christian Humanism," Lasher will address whether or not Christians have a moral imperative to care for the environment, the role of nature in human self-understanding and in the development and formation of children. The lecture will also consider whether there is an "envi-

ronmental mandate" in Catholic higher education today. A panel discussion will follow, including UST Dean of Arts and Sciences Dominic Aquila, Assistant Professor of Philosophy the Rev. Anthony Giampietro, CSB, Director of the Master in Liberal Arts Program Ravi Srinivas and Assistant Professor of Biology and Catholic Studies Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE.

Lasher is a Roman Catholic systematic theologian who integrates the field of environmental studies into her teaching and scholarship, with particular interest in the environmental arts and humanities. Her upcoming book is titled "Environmentalism and the New Evangelization: Ecological Identity and the Theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar." The event is free and open to the public.

University of St. Thomas Drama Department gives "Trojan Women" a Voice

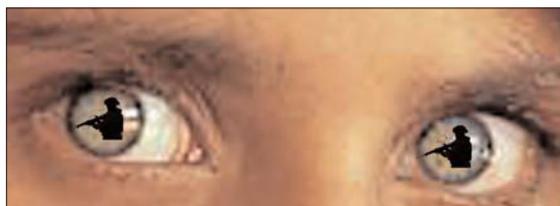
The University of St. Thomas Drama Department will stage "Trojan Women," a play about the women and children who are injured both physically and emotionally by acts of war, at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 16-19 and April 23-26 in Jones Theatre.

To date, the U.S. Department of Defense estimates that more than 90,000 civilian women and children have been killed in the conflict in Iraq, and three times that amount have been injured, according to the

Iraq Body Count. The play seeks to draw attention to the death and injuries that occur as facts of war and to draw a parallel

between the tragedies that mark this moment in history and the mythic histories of the Trojan War that Homer sought to mark in poetry almost 3,000 years ago.

This production contains images and descriptions of graphic



violence; it is not recommended for children or sensitive viewers.

Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$10 students, children and seniors; \$5 UST community with ID. For reservations, call 713-525-3520.

Sor Juana: A Tribute to Mexican Women



Perspectivas: A Window into Their World will held on the UST campus on Wednesday, April

23 as part of the 2008 *Sor Juana* Festival. *Perspectivas* is a group exhibition celebrating the art of four different Mexican women from both sides of the border and their unique perspectives on life, art, *cultura* and social issues. A reception will be held prior to the exhibition beginning at 6 p.m., with performances at 7 p.m. in Jones Hall.

The group exhibition will feature the art of Santa C. Barraza, Kingsville, Texas; Laura Lopez, Houston; Esperanza Gama, Guadalajara, Mexico and Chicago; Delilah Montoya, Albuquerque, New Mexico and Texas.

The event is free and public.

Tri-Beta Judges Science Fair

Members of the UST Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society recently visited Holy Name Catholic School to judge science fair presentations for first through eighth grades. Victor Ticas, Nohemi Valdez, Kayleigh Eaves, Leigh Ann Bryan, Chastity De La Rosa and Van Bui examined posters displaying experiments such as the rusting of nails and the need for calcium in bones and chose winners for all grade levels.



Leigh Ann Bryan

SAVE THE DATE

UST Professor Book Signing



Dr. Carolyn Baker, UST adjunct professor in education will speak and sign copies of her new book "Last to Leave Home," at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14 in Crooker Center.

Spring Formal



SAB's spring formal "A Royal Affair" will be held in the Monarch Ballroom at the Westin Galleria from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday, April 18. Tickets are on sale in the Student Activities office.

Senior ROAR



Graduating seniors are invited to the Senior Class Roar from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 17 in Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center. Enjoy free Mission Burritos, Ben & Jerry's ice cream and win cash prizes. RSVP: alumni@stthom.edu

China Town Hall Webcast



Join the Center for International Studies to view the live Webcast, "The China Issue in the 2008 Presidential and Congressional Campaigns," at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 17 at Baker Hall, Rice University.

Doherty Library Holds Literary Event Remembering Janice Gordon Kelter

The Friends of Doherty Library and the English Department will host a literary event titled, "Remembering JGK" to honor the late Dr. Janice Gordon-Kelter at 7 p.m. Friday, April 25 in the foyer of Doherty Library. Dr. Gordon-Kelter served as dean of the Master in Liberal Arts Program and as associate professor of history at UST before her death in January 2006. Dr. Janet Lowery, UST professor of English, will read selections from her poetry about Dr. Gordon-Kelter and from her collection, "Traffic in Women," which she dedicated to her. Broadside of Lowery's poem, "In Memoriam: Janice Gordon-Kelter," will be on sale at the event as well as copies of "Traffic in Women." Dr. Gordon-Kelter joined the UST family in 1991 and held a number of positions before becoming dean of the MLA program in 2001. All proceeds from the broadside sales will benefit the library collection in her name. A reception will follow. The event is free and open to the public.

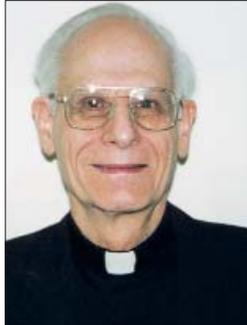


Janice Gordon-Kelter

St. Thomas High School Honors Braden

UST President Emeritus the Rev. Patrick Braden, CSB, has been named to St. Thomas High School's Hall of Honor, which recognizes alumni who best model the spirit of St. Thomas in their life and work and personify the Basilian motto, "Teach me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge."

Braden, who is an adjunct professor of physics and mathematics at UST, graduated from St. Thomas High School in 1941. He taught at Rice University for a year before joining the Basilian Fathers in 1947. After becoming ordained in 1952, he earned his master's and later his doctorate in engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. In 1954, he came to UST as an associate professor of physics and also taught courses in mathematics and engineering. He served as president of UST from 1967 to 1979, and then as president of St. John Fisher



College in Rochester, New York from 1980 to 1986. He worked in West Africa for a year and later taught at Sir Arthur Lewis College on the island of St. Lucia. Since 1995, he has been teaching at UST and serving on the board of directors.

Braden, who grew up in Houston, says St. Thomas High School has always been close to his heart. He even taught there for a few weeks in 1991 when the school needed a physics teacher.

"It was certainly some of the great Basilian teachers at St. Thomas High School that influenced my decision to become a priest," he said. "I wanted to study and teach, and the Basilians I knew were down to earth, real men and real priests and teachers."

Braden will be officially inducted into the Hall of Honor on Thursday, April 24 during a ceremony at the high school.

Cameron School Named in UN Management Initiative

UST's Cameron School of Business has been named as one of the first 100 participants of the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), a United Nations-backed global initiative developed to promote corporate responsibility and sustainability in business education.

PRME was launched under the patronage of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in July 2007. Institutions participating in the initiative make a commitment to align their mission and strategy, as well as their core competencies with UN values embodied by the six PRME principles — purpose, values, method, research, partnership and dialogue.

"By being named one of the first 100 participants, the Cameron School of Business has taken another major step in positioning the University to achieve its strategic goal of becoming a major Catholic university in the United States within the next two decades," Dr. Bahman Mirshab, dean of the Cameron School of Business, said.

The initiative encourages curriculum development around the corporate responsibility agenda and research in support of sustainable management systems, as well as public advocacy and opinion leadership to advance responsible business practices.

International Studies Students Present at Conference



Seventeen international studies students presented theses at the annual Southwestern International Studies Association conference in Las Vegas in March. Pictured top row: Mohammad Abudayyeh, Daniel Pulido, Angel Dang, Claudia Espinosa, Ida Orbe and Lin Cheng Front Row: Crispulo Marmolejo, Laura Adal, Patricia Manjarrez, Cheryl Witty Castillo, Nivien Saleh, Amanda Duhon, Meredith Millspaugh, Suzzette Villarruel, Maria Campos, Tanya Thirlwall, Anne Polo.

The Last Hoorah

Kick back and enjoy these UST year-end traditions. Bring your friends, family, neighbors or classmates for fun and festivities before finals and graduation.

Founder's Day



Discover the roots of the University during the third annual Founder's Day celebration on Thursday, April 24. Mass will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Basil, followed by a luncheon on the Crooker Patio. The 2008-2009 student leaders will be introduced at the luncheon, and outgoing student leaders will be recognized. For more information, contact Angie Montelongo at 713-525-3576.

BSU Crawfish Boil



Bring your appetite to the seventh annual Black Student Union Crawfish Boil, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, April 25 on the Crooker Patio. Tickets are on sale in the Student Activities Board office for \$5 or \$7 at the door. The event will feature music, student performances and crawfish, corn and potatoes. For more information, contact LeDarrin Johnson at bsu@stthom.edu. 21 and up, bring ID.

Stay Afloat for Finals



Cool off poolside and enjoy free food and drinks during the Stay Afloat for Finals event from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 1 by the Jerabeck Pool.

Enjoy a game or two of sand volleyball and relax with your friends one last time before finals. For more information, contact Angie Montelongo at 713-525-3576.

Cinco de Mayo



Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the Student Organization of Latinos, Hispanic Business Student Association and Bilingual Educators Student Organization on Friday, May 2. A mariachi Mass will begin at 6 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Basil, followed by a reception in the Jerabeck Gymnasium. A silent auction will benefit St. Michael's Home for Children. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Rachel Castillo at sol@stthom.edu.

Leadership Banquet



Congratulate your fellow peers and share the past year's memories during the sixth annual Leadership Banquet hosted by the Office of Student Activities. The celebration begins Sunday, May 4 with Mass in the Chapel of St. Basil at 10:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon in the Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center on Sunday, May 4. Student organizations and individual leaders will be recognized. RSVP to Angie Montelongo at montela@stthom.edu.

Late Night Breakfast



Take a break from the books and head over to the Crooker Cafeteria for a late night breakfast served hot and fresh by University faculty and staff. Enjoy authentic tacos during the Cinco de Mayo Late Night Breakfast feast on Monday, May 5 from 9 to 11 p.m.

To reserve your spot, call 713-525-3576 or e-mail studentactivities@stthom.edu.

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