



Free admission and a ton of fun

Crisp fall days offer the perfect weather for a trip to the zoo, and UST undergraduate students receive free admission with a student ID. Located at the end of Montrose Boulevard, the Zoo has just welcomed its newest bundle of joy—a 384-pound elephant born to mother Shanti. “After 15 months of tender, loving care, Shanti, the Houston Zoo’s 15-year-old Asian elephant, delivered a male calf of record-breaking proportions,” said a Zoo official. The calf is the largest elephant calf ever delivered in a zoo accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Shanti and her calf are on view to the public starting Oct. 24.

According to the Zoo’s Web site, the arrival of cool weather has made Shanti’s calf very frisky. “On Friday, he got stuck upside down, turtle-style, on a pile of sand. His legs flailed about for several moments until he was able to right himself by sliding down the mountain. He didn’t seem the least bit upset by the experience, but instead got up and ran around.”

The Houston Zoo houses more than

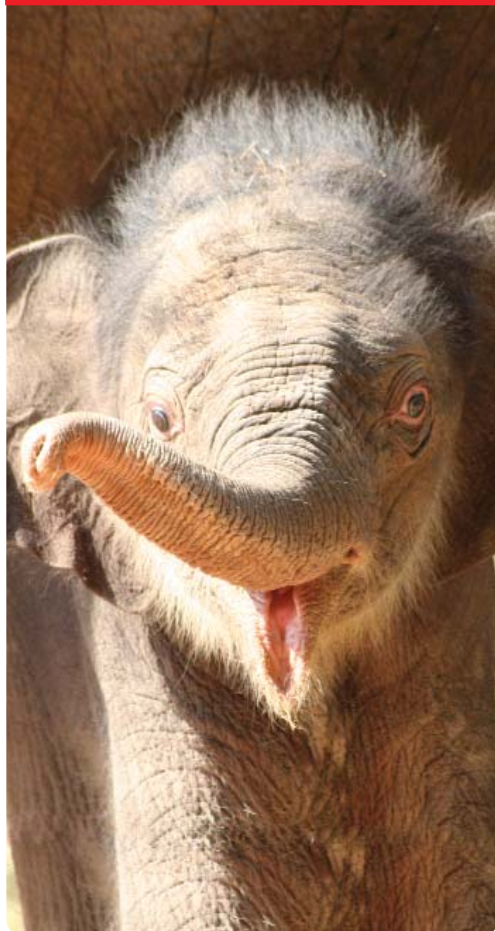
3,100 animals, and provides a fun, unique and inspirational experience that fosters appreciation, knowledge and care for the natural world. The Zoo publishes an event schedule to help visitors make the most of their visits.

The Zoo is asking Houstonians to help select a name for the baby pachyderm. To participate in the naming contest, log on to www.houstonzoo.org by Nov. 10. You may choose from five potential names provided by zoo keepers: Colossus, Guinness, Sundar, Janu or Mac.

The Zoo is located in Hermann Park at 1513 North MacGregor and is open seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during October through February.

UST also offers undergraduates free admission to regular exhibits at the Museum of Natural Science and the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. These partnerships represent part of the University’s mission to strengthen student enrichment and experience.

So next time you want a no-cost cultural infusion, grab your student ID, and have a little fun.



Women of the World

Find out how the vivid images of Mexico inspired the poetic work of Wendolyn Lozano when she speaks at the next Women of the World lecture at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, in the MILAB, second floor, Malloy Hall. The title of her talk is “The Poetic Imagery of Mexico.” In this presentation, Lozano will share the motivation and inspiration behind her writing process.

Born in Mexico, Lozano was attracted to poetry at a young age, and soon became interested in social justice themes. This interest motivated her to continue her studies through law school.

Over the years, Lozano has taught creative writing workshops in both Mexico and Canada, and is a collaborative writer for the bilingual magazine *Literal: Latinamerican Voices* and *El Universo del Buho*. In 2004, the Muskoka Novel Marathon short-listed her novel *Pirofono*.

The Women of the World Lecture Series was initiated by Dr. Debra Andrist, Cullen professor of Spanish, in honor of her parents, Bill L. and Gerre D. Andrist. This year’s theme is Hispanic America.

For more information, contact Dr. Debra Andrist at 713-525-3122.



Global Ambassadors

The World Affairs Council of Houston recently named Center for International Studies students Raul David Avalos and Philippe Nassif as Global Ambassadors. The Global Ambassadors’ initiative for the 2006-2007 academic year was launched to bring the most outstanding college students to 6th-12th grade classrooms to speak about their experiences abroad. The goal of the program is to expand middle school and high school students’ knowledge of world cultures through a first-person presentation. Avalos and Nassif were selected through a rigorous application process to ensure that their presentations are interesting and substantive.

Avalos has traveled to Japan and Brazil, and was the first UST student to live and study in Barcelona for the spring and summer 2005 sessions. Nassif has traveled to Europe, London and Lebanon.

“Philippe’s and David’s volunteer efforts as ambassadors to the schools in Houston are reflective of what is best about St. Thomas’ International Studies students – their sense of service to the community,” Gustavo Wensjoe, director of Center for International Studies, said.



My Life with the Clancys

Join the Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Forum, The Irish American Cultural Institute and the Irish Society as they welcome Mary Clancy, who will give a talk on “My Life with the Clancy Brothers” at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, in Jones Hall. It is free and open to the public; no RSVP or tickets sold; first come-first served.

Clancy will relate her experiences growing up in Ireland and her life with her husband, Paddy Clancy, of the famed Clancy Brothers, a well-known Irish folk band. She will discuss her research on “various problems during and after the Second World War and how people and families coped with these economically difficult years in Ireland.” She will review changes that have taken place in Ireland, contrasting her childhood with that of her grandchildren’s generation. She will also discuss Ireland’s agrarian culture and her efforts in sustaining her own farm, as well as her years of “raising children, cattle and horses,” all of which are “molded around a life of song and travel.”

For more information, please contact Lori Gallagher at 713-525-3592 or irishstudies@stthom.edu

Campus Ministry welcomes youth to UST



On Oct. 18, 50 freshman visited UST from John XXIII High School for a day-long retreat dealing with the Eucharist. Sr. Maura Behrenfeld, Campus Ministry coordinator, along with UST students, coordinated and organized the event.

Study abroad in China this summer



Attention MBA, MIB and MSA students! The classroom will spring to life this July when you sign up for "Marketing in the People's Republic of China," offered as a study abroad

course in Summer 2007. Come to the information sessions scheduled 5-5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, or 5-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, Cameron School of Business, Basilian Room. "The objective of this course is to familiarize the student with the marketing challenges and opportunities in the PRC," said Cameron School of Business Assistant Professor Norma Mendoza, who will teach the course. "Students will learn the existing legal and regulatory restrictions associated with marketing practices in China."

The courses cover three weeks: two domestic, July 16-25 (seven campus evenings); and one abroad, July 27-Aug. 5. The week abroad will include a combina-

tion of speakers, tours of Chinese and U.S. organizations, and lectures on marketing strategy, emerging models of Chinese consumer behavior, marketing research methods, promotional strategy and regulation of marketing practices in the PRC.

To register, contact Diana Garcia at garciad@stthom.edu or call 713-525-3530; deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 15. Trip cost is \$4,999, exclusive of dinners. This fee covers all travel, tuition and coach rides. A nonrefundable reservation fee of \$750 is required.

This course can satisfy the regional or elective requirements for MIB students. It may also serve as an elective for MBA and MSA students. For MBA students with an international business concentration, it may serve as one of the required electives for the concentration, but not as a substitute for International Economics.



ViewPoints

Prince Bandar

Author William Simpson talks about his book "The Prince: The Secret Story of the World's Most Intriguing Royal, Prince Bandar bin Sultan," at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, in Cullen Hall.



In Conversation with...

Mark your calendar for "In Conversation with Jim Ketelsen," at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 30, in Cullen Hall. Ketelsen, founder of Project GRAD, is this year's Ethical Leadership in Action award recipient.



Schola Cantorum Performs

Hear *Schola Cantorum*, directed by Ann Fairbanks, sing at the Latin Mass celebrated at 12:20 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, in the Chapel of St. Basil. Fr. Daniel Callam will serve as celebrant.



Doherty Book Sale



Score hardbound books for \$1 and paperbacks for 50 cents at the Doherty Library Book Sale. The sale is from 8-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1 for UST students, staff, faculty and Friends of the Library members only. It is open to all on the following dates: 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2; 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3; 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 and 1:30-11:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5. Look for a large number of literature, theology, philosophy and foreign language titles at this year's sale.

Reach out: Volunteer in medical field

The TriBeta Honor Society, American Chemistry Society, Pre-Health Professions Society and the Office of Volunteer Opportunity co-sponsor a meeting from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, in Anderson Hall, Room 103, to inform students about volunteer opportunities in the medical field. Since community service is strongly encouraged for applicants to medical, pharmacy and other professional schools, this is a good opportunity for UST students to become involved.

Presenters include Grace Jackson, Volunteer Houston, who is recruiting volunteers for a new collaborative pilot project Care for Elders; Mary Heartlein of John P. McGovern Museum of Health and Medical Science; a representative of Angel Flight, which provides free nonemergency air transportation to specialized health care facilities for patients in Texas; and Lynn Cutrer from University of Texas Health Science Center. Lunch will be provided by OVO. Students can ask questions and complete volunteer applications.



ACS students earn outstanding status

The UST Student Affiliates Chapter of the American Chemical Society has been awarded outstanding status by the National

ACS based on the activities and accomplishments listed in the 2005-06 Annual Report. This places the chapter in the top 3.5 percent of the ACS chapters in the United States and Puerto Rico.

ISA art sale

The International Student Association will have an art and jewelry sale from noon-2 p.m. Nov. 2, in the Crooker Center corridor. Check out the club's vast selection of Egyptian papyrus drawings, statues, shadowbox art and selected African jewelry. All prices have been reduced.



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