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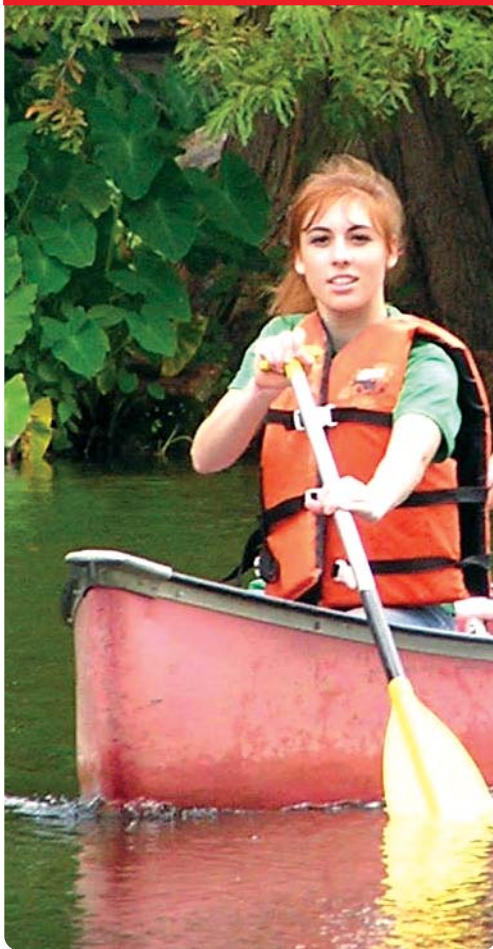
Do you enjoy the outdoors? Do you like camping, or would you like to try it? Are you looking for a different kind of experience on a retreat? If so, UST's Fall Wilderness Retreat might just fill the bill.

On Friday, Nov. 10, Campus Ministry will take a group of students to a weekend retreat at Inks Lake State Park, an hour and a half north of Austin. The group will leave campus at 1:30 p.m. Friday, and return to UST around 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12.

The retreat will include hiking; time to reflect and relax in scenic, natural areas; cooking outdoors; sleeping in tents; star-gazing; and engaging in mean-

ingful discussions. It is an opportunity to allow nature and quality time with friends to bring insight into your life. Undergraduate students from all classes are invited to attend.

To register contact Sr. Maura Behrenfeld at sistermaura@stthom.edu or stop by the Campus Ministry office in Crooker Center, second floor. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, Nov. 7. The \$25 registration fee covers all costs for the retreat; the fee is nonrefundable after Nov. 7. If you need financial assistance contact Sr. Maura; support funding is available. For more information about the retreat contact Campus Ministry at 713-525-3588.



Governance and Corruption

Daniel Kaufmann, director of Global Programs, World Bank Institute, will discuss "Governance and Corruption: Myths and Realities" at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center. The event is free and is sponsored by the Center for International Studies and the Houston World Affairs Council.

A leading expert, researcher and adviser to countries on governance and development, Kaufmann, along with his staff and colleagues, has pioneered survey methodologies and capacity-building approaches for good governance and anti-corruption programs used around the world. He currently heads the World Bank's Global Programs, where he oversees the governance and knowledge agenda in more than 100 countries.

A Chilean national, Kaufmann received his M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from Harvard, and a B.A. in economics and statistics from Hebrew University of Jerusalem. For details contact Diana Garcia at 713-525-3530.

HWAC offers diversified programming to promote better understanding of international relations, and contributes to national and international policy debates.



An Irish Girl's Journey

With suitcase in hand, Irish actor Marian Tomas Griffin brings us on a journey through her childhood days in 1980s Ireland: school days, teenage life, first kisses, Irish mother, visiting Yanks, departures, losses and more in this hilarious and feisty yet poignant journey of a modern Irish woman at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, in Cullen Hall. Griffin acts, tells stories, sings and plays the guitar in an outstanding solo performance.

"It is a candid, humorous rite of passage for an American audience with some sophistication in things Irish," said T.S. Kerrigan, The American Reporter theater critic. "Though the play begins in Ireland, the action shifts to New York, where Griffin wields her satirical scalpel effortlessly and with hilarious results."

Born in New York City and raised in Killala, County Mayo, Ireland, Griffin has been a part of the New York music, theater and film scene for the past eight years.

The event is sponsored by the Center for Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Forum, Kerry Records and The Irish Society.

For more information contact Lori Gallagher at 713-525-3592.



Greenberg Leadership Lecture

Dr. Cathy Greenberg, leadership expert and national speaker, will discuss her book, "What Happy Companies Know," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 in Cullen Hall.

Greenberg has developed a conception of how effective management of a company can promote the physical and emotional wellbeing of its employees in a manner that achieves the goals of the organization, be it a profit-seeking institution, a not-for-profit one or a government entity.

She has appeared on national media, including CNN, NPR and BBC World. She founded and directed the Institute for Strategic Leadership at Drexel University, one of only two nationally recognized leadership institutes headed by women. She also spent two decades as a managing partner at Accenture and Computer Sciences Corporation, two of the world's leading consulting firms.

The Cameron School of Business sponsors this event. A reception will precede the lecture at 6:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public. RSVP preferred. Call Christina Mucha at 713-525-2105 for reservations.

C.E.L.T. Program shapes leaders of faith, character

Starting this November, UST's Office of Student Activities will provide a new leadership program to freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Creating and Educating Leaders of Tomorrow, or C.E.L.T., is a comprehensive leadership curriculum that consists of five phases to guide students through their careers at UST. Each phase gives the student an opportunity to grow individually and professionally. The program will feature a variety of workshops to teach the student specialized skills in areas such as communication, event planning and goal setting. The participants are required to attend a minimum of eight sessions.

Other activities in the program include weekend retreats, leadership projects and opportunities to enhance and assist students in their leadership development and co-curricular experience. Assistant



Director of Student Activities Angie Montelongo created this program to enhance the UST community by using quality role models who lead by example.

"My goal for starting this program is to assist our students in their leadership development," Montelongo said. "UST is focused on educating leaders of faith and character, and this program exemplifies that statement. It will help our students to become better leaders, not just on campus, but in their communities as well.

"The program works best when initiated in the first and second year, but for interested juniors, two cohorts have been created," she said. Juniors will be enrolled on a fast track that will last two years.

Workshops for the program begin Nov. 2, and will last until late April. For more information contact Angie Montelongo at 713-525-3572.

ViewPoints

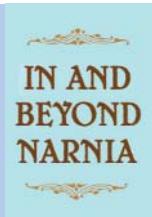
10 Unsolved Questions

Hear Dr. David Eagleman, assistant professor, University of Texas Medical School-Houston, address 10 unsolved neuroscience questions at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, Anderson Hall, Room 103.



In and Beyond Narnia

See the theatrical version of C.S. Lewis' "The Chronicles of Narnia," 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, Doherty Library, Room 009, then discuss the film with Dr. Ted Rebard, 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13 at the Black Lab.



Toxicological Chemistry Seminar

The American Chemical Society will host a seminar with Stanley E. Manahan titled "Toxicological Chemistry and Toxic Terror" at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13, in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center.



Rose appointed to parking commission board

Mayor Bill White has appointed Howard Rose, UST's assistant vice president of Facilities Operations, to serve on the Public Parking Commission Board of Directors in position 15. His term will expire Dec. 31, 2008. City Council confirmed his appointment on Oct. 24.

According to the city of Houston's Web site, the Public Parking Commission is the first of its kind in Texas. In addition



to serving as a public forum, the commission's main goal is to direct parking management in resolving parking issues.

The commission also recommends parking-related ordinances and capital improvement

projects to City Council, gathers and reviews data relating to the city's present and future parking needs, maintains a comprehensive inventory of the on-street parking supply and recommends to City Council all matters for the management, development and advancement of the city's parking needs or facilities.

This citizen-led commission consists of nine mayor-appointed regular members and six ex-officio members, all serving without compensation, who have been confirmed by City Council for one-or two-year terms. Meetings are held at 2 p.m., the first and third Wednesday of each month in the City Hall Annex Chambers, 900 Bagby.



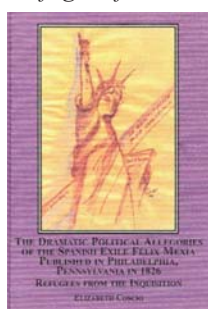
Return to Wonderland

Chase the White Rabbit. Swim with the Mouse. Race with the Dodo and the Lory. Paint flowers in the Queen's garden. Sneeze with the Duchess and the Cook. Gasp at the Cheshire Cat. Cheer for Tweedle-dee and Tweedle-dum. Cry with the Mock Turtle and the Gryphon. Sip tea with the Mad Hatter, the March Hare and the Dormouse. Tremble for Humpty-Dumpty. And, of course, defend the White Rabbit at the Queen's trial.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Deborah Lynn Frockt's retelling of the classic Lewis Carroll tale, will play at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Nov. 14-Dec. 7, (except Thanksgiving) in Jones Hall. Faculty, staff and students receive free admission; general admission is \$4. For reservations call 713-525-3522.

Allegory in analysis: Coscio's reflections published

Mellen Press has recently published Assistant Professor of Spanish Dr. Elizabeth Coscio's book titled *The Dramatic Political Allegories of the Spanish Exile Félix Mexía Published in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1826: Refugees from the Inquisition*.



Coscio notes that in addressing the works of Félix Mexía, she hopes to have shed light on the relationship of political and romantic revolutionary desire to artistic production through allegory. The role of the journalist as an intellectual, philosopher and lover of knowledge pursued by a disciplined use of reason faced with the political necessity of action has often been played as part of a larger theatrical cultural performance.

The book was presented at the South Central Modern Language Association

annual conference last weekend in Dallas.

"Dr. Coscio is to be commended for the rigor of her research and the eloquence of her style," said Rosemary Salum, founder and chief editor of *Literal: Latin American Voices*. "This magnificent study fills a void in the Félix Mexía phenomena. The expressiveness of this book transcends the academic niche, making it accessible to anyone interested in history and politics."

Coscio earned her Ph.D. from the University of Houston. She teaches Spanish applied language courses for business and mass media in the Modern and Classical Languages Department. She created the first Spanish Heritage course at UST and serves as director of the University's Bilingual Journalism Program.

Everyone is welcome to attend a reception for Dr. Coscio at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, in Malloy Hall vestibule.



UST in the News

On Nov. 7 turn your TV to KPRC Channel 2 for election commentary by faculty expert, Dr. Jon Taylor, chair of UST's Political Science Department, or listen to KTRH 740 AM from 7-11 p.m. to catch the Democrat vs. Republican banter of Political Science Associate Professor J.P. Faletta and Adjunct Professor Michelle Carnahan.

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