



Freshman retreat: escape the daily grind

The Escape Freshman Retreat is an off-campus weekend retreat for freshman students of all denominations. This getaway provides a relaxed atmosphere to "escape" the demands of college. Led by upperclassmen, first-year students are encouraged to reflect on the past, present and future. It is a time to have fun and for freshmen to meet their classmates on Sept. 22-24, 2006, at Kickapoo Ranch, 30670 Joseph Rd, Hockley. Departure is at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22, and the group will return to UST at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24. Space is limited. Registration deadline is Sept. 20. Reserve your spot by calling Campus Ministry at 713-525-3589.

The Escape is designed and run by UST students. Freshman who attend the retreat will learn the ins and outs of

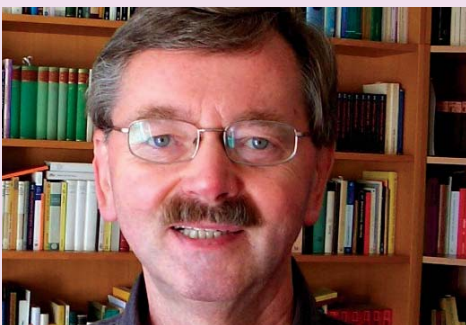
college life from those who've been there. The retreat boasts everything from fun, energy games to opportunities to relax and join in interesting talks and discussions with peers. "Freshman come back from the retreat with all sorts of stories and memories. But, honestly, I think the best part is that they get the chance to meet people who will remain friends years from now, Mireya

Blankmeyer, Campus Ministry intern said."

Freshmen who went on last year's retreat said that The Escape was exactly what they needed to jumpstart their first year at UST. Students who carved out the time to attend the retreat met a lot of entertaining people – freshmen and upperclassmen alike. The first-year students also reported that The Escape helped them incorporate their faith into their busy college lives.

"It helped me realize I need to take my faith to another level."

-UST senior
Stephanie Boss



Moral leadership in business

Professor Gerhold Becker will speak on "Moral Leadership in Business: Asset or Liability?" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark, sponsored by the University of St. Thomas Center for Business Ethics. The event is free and open to the public, but limited seating; first-come, first-served.

In his presentation, Professor Becker draws upon his extensive ethics background to explore the nature of leadership.

Dr. Becker has published on a wide range of issues in applied ethics and in business ethics. Currently a visiting professor in the Graduate School of Religion and Philosophy at Assumption University of Thailand, Bangkok, Dr. Becker taught for nearly 19 years at Hong Kong Baptist University. He chaired philosophy and religion and also served as the founding director of the Centre for Applied Ethics.

He holds a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Munich and licentiate in Catholic theology and in philosophy from St. Georgen, Frankfurt.



Steps toward reconciliation

The Center for Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Forum, The American Ireland Fund and The Irish Society will present Rev. Bill Shaw, Presbyterian minister from Belfast, Northern Ireland. Rev. Shaw will give a talk on "Northern Ireland: Steps toward Reconciliation and Peace" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, in Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon. The event is free and open to the public; no RSVP or tickets sold; first come-first served. For more information contact Lori Gallagher at 713-525-3592.

Rev. Shaw, working in a distinctly Catholic environment, will discuss community-based solutions for reconciling the conflict between Northern Irish Catholics and Protestants.

Rev. Shaw's organization, the 174 Trust, is a nondenominational Christian community organization that pursues peaceful cross-cultural interaction at a grassroots level. The 174 Trust was founded in 1983 on Christian principles demonstrating Christ's values in action. The Rev. Shaw has worked as the Trust's director for the last eight years, increasing its profile in North Belfast and elsewhere.



"Tango Time" with Casarsa

Casa Argentina de Houston and the University of St. Thomas Modern and Classical Languages Department will present "Tango Time," a recital of piano, violin and dance by Rene Casarsa, with special participation from violinist Pablo Donatti and tango dancers Martin and Natia Pelaez, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, in Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum.

The recital will take you through a nostalgic journey of the early days of tango magically blended with the avant-garde music of Buenos Aires. Casarsa has developed a repertoire of mostly Argentine tangos, milongas, candombes and waltzes. A selection of themes from the old and the new, as well as pieces with different rhythms are chosen for each recital.

Admission is \$16 for the general public, \$14 for members of Casa Argentina de Houston and \$8 for students. To purchase tickets send a check, no later than Sept. 9, made payable to Casa Argentina de Houston, to 4740 Ingersoll, Suite 104, Houston, TX 77027. (Note on the check that it is for Tango Time.) For more information contact 832-215-4076 or visit www.casaargentina.org.

UST student chosen as Honors Fellow

UST English and philosophy major **Rob MacArthur**, son of Dr. Kerry MacArthur, associate professor and chair of English, was recently selected as an Honors Fellow by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute. Each year, the ISI, a national educational organization headquartered in Wilmington, Del., selects 50 of the nation's most talented undergraduates to be Honors Fellow who participate in a yearlong program of educational enrichment.



and discussion led by faculty mentors who teach in the humanities and social sciences from numerous colleges and universities.

Throughout the next academic year, MacArthur will receive continuing direction from his faculty mentors through participation in small seminars and online discussions about both permanent questions and contemporary concerns. The ISI faculty mentors and staff will provide one-on-one professional assistance to each of the Honors Fellows, including information about internships, job opportunities, graduate and professional programs and related concerns. MacArthur will also attend an ISI Career Development Seminar, designed to help prepare him for future positions of leadership, and he will receive a large collection of books and journals.

MacArthur recently attended a week-long, all-expenses-paid, ISI summer conference in Big Sky, Mont., titled "Individual and Community in the Settling of America." At the conference he explored the values and ideas that animate the Western tradition in general, and America's founding in particular. Students had the opportunity to engage in debate

Edward P. White Memorial Plaza unveiled

Houston Mayor Bill White, *Houston Chronicle* Publisher Jack Sweeney and UST President Robert Ivany unveiled the last creative design of world-renowned architect Philip Johnson, Friday, Sept. 8, in front of the Link Lee Mansion.

The landmark will consist of a granite-clad reinforced concrete structure with a studded cross attached at the



same angle of repose as the cross in the west wall of the Chapel of St. Basil. The black granite monument, also called a stele, stands about 30-feet tall and eight feet wide and alludes to the black granite plane that bisects the Chapel. The white granite plaza

around the landmark will be the same as the plaza in front of the Chapel.

Additionally, the landmark will have a 16-x30-foot reflecting pool, tiled with a deep blue ceramic, that gives the water a dark color. A water wall, standing from six to eight feet in height, will be erected on the plaza's west side. The water will fall behind a set of aluminum letters that spell out the name of University of St. Thomas.

Raye White and the Wortham Foundation are the primary benefactors of this landmark, dedicated to the memory of University benefactor Edward P. White.

Tell us what you think..as long as it's good

The "Just for You" is published every August for new and returning students. It is designed especially for student interest, student recognition and to inform students about campus changes and activities that have happened over the summer. Because we focus on you, we want

your input on this newsletter. You can view the publication at <http://www.stthom.edu/ia/publications/pdf2006/summer06jfy.pdf>. To have your voice heard, hit the "reply" button and send your comments to Sandra Soliz, Public Affairs Office, at solizs@stthom.edu



ViewPoints

Mass with Gregorian chant

Gregorian chant, directed by Ann Fairbanks, will be sung at Masses at 12:20 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 19; Oct. 31; and Nov. 28 in the Chapel of St. Basil, 3802 Yoakum.



A Modern la Llorona

Award-winning author Graciela Limon, will discuss and read excerpts from her novel, *Left Alive*, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, in Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum.

Constitution Day

Celebrate Constitution Day at noon Sept. 18 in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center. This day recognizes the signing of our constitution in 1787.

Article I

...make no law respecting freedom of speech, or of people peacefully to assemble for a redress of g

Article II



"Emerging Markets"

Robert Hart, CEO of Globeleq, will give a lecture on "Emerging Markets" at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, in Ahern Room, Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark.

Paired for a purpose

Freshman English and Philosophy of the Human Person, core classes at UST, just got a little extra boost for first-year students who enrolled in UST's "Paired Courses." Paired course students take both courses with the same group of students. Teamed up this year are Fr. Anthony Giampietro, CSB, (philosophy) and Jim Barloon (English), and Thomas Osborne (philosophy) and Shannon Forbes (English).

"The advantage to students is that they are together for two classes and will be encouraged to see more clearly the connections between the two disciplines," said Fr. Giampietro. "Students are able to retain information better once they see those connections. More generally, it is hoped that they will better understand the structure and purpose of the entire core curriculum."

"With the success of this program, administrators would like to offer more paired courses in the future. Students are not the only ones to benefit from paired courses," Fr. Giampietro said. "While each professor retains control of content and grading within his or her course, each has the opportunity to see more clearly what others are teaching, and to learn from them." The paired-course initiative grew out of the SACS accreditation process and has become one of UST's Quality Enhancement Program initiatives.

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