HALFWAY TURNS OUT TO BE GREAT PLACE TO BE

“Believe you can, and you’re half there” Teddy Roosevelt charged, and the believers here at Fromm during these first weeks in October would hardly disagree. You’ve come so far, but you’ve got so far to go.

From all observations, and your reports, this halfway point in the Fromm Institute’s Fall Session has brought a lot of satisfaction to those determined enough to make it to our fourth and fifth weeks, and that’s where we find ourselves as this newsletter reaches its audience. Hopefully, you’ll agree that thanks to the energies of students eager to learn and faculty teaching at their best levels, September met or exceeded your expectations and this Libran month ahead looks like a winner.

Over the next few weeks more classes will stimulate your mind and more days on campus will energize your spirits – if you believe that they can, and if you act on that belief. You’ve already made it to the middle. Now have faith that just like karma, intuition and fate, the Fromm Institute’s collective effect, while just as empirically unverifiable, is something you can attest to as “intangibly real.” At this halfway point, just look ahead with anticipation and watch how quickly Fromm will carry you forward to the finish of its Fall Session.

Oh, and don’t forget to read/remember the details of so much news outlined on these pages.

MEDICAL LECTURE SERIES What’s Ahead On Wednesdays in Week Four, Five, Six

- On Oct. 7, Bob Owen, M.D., UCSF Prof. of Medicine, lectures on “Bowel Gases From Top to Bottom.” “It’s normal,” he reminds us and notes that it’s just a healthy part of digestion, a by-product of what we eat. In some cases, however, gas can be a symptom of a serious condition and that’s the focus of this lecture.
- On Oct. 14 the lecture originally scheduled as our first will become our fourth as we host Arnold Kriegstein, M.D. speaking on “Human Cortical Development of the Brain: What Makes Us Unique?” Join him then as he ponders just how our species evolved its cerebral cortex into the human brain that exists today.
- On Oct. 21, Lynn Flint, M.D. will trace the history of death and dying within the medical field, in her lecture entitled “Dying in the 21st Century.” Dr. Flint is an Asst. Prof. of Clinical Medicine at UCSF. She cares for older adults facing physical/cognitive impairment who reside at the SF VA Medical Center. She trains physicians in Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY, OCTOBER 12
There are no classes and the Fromm Institute Office will be closed on Mon., Oct. 12, Columbus Day. Remember Monday classes meet for 2 hours, 7 instead of 8 times this session. The last meeting of all Monday classes will be on November 9, 2015.
WINTER PREVIEW COMING

In the next newsletter (available starting Mon., Oct. 19) you’ll find the Official Preview of Our Winter Session. Discover who’s teaching what when. Early-Enrollment for continuing students begins starting then and ends on November 11 with the release of the 2016 Winter Course Catalog. Don’t miss the next “Rooftop.”


FROMM’S DECEMBER HOLIDAY LECTURES

The Fromm Institute celebrates the holidays in a special way. Through student participation in two days of special lectures, we spread holiday cheer and raise money from the tickets you buy each year for a $5,000 scholarship we offer to a USF undergraduate. Planning an exceptional morning and afternoon lecture and offering a tasty lunch in between makes these days in December an incredible example of holiday giving where our joy and goodwill come together with incredible outcomes. This year The Holiday Lectures are scheduled for Tues., December 15 and Wed., December 16 and for $75 per person per day, ($40 of that a tax-deductible scholarship contribution), you can enjoy these four Fromm Faculty: On Tuesday, a morning lecture from Prof. Cranna on “400 Years of Italian Opera” and an afternoon lecture from Prof. O’Sullivan on “The Roosevelt Women” will be featured. On Wednesday, the morning finds us “taking the waters” with Prof. Clay Large speaking on the “Grand European Spas” and in the afternoon enjoying classical music with the classically terrific Prof. Foglesong.

Tickets will be available starting October 19 along with the details of the full program and holiday menu.

LEARNING ABOUT OUR LIBRARY

On Thurs., Oct. 8 at Noon, join campus librarian Matt Collins, for the “Listen & Learn” Lunchtime Talk “Getting To Know The Gleeson Library/Geschke Learning Resource Center & The New Library Website.” This will be time well-spent for everyone present will discover what lies to the east of Fromm Hall. You can also join Matthew on Wed., Oct. 7 or Mon., Oct. 19 for a noon tour of the Library. The “Listen and Learn” Lunchtime Talk takes place in Fromm Hall’s Maraschi Room and the tours begin inside the Gleeson Library in the lobby by the fountain. Interested in attending (10/7 or 10/19)? “Sign-Ups” at the Welcome Booth in the lobby.

Remember, at these ‘Listen & Learn’ lunchtime events you can pay in advance and pre-order a box lunch. Prices for the Bon Appetite Box Lunch that will include a sandwich and drink of your choice, pasta salad and cookie, will be $10 and waiting for you in the Maraschi Room. Box Lunch order forms can be obtained from the Fromm Institute Office or on the Information Board at the “Welcome Booth” outside it.

FISA EVENTS DESIGNED FOR YOUR SOCIAL PLEASURE

Did you know that the Fromm Institute Student Association (FISA) plans noontime social events for Fromm students? It’s true, and they’re a great way to expand your enjoyment of your days at Fromm. Because of the voluntary $5 dues that so many of you offer, they have planned the following events for you.

• Under “Command Performances” with the assistance of FISA co-ordinator Bob Morgan, there’ll be a Jazz Trio Concert from The San Francisco Conservatory of Music on Tues., October 13. Then on Thurs., October 15 ACT’s Dramaturg Michael Paller will speak about ACT’s new season and new theatre, The Strand, on Market St.
• Under the auspices of “Tour & Travel” and with the assistance of FISA co-ordinator Susan Kennelly there will be a Thurs., October 22 “Brown Bag” highlighting the travel that awaits anyone who wishes to spend the first weeks in August 2016 among “Romantic Villages of Alpine Europe.” For all of these cookies are provided guilt free to those of you who have paid your dues, and guilt laden for those who have yet to offer the small $5 token of appreciation.