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Upcoming Off Campus Housing Information Fair

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Upcoming Academic Dates

Spring Break	Mar. 7-13
2nd session begins	Mar. 14

ESP March Seminars

Studying & Learning (3/3)
Exam Preparation (3/17)
Time Mgmt. & Study Strg. (3/23)
Exam Preparation (3/31)

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Mitchell Hall 209/211



Looking for a place to stay? The Adult & Commuter Student Services office is hosting an "Off Campus Housing Fair" on **Tuesday, March 22, 2005** from 10 am-2 pm in the lobby of the Rose Theatre.

The fair is designed to assist students in their off campus housing search. Come meet property managers and learn about apartments and housing options, as well as, any special promotions and amenities.

Leasing Agreement Seminar

Leases are binding legal documents that can make you responsible for thousands of dollars in rent payments, even if you never move in. A lease agreement can be very difficult to read and understand.

Balancing academic responsibilities and attending classes are a reality for many students at the University of Memphis. When renting an apartment or a room in a house, experiences such as paying rent, cooking and cleaning, and getting along with roommate are concerns that students balance along with their academic responsibilities. Landlords who are unresponsive to maintenance requests can bring even more stress to an already busy life. This seminar is designed to help you understand your rights and responsibilities regarding your lease.

"Understanding Lease Agreements" seminar hosted by ACSS will be held on **Tuesday, March 15, 2005** from 1:00-2:00 pm in the University Center, room 404. Attorney Brenda Oaks Williams of the Memphis Area Legal Services will facilitate this workshop. Please rsvp to Karen at 678-2995 or kgreen@memphis.edu.

Light refreshments will be reserved.



March is National Women's History Month



Before 1970, women's history was rarely the subject of serious study. The women's movement of the sixties caused women to question their invisibility in the texts. The movement also raised political opportunities for women that included women's education, birth control, housework, marriage, sexuality, and child rearing.

The Education Task Force of the

Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978 to promote the teaching of women's history in the K-12 curriculum and to raise the general public consciousness. Today, almost every college offers courses in women's history and a few graduate programs offer degrees.

To recognize the contributions that women have made locally, the Women's History Month Committee at the University of Memphis

will host a Panel Discussion featuring "Women in Nontraditional Roles." The event will be moderated by Dr. Shirley Raines, President of the University of Memphis and held on Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 4:00 pm in the Rose Theatre. Panelists will include women from law, education, engineer, clergy, and government. A reception will follow.

To view a calendar of events for Women's History, please go to: <http://www.memphis.edu/acss/news.htm>

The Belle McWilliams Scholarship in U.S. History is available through the Department of History.

Qualifications include:

- High School senior
- Or undergraduate student in the

Scholarship Opportunity

College of Arts & Sciences

- Or graduate student with major in History
- Resident of the United States
- Cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0
- Demonstrate a special interest in US history

- Diverse extracurricular activities

Applications may be picked up in 219 Mitchell Hall and must be completed and turned in to the History Dept. by March 15, 2005

Lifeblood

Lifeblood is one of about a hundred community blood centers in the nation that collect blood from local volunteer donors.

As a full-service blood center, Lifeblood performs all aspects of blood processing including recruiting donors, drawing blood from donors, testing it for infectious diseases, processing it into therapeutic components, and testing its compatibility for spe-

cific patients.

Blood donors are critically needed. Flu outbreak leads to a shortage in community blood supply. To meet patients' needs for blood and blood components, the Lifeblood Mid-South Regional Blood Center requires approximately 300 donors every weekday. Some of the reasons people need blood include cancer, heart and blood vessel disease, disease of the gastroin-

testinal tract, and, emergencies such as car accidents and burns.

The blood that Lifeblood receives is used to support patients in the mid-South. You may donate here on campus on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 am-5 pm** in the Rawlins Service Court Bldg, Suite 201 (above the bookstore). For more information call 678-5722.

This Month in History

March 1, 1961 - President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps, an organization sending young American volunteers to developing countries to assist with health care, education and other basic human needs.

March 3, 1913 - A women's suffrage march in Washington D.C. was attacked by angry onlookers while police stood by.

March 10, 1862 - The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began

circulation.

March 10, 1880 - The Salvation Army was founded in the United States.

March 17 - Celebrated as Saint Patrick's day commemorating the patron saint of Ireland.

March 20, 1995 - A nerve gas attack occurred on the Tokyo subway system during rush hour resulting in 12 persons killed and 5,000 injured.

March 24, 1989 - The largest oil spill in U.S. History occurred as the oil tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground in

Prince William Sound off Alaska, resulting in 11 million gallons of oil leaking into the natural habitat over a stretch of 45 miles.

March 27, 1977 - The worst accident in the history of civil aviation occurred as two Boeing 747 jets collided on the ground in the Canary Islands, resulting in 570 deaths.

March 30, 1981 - Newly elected President Ronald Reagan was shot in the chest while walking toward his limousine in Washington D.C., following a speech inside a hotel.

Balancing Relationships and School Seminar Review



Participants had an opportunity to gain new insight on how to balance relationships and school in our March seminar, "Balancing Relationships and School." Deenie Tarver and Robin Coombs, psychology interns in the Personal Counseling Unit, explained the importance of restoring harmony in our lives. The presenters emphasized the importance of taking personal time to just think and wind down. Part of balancing may include keeping a calendar of all the things that one has to do, letting some activities and organizations go, and delegating responsibilities to others.

Although the old adage says that opposites attract, according to the presenters, people are more compatible with those who have similar interests to them. It is important for couples to communicate to one another. Successful relationships require each partner to take into account the other's needs and wants, responsibilities, and to be flexible and considerate to less preferred decisions and circumstances.

Inspirational Corner

That's Not My Job

by: Author Unknown, Source Unknown

This is a story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

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History of St. Patrick's Day



The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name

was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship. Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village. During his captivity, he became closer to God. He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre for a period of twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity.

His wishes were to return to Ireland, to convert the native pagans to Christianity. But his superiors instead appointed St. Palladius. But two years

later, Palladius transferred to Scotland. Patrick, having adopted that Christian name earlier, was then appointed as second bishop to Ireland.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity.

His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17 in AD 461. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since. The first year St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in this country was 1737 in Boston, Massachusetts. As the saying goes, on this day "everybody is Irish!" Over 100 U.S. cities now hold Saint Patrick's Day parades.

Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Not much of it is actually substantiated. Some of this lore includes the belief that Patrick raised people from the dead. He also is said to have given a sermon from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland. Of course, no snakes were ever native to Ireland, and some people think this is a metaphor for the conversion of the pagans. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday.

One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock. And this stems from a more bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day.