WHO’S THE NEWS?

It’s hard to write the news, about Fromm Institute that is, when you are at the center of it, and yet that’s exactly where we, the school, the Fromm Institute find ourselves as we, the session, heads for its middle. Here we come!

This single sheet Issue #3 of “From the Rooftop” should hit the Fromm News Stands (that’s just about everywhere there’s an open space on a table or in a rack) and it will be there until more wintery things (see AND WHAT’S NOT THERE YET) begin to occupy the Fromm Institute mindset as October, becomes November and the Fall Session ends.

Behind the scenes, beyond the presentation of course and classes, we, the Fromm school, are interviewing candidates for the Third Executive Director at Fromm Institute — Hanna Fromm, Robert Fordham and ????. Phew! Keeping up with the times, no matter when — can be both exhilarating and exhausting . . . and so can interviewing amazing people that could take a big leadership role at Fromm. Productive “give and take” dialogue that leads to our opportunity to learn more about someone is almost as challenging as finding the right balance between being the school’s biggest cheerleader and understanding that, in spite of our excellence in lifelong learning, our place in the universe is and should be measured.

AND WHAT’S NOT THERE YET?

If you are more seasoned than the average Frommie, got an A+ in an earlier reading comprehension course, or were just paying attention the last time it was mentioned, then you may know that just around this time of year, and this time in the Fall session, two things happen that generate a buzz.

We’ll soon be announcing the specifics on two days dedicated to learning and lunching, and listening and laughing, and because the world needs lots of it right now — loving each other. Four Fromm Lectures built around two lunches with the proceeds beyond our cost going to a super worthy USF Undergrad — from your participation in all that — we’ll build a $5000 scholarship and best of all that award will again bring two kinds of students closer together in a mutually beneficial way. Just take a look at how accessible Caylin is and imagine how much she is learning about you. **“Holiday Lectures & Lunch 2017”** will be announced and tickets available starting on October 16.

Also that week, with the release of our Newsletter #4 in the sixth week of the session, we **“Sneak Peak Winter 2018”** by listing the course titles and related faculty scheduled to teach them in January and February. Putting it all on paper is an exciting time as future academic prospects merge with current endeavors and studies. Earli Enrollment will begin for those eager and ready and this session, at a noon time date yet to be selected, there will a “Brown Bag” lunch dedicated to exploring “the content behind the title,” making your choices better suited and perfectly outfitted for you next time round Fromm Hall.

And who knows, on top of all this, we might just be able to tell you “Who’s the News” on the Third Executive Director Search — or at the very least, let you know that Barack Obama regretfully declined, but Michele is still a contender!
FROMM’S FALL MEDICAL LECTURE SERIES
The Fall Medical Lecture Series, coordinated by Dr. Melvin Cheitlin, is off to a great start with lectures on the latest topical issues and advancements in medicine given by the best in their fields. Don’t miss what’s coming up on Wednesday mornings Weeks Four, Five, and Six.

On Oct. 4  “How are New Drugs Discovered?” with Brian Shoichet, M.D.
On Oct. 11 “Processed Foods: An Experiment that Failed” with Robert Lustig, M.D.
On Oct. 18 “The Only Good Death is Someone Else’s: Living Well and Long with Serious Illness” with Steve Pantilat, M.D.

All enrolled students and their guests are welcome to attend!

FISA “BROWN BAGS” DESIGNED FOR YOUR SOCIAL PLEASURE
The Fromm Institute Student Association (FISA) plans noontime social events for Fromm students. They’re a great way to expand the enjoyment of your days at Fromm. Because of the voluntary $5 dues that so many of you offer, they have organized the following in the next few weeks for you.

“Tour & Travel” with FISA coordinator Susan Kennelly
Tues. Oct. 3 “Panama Tour” – Susan Kennelly will show slides and discuss details on this exciting tour coming up. Panama is set for February 2018 flying out of SFO you’ll visit the canal, a native Central-American Village and enjoy Playa Blanca. Panama City bustles now as a financial hub of Central America so you’ll explore this modern city and all it has to offer. There may be a surprise tour. You’ll have to come to find out!

“Command Performance” brought to you by FISA coordinator Bob Morgan
Thur., Oct. 5 “Performing Arts Q & A” – Find out how about Bay Area performing arts discounts as well as reduced entry fees at Bay Area and even National Museums.

Thur. Oct. 12 “Word for Word” with Susan Harloe, Artistic Director. Word For Word Performing Arts Company is an ensemble whose mission is to tell great stories with elegant theatricality, staging performances of classic and contemporary fiction. Co-Artistic Directors JoAnne Winter and Susan Harloe founded Word for Word Performing Arts Company in 1993 as part of the Artists in Residence program at The Z Space Studio. Come hear about how the company has grown over the years and what’s in store for them in the future.

Thur. Oct. 19 “Jazz Combo” Concert featuring San Francisco Conservatory of Music and SFJazz students. A special treat will be provided by the Fromm Institute Student Association, courtesy of your $5 student dues. Thank you!

NEED A GOOD BOOK TO READ? GLEESON LIBRARY INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE
Join Gleeson Librarians for a new and recent fiction “Pop-Up” in the Atrium of Fromm Hall on Monday, Oct. 16th during lunchtime. You’ll get to peruse current fiction the library has in its collection and get a chance to talk one-on-one with librarians. Curious about what the Gleeson Library has to offer? Later in the session, during week #7, three Library Tours are scheduled (Monday, Oct. 23 at 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 25 at Noon, and Thursday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m.) A “Listen & Learn Lunch” showcasing various library services and research options is set for Thursday, Oct. 26 at Noon in Maraschi. Lunches can be purchased in advance for $10. Forms will be at the Welcome Booth beginning Oct. 16th.

FALL HOLIDAY CANCELS FROMM INSTITUTE CLASSES
There will be no classes and the Fromm Institute Office will be closed on Mon., Oct. 9, in observance of Columbus Day. Classes cancelled by this “no school!” day will meet during Fall’s “Make- Up” Week on 11/06. A full list of classes meeting during make up week will be printed in the 5th issue of “From the Rooftop” out on Mon., Oct. 30.

WINTER IS COMING (THE WINTER 2018 PREVIEW THAT IS)
In the next newsletter (available starting Monday, October 16) you’ll find the Official Preview of Our Winter Session. Discover who’s teaching what, when. Earli-Enrollment for continuing students begins starting then and ends on November 7 with the release of the 2018 Winter Course Catalog. Don’t miss the next “Rooftop” for complete details.

The 2018 Winter Session begins on Monday, January 8 and ends on Thursday, March 1.