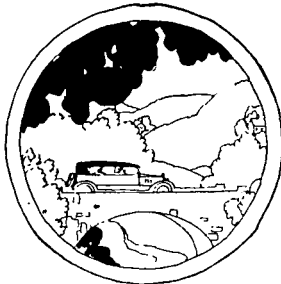


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### Travel

The Institute of Irish Studies (6 Holyrood Park, Sandymount, Dublin 4, Ireland, (800/340-8005, E-mail: iis@iol.ie,



Homepage: iol.ie/iis). "The Odyssey of Saint Columba" (June 15-28 and September 7-20) and "The Odyssey of Saint Brigid" (July 27-August 2) are the themes attached to two outstanding and intimate tours of Ireland. The emphasis is on Irish history and culture and with accompanying lectures by leading Irish scholars included in the tour, you'll surely return home with a lot more than snapshots.

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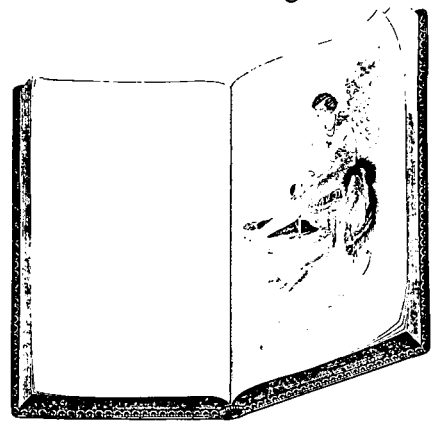
Princeton Theological Seminary (12 Liberty Place, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, (800) 622-6767, extension 7990). Have you ever harbored a secret desire to taste the educational atmosphere of the Ivy League? Princeton will allow you to do just that with course offerings in its School of Religion available all year long. "The Dead Sea Scrolls," "Parenting," and something called "Discernment for Life's Choices" are among the choices in these low-key classes designed for people who always dreamed of going to graduate school.

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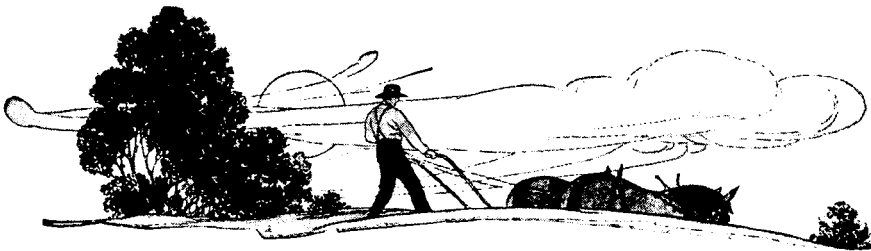
### Books

*Bodyscape: Art, Modernity and the Ideal Figure* by Nicholas Mirzoeff (Routledge Publish-



ing, New York, \$16.75 paperback). The author looks at the cult of the body from all angles — health clubs, diet columns, history, and religion. This is a comprehensive study of the physical body; with equal time given to Louis XIV as well as Madonna. CPR

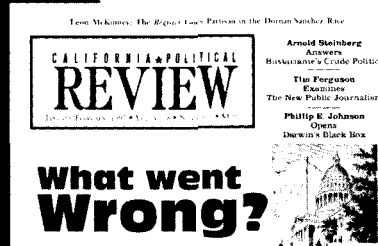
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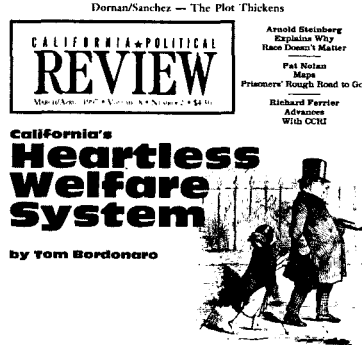
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