SWAT Raises Human Trafficking Awareness

UST Students Working Against Trafficking will host the play "Six Shots to Freedom" at 6:30 p.m., Friday, **Jan. 20** in Jones Hall. The public is invited to learn about human trafficking in the Houston area. Admission is \$5 for UST students and \$10 for non-students. For more information, email Hannah Foshee at fosheeh@stthom.edu.



UST hosts Monaghan Organ Recital

Dr. Thomas J. Crow will perform the annual Monaghan Organ Recital at 4 p.m. on Sunday, **Jan. 22** at the Chapel of St. Basil. Crow, associate professor of history, has been organist-choirmaster at Bethany Christian Church since 2004 and at Congregation Beth Israel since 1978. The event is free and open to the public.



Irish Studies Opens House

The William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies will host an open house in its new residence at 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **Jan. 24** at 4206 Yoakum Blvd. The reception will also celebrate the ninth anniversary of the inauguration of the Center. For more information, contact Lori Gallagher, J.D. at 713-525-3592.



Attend Mass of St. Thomas Aquinas

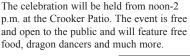
The observance of the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas on Thursday, **Jan. 26** marks the beginning of the Spring term and honors the patron saint of UST. After Mass at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Basil, join Campus Ministry for a reception at 1:15 p.m., in Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center.



UST Kicks-off Lunar New Year

The UST community is invited to a Lunar New Year celebration on **Jan. 31**, sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and the Vietnamese Student Association.

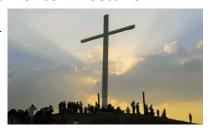
The celebration will be held from noon-2





UST Presents Lenten Lecture

The University of St. Thomas presents its 23rd Annual Lenten Lecture Series each Wednesday during Lent and speakers will explore "The



Catholic Literary Imagination."

Each lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Chris Evans, evanscp@stthom.edu.

Feb. 22 - "St. Thomas More on Freedom and Servitude in *Utopia* and Beyond" Dr. Mark Newcomb

Cullen Hall

Feb. 29 - "Toting a Backload of God: The Sacramental Word of Annie Dillard's Holy the Firm" Sr. Paula Jean Miller, FSE Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center

March 7 - "Cor ad cor loquitur: Newman, Personal Influence and the Conversion of the Imagination" Dr. Clinton Brand Cullen Hall

March 14 - "Iluvatar's Ring: Catholic Anthropology and Ethics in Tolkien's Middle-Earth" Dr. Kerry MacArthur Cullen Hall

March 21 - "Dwelling In Darkness: The Vita Contemplativa in St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross" Dr. Terry Hall Jones Hall

March 28 - Dale Alquist, American Chesterton Society Cullen Hall

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Honors Student Raises Money, Supplies for Peruvian Orphanage

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UST Junior Brittany Garza, a math major and prephysician assistant student, recently joined medical staff and other volunteers of the Christian Emergency Relief Teams (CERT) International on a medical mission to Peru to provide services to the poor.

Garza traveled to Peru as part of her Honors Program service project, which requires 100 hours of

community service. She translated from Spanish to English and shadowed the physician assistants, who provided services such as wellwoman exams and counseling.

"You could see a lot of sadness and pain, other than physical pain," Garza said. "We would talk to them about it. They didn't expect us to be concerned about them in that way."

In their off time, Garza and the team visited the El Arca Home for Children, an orphanage near Cusco, Peru. It is run by Americans Bud and Laura Lenz, who care for 40 orphans in addition to their own four children

"You could clearly see which ones were Peruvian and which ones have blue eyes and blond hair, but they're all brothers and sisters," Garza said. "They all called the Lenzes 'Mama and Papa."

The Lenzes often travel to the United States to collect medical supplies, which aren't widely available in their area.

"In Peru, there are a lot of things they've stopped selling, things we buy at Walgreens, like butterfly bandages," she said. "There, everybody has to go to a hospital or clinic, so it's very cost prohibitive for them."

In addition to her mission trip, Garza collected medical supplies, such as bandages, aluminum-free deodorant and vitamins, and organized bake sales to

raise money for the orphanage in Peru. She raised more than \$800 and will continue to collect donations.

Dr. Terry Hall, associate professor of philosophy and director of the Honors Program, said the Honors community service project is unique because it is complemented by a seminar class with readings on social justice. Garza said she was able to apply the readings – such as works by Dorothy Day

and about Mother Teresa – to herself and what she encounters in her daily life.

"The Honors seminar prepared me through the readings and discussion, making me face deeper questions of life, instead of just what I'm doing this weekend," she said.

Garza said she hopes to return to Peru to visit the orphanage again.

"I hope to return in the next year or two," she said. "I want to be able to give them supplies before I travel there again."

Welcome Week Activities

The UST is rolling out the welcome mat for new and returning students with lots of fun and hospitality during Spring Welcome Week.

Activities include:

- Tuesday, Jan. 17
 - Snacks, maps and more from 7:30-9:30 a.m. and 4-6 p.m by the University Seal
 - Transfer Brown Bag Lunch with dessert and drinks at 12:30 p.m. in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center
- · Wednesday, Jan. 18
 - Snacks, maps and more from 9-11 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. by the University Seal
- · Thursday, Jan. 19
 - Sophomore Brown Bag Lunch with dessert and drinks at 12:30 p.m. in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center
 - ComedySportz, a comedy improv show, at 7 p.m. in Jones Hall
- · Friday, Jan. 20
 - Winter Warm-Up Hot chocolate and cookies at noon in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center

Rockets Game Tickets on Sale

Watch the Houston Rockets take on the San Antonio Spurs for the University of St. Thomas Night at 7 p.m, **Jan. 21**, at the Toyota Center. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased in the Office of Student Activities or the Office of Recreational Sports.

CIS Celebrates 30 Years

The Center for International
Studies will celebrate a threedecade legacy of excellence in
education and service with a 30th
Anniversary Reception from
7-9 p.m. on Jan. 27 in the
Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center.



Begun by founding director Dr. Ann Q. Tiller, the Center for

International Studies is the oldest degree-granting academic program of international studies in Texas and one of the oldest centers for international studies in the American southwest. A pioneering program in inter-disciplinary and global studies in the 20th century, the Center continues to refine and expand our view of the world.

Alumni, faculty, current students and supporters are invited. Attire is business casual. RSVP to Diana Garcia at garciad@stthom.edu or 713-525-3530 by **Jan. 20**.

View Opera Sample Class Workshop



Listen in on a private lesson with Dr. Brady Knapp and view student performances in Cullen Hall.

See the video: stthom.edu/musicsampleclass

Walk with Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross in Spain

Take the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Avila, Spain, June 18-July 2 and learn about two of the greatest Catholic mystics and Doctors of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. The Rev. Steven Payne, OCD, a renowned contemporary Carmelite scholar, will give a one-week course in English and Dr. Terry Hall, director of UST's Honors Program, will accompany the group as a facilitator.

The trip includes roundtrip airfare from Houston to Avila, room and board with accommodations provided by the Carmelite University



of Mysticism in Avila, books and all sponsored excursions for \$4,450 per person. Students may take the course for credit or non-credit. Tuition is extra and some scholarship money is available. Deposit is due by March 1. To register, contact Dr. Kathleen Haney at haneyk@stthom.edu or 713-525-3193.

UST Hosts An Evening With Chesterton

TST's English Department and Catholic Studies Program will host "An Evening With G. K. Chesterton" – a dramatic portrayal of the famous Catholic author, essayist and apologist – from 7:30-9 p.m. on Tuesday, **Feb. 7** in Cullen Hall.

The event will feature actor and historian John Chalberg as Chesterton, one of the most well-known Christian thinkers and writers of the 20th century who died 70 years ago.

In full costume as Chesterton, complete with cape, walking stick and crumpled hat, Chalberg

delivers the sort of witty, thought-provoking lectures for which Chesterton was famous.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Clint Brand at 713-942-5072.

Weigel Lecture Addresses Papal Legacies



Renowned Catholic writer and papal biographer George Weigel will deliver a public lecture at St. Thomas High School discussing the legacies of Pope Benedict XVI and John Paul II. The address, "Benedict XVI and Blessed John Paul II: Two Popes, One Mission," is sponsored by the John Paul II Forum for the Church in the Modern World and the Center for Thomistic Studies at the University of St. Thomas.

The lecture is at 6 p.m., Sunday, **Feb. 12** in the Cemo Auditorium at St. Thomas High School, 3800 Memorial Drive. The lecture is free and open to the public. Free parking is available in the STHS parking garage. For more information, call 713-525-2155.

Dini Appointed Interim VPIA

Experienced fundraising consultant Dick Dini was appointed as the Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement, effective Jan. 13. Dini, who founded Dini Partners in 1970, has served as a consultant to the University for two years and is familiar with the University's fundraising efforts.



"Dick is a highly respected advancement consultant who understands the Houston community and the University of St. Thomas' unique mission to educate leaders of faith and character," said UST President Dr. Robert Ivany.

Dini has extensive fundraising experience, having guided capital campaigns at several Texas and national universities that have collectively raised \$2 billion.

Aquinas Lecture Weighs God, Reason

Rowing
God's existence through
human reason
will be the topic
of the 2012
Aquinas Lecture
hosted by the



UST's Center for Thomistic Studies from 7:30-9 p.m. on Thursday, **Jan. 26** in Jones Hall.

The lecture, "Romans 1:20 and Our Natural Knowledge of God," will be delivered by leading Catholic theologian Matthew Levering, professor of religious studies at the University of Dayton.

Levering will discuss how Christians can believe in God's existence and other attributes through natural reason and the goodness of God's material creation. Further, he will address the connection between knowing God through reason and knowing God through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Levering, regarded as one of today's foremost Aquinas scholars, specializes in the relationship between philosophy, theology and biblical exegesis and how they shape Christian doctrine. He has authored more than 10 books. Levering is chairman of the board of the Academy of Catholic Theology, and before going to Dayton, he taught at Ave Maria University.

The lecture is free and open to the public.