



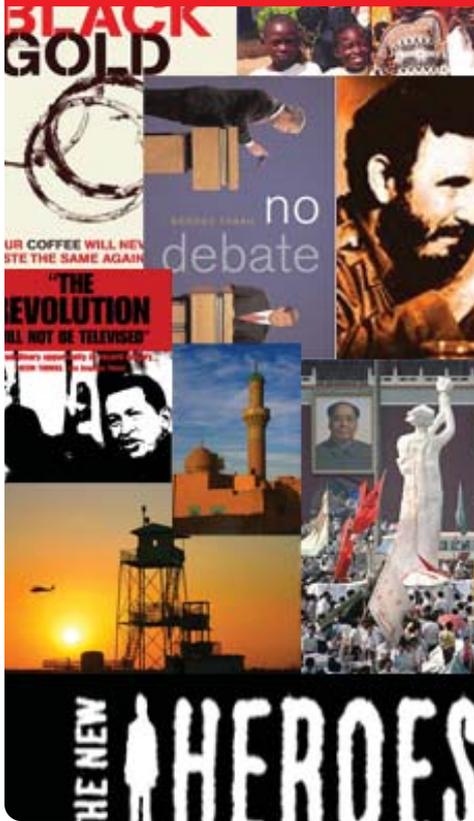
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## CIS Presents the World in Cinema

The Center for International Studies at the University of St. Thomas presents the "CIS Films and Documentaries Series" from 12:30 - 2 p.m. every other Tuesday beginning Jan. 30 and running until May 1 (except during spring break), in Tiller Hall, Room 116, 4004 Yoakum. By providing this series, CIS hopes to share with UST students relevant and reliable information on a variety of topics from politics and economics to culture and the environment. Whether American or Foreign made, acknowledged by experts or unknown by the public, these films and documentaries are a free and interesting way to get informed

about global issues. The films will be preceded by a brief introduction and will follow with a question and answer session.

This series began last fall semester and will continue to be presented each semester. It is free and open to the public. Lunch may be brought to the screenings. On Feb.13 "Black Gold" will be shown. This documentary piece illuminates the stark realities of the starving Ethiopian coffee farmer who are at the mercy of the broken global trade system.

For the complete film schedule and descriptions go to [www.stthom.edu/ia/publicaffairs/events/](http://www.stthom.edu/ia/publicaffairs/events/).

## President's Day of Service

Join the fun at the 3rd annual President's Day of Service, Saturday, Feb. 10. Students, faculty, staff and alumni may sign up with the Office of Volunteer Opportunities to participate in one of four service projects. Volunteers will meet at the University at 8 a.m. for breakfast and take buses to the work sites, returning to UST at 12:30 p.m. One volunteer opportunity will be the Children's Race and Family Walk at Hermann Park Conservancy. "It's a great opportunity to perform service alongside other members of the UST community while learning about some of the city's issues and needs," Ellie Collier, director of OVO said. Sign up by calling 713-525-3801.



## Celts for Life Represents UST in Austin

Celts for Life, the UST pro-life group, traveled to Austin on Saturday, Jan. 27, for the Texas Rally for Life conference. Pictured below are UST students Sheena

Byrne, Allie Righthouse, Mireya Blankmeyer, Meris Chaumont, Archbishop Daniel DiNardo, Sean Cronin (UH student), Margaret Wingfield and Vanessa Snodgrass.



## Thursday Meditation Gives Time to Reflect

The Office of Health Promotion and Wellness and Associate Professors Dr. Michele Simms and Dr. Janet Lowery bring a weekly meditation to campus every Thursday from 1:15 - 1:45 p.m. in the dance studio, second floor, Jerabeck Center. Students, faculty, staff and community members from all denominations are welcome. Meditation is a form of centering prayer and a way to practice

knowing the presence of God in silence. It is non directive and does not advocate any form of religious practice; although the intent of meditation is to bring us closer to God and to help develop community.

Each meditation will open and close with a short reading and include 20 minutes of meditation.

For more information contact Dr. Michele Simms at [simmsm@stthom.edu](mailto:simmsm@stthom.edu).

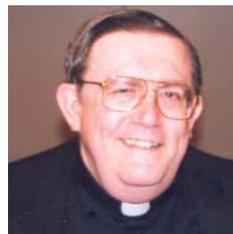
## Father Kelly Honored by the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus for the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese recognized the work of Rev. William "Bill" Kelly, UST assistant professor of theology for 22 years, and awarded him the "Clergyman of the Year" award, which was presented by Archbishop Daniel DiNardo.

For the past six years, he has worked two jobs, one as a UST professor and the other as the pastor of St. Anthony de Padua in

Danbury, Texas, Kelly said.

"We are appreciative that the Knights of Columbus has selected Fr. Bill Kelly for such a well-deserved award," UST President Robert Ivany said. "His selection honors not only his dedication, but the University, its faculty and the theology department."



### 2007 Fr. Miller Lecture

William Saunders will give this lecture entitled "International Law, the Supreme Court and the Family," at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 in Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum.



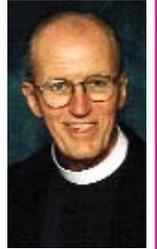
### Msgr. Steele Lecture Series

Omar Inshanally will lead an interfaith dialogue discussing "A Theological Basis for Harmonious Coexistence," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 at St. Mary's Seminary, Nold Auditorium, 9845 Memorial.



### Theology at the Lab

Fr. Daniel Callam, CSB, will lead a discussion concerning "Approaching the Altar: Liturgy in Its Various Rites," at Theology at the Lab, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12 at the Black Lab, 4100 Montrose Blvd.



## Mock Trial Team Takes on Competition

The UST Mock Trial Team will compete in the Great Southwest Regional Mock Trial Tournament on Feb. 24-25 at the courthouse in Dallas. Twenty-six other college teams will compete in this tournament.

The team will practice in scrimmages on Feb. 3 and Feb. 13 with Rice University, Houston Baptist University, University of Houston and Southern Methodist University.

Team members include: Erin McClarty, John Joerns, Reina Cisneros, Ciro Samperi, Roy Mitchell, Robert Dodaro and Daniel Williams, with coaches Lisa Linney, Jeremy and Kelly Heallen and Rick Young.



### Play: “Traffic in Women”

**D**on't miss part two of the trilogy “Traffic in Women,” the progressive theater piece with an all-female cast that divides its focus between revenge and grief. The light drama clashes Attic themes with post-modern attitude and revives the Furies—those ever popular avenging deities. Having regained partial powers of revenge from Athena in Part I, they find themselves caught in Act 4, scene 1 of MacBeth until Hecate comes to the rescue. The plot moves on to a humorous scenario: a grief group in the underworld.

Curtain call is 8 p.m. for Feb. 2, 3, 9, 10 and 12 and 2:30 p.m. for Feb. 4 and 11, in Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum Blvd. The play is open to the public. Tickets are \$15, students and seniors pay \$10.

Written by English Associate Professor Janet Lowery, the play is co-produced and co-directed by Lowery and Communication Instructor Livia Bornigia.

A panel discussion will also be held on the issues surrounding trafficking in women, 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb 8 in Jones Hall. Topics include the role Houston is playing as a hub in international human trafficking and why.



### Black History Month

**J**oin the Black Student Union and the Office of Student Affairs in celebrating Black History Month. Included among the activities are talks given by three prominent African Americans.

All speakers will address the topic “How has being African American influenced your leadership style?”

The first lecturer is UST board member and alumnus Martin Wickliff Jr. at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center.

Wickliff is a member of the Epstein Becker Green Wickliff & Hall law firm in Houston, specializing in labor and employment law. Wickliff earned his J.D. from Texas Southern University School of Law and his LL.M. from New York University School of Law.

The second speaker is two-time Emmy winning journalist Linda Lorelle at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the CoC Conference Room, Crooker Center. The third speaker is former astronaut and retired Major General USMC Charles Bolden at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center.

For more information contact Student Activities at 713-525-3576.



### Global Sabbatical Research

**D**uring the 2006 academic year, Dr. Charles Davis, professor of Management Information Systems, took his sabbatical at the University of Limerick in Ireland to do research at the Centre for Information and Knowledge Management. He also conducted short seminars on research methods and emerged designated as an ‘Information Management Fellow’ of that Centre.

Ongoing collaboration with other researchers in Ireland will continue, he said.

Subsequently, Davis journeyed to the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala as a Fulbright Senior Specialist. “I taught there, lectured on wireless telecommunications and advised the computer science department on both curriculum revisions and research methods,” he said.

“During the past year and a half, I have been in Panama teaching seminars at the Universidad Tecnológico de Panama for two months, at the University of Limerick in Ireland on sabbatical for four months, and teaching and advising in Guatemala for a month as a Fulbrighter,” he said. “Actually, I am loving it.”

# Join the Office of Financial Aid to Save the TEG



The Texas Equalization Grant is a state grant dispersed to students attending private colleges and universities to help bridge the tuition gap between lower-priced state universities and independent institutions. Over the course of 20 years, the TEG has faced numerous budgetary cuts by the Texas Legislature. This year, the Texas Legislature has put forward a proposal that calls for yet another reduction, 19 percent, of TEG funding. The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid has created a campaign to challenge this reduction. Students, faculty and staff are urged to help in the efforts.

## How does the TEG affect the community?

- For both current and former students who have received this grant (and you may check if you are a recipient by looking at your MyStThom financial aid awards), consider how much greater the financial burden would be without it.
- For those who have not received TEG, but who have received other financial assis-

tance in the form of grants, etc., having the TEG has helped broaden that resource base, making the grants and scholarships that you have received more readily available to you.

- For everyone else, UST staff, faculty, and the community at large, the issue here is one of sustainable development. Tuition, both at state and private institutions, continues to increase each year putting the possibility of attending an institution of higher learning and completing a degree, further out of reach for many. Grants such as the TEG help bridge the financial gap, making it possible for so many to achieve their dream and help our communities and economies remain competitive.

## What can you do to help?

### *Letter Writing Campaign*

- The entire UST community is asked to stop by one of the information tables set up at Crooker Center and Doherty Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays Feb. 6 - March 14 (excluding March 6 - 7). Each Friday during the campaign, Cauldron representative will help raffle off prizes for those who participate. Among the prizes are an iPod and iPod speaker dock, two DVD players, a gift basket and gift cards to Best Buy, Starbucks and Target.

### *Phone Campaign*

- The phone campaign gives students, faculty and staff the opportunity to call their representatives and have their voice heard. Everyone is invited to participate on Feb. 28 and March 12 in Crooker Center. Prizes will be raffled.

### *Lobby Trip to the Capitol*

- The TEG campaign will culminate in a group of approximately 10 UST students traveling to Austin during the legislative session to personally lobby support for TEG. The trip will be a one-day event. Food and transportation will be provided. Students selected to travel to Austin will be trained and provided necessary resources.

For more information on the TEG lobby campaign, contact Jan Abasolo at 713-525-2174 or [abasolj@stthom.edu](mailto:abasolj@stthom.edu).

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