



GHBER Scholarship Awarded

Boris Po-Hon Liu is this year's recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship from the Greater Houston Business Ethics Roundtable. UST's Center for Business Ethics worked with GHBER to create this scholarship to be given to an MBA student who shows a genuine commitment to ethics. Liu is passionate about protecting the environment.

"I have a longstanding interest in sustainability," Liu said.

The one-time conservationist has conducted environmental research with Earthwatch volunteers and researched on the domestic carnivore, fossa, in Madagascar with a research team from Duke University. (pictured)

As a student, Liu continues his

work to preserve the environment, by volunteering at the Houston Audubon Society. He says UST's MBA program has given him a wonderful opportunity to combine business and environmental knowledge.

Liu credits Dr. Michele Simm's Business and the Social Environment class for giving him new insight into organizational behavior as it relates to his environmental background.

"I greatly appreciate receiving the GHBER scholarship. As a citizen of global enterprise, I will commit myself to work to promote better business ethics in my future interactions with business people and organizations," Liu said.

Students may submit literary work to Laurels magazine at laurels.mag@gmail.com. Students are asked to include name and contact information. Deadline is Oct. 9.



Submit

Register

All students must apply for December graduation by Oct. 1. Application forms and instructions are available at <http://www.stthom.edu/graduation>. Contact Barbara Jonte at jonteb@stthom.edu.



Learn

Director's Cut brings the Deputy Director of the Houston Film

Commission to campus 12:30 -2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in Jones Hall. He will discuss the local and national film industry and show short films.

UST Art Curator, Fr. Bader, Dies at Age 73

Fr. Edward Arthur Bader, CSB, died early on the morning of Sunday, Sept. 16 at the age of 73 after three years of illness.

Fr. Bader was born in Detroit, Mich., on March 23, 1934, the son of Edward Joseph Bader and Anita Marie Krause. After graduation from Catholic Central High School in Detroit, he entered the novitiate of the Basilian Fathers in Rochester, New York, in 1952, and made profession of vows on Aug. 15, 1953.

He earned a B.A. in history from Assumption University in Windsor, Ontario, and an M.A. from the University of Michigan. After theological studies at St. Michael's College in Toronto,



he was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 15, 1963.

For the past 27 years, he has been a member of the faculty of the University of St. Thomas. During those years, he saw to the growth and care of the University's collections of art works, and objects of archeological interest. He was instrumental in the founding of the Friends of Archaeology in 1990, and the establishment of the endowed annual Shiffick Lecture. After the opening of the Chapel of St. Basil, he directed the transformation of the old chapel into the Little Archaeological Gallery, and supervised the exhibits and other functions held there.

Philosophy Professor Hits All the Right Shots

UST adjunct professor of philosophy Scott Sullivan may seem mild-mannered in the classroom, but it's a different story in the ring. As a trainer of martial arts for more than 26 years, Sullivan has had an impressive career as a competitive boxer and kickboxer and holds a black belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

After graduating with a B.A. from the University of Southern Indiana and receiving his M.A. from Holy Apostles College in Cromwell, Conn., he decided to take it to the next level and is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in philosophy at UST's Center for Thomistic Studies.

He believes



that the discipline and determination one develops from martial arts can be carried over into academics. "The most rewarding aspects of martial arts are the character, self-confidence and discipline you develop through training and practice," Sullivan said. "The perseverance I've developed in training for martial arts has transferred over into studying."

Sullivan is also the host of KFNC (97.5 FM) radio's weekly program, "In the Cage." Every Thursday night from 7 to 9 p.m., Sullivan comments on the increasingly popular mixed martial arts scene while hosting well-known guests.

SAVE THE DATE

Bussiness Ethic Lecture



Lu Xiaohe, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, returns to the Center for Business Ethics to discuss current ethical issues facing local and multi-national firms doing business in China, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25 in Ahern Room, Crooker Center.

Words Without Borders



Board a plane to Tehran, explore the highlands of Chiapas and discover a mystical moonscape village in China. Zara Houshmand, Bapsi Sidhwa and Liu Hongbin will read from a "Words Without Borders" book at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, in Cullen Hall.

Salsa Dance Contest



Join SOL, HBSA, BESO and Student Activities for the third annual Salsa Contest at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, on the Crooker Center Patio. Learn how to make salsa and show off your dance moves. Rain location will be the Old Bookstore in Crooker Center.

Discussion: "Bless Me Ultima"



Celebrate the joy of reading at this panel discussion on the book "Bless Me Ultima" by Rudolfo Anaya, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, in Anderson Hall. Dr. Elizabeth Coscio, chair of Modern and Classical Languages at UST, is a panelist.



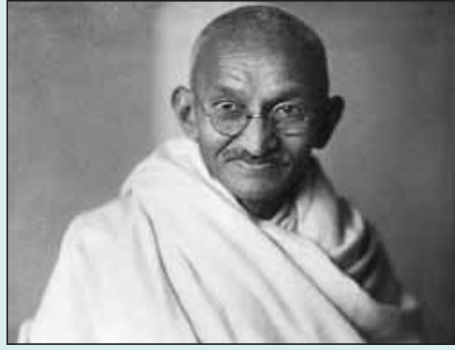
Celtic Balladeer Performs

Back by popular demand, Celtic Balladeer Danny O'Flaherty will take us on a tour of West Ireland through songs of his native Aran Islands at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, in Jones Hall. Suggested donation is \$10. No RSVP or tickets sold; first-come, first-served. Sponsored by the Center for Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Forum and The Irish Society.

Known for his rich, soulful voice and his dedication to preserving Celtic heritage, O'Flaherty has been entertaining audiences around the country for more than 30 years. Although his music is rooted deeply in ancient Celtic culture, his musical style blends well with contemporary music, enabling him to produce songs that appeal to folk, Celtic and world music audiences. He will intersperse poems and stories to provide historical and cultural context to the songs.

In 1992, he founded the Celtic Nations Heritage Foundation. He said: "Only by understanding our distinct customs can we come together and share our knowledge with each other and aspire to more unimaginable feats."

For more information, contact Lori Gallagher at 713-525-3592.



Gandhi and Catholicism

David Atwood, Pax Christi, will give a talk on "Gandhi and the Catholic Tradition" presented by the University of St. Thomas and the Friends of Doherty Library at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2 in Doherty Library.

An exhibit on Mahatma Gandhi's life is on display in Doherty Library Sept. 1- 29. The exhibition is a collection of pictures that show some of the principle and significant facets of his personality; and references from his childhood, his studies in England, his activities in South Africa and his struggle for Indian independence.

The U.N. Assembly adopted the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Oct. 2, as the International Day of Non-Violence. It marks the day to work towards a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding and non-violence through education and public awareness.

Gandhi was a student of Hindu philosophy and committed to non-violence. He lived simply, making his own clothes and eating a simple vegetarian diet. He used rigorous fasts, for long periods, for both self-purification and protest.

For more information, contact Jim Piccininni at 713-525-2192.



Roe Reality Check

Deirdre McQuade, director of Planning and Information, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, will take a second look at abortion at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, in Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center.

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its decisions legalizing abortion for virtually any reason throughout the nine months of pregnancy—Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. With public support for Roe now at a 30-year low even among women, McQuade thinks it is time to take a second look at abortion and ask: "Have we gone too far?"

She will discuss common myths about Roe v. Wade and the recent Supreme Court decision on partial-birth abortion and women-centered arguments against legalized abortion. She will also offer ways to make campuses more welcoming to pregnant and parenting students and provide resources for all those hurt by abortion.

McQuade's career has been marked by research, pro-life advocacy and ecumenical bridge-building.

For more information, contact Valerie Hall at 713-525-2163.

University of St. Thomas received high marks in three of the nation's leading college reviews.

This year, UST climbed up the list of *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges," with a ranking of 28. In 2007, UST was ranked 29. Every year since 1994, the University has been named to the top tier of universities offering master's degrees in the Western region.

This division includes schools who provide a full range of undergraduate and master's programs, but few, if any doctoral programs. St. Thomas offers eight master's programs and one doctoral program in philosophy.

UST's low student to faculty ratio, small class sizes and the high percentage of freshmen who ranked in the top quarter of their high school graduating class were key factors in the school's ranking.

"Our goal is to continue to strengthen the academic excellence of UST faculty and students as well as the quality of education at the University of St. Thomas," Dr. Robert Ivany said.

Shortly after St. Thomas' *U.S. News & World Report* rankings were announced, The Princeton

Review named UST "A Best Western College in the Western region." It was selected as one of 123 outstanding colleges and universities in the West. The Princeton Review recommended UST to college applicants in the 2008 launch of its student opinion data, "Best Western Colleges" on PrincetonReview.com. The online profile of UST describes the school as a place where students rave about the small-school feel, and where diversity is welcomed, embraced and celebrated.

The Princeton Review asked students to rate their schools on everything from the accessibility of professors to the quality of campus food. Students also answered questions about themselves, their fellow students and collegiate life.

UST was also featured among the exclusive group of 50 colleges recommended by the **Intercollegiate Studies Institute** (ISI) in their 2006-2007 guide: All-American Colleges: Top Schools for Conservatives, Old-Fashioned Liberals, and People of Faith.

UST was chosen because of its solid curricula, mostly in the traditional liberal arts. The school was noted for having a 'strong Thomistic focus on its education.' The guide also highlighted that 'unlike most other Catholic colleges in the United States, the University has been faithful to the directives of Pope John Paul II's *Ex Ecorde Ecclesiae*, requiring its theology teachers to promise fidelity to official church teaching.'



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-UST President Dr. Robert Ivany

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