



Pictured from top to bottom: Mohammed B. Abudayyeh, Amanda Duhon, Thomas Mendez, Annie Polo, Claudia V. Espinosa, Nancy Velásquez and Cheryl Castillo.

Dum Spiro: Planting Seeds of Hope

The Center for International Studies will hold its first “Dum Spiro” fundraiser and silent auction, Thursday, Oct. 11, to raise both money and awareness for its Micro-Credit Program. Through the program, microloans are offered to small entrepreneurs in developing nations.

“This is where the cycle begins,” said Amanda Duhon, CIS Micro-Credit Program president. “This is where the legacy for the University of St. Thomas is born.”

The idea is that these loans will help the world’s working poor make significant strides toward economic independence. Student committee members are responsible for setting up the account, raising

funds and managing the finances.

“This kind of project offers the perfect opportunity for current CIS students to show their solidarity and contribute their grain of sand to try to solve the injustices and inequalities of the world,” said Dr. Rogelio Garcia-Contreras, CIS Micro-Credit faculty coordinator.

The Latin phrase, *dum spiro* meaning “while I breathe,” was selected as the name of the event. Artworks by fine arts/documentary photographer and human rights activist Jonathan Moller, as well as St. Anne’s School, have been donated for the silent auction.

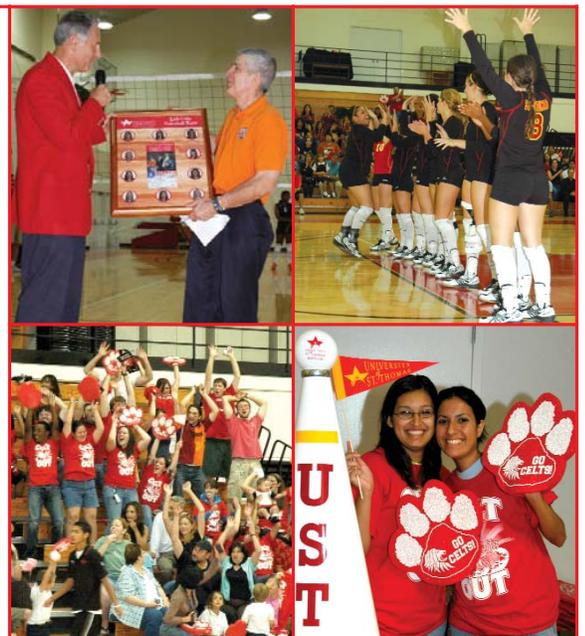
The event is free and open to the public, and will feature live music and refreshments.

Transitus Service

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist invite the UST community to a special prayer service for the Feast of St. Francis at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, in the Chapel of St. Basil. The actual feast is celebrated on Oct. 4, however, Franciscans celebrate the passing of St. Francis from earth to heaven, known as “Transitus,” the night before. This prayer service is simple yet solemn, and will include the last prayers of St. Francis and a blessing of the city.

Hip..Hip..Hurray

The Lady Celts volleyball team played its first home game to a gym full of supporters. A pep rally before the game provided fans with food and Celt attire. The Lady Celts were announced by University friend Jim McIngvale, who recently donated the new Jerabeck gym floor. The team fell short to UT-Brownsville, 26-30, 20-30, 20-30.



CSB Receives \$1.5 Million for Endowed Chair

The Harry and Isabel C. Cameron Foundation, a long-time benefactor of UST, approved a pledge of \$1.5 million to create the Cameron Endowed Chair in Management and Marketing for the Cameron School of Business.

“This pledge to fund a Chair is made to assist the University in its plan for Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation,” said Diane Guiberteau, vice president and trust officer for the Cameron Foundation.

In March 2007, the Cameron School underwent a sweeping reorganization to streamline and strengthen some of its degree programs, while phasing out others. It’s a move that would bring the school closer to a prestigious accreditation that is awarded to less than eight percent of universities worldwide.

“The accreditation process is rigorous and lengthy, but it will be worth the effort,” said Dr. Bahman Mirshab, dean of the Cameron School of Business. “The Cameron Foundation’s generous gift will enable us to hire a distinguished professor whose teaching and scholarly activities will enhance our academic program and ensure that the University builds on its tradition of excellence.”

Over the years, the Cameron Foundation has given the University more than \$2 million. In 1969, St. Thomas received one of the first gifts from the foundation to establish the Cameron School of Business. With a gift of \$1 million from the foundation in 1978, Welder Hall was remodeled from its original cafeteria configuration to classroom space for the business school. The Cameron Foundation also funded a second renovation of Welder Hall in 2002 and established the Archbishop Michael J. Miller Endowed Scholarship fund.

“As we proceed with plans to develop our next comprehensive capital campaign, gifts of this magnitude are key to our success in motivating others to share their blessings with UST,” said H. Ken DeDominicis, vice president of Institutional Advancement.”

The continuing generosity of the foundation has played a key role in transforming the Cameron School to a first quality business program.

Pictured below from left to right are Eva Langley, Shirley Cameron Davis, Frances Cameron Miller, Sylvia Cameron and Priscilla Bomet. Trustees not pictured are David Cameron and Diane Guiberteau.



SAVE THE DATE

Gandhi and Catholic Tradition



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.

Roe Reality Check



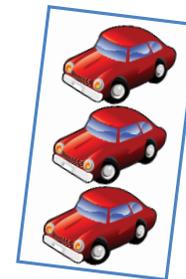
Deirdre McQuade, director of Planning and Information, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, will take a second look at abortion at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, in Scanlan Room, Jerabek Center.

Networking Workshop



Who’s in your network? Learn the value of networking, how to network and how to use your network, from 12:30-1 p.m. and from 5-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, in Career Services, Crooker Center.

Commuter Appreciation Day



The Office of Student Activities reaches out to commuter students for a day filled with fun, food, resources and give-a-ways, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, in the Old Bookstore, Crooker Center. Free and open to students.



Study Abroad Meeting

Step out of the ordinary by taking a class near the crystal clear beaches of Jamaica, stroll the halls of the *Accademia di Belle Arti* in Florence, shop along the Charles Bridge in the Czech Republic, keep time at Big Ben or climb the pyramids in Mexico—where do you want to go?

Explore your horizons and find out more about these great opportunities at the study abroad informational meeting at 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5 in Anderson Hall, Room 103.

Representatives from different departments will be available to speak on the various study abroad opportunities this year. The scheduled programs include trips to Czech Republic, Merida, Italy, Jamaica and London.

Annually, UST sends more than 150 students overseas for credit-bearing coursework. The University also has exchange agreements with 16 universities in the Americas, Australia, Europe and Asia. Past group programs have been conducted in Argentina, Chile, China, France, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Spain, Taiwan and the United Kingdom, to name a few.

For more information, contact Diana Garcia at 713-525-3530.



Freedom in Zimbabwe

Two of the most effective opposition leaders in Zimbabwe today, Morgan Tsvangirai and Roy Bennett, will discuss the current political and social situation in Zimbabwe at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, in Cullen Hall.

The Movement for Democratic Change, led by former union leader Tsvangirai, opposing these policies, won 58 of the 120 elected seats in Parliament in the last largely free elections of 2000. The Government of President Robert Mugabe closed newspapers, banned political meetings and arrested its opponents. Today Zimbabwe's African neighbors, as well as the nations of Europe and America are calling for free and fair elections, but Mugabe stubbornly clings to power.

Tsvangirai is the former Secretary General of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions and is the founding chairperson of the National Constitutional Assembly, a group that advocates for a new constitution for Zimbabwe.

Bennett is a politician who is currently the treasurer of the Movement for Democratic Change. Under Mugabe's orders, he was imprisoned for eight months in a Zimbabwean jail subject to the most inhumane conditions.

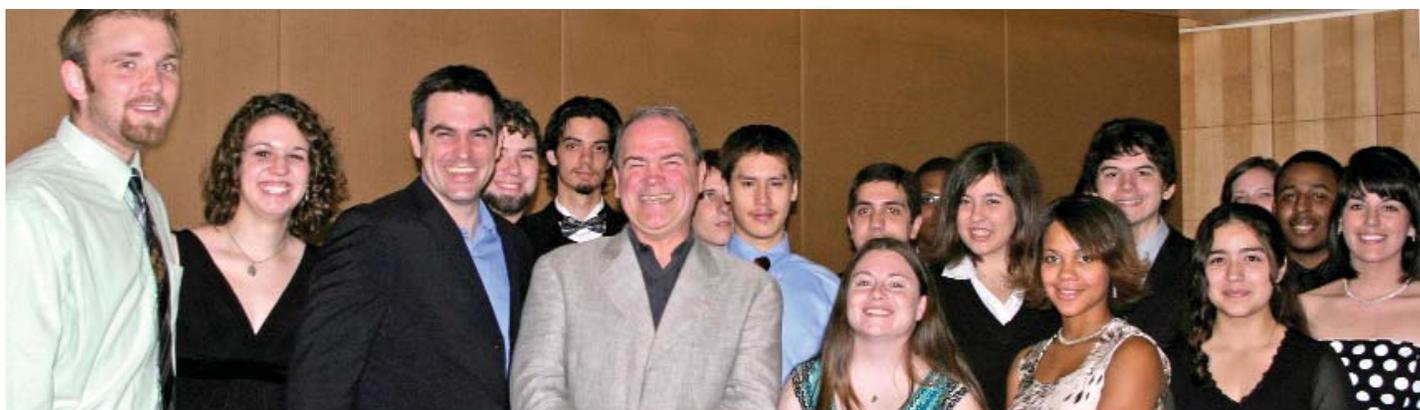


Pirates of Penzance

Join the Music Program's Opera Workshop: Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance," or "The Slave of Duty," Friday, Oct. 4–Monday, Oct. 8, in Cullen Hall. Performance times are at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 5, 6 and 8; the Sunday, Oct. 7 performance will begin at 3 p.m. All performances are free and open to the public.

Dr. Brady Knapp directs, with Debra Dickinson, stage director/choreographer, and Jasmine Hatem, on piano.

Dramatis personae include: *Frederic*-Joe Mikolaj, Cody Parrott; *Mabel*-Julie Frederick, Jennifer Johnson; *Pirate King*-Jacob Botello, JT Simon; *Ruth*-Ana Black, Christine Mahaffey; *Samuel*-Eric Murillo; *Major-General Stanley*-Justin Tubbs; *Sergeant of Police*-Jonathan Richmond; *Kate*-Alexandra Venzke; *Edith*-Rachel Hansbury; *Isabel (Kate/Edith understudy)*-Monique Dupleich; *Wards of Major-General Stanley*-Avi DePano, Kimberley Garcia, Maria-Cecilia Ortiz, Yamile Salomon, Megan Silva, Diana Young-Murray; *Chorus of Pirates and Police*-Walter Canales, Peter DeCesare, Tim Detmering and Mychal English.



Augustine Hall Students Experience Symphony

UST Augustine Hall Living-Learning Center students had a chance to experience the music of Beethoven, up close and personal, when they attended the Houston Symphony, Saturday, Sept. 15.

“It was wonderful,” said Sr. Mary Roberta Connors, FSE, who is one of the five Franciscan Sisters who directs the Augustine Hall Living-Learning Center. “Our group enjoyed the privilege of a private reception in the symphony’s Green Room prior to the concert. There we met with Maestro Hans Graf, the music director, and a young composer, Kevin Puts, whose First Symphony was performed that evening.”

This was the first time many of the 18 students had ever been to the symphony. The event is part of the Living-Learning experience. Program organizers had been looking for a cultural event to help expose students to various art forms.

That is when they approached Gloria Portela, chair of the UST Board of Directors. Portela contacted

Matthew VanBesien, CEO and executive director of the Houston Symphony, invited the students as guests at the event and gave 25 complimentary orchestra row tickets to enjoy the performance.

“Seeing as how this was my first time attending a live symphony performance, I was absolutely entranced!” said John Simons, UST student. “The conductor performed with such passion and it was especially beautiful to see how he and his symphony worked in such perfect sync with one another.”

The St. Augustine Living-Learning Center began as a freshman experience, but is now open to any student committed to the integration of faith, life and reason.

Attendees included: John Simons, Jennifer Callon, Kevin Puts/Composer, Seth Huey, Matt Wood, Hans Graf/Maestro, Will Stuart, John Zielinski, Rebecca Heffern, Jonathan More, Amina Dasiva, Michael Meriano, Noemi Flores, Claudia Garcia.



Gries Awarded by ACS

Dr. Gerald Gries, professor and chair of chemistry and physics, received a service award on Sept. 17, from the American Chemical Society-Greater Houston Section for serving as the Chemistry Olympiad coordinator for more than 15 years. He was awarded by Dr. Tracey Simmons-Willis, chair of the American Chemical Society-Greater Houston Section.

The Olympiad is a multi-tiered competition designed to stimulate and promote achievement in high school chemistry.

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