

## Drama Stages 'Little Shop of Horrors'

The tale of a nerdy florist assistant and his singing carnivorous plant set the stage for the Drama Program's production of "Little Shop of Horrors." The show opens Oct. 31 in Jones Theatre, and runs at 8 p.m. Nov. 1-3, 7-10 and 14-17.

"If you don't like musicals, this is the musical for you," said Dr. Gino Chelakis, assistant professor of drama. "It satirizes just about all that is campy, silly or sappy in the tradition of musical theatre. But also, if you love musicals, this is the musical for you. It pays homage to what is most glorious in the tradition of great American musicals," he said.

In this gleefully gruesome musical, Seymour raises a plant that

feeds on human blood. He names the ever-demanding plant Audrey II, after his co-worker Audrey, who he secretly adores.

As the singing plant keeps growing, so does its demand for more blood. Between bites, Audrey II brings down the house with its rhythm and blues singing abilities.

"The audience can expect an evening full of clever satire and a company of student actors and singers who give the most sincere performances in the Houston theatrical arena," Chelakis said.

Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$10 for students/seniors; and \$5 for UST students, faculty and staff. For group discounts and tickets, call 713-525-3520.

### Voice Your Opinions



Campus Ministry is asking students to complete a short and confidential spirituality survey to develop a better understanding of

student needs and interests in the areas of faith development and spiritual process. The surveys, created by students and staff, were e-mailed to students Oct. 22. A drawing for a free iPod will be held for those who complete it.

### Listen to the Sounds

Join the UST Music Program for a Fall Choral Concert featuring the University Singers at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, in the Chapel of St. Basil. Dr. Brady Knapp will direct, and Courtney Daniell-Knapp will guest conduct. Featured music will include *Missa brevis in a*, Johann Ernst Eberlin, motets by Corfe, Lalouette, Vittoria and anthems by Bob Chilcott and Jeffrey H. Rickard. The concert is free and open to the public.

### Fall into Education

The UST Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi, presents Dr. Terry Brandt, discussing the importance of teachers from 5-6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, in Ahern Room, Crooker Center. Brandt will use "Dead Poets Society" as the basis for his lecture. Brandt is an associate professor of education and director of secondary education at UST. The lecture is free and open to the public.



## Remembering Loved Ones in November



November is the month of All Souls in the Roman Catholic Church. Several activities are planned during the month to mark this solemn time.

All Saints Day, Nov. 1, is a holy day of obligation for Catholics to honor all saints, whether canonized or not. All Souls Day, Nov. 2, is a day to honor all those who have died. Masses on All Saints Day will be held at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., in the Chapel of St. Basil.

Masses on All Souls Day will be at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. During the entire month of November, a book will be located in the back of the Chapel so that students, faculty and staff can write the names of beloved deceased to be remembered during Mass.

The dignity of the dying process will also be examined at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, in the Crooker Center, Old Bookstore. Rev. Debbie Leo, volunteer and bereavement coordinator for American Hospice, will answer student questions on death and hospice care. A short film entitled, "Hospice...Because Every Moment Matters," will be presented.

"Serious illness and death are important elements in the human life process," said Sr. Maura Behrenfeld, FSE, director of Campus Ministry. "Education on dying and death deepens one's understanding of the mystery and sacredness of life from birth to natural death and can strengthen one's focus and purpose of their own time here on earth."

## Cunningham Chairs Language Discussion

William J. Cunningham, FSO, retired and associate professor emeritus of international studies at UST, chaired a round table discussion on the U.S. Department of State's Chinese Language Program.



Cunningham's presentation, titled "Legends of San Kuan Miao: The U.S. Department of State Chinese Language Training Program at Peking-1902-1949," was part of the 36th Annual Mid-

Atlantic Conference of the Association for Asian Studies at the University of Maryland in College Park, Oct. 27-28.

Cunningham was director of the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service Chinese Language and Area Training Center in Taiwan from May 1961-May 1962. He also attended the school as a language officer in training from January 1957-June 1958.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Pure Freedom: Christina King



UST Catholic Daughters of America will host Christina King, abstinence speaker, at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, in Cullen Hall. She will discuss "Pure Freedom," an explanation of the virtue of chastity and abstinence.

### The Musical Melting Pot



The Center for International Studies presents "The Melting Pot," a musical immersion of Jewish, Latin, Brazilian, Jazz and Funk, with special guest Crossroads Ensemble at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday Oct. 31, in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center.

### Study Abroad Meeting



It's not too late to sign up for study abroad in Jamaica. Come to an informational meeting at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, in Tiller Hall, Room 116. Contact Dr. Randy Soffer for more information at 713-942-5922 or soffer@stthom.edu.

### Men's Chorus Fall Concert



The St. Mary's Men's Chorus continues to celebrate its 10th anniversary with a Fall Concert at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, in the Chapel of St. Mary's Seminary. The concert will feature music of every style.



## Irish Jail Explored

Niall Bergin, supervisor, acting archivist and curator, Kilmainham Gaol, Dublin, Ireland, will discuss “Kilmainham Gaol: The Nation’s Historic Pulse” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, in Cullen Hall.

Kilmainham Gaol (jail) in Dublin served as a political seismograph, recording many different political upheavals in Ireland, including the imprisonment and execution of many of those involved in the 1916 Easter Rising for Ireland’s independence from Britain. Bergin will look at the Gaol from its opening in 1796 to its closing in 1924. He will explore the often overlooked story of the fate of the common man, woman and child held in the Gaol and the impact of the Great Famine and Convict Transportation on the Gaol.

He is employed by the Heritage Service in the Office of Public Works, which is the Irish office responsible for protecting and maintaining Ireland’s heritage.

The lecture is free and open to the public. No RSVP or advanced tickets sold; first-come, first-served. Sponsored by the UST Center for Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Forum, Irish American Institute and The Irish Society.



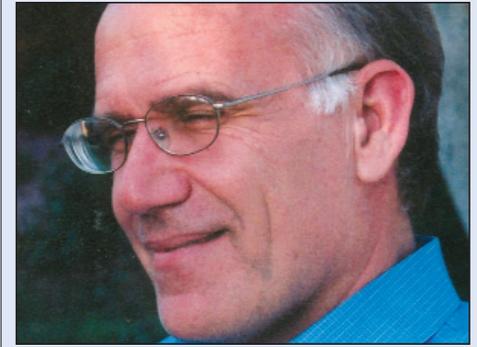
## Dark Side Uncovered

The Center for International Studies and the International Studies Society feature a film or documentary every other Tuesday from 12:30-2 p.m., in Tiller Hall, Room 116. On Oct. 30, the film “The Dark Side” will be shown.

“The Dark Side” tells the story of the vice president’s role as the chief architect of the war on terror, and his battle with Director of Central Intelligence Agency George Tenet for control of the “dark side.” Drawing on more than 40 interviews and thousands of documents, the film provides a step-by-step examination of what happened inside the councils of war. Early in the Bush administration, Cheney placed a group of allies throughout the government who advocated a robust and preemptive foreign policy, especially regarding Iraq.

The purpose of the media series is to share relevant and reliable information with UST students, through the broadcasting of films and documentaries on a variety of topics from politics and economics to culture and the environment.

A brief question and comments session will follow each film. Refreshments will be provided.



## Victor Hanson Speaks

Dr. Victor Davis Hanson will give the 2007 President’s Lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in Cullen Hall. He will discuss “The Ways of Western War and the Way Not in Iraq.”

Why does the radical Muslim world wage a terrorist war against the West? Many argue it is our foreign policy, our presence in the Middle East, our supposedly decadent culture, our treatment of Muslims, or a whole host of perceived grievances.

His latest book, “A War Like No Other: How the Athenians and Spartans Fought the Peloponnesian War,” was published by Random House in 2005 and named one of the New York Times Notable 100 Books of the Year.

Hanson has written for the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, International Herald Tribune, New York Post, National Review and Washington Times.

He is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, a professor emeritus at California University, Fresno, and a nationally syndicated columnist for Tribune Media Services.

For more information, contact Sandy Cackowski at 713-525-2162.

## Receive Emergency Alerts: Update your Contact Information

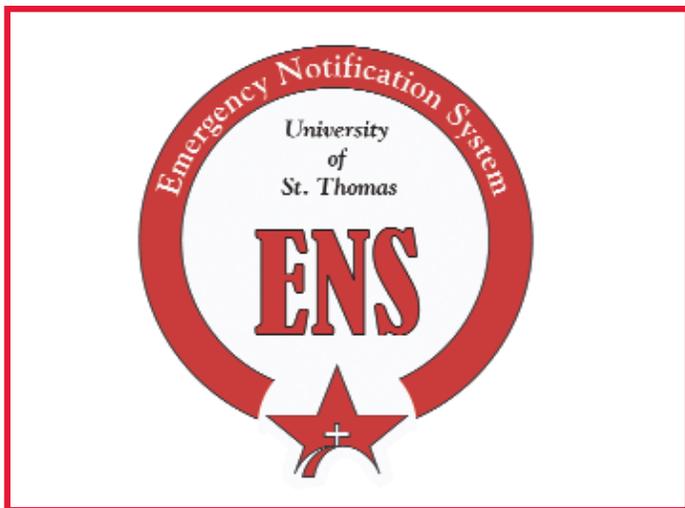
Emergency situations—from natural disasters to health scares, to the threats of violence—shed light on the fact that the University of St. Thomas must always be fully prepared. Accordingly, the University will implement the Connect-ED service to enhance University communication and emergency preparedness.

On Nov. 5, students, faculty and staff will receive instructions on how to review and update their emergency contact information stored in the University's database. This updated data will be used when the emergency notification system (ENS) is employed to notify the UST community of school closings due to weather or other emergencies, whether on or off campus. ENS will enable campus leaders to schedule, send and track personalized voice messages to as many as six phone numbers per person, and immediately send messages via four different modes of communication.

Connect-ED also allows emergency personnel and key administrators to communicate across departments. The service will be used to mobilize emergency response teams and notify key department heads regarding emergency situations.

Instructions on how to update your contact information will be posted in the Star View newsletter, on the UST Web site, myStThom (portal), in the glass cases (notice boards) on campus and via a community e-mail blast.

The University will test the ENS in late November.



## Prop 2: Student Loan Funding To Be Determined by Vote

When Texas voters head to the polls this November, they will be holding the future of the state's Hinson-Hazelwood College Student Loan Program in their hands. Proposition 2 is a \$500 million bond that would finance low-interest loans for Texas students attending schools around the state, including the University of St. Thomas.

The impact for UST could be significant. The University has only 14 current students who were helped by the Hinson-Hazelwood Program. Several more qualified, but the funding was not available.

"UST is supporting Proposition 2 because it will increase funding for students," said Scott Moore, UST dean of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

"Currently the University doesn't see a lot of funding from this source, but we certainly would like to see that increase. The state will be able to provide need-based loans to students and families out of the revenue from this bond."

Texas SB 1640 and SJR 57 passed last legislative session authorizing that the proposition be placed on the ballot. Supporters of the bond proposal say Proposition 2 has no tax implications, since the bonds are repaid by students as they repay their loan.

Hinson-Hazelwood loans are serviced by a Coordinating Board.

These loans differ from private loans by offering a low, fixed rate, a six-month post-graduation grace period and numerous repayment schedules. The program also ensures that loan interest will never be capitalized or that loans will be sold to other lenders.

Voters will decide on Proposition 2, Nov. 6.



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