



St. Thomas Gears Up to Go Green

Next time you think about disposing of an empty bottle or can, consider recycling it instead. It is easier than ever at the University of St. Thomas because recycling bins are going up around campus. It's part of a recycling program, spear-headed in large part, by environmental studies major Murray Myers (pictured).

"We wanted to make the program more visible so that students would get involved in the process," said Myers.

There will be weekly and bi-weekly pick-ups of recyclable materials such as paper, plastics, glass and aluminum.

The recycling efforts on the UST campus will unfold as the

world prepares for Pope Benedict XVI's first address to the United Nations in the spring of 2008. He is expected to deliver a warning about climate change.

"To know that the interest in environmental issues at the University of St. Thomas is in sync with Pope Benedict's efforts to promote environmental consciousness, puts our efforts into a much larger context," said Sr. Damien Marie Savino, assistant professor, biology and Catholic studies.

Nov. 15 has been designated as Recycling Day on the UST campus. For more information about recycling, email recycling@stthom.edu or ecos@stthom.edu. Read more at stthom.edu.

The International Student Association hosts "A Taste of Culture,"

the second annual event that showcases traditional performances from around the world, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in Guinan Hall. It is free and open to the UST community.

There are approximately 182 international students at UST. This event strives to promote cultural awareness on campus and to present an educational history on the various international dance styles and fashion.

Performers include La Tempestad, accompanied by singer La Paloma and guitarist Jeremias Garcia "El Valiente;" Kaminari Taiko; El Ballet Garifuna y Sambula Promotions; Turkish dance performances by the English Language School's (ELS) students; and Dance of Asian America. UST students will also perform traditional dance styles from Colombia, Turkey, India and Venezuela.

The event will also feature a fashion show of traditional clothing styles of various countries. Food from Venezuela, Nigeria, Europe and China will be served.

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Creating and Educating Leaders of Tomorrow

The University of St. Thomas is helping to create future leaders through a series of upcoming workshops. The program is part of Creating and Educating Leaders of Tomorrow, C.E.L.T. Introduced in 2006, the program's mission is to enhance and develop student leadership on the University campus.

"UST is focused on educating leaders of faith and character and this program exemplifies that statement," said Angie Montelongo, assistant director, Student Activities. "This program will help our students to become better leaders, not just on campus, but in their communities as well. The program works best when initiated in the first and second year, but for interested juniors, two cohorts have been created."

The program was initiated by the Office of Student Activities. The workshops explore topics such as peer leadership and balancing academics and leadership. Students are equipped with a leadership



book to serve as a guide as they journey through the five phases of the program.

Participants are required to attend a minimum of eight sessions. Other program activities include weekend retreats, leadership projects and opportunities to enhance and assist students in their leadership development and co-curricular experience.

"C.E.L.T. creates a support network and relationships with other student leaders," said Patricia Manjarrez, president, International Studies Society. "You learn from the University's own leaders valuable lessons that can be used beyond the college experience."

C.E.L.T. workshops began in mid-October and will continue in the spring semester. This leadership program is open to all UST freshman, sophomores and juniors. Juniors will be enrolled on a fast track that will last two years.

For more information, contact Montelongo at 713-525-3572 or montela@stthom.edu.

Students Announced as Global Ambassadors



Center for International Studies students **Claudia Espinosa** and **Laura Adal** have been named UST Global Ambassadors by the World Affairs Council of Houston. The Global Ambassadors initiative for the 2007-2008 academic year was launched to bring some of the most outstanding college students to 6th-12th grade classrooms to speak about their experiences abroad. Read more at stthom.edu/PA/Ambassadors.

SAVE THE DATE

Hospice Care Lecture



The dignity of the dying process will be examined by Rev. Debbie Leo, at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, in the Crooker Center, Old Bookstore. Rev. Leo is volunteer and bereavement coordinator for American Hospice.

Vote: Your Opinion Counts



Election Day is Nov. 6. Voters will be casting ballots on 16 proposed amendments, including Proposition 2, a bond that would finance low-interest loans for Texas students. Find out where to vote at votexas.org.

Dialogue with Diplomats

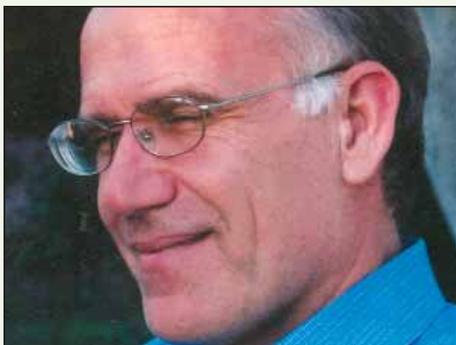


Join the Center for International Studies for a dialogue with Lasse Sigurd Seim, Consul General of Norway, at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 713-525-3530.

Mu Phi Epsilon Concert



Join the UST Music Program for the Mu Phi Epsilon Concert. Hear music of the 50s, featuring the Charles Davis Ensemble at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, in Cullen Hall. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 713-525-3560.



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 Bernadette Drabek at 713-525-3107.



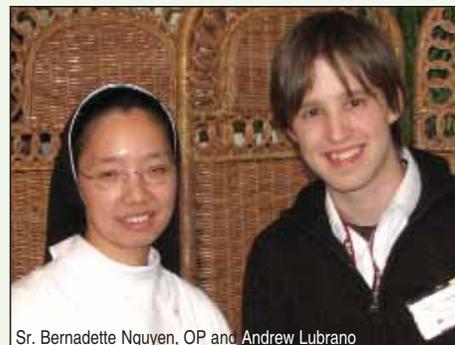
Texas Nature Explored

Dr. Sherra Theisen, CEO, Texas Nature Project, will give a talk titled "What Difference Does It Make?" a look at some of the challenges Americans face given the depth and breath of social, political, environmental economic and global situations of today's world, at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, in Ahern Room, Crooker Center.

In her talk, Theisen will ask: "We may feel overwhelmed by the injustice we see and hear and ask: What can I do?" Theisen hopes to encourage participants to consider their particular, concrete situations and responsibilities, and the variety of resources they call upon to assist them in promoting social justice and the common good in their everyday living.

Theisen will focus on Catholic social justice teachings on the environment and discuss some of the work of the Texas Nature Project. This non-profit organization provides immersion internships in nature and eco-justice studies for Texas college students on the 100-acre Northpoint Ranch.

A reception will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the presentation at 7 p.m. Both are free and open to the public. Sponsored by the UST Social Justice Committee.



Sr. Bernadette Nguyen, OP and Andrew Lubrano

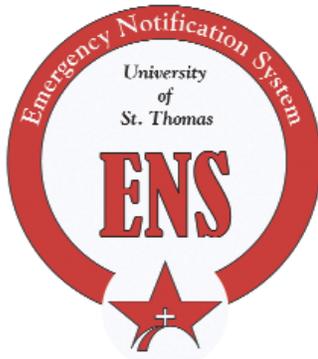
USTinsights Needs You

Students and alumni are invited to register for the next USTinsights: Alumni Mentoring Students Program, beginning in January 2008.

The program was designed to help UST seniors and graduate students achieve their career goals and to give alumni the chance to reconnect with their alma mater in a meaningful way. Students are matched with UST alumni who volunteer their time to share their career expertise. The one-semester program offers a framework of formal and informal monthly events and activities.

Students graduating in May, August or December of 2008, are eligible to participate in the program. Students must complete and submit applications by Nov. 16. Applications and more information can be found on the Career Services Web site or at the Career Services office, second floor, Crooker Center. Students can contact Career Services at 713-525-3160 for more details.

Alumni must complete their applications and submit to the Office of Alumni Relations by Nov. 30. Alumni can contact the Office of Alumni Relations for more details at 713-942-3407.



Update Your Emergency Contact Information Now

Why should I update my information?

With current contact information, students, faculty and staff will receive time-sensitive notifications within minutes through phone calls, e-mails and/or text messages in the event of an emergency. Providing current information is the best way to ensure that you receive emergency alerts. The University will use the *Connect-ED* system, known for its successful track record and multi-modal capabilities. The Connect-ED service enables campus leaders to schedule, send and track personalized voice messages to as many as six phone numbers per person, and immediately sends messages via four different modes of communication.

How do I update my information?

Please take a few minutes to update your contact information via the University's portal, myStThom.

Student Instructions

1. Login to myStThom
2. Click on "Student Self Service"
3. At the bottom under "Personal Information" select the drop down and choose "Email Addresses" and "Phone Numbers"

Faculty and Staff Instructions

1. Login to myStThom
2. Click on "UST Employee Self-Service"
3. Click on "Update Phone Number" and "Update Email Address"

Instructions can also be found at stthom.edu/ENS.

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Featured Performers:

La Tempestad: The roots of Flamenco are traced to the gypsies of Southern Spain and consists of three creative elements, most notably *cante*- singing *baile*-the dance and *guitarra*- the guitar. Regardless of the constant commercialization and modernization of Flamenco, Mamma Flamenca (Maria Del Espadin) and La Hija Flamenca (La Tempestad) strive to preserve the authenticity of Flamenco and to present Flamenco to the public as the gypsies of Andalucia intended Flamenco to be danced. Del Espadin Flamenco and Spanish Dance Academy offers classes in Flamenco, Spanish dance, Flamenco guitar, belly dance, dance conditioning and toning, Zumba and Mexican Folkloric. Learn more about the group at flamencospirit.com.

El Ballet Garifuna y Sambula Promotions: The Garifunas came from Africa and lived on Saint Vincent Island for 165 years. Their music and dances express pain, war, misery, joy, love and life as related to society. The conjunction of these elements in space are the linguistic choreographies of the bodies in movement, where music is magic, singing is wind, water, fire and the land of the Garifuna's origin.

Kaminari Taiko: Taiko is rooted in 3,000-year-old Japanese traditions that express beauty and harmony. It is a music presentation that combines high energy movements with compelling percussive rhythms that embody the spiritual essence and heartbeat of Japan. Kaminari Taiko was founded in 1996 by Jay Mochizuki along with musicians from diverse backgrounds and ethnicities. Learn more about Taiko at ilovetaiko.org/aboutus.htm.

Dance of Asian America: This group is a non-profit organization that promotes the cultural heritage of China through authentic and contemporary Chinese dance. For more information about the group, visit danceaa.org/site.

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