



Empty Stomachs, Full Minds

The annual Hunger Banquet, sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Office of Volunteer Opportunities, will be held from 5:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15 in Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center.

“Through this unique interactive event we experience the challenges of those who have so much less than we do,” said Ellie Collier, director of the Office of Volunteer Opportunities. “Few will leave the banquet with full stomachs, but all will leave more aware of the

millions who struggle with poverty and hunger.”



Each person who attends is randomly assigned a role. The Hunger Banquet is intended to raise awareness about the fate of millions of people in our world. Everyday, low income people sit down on the floor to a meal of rice and water. Sixty percent of attendees for this event will experience their plight.

Fifteen percent will enjoy a three course meal, and 25 percent will dine on rice and beans.

The event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Ellie Collier at ellie@stthom.edu.

Learn more about the impact of HIV and AIDS in Africa in a presentation by Bridget Chisenga, Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) Adherence Officer from CRS Zambia, noon Wednesday, Nov. 14, in Ahern Room, Crooker Center.



Chisenga will discuss the importance of providing hope through support groups and ART when working with people living with HIV. She will also share her personal experience and her professional commitment to restoring hope to those living with HIV.

Restoring Hope

- According to UNAIDS, in 2005, an estimated 39 million people were living with HIV and AIDS.
- People who are HIV-positive are living longer through good nutrition and Anti-Retroviral Therapy.
- CRS is working to increase education, training of staff and availability of therapy and equipment, as well as to improve welfare of those living with HIV.

Relationships 101: Brainstorming for Marriage

Students can learn the what, how and when of relationships from 9-10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, in the Guinan Hall Lobby. Campus Ministry and Health Promotion and Wellness will sponsor this event to answer questions students may have about marriage. Free food and refreshments will be served.

Study the Italian Way

Interested in studying abroad this summer? Consider Italy Study Abroad: June 2-26, 2008. Students can earn six credits in theology and art history, which can be applied to their core requirements. Students will study in Assisi, Rome and Florence.

An informational meeting will be held from 12:30-2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Hennigan Hall (Catholic Studies/Honors House), 4219 Yoakum. Pizza and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Sr. Damien Marie Savino at 713-525-3894 or savinod@stthom.edu.



Bilingual Education Director Recognized

UST Dual Language Institute Director Dr. Mary Starz has received the Woman of Excellence/Woman of Achievement Award from Entrepreneurial Woman, a member network of the National Association of Female Executives.

Starz was identified as a woman who has overcome obstacles, mentored those who came after her and achieved excellence in her profession.

"I enjoy mentoring other women," Starz said. "I have mentored five young ladies in the



past seven years. I offer encouragement, academic help and tutoring when needed and lots of love. I use examples from my life to guide them. Many young people have huge obstacles to overcome and all they need is someone they can call at anytime."

Starz came to UST in 2005 to lead the University's Dual Language Institute. She has remained in touch with many of her mentees. "Most of my mentees began as my students and have continued to be very close friends."

SAVE THE DATE

Chi-Ro Food Drive



Help the Chi-Ro Theology Club collect non-perishable items for its Thanksgiving Food Drive, Monday-Friday, Nov. 12-16. Boxes will be in Guinan Hall, Jerabeck Center, Crooker Center, Hughes House and Doherty Library.

A Taste of Culture



The International Student Association will host "A Taste of Culture," the second annual event that showcases various traditional performances from around the world, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the Guinan Hall Lobby.

UST Night at the Rockets



The Department of Campus Life presents "UST Night at the Rockets," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. The Rockets will take on the Phoenix Suns. Tickets are \$10 (limit 2 at this price) and available from Student Activities in Jerabeck Center.

'Little Shop of Horrors'



Join the UST Drama Program for "Little Shop of Horrors" at 8 p.m., Wednesday - Saturday, Nov. 14-17 in Jones Theatre. \$15 general admission; \$10 students/seniors; \$5 UST students, faculty and staff.



Monaghan Concert

Come hear the sounds of the Fr. Monaghan Organ Concert featuring organist Riyehee Hong, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13. Music of Buxtehude, Bach, Durufle, Handel and Franck will be performed.

Hong is the director of Music and the Arts at the Philadelphia Cathedral. She earned a Master of Music degree from Boston University, where she was the associate university organist at Marsh Chapel. She also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Hanshin University, and bachelor's degree in theology from Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. As a performer on both organ and harpsichord, she has appeared as a soloist, accompanist and director, and has performed numerous concerts in the United States, Switzerland, Belgium and France.

The Fr. Monaghan organ, made of oak, walnut and metal, was built by Schoenstein and Company, a San Francisco-based company that has been in operation since 1877. The organ is specifically designed as a flexible instrument, able to play music from a broad spectrum.

For more information, contact Sue Young at 713-525-3159.

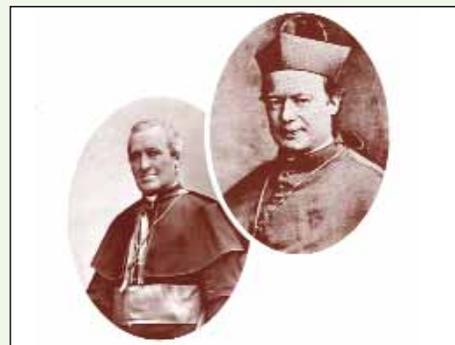


American Smokeout

The American Cancer Society estimates that 45 million Americans are smokers. While the national smoking rate is in decline, smoking still remains a serious health risk. On Nov. 15, Health Promotion and Wellness will participate in the annual Great American Smokeout, a national event promoted by the American Cancer Society, which challenges people to smoke less or stop smoking for one day. The UST Smokeout event will support students, faculty and staff who take on the one-day challenge by providing information and resources on effective quitting techniques.

In addition, the event is designed to modify students' perceptions of smoking and to highlight the chronic diseases and deaths that result from smoking. For more information, contact Amanda Alvey at 713-525-3513.

Students thinking about quitting and need tips or motivation to maintain a smoke-free lifestyle, can contact Counseling and Disability Services for help. For more information on counseling services, stop by the 2nd floor of Crooker Center or call 713-525-3162 or 713-525-6953 to make an appointment.



Irish Prelates Explored

Sr. Madeleine Grace, CVI, UST associate professor of theology, will examine the two prelates who often stand together, yet just as frequently oppose one another—John Ireland and Michael Corrigan— at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, in Cullen Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Neither Ireland nor Corrigan is always on the winning side. Each sees his own vision as vital to the survival of the American Catholic Church. Their contributions remain with us as does the shadow of their differing views. The lecture will explore the stance of each of these prelates to sharpen one's focus on the Church today.

Sr. Grace is a member of the Congregation of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament. She holds degrees from the University of Houston in social science, St. Mary's University in San Antonio in theology and St. Louis University in historical theology. Her area of specialization is early church history coupled with a keen interest in spirituality.

She is currently teaching a course on American Catholic Heritage for the Irish Studies Program at UST.

Students Give Bayou a Makeover

A group of University of St. Thomas students took the lessons they are learning about faith and culture, and applied them to revitalizing the Buffalo Bayou area. Twenty students, most from the Augustine Hall Living Learning Community, worked for several hours Saturday, Oct. 27, in a degraded area being reclaimed by the Buffalo Bayou Partnership.

“Anytime you feel that you are giving back to the community or the world in general, you get a sense of fulfillment,” said Beckie Becan, senior Catholic studies and drama joint major.

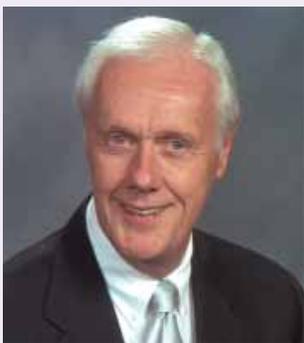
The group had a rare tour of the bayou from the water on the partnership’s pontoon boat. On the tour the group passed different species of snakes and birds.



A New Take on Science and Faith

Dr. John F. Wilson has been appointed as a Scholar in Residence in the University of St. Thomas Center for Faith and Culture. Wilson retired from the University of Houston as assistant research professor of physics and director of Educational Outreach for the physics department. He has also taught as an adjunct professor of physics at UST.

As a Scholar in Residence, Wilson will be involved with both research and publication. He will be responsible for networking with and fostering dialogue among scientists and academicians on the subject of faith and culture, as well as with other persons and entities within UST and other Houston universities.



To read both these stories in their complete, visit stthom.edu/PA/features.

SOL Teaches Lessons of Giving

One UST group is using the Thanksgiving holiday to share the meaning of giving. The Student Organization of Latinos will prepare a Thanksgiving meal for children at the St. Michael’s Home, Friday, Nov. 16.

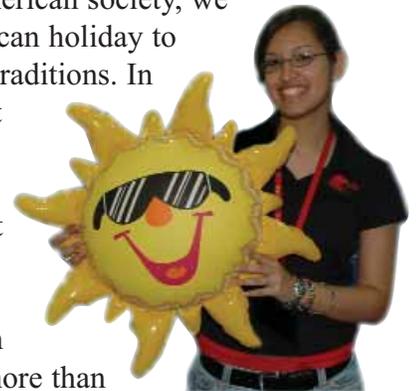
The St. Michael’s Home is a residential facility operated by Catholic Charities. It began in 1984 as an alternative to the detention centers that typically housed children who are undocumented immigrants. The home provides a nurturing environment for youths under the age of 17.

Members of SOL found Thanksgiving to be a great opportunity to share cultural experiences, since the children living in St. Michael’s Home are unfamiliar with the American Thanksgiving holiday.

“This holiday is about giving back,” said Rachel Castillo, SOL president (pictured). “To help integrate them into American society, we picked a typical American holiday to introduce them to our traditions. In return, we learned a lot about their cultures.”

The funding for this event was raised at SOL’s annual Cinco de Mayo celebration this year. The silent auction and raffle brought in more than \$600 for the special dinner.

SOL was created to celebrate and promote the various aspects of the Hispanic culture. Students of any ethnic and cultural background are welcome to join SOL. For more information on SOL, e-mail sol@stthom.edu.



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