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## ISS International Fest Explores the World

The International Studies Society will hold its fifth annual I-FEST celebration from 7-10 p.m. Thursday, April 3, on the Campus Life Mall. Guests will enjoy festivities from around the world, including dancing and a multicultural cuisine.

ISS is dedicated to the promotion of knowledge and awareness of the global community. To further this goal, every year, the student group hosts I-FEST to showcase the various cultures of the world and provide community members a chance to indulge in the charms of cultures other than their own.

Along with I-FEST, the Society will host Diversity Week, beginning March 31. Diversity Week will include activities leading up to the cultural experience of the festival. These events will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on the University Seal and are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Patricia Manjarrez at [iss@stthom.edu](mailto:iss@stthom.edu).

### ISS Diversity Week

March 31 - April 4, 2008

#### Monday

*You say goodbye and I say hello*  
Don't get caught up in intercultural miscommunication. Learn the different ways in which people greet each other around the world.

#### Tuesday

*Burees, bangles and bandanas!*  
Enjoy wearing and take photographs in hats and traditional clothing that demonstrate the various cultures of the world.

#### Wednesday

*Breaking the Myth*  
Unveil the truth behind typical stereotypes and generalizations.

#### Thursday

*International Festival*  
Sample a multicultural cuisine and indulge in music and dances from around the world. Join ISS on the Crooker Patio from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008.

## Stewart wins fellowship to study history of Quakers, Baptists

UST history major Whitney Stewart has been chosen as one of 10 students from universities across the United States as a SHEAR/Mellon Undergraduate Fellow by the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic. She will travel to Philadelphia this summer to complete research at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. She plans to focus her research on her senior thesis, a comparative study of Quakers in Pennsylvania and Baptists in Alabama.

In her thesis, Stewart will examine the ways in which the bodies of both

churches are organized, how the meeting houses are constructed and how parishioners worship, looking at the similarities and differences between the two Protestant religions. The McNeil Center houses an extensive collection of resources on early American history, allowing Stewart to fully explore the topic.

"The history that surrounds Philadelphia is incredible, and I'm very excited to conduct research in the same archives as some of the scholars whose books I've read," Stewart said.

Stewart will also present research at the UST Research Symposium in April.



UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS PRESENTS



**Casino Royale**

7-10 p.m. Friday, April 11  
Dining, entertainment and fun  
Crooker Patio, Cost \$10

**SideShow Tramps  
in Concert**

4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 12  
On the Campus Life Mall after  
Big Bob's Barbeque

**Big Bob's Barbeque**

4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 12  
Cash awards will be presented  
for best student papers  
Campus Life Mall

**Friday, April 11**  
10 a.m. - noon; 12:30-4:30 p.m.  
Oral Sessions  
Jerabeck Center, Rooms 201, 202, 207

Noon Lunch; 12:00 – 12:40  
Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center

4:45-5:45 p.m. Honors Presentation  
Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center

7-10 p.m. Casino Royale  
Crooker Center Patio

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**Saturday, April 12**  
9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Breakfast and Poster Presentations  
Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center

10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Oral Sessions continued  
Jerabeck Center, Rooms 201, 202, 207

Noon Lunch 12:00 – 12:40  
Jerabeck Center

4:30 p.m. Big Bob's Barbeque/Awards Ceremony  
Campus Life Mall

4:30 p.m. SideShow Tramps in Concert  
Campus Life Mall

 **UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS** *Educating Leaders of Faith and Character*



Graduates can order their announcements and purchase graduation regalia from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, April 1-2 in the University Bookstore. Jostens representatives will be on campus to help students with their graduation needs.

SAVE THE DATE

**President's Lecture**



Peruvian economist Hernando de Soto will present a lecture titled, "Why and How to Globalize: The Role of Law" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1 in Jones Hall. For more information, contact Debbye Crofoot-Morley at 713-525-3109.

**Co-Cathedral Dedication**



Take a moment to stop by the Old Bookstore in Crooker Center to view Channel 13's coverage of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston's dedication of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart from noon to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2.

**GSA Night at the Aeros**



Watch the Aeros take on the Milwaukee Admirals in last game of the season with the Graduate Student Association on Sunday, April 13. Tickets are \$15 per person; a limit of four. For tickets contact Nancy Barrionuevo at 713-291-4832.

**Zokovitch Speaks on Iraq**

After five years and \$3 trillion, the United States is still waging war in Iraq; deaths, destruction and the cost of the war are continually rising. Johnny Zokovitch, director of communications for Pax Christi USA, the national Catholic peace and justice movement, will speak on "Why, How and When to End the War in Iraq" as part of Maryknolls' First Friday Forum at 7:30 p.m. April 4 in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center. Zokovitch is a co-founder of the Gainesville, Fla., Catholic Worker House and is the author of "Rise! And Do Not Be Afraid: Reflections for Lent 2002."



## UST Hosts Model Arab League Conference



Participants of the Model Arab League conference, from left to right: Diana Caicedo, Ashley Mosing, Maurielle Balczon, Nora Hall, Deanna Soileau and Catherine Wargo. Not pictured: Laura Adal and Sheza Hamdy.

Students from universities across the region will gather at UST on April 4 and 5 to participate in the first Model Arab League conference in the Southwest region.

Representing one of the 22 states of the Arab League, student teams will familiarize themselves with the foreign policy agenda of the nation's government and be responsible for researching and understanding all aspects of the country as well as the country's allies and interests in the region. The conference will simulate deliberations among the Arab League, which was founded in 1945

as a forum in which Arab states engage in discussions about common political challenges and improve their bilateral relations.

Eight UST students will represent the United Arab Emirates at the conference, including Laura Adal, Maurielle Balczon, Diana Caicedo, Nora Hall, Sheza Hamdy, Ashley Mosing, Deanna Soileau and Catherine Wargo. Balczon, who is the student coordinator, said holding such an event on campus will be instrumental in the International Studies Department's efforts to expand its knowledge on Middle

Eastern affairs.

"The Model Arab League is a prestigious organization, so it's very exciting and promising for International Studies to have the first conference of the region on the UST campus," Balczon said. The Model Arab League is the student leadership development program of the National Council on U.S.- Arab Relations. The conference is conducted by the Bilateral U.S.- Arab Chamber of Commerce. Cosponsors are UST's Center for International Studies and the Cameron School of Business.

## The Makem and Spain Brothers present Irish folk music

Every generation has a few acts that define where a musical genre is going -- performers so confident in their chosen field that they are able to completely embrace the genre and yet introduce something new to it. In Irish folk music today, that act is The Makem and Spain Brothers. The Center for Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Forum and The Irish Society present The Brothers, five male vocalists who will perform traditional Irish folk music with a host of various instruments at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2008 in Cullen Hall.

The Makem and Spain Brothers

are at their best onstage where their talent and enthusiasm draw in fans who have never experienced the joy of folk music. This band of brothers, who were once considered the new kids on the block, has honed its craft over 15 years of international performances and are now one of the truly stalwart, road-tested Irish vocal groups available. The Makem Brothers, Shane, Conor and Rory, were born in Drogheda, County Louth, about an hour north of Dublin. Folk songs are engrained in both families and their songwriting contains the timeless qualities of folk

classics: songs of the worker, songs of the sea and Irish culture. They tell the tale of Ireland and its people -- a culture that



has undergone terrible strife, but remains strong.

Suggested donation is \$10 at the door; students are free. No RSVP, seating is first-come, first-served. For more information, contact Lori Gallagher at 713-525-3592.

## Cañas wins Rockefeller Fellowship

UST student Ruth Cañas is one of 25 college juniors from 17 participating institutions to be named as a recipient of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF) Fellowship for Aspiring Teachers of Color. Each fellow receives up to \$22,100 over a five-year period that begins this summer and ends after completion of three years of public school teaching.

The highly-competitive award was also presented to students from Swathmore College and Duke, Yale and Brown universities.

Cañas will use the money to pursue a graduate degree in education administration at a school of her choice. As an incoming fellow, she is required to complete a summer project between her junior and senior year with her faculty mentor, Dr. Higinia Torres-Rimbau, professor of education. Planned jointly by fellows and their mentors, the projects provide students with direct teaching experience with youth.

“As her mentor, I will assist her as she designs and implements an educational project this coming summer,” said Dr. Torres-Rimbau. “We need aspiring teachers like Ruth who will utilize their own background and experience to inspire a future generation of students to achieve their dreams.”

Cañas is the sixth student from UST to receive this prestigious fellowship award since 2001, when UST became a select institution eligible to participate in this program. UST was selected by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund on the basis of its commitment to the education of students of color and to improving teaching in public schools. Previous winners were Kim-Thoa Nguyen, Alejandra Mendoza, Joycelyn Harris, Juan Perez and Luis Saenz.

According to the RBF, by 2014 an estimated 50 million children will be enrolled in public schools across the nation. More than half of them are expected to

be students of color. Yet today, only 10 percent of public school teachers are people of color. The fellowship recognizes the vitally important role of education in human advancement and seeks to increase the number of highly-qualified teachers of color in K-12 public education in the United States. Since the program’s inception in 1992, the RBF has awarded fellowships to 301 college students.



## Put on Your Dancing Shoes for the SAB Spring Formal

Put on your best outfit and let your hair down for the Student Activities Board annual Spring Formal, “A Royal Affair.” The dance will be held on Friday, April 18, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the

Westin Galleria Monarch Ballroom, 24th floor; formal attire is required. This year,

SAB has fun activities planned, including a photo booth from 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. and a casino area with three black jack tables, three Texas Hold’em tables, craps and roulette tables. Prizes will be given away at the end of the night. Tickets can be purchased in the SAB office, first floor, Crooker Center and every Tuesday during activity period on the University Seal. Tickets are \$20 per person until April 11; \$25 from April 12 - 17; and \$30 at the door.

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