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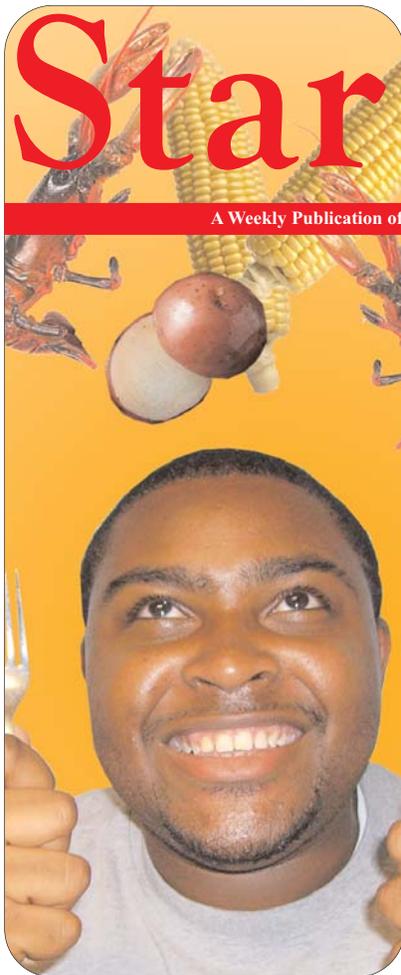
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Black Student Union Hosts Annual Crawfish Boil

Prepare to get messy. Bring your bib and hand wipes, but leave your fork and knife at home. The Black Student Union is stirring up the fiery flavors of the bayou as it hosts the seventh annual Crawfish Boil from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, April 25, on the Crooker Patio. The event will feature music and entertainment, including a performance by the Houston Swing Dance Society as well as performances by UST students Anthony "Fat Tony" Obi of the Low Ends and

Yasushi Hashioka. Music provided by DJ Ammo and DJ Nando.

Amen, Let's Eat!

**Black Student Union
Crawfish Boil
Friday, April 25
Crooker Patio
Food, Entertainment, Fun
Tickets \$5 in advance
\$7 at the door**

Guests can feast on crawfish, corn and potatoes while listening to everything from traditional Zydeco to funk music. Tickets are available for \$5 in the Student Activities Board office, located on the first floor of Crooker Center. Guests may also purchase tickets at the door for \$7. For more information, contact LeDarrin Johnson at bsu@stthom.edu.

Pop Singers, University Singers present musicals, opera in Cullen Hall

Join the University of St. Thomas Music Department for two evenings of musicals, opera and more.

UST Pop Singers will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 21 in Cullen Hall.

The audience will tap their toes to tunes from beloved shows including: Anything Goes, The Boys from Syracuse, Camelot, Dreamgirls, Easter Parade, Fiddler on the Roof, Follow the Fleet, Grease, Gypsy, Hello Dolly, Higher, I Do! I Do, Jekyll and

Hyde, Les Miserables, Mame, The Music Man, On Your Toes, Porgy and Bess, and West Side Story.

The UST University Singers' Spring Choral Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, in Cullen Hall. This will be the final performance for

the Spring 2008 UST concert series. The program features Henry Purcell's Dido and Aeneas and early madrigals, motets, anthems and spirituals. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, call Sue Young at 713-525-3159.



Pop Singers from top left: Susan Trawick, Matt Giampietro, Rachel Boehm, Christine Mahaffey. Bottom: Maria Cecilia Ortiz, Yamile Salomon

Learn Spanish, Study Abroad in Merida, Mexico

Perfect your Spanish, visit five Mayan ruins, relax on white beaches, explore a fascinating colonial city and learn all about Mexico in five weeks. University of St. Thomas students can study in Mérida, Mexico for \$4,780, which includes the cost of tuition, round trip air fare, room and full board, visits to five archeological zones and more.

The Mérida Program begins on May 27, 2008. Students depart for Mérida on June 8 and return on July 1. There is an intensive two-week session on the UST campus.

Students must have completed two semesters of college Spanish or the equivalent. Students do not need to be fluent to apply to this program, but they must want to become fluent in Spanish. All students will take the core course, Mexican Culture, cross-listed as International Studies 3301, Sociology 3301 and Bilingual Education 3301. Native Spanish speakers may take this course as a

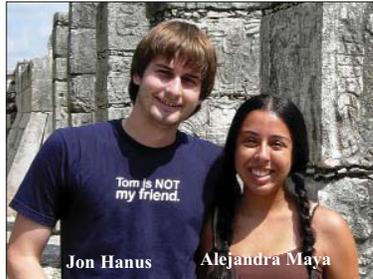
Spanish course. All students will choose one Spanish course: Intermediate Spanish Oral Communication: Span 2350, Advanced Spanish Oral Communication: Span 3350, or Masterworks of Mexican

Literature: Span 3353. Mérida is a safe and enjoyable city. Students are housed three or four to a room in a large, comfortable house in a

pleasant residential section. All classes are held in the residence.

Scholarships in the amount of \$500 are available for UST students.

There are only a few places left, so sign up now. Contact Fr. Jack Hanna, CSB, at 713-942-3468 or hannaj@stthom.edu, Professor Ramiro Juárez at juarezrr@stthom.edu or Diana García at garciad@stthom.edu. The Study Abroad office is located in Tiller Hall.



Cameron School of Business Holds Seventh Annual Case Competition

The Cameron School of Business will host its seventh annual Case Competition from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 25 in the Basilian Room and Room 116 in Welder Hall. Eight teams comprised of 31

students enrolled in the Senior Seminar capstone course will present their analyses of a Harvard Business School case titled, "World Vision International's AIDS

Initiative: Challenging a Global Partnership." Presentations will begin at 9:30 a.m. and finish by noon. Lunch and an awards presentation will follow immediately in Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center.

Twenty-one Houston-area professionals, including UST's Dean of Arts and Sciences Dominic Aquila and Dr. Yhi Min Ho, the founding dean of the Cameron School, will serve as judges for the event.



From left to right: Monica Ybarra, Valerie Flannigan, Andrew Worrell, Jennifer Molbrook, Melinda Werkenthin

SAVE THE DATE

GSA Hosts Chris Dittmar



Graduate Student Association will host Chris Dittmar, CEO of Alliance Energy Corporation, at a roundtable discussion about entrepreneurship, starting a company and sources of capital at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 24 in Ahern Room, Crooker Center.

The Sor Juana Festival



UST will host part of the Sor Juana festivities, *Perspectivas, A Window into Their World*, Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m. in Jones Hall. This event portrays unique perspectives on life, art, culture and social issues.

Founders Day



Discover the roots of the University during the third annual Founder's Day celebration on Thursday, April 24. Mass will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Basil, followed by a luncheon on the Crooker Patio.

"Trojan Women" continues



The UST Drama Department will stage the play, "Trojan Women," at 8 p.m. April 23-26 in Jones Theatre. General admission is \$15; \$5 for students with UST ID. For reservations, call 713-525-3520.

"The Human Experience"



UST Campus Ministry invites the public to view a pre-screening of the experiences of a band of traveling brothers in the film, "The Human Experience," at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 6 in Anderson Hall.

UST Receives Fifth \$500,000 Houston Endowment Grant

Houston Endowment Inc. has recently awarded the University of St. Thomas a \$500,000 grant to help provide faculty development opportunities, school enhancements and student enrichment experiences for private and charter schools in Harris County.

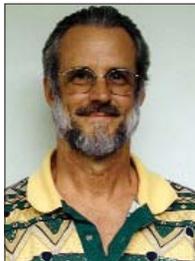
This is the fifth year Houston Endowment has renewed the grant, totaling \$2.5 million. By working directly with UST, the goal of the Houston Endowment is to reach out to under-resourced schools to offer quality professional development opportunities that will improve classroom instruction and student success. Through the funding of small grants, this program also provides school enhancements and student enrichment such as art programs, field trips and science labs.

Dr. Ruth Strudler, dean of the School of Education, said that the grant will provide services to approximately 250 private and charter schools in the Houston area.

“The School of Education is delighted to receive funding from the Houston Endowment to continue to work with charter and private schools,” she said. “The new grant will allow us to have a summer conference in July 16 and 17, provide educational consultants to schools requesting that service, and offer mini-grants for the purpose of faculty development, enhance student experiences or materials that support instruction to many charter and private schools.”

For more information, contact Dr. Ruth Strudler at 719-525-3546.

UST Bids Fond Farewell to Retirees



Professor Thomas Borling

Professor Thomas Borling has been with the UST department of fine arts since 1971. From 1982 through 1987, he served as the chairman of the music department. He has actively conducted, composed, arranged and recorded music on campus and elsewhere through the years. In 1972, he was given the opportunity to direct the Houston Symphony at the ceremony officially opening Doherty Library. He has directed the University Jazz Ensemble for decades.



Dr. Annette Hebble

Dr. Annette Hebble began her career at UST in 1991 and has been actively involved in the university community. She has been a student adviser since her first year. From 1994 to 1997, she was the director of the master of science in accounting program. She served a long term in the Faculty Senate and has been the faculty advisor to the Accounting Honor Society from 2001 to the present. She will be missed by students and colleagues alike.



Dr. Jean Kitchel

Dr. Jean Kitchel has served the University in many capacities since she first came to UST in 1968. Her many positions included associate campus minister, associate dean of extended education, dean of academic services, and chair of the philosophy department. Mostly, she has been a well-beloved undergraduate philosophy teacher. Her legacy is assured among the many students whose minds and hearts she has touched over the years.



Dr. William Sargent

Dr. William Sargent joined the Cameron School of Business faculty in 1987 as an associate professor of marketing. He has been active, not only in the Cameron School, but in the larger University community as well. He is currently serving as the secretary of the Faculty Senate and co-founded the Students in Free Enterprise team with Dr. Anne Davis. His dry wit has enlivened many a meeting on campus. He, too, will be missed by colleagues and students.



Dr. Ruth Strudler

Dr. Ruth Strudler began her career at UST in 1980 as the director of exceptionality. She has served as the dean of the School of Education since 1999. She is the recipient of the 2007 Women on the Move Award. Dr. Strudler and her late husband Robert founded the School for Young Children, a school for children with learning and language disabilities. Strudler, along with the foundation that operates the school, recently built the Robert J. Strudler Diagnostic and Remediation Center. Under her leadership, the School of Education made significant advances in preparing teachers for the changing cultural and linguistic diversity of students.

UST ranks first in Texas, fifth in nation in recycling competition

University of St. Thomas students are learning to tread more lightly on the earth, and they have the numbers to prove it – 40 pounds of plastic, 10 pounds of aluminum and 80 to 100 pounds of glass recycled just in the week of February 6.

Compare those numbers to September 2007, when UST recycled only 8 pounds of plastic, 5 pounds of aluminum and 2 pounds of glass.

Increased recycling efforts on the UST campus have garnered the University yet another accolade: UST ranked first in Texas and fifth in the nation in the RecycleMania competition. The Grand Champion award is based on a school's combined results in per capita recyclables and waste management.

According to the organization's Web site, RecycleMania is a competition among college and university recycling programs in the United States. Over a 10-week period, campuses compete in different contests to see which institution can collect the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest

amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita or have the highest recycling rate. All participating schools are required to



report measurements on a weekly basis in pounds.

More than 400 colleges and universities participated in the competition – 21 from Texas, including Rice University, the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, Texas State University at San Marcos, University of North Texas and Texas Christian University, to name a few. UST and the University of Texas at Austin were “neck and neck” up until the final weeks of the competition.

“What has made us so successful in our first year is also

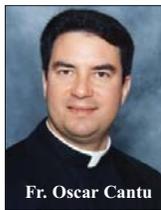
what makes UST unique,” said Murray Myers, student recycling coordinator. “We have a close and responsive community. The larger colleges and universities haven't been able to compete as well because they don't have the solidarity we do. Once word got around about the recycling program, it spread like wildfire and our recyclable material went up almost every week.”

Sister Damien Marie Savino, assistant professor of biology and Catholic Studies, said, “Training young people to recycle is an education in virtue. They learn how to be aware of their actions and the impact of what they consume.”

For more information about recycling at UST, e-mail ecos@stthom.edu. Contact Murray Myers at 713-367-3340 or Sister Damien Marie Savino at 713-525-3894.

UST Alumnus Named Auxiliary Bishop for San Antonio

University of St. Thomas alumnus Fr. Oscar Cantú has been named auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of San Antonio by Pope



Benedict XVI. Fr. Cantú will leave his position as pastor of Holy Name Parish in Houston to replace Bishop Patrick Zurek, also a UST alumnus, who recently became the

bishop of Amarillo.

Fr. Cantú received his Master of Arts and Master of Divinity degrees from UST in 1994. Following ordination, he went on to serve for St. Christopher Parish, St. Cecilia Parish and St. Frances Cabrini Parish, all in Houston. According to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Fr. Cantú will be the youngest bishop in the United States at 41.

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