



Students Rename UST Newspaper

The University of St. Thomas community will find a new student newspaper in stands on Sept. 5, but the new publication bears a different banner, *The Summa*.

Michelle Gautreau, a junior history major, has taken the helm as the newspaper's editor. Gautreau and a staff of 26 fellow students are eager to provide an additional University publication with a student voice.

Following the establishment of the Student Publications Committee, the former student newspaper, *The Cauldron*, elected to disband. Gautreau and her staff opted to change the name to give the publication a fresh start.

"I know the subject is sensitive to a lot of people here on campus, but I just think people need to keep in mind that no matter what, this is about students trying to do something good for the University," she said. "I think at the heart of it, that's what *The Cauldron* was trying to do. We'll continue that, but do it in a different way."

She went on to say, "There was so much talk that the paper is going to be censored and that the administration is running the paper. All of that was completely and totally inaccurate. I served as student representative on the

publications committee, so I came in knowing exactly what was going on."

The Summa is the name of the UST's former yearbook, but Gautreau said she selected the name because of its Latin meaning: whole, all, total or complete.

"My idea in choosing the name was that this is all the news; this is everything that we have to report to you," Gautreau said. "At the same time, the University's namesake, St. Thomas Aquinas, wrote *Summa Theologica*. It represents what I want the staff to do, and it fits in with our community. In our first issue, I plan to write an editorial about the history of the names of the student newspaper."

Jeremy Heallen, faculty advisor to *The Summa*, said he supports the staff's decision to change the newspaper's name. "I think Michelle's desire and *The Summa* staff want to create something fresh that the students and the University of St. Thomas community will be interested in and can be proud of," Heallen said.

The Summa will be distributed on the first Friday of every month.

RCIA Classes Available

Campus Ministry will offer RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes for any UST student, staff or faculty member. This is a one-day-a-week class in preparation to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and/or Confirmation, or to simply learn more about the Catholic Faith.

Classes are available Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 16 in COC, and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. beginning Sept. 18 in Campus Ministry. The program is free with a required \$10 text book.

For more information, e-mail Sister Maura Behrenfeld, FSE, at sistermaura@stthom.edu

UST Revises Environmental Degrees

While many universities offer degrees which study environmental science from ecological and economic perspectives, the University of St. Thomas is able to go a step further to explore environmental issues from a moral perspective in light of faith-based teachings.

St. Thomas' newly redesigned environmental science program offers a strong foundation in integral environmentalism with roots in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and provides training in environmental science as it relates to urban issues. The University's location in Houston near Buffalo Bayou, Galveston Island and the Houston Ship Channel presents excellent opportunities for field work in an urban environment.

The program offers a

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science which includes a minor in chemistry, and a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies which involves joint majors in Catholic Studies, communication, political science or psychology.

Upon graduation, UST students will be prepared for careers in environmental science or studies as well as graduate studies at the master's or doctoral level. Students may also apply to law school to study environmental law and policy. UST students will be prepared for careers with governmental organizations, oil and gas companies, businesses, consulting firms, and local organizations in areas including urban planning, environmental quality, geology, wildlife and fisheries or waste management.

UST Best Buddies Wins Chapter Award

The University of St. Thomas Best Buddies program received an Outstanding Chapter Award at the Best Buddies International 19th Annual Student Leadership Conference July 18-21. UST was selected as one of 18 college chapters from more than 400 college Best Buddies programs throughout the world.

Ellie Collier, UST director of the Office of Volunteer Opportunities, congratulated and thanked students who volunteered with the Best Buddies program. "OVO has been so fortunate to have a hard-working dedicated leader for Best Buddies this past year," Collier said. "Misbah

Mohammed has inspired all of the college Buddies to far exceed expectations."

Best Buddies is a nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing one-to-one friendships and integrated employment. Collaborating with the Center Serving People with Mental Retardation, the UST chapter was able to match more than 20 students with people with intellectual disabilities for the 2007-2008 school year. The chapter members visited their buddies at the Center at least once a week.

SAVE THE DATE

First Friday Forum



Evelyn Merz, chair of the Houston Regional Group of the Sierra Club, will speak about "Environmental Injustice in Texas," at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5 in the Ahern room in Crooker Center. She will concentrate on air, water, habitat loss, waste and recycling.

Catholic Studies Film Series



View and discuss the first of four films produced by Hollywood producer, director and actor Stephen McEveety shown before the Archbishop J. Michael Miller Lecture. "Bella," will be shown at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 7, in the Doherty Library room 009.

State of the University Address



Please join UST President Dr. Robert Ivany for his State of the University Address at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11 in Jones Hall. He will speak about, "Answering the Call of Selfless Service, the Gift of a Catholic, Basilian Education at the University of St. Thomas."

Taiwan & Global Affairs III



The Taiwan & Global Affairs lecture will be held at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 11 in Ahern room, Crooker Center. A short Q&A session will follow the panel discussion. The program brings scholars together on issues related to Taiwan, China, and the United States.

Annual Leadership Summit



Join Student Activities for an important training day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, in the Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center. Call Angie Montelongo at 713-525-3572 for more information.

Trini Mendenhall Sosa, Students Celebrate Success of Institute



Trini Mendenhall Sosa saw her generous gift to the University and a dream come to fruition on August 6 as she visited over lunch with 25 prepared, confident and transformed University of St. Thomas freshman. During the lunch held in the Malloy Hall Boardroom, the first class of the Mendenhall Summer Institute extolled the benefits of the program and expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Mendenhall Sosa.

Established in 2008, the Mendenhall Achievement Center offers incoming freshman the opportunity to get an early start on their college education through the Mendenhall Summer Institute.

The five-week program, which began July 7 and ended August 8, prepares students for the rigors of college-level studies while earning six UST credit hours in math and English for a total fee of \$500.

Dr. Sophia Esquiff-Van Holden taught the English class, The Culture of Writing, and Dr. Evelyn Potter taught the math class, the Nature of Mathematics.

"This is a special day for me, it's one my dreams becoming

real," Mendenhall Sosa said at the lunch. "I am a business woman who has invested in your future and in your success, because I believe in you. You have taken the first step and you can make it happen because of your commitment. I appreciate all your hard work you have done so far and the time you have given to come to the summer session. You have started your journey and I am so excited for you, and if God allows me, I want to be one of the many who congratulates you when you walk across that stage at graduation day."

According to Dr. Ravi Srinivas, Faculty Coordinator of the Mendenhall Summer Institute, "Students have been very positive about their experience in the program. In a survey completed by students, all 25 participants indicated that they would recommend the Mendenhall Summer Institute to other freshman students. I feel that the program has succeeded in its goal to prepare students to transition successfully into UST."

From challenging themselves academically to making new

friends and learning their way around campus, the Mendenhall Summer Institute students praised the program.

"This program has helped me stay disciplined because in high school there wasn't much need for study," said participant Raymond Noriega "This has really opened my eyes to what college life is really going to be like. It's helped me build a lot of relationships and helped me get familiar with the campus. I really appreciate everything that Mrs. Mendenhall Sosa has done for us."

Paula Calero said her family has experienced several hardships, and she is the first in her family to go to a four-year university.

"This opportunity sent ripples into my family," Calero said. "All my brothers and sisters only went to one semester of community college and just stopped there. By completing this program and committing to my college education, I'm not only supporting myself, but I'm also encouraging my brothers and sisters."

UST LADY CELTS VOLLEYBALL



DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/22	Fri	Wiley College	UST	7:00 PM
8/29	Fri	University of Mary Hardin Baylor	Wayland Baptist	1:00 PM
8/29	Fri	Wayland Baptist University	Wayland Baptist	7:00 PM
8/30	Sat	Lubbock Christian University	Lubbock Christian	10:00 AM
8/30	Sat	Southwestern Assemblies of God University	Lubbock Christian	12:00 PM
9/3	Wed	Texas A & M University - Kingsville	UST	7:00 PM
9/6	Sat	Southwestern Assemblies of God University	UST	11:00 AM
9/6	Sat	McMurry University	UST	3:00 PM
9/12	Fri	Huston-Tillotson	HT	7:30 PM
9/13	Sat	UT Brownsville	Brownsville	3:00 PM
9/19	Fri	John Brown	TWU Classic	2:00 PM
9/19	Fri	Oklahoma City University	TWU Classic	6:00 PM
9/20	Sat	Missouri Valley	TWU Classic	10:00 AM
9/20	Sat	Lubbock Christian University	TWU Classic	2:00 PM
9/26	Fri	Huston-Tillotson	UST	7:00 PM
9/27	Sat	UT Brownsville	UST	11:00 AM
9/27	Sat	Loyola University	UST	4:00 PM
10/4	Sat	Wiley College	Wiley	1:00 PM
10/4	Sat	Paul Quinn College	Wiley	3:00 PM
10/10	Fri	Our Lady of the Lake University	UST	3:00 PM
10/10	Fri	Paul Quinn	UST	7:00 PM
10/14	Tue	Southwestern Assemblies of God University	SAGU	7:00 PM
10/17	Fri	University of Dallas	U of D	7:00 PM
10/18	Sat	Dominican University	U of D	11:00 AM
10/18	Sat	Mid-America	U of D	1:00 PM
10/25	Sat	Texas College	UST	3:00 PM
10/25	Sat	Jarvis Christian College	UST	5:00 PM
10/31	Fri	Southwestern University	Southwestern	7:00 PM
11/1	Sat	University of Dallas	Southwestern	12:00 PM
11/1	Sat	Texas Wesleyan	Southwestern	4:00 PM
11/4	Tue	Texas Southern University	UST	7:00 PM
11/7	Fri	Our Lady of the Lake University	OLLU	7:00 PM
11/14-15	Fri-Sat	A.I.I Tournament - Top Four	Embry-Riddle, AZ	TBA
11/22	Fri	NAIA National Championship Opening Round	TBA	TBA
12/2-6	Tues-Sat	NAIA National Championship	TBA	TBA

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