

UST Develops Course in Principled Leadership

How did we get into the current global financial tail-spin? It was not a lack of financial expertise, but a failure of principled leadership. A new interdisciplinary course titled, “Democracy and Principled Leadership and Entrepreneurism in a World of Change,” was developed with the financial assistance of the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation, and will be offered in the spring 2009 semester.

This special topics course is open to all juniors, seniors, and MLA students, and is cross-listed in history, international studies, Masters in Liberal Arts and political science in the spring 2009 semesters.

This course explores:

- The fundamental inter-

relations between human liberty and rights, the rule of law, and human flourishing and authentic development;

- The significance of intermediary institutions (family, churches, schools, universities, professional associations, etc.) for effective democracy and free enterprise; and
- The best practices for establishing prosperity-enabling institutions, especially in an environment of transition.

The curriculum will be developed by faculty members from social sciences, humanities and business.

To find out more, contact Dr. Dominic Aquila, dean of Arts and Sciences at 713-942-5049.

Drayton McLane Jr. to Receive Ethical Leadership in Action Award

Drayton McLane Jr. has been named the 2008 recipient of the Ethical Leadership in Action Award by the Cameron School of Business Center for Business Ethics and the Greater Houston Partnership. He will be formally recognized at a business dialogue and luncheon from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10 at Union Station at Minute Maid Park.

In addition to his 15-year ownership of the Houston Astros

franchise, McLane serves as chairman of the McLane Group, and is former vice chairman of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. McLane contributes to the United Way, Children’s Miracle Network, Boy Scouts of America and many other groups. He founded the Astros in Action Foundation, which encourages Astros players to attend charity events and visit children’s hospitals.

The Ethical Leadership in Action Award honors an

individual who has displayed uncommon leadership and social responsibility, who has demonstrated great foresight; and who has benefited the City of Houston in a way that lives on in the community.



Drayton McLane Jr.

For more information, contact Sue Bradford at 713-942-3436.

SAVE THE DATE

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive



Give the gift of life when the University of St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Chapter hosts a blood drive, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Monday, **Oct. 27** and Tuesday **Oct. 28**, in Jerabeck Center.

State of the University Address



Please join UST President Dr. Robert Ivany for his State of the University Address at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, **Oct. 28** in Jones Hall. He will speak about the current budget climate. For more information, call Sandy Cackowski at 713-525-2162.

Neewollah Celebration



The Student Activities Board will host Neewollah from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, **Oct. 31** on the Crooker Center Patio. Neewollah is a longstanding Halloween tradition at UST, attracting more than 600 students, faculty and community members.

Dum Spiro Fundraiser



The Center for International Studies Micro Credit Program will host the second annual *Dum Spiro* event at 7 p.m., Wednesday, **Nov. 5**, in Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center. This fundraiser will feature a silent auction and live entertainment. Call 832-257-5881 for more information.

Charlie Thomas Tournament



The annual Charlie Thomas Classic will be held **Nov. 6-8** in the Jerabeck Center Gymnasium. This all-day event brings boys and girls private high school basketball teams to UST to compete in a basketball tournament. More than 200 student athletes are expected to participate.



UST American Chemical Society Chapter

American Chemical Society Recognizes UST

Continuing an eight-year streak of award-winning participation, the University of St. Thomas Student Affiliates Chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS) can add yet another recognition and publication to its list of kudos.

The UST ACS Chapter has been awarded “outstanding” status by the National ACS. Only 40 of the 980 chapters in the United States and Puerto Rico were awarded this highest ranking. The UST Chapter has achieved an award every year since 2000, and this is the second

time it has achieved the highest award.

The UST chapter will be listed in an upcoming issue of *Chemical and Engineering News*, the Society’s official news magazine. The Student Affiliates magazine, *in Chemistry*, will also feature UST. The students will present a poster at the 237th National Meeting and Exposition to be held in Salt Lake City, March 22-26, 2009, and will be honored at a ceremony on March 22. Dr. Thomas Malloy, professor of chemistry, is the faculty advisor for the Chapter.

UST, Baylor Receive Post-Doctoral Grant

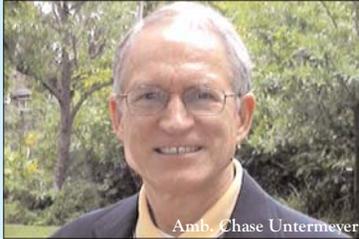
The University of St. Thomas and Baylor College of Medicine recently announced a new post-doctoral Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Award training grant from the National Institute of Health.

This four-year, \$5 million grant allows post-doctoral students to partner with a Baylor College of Medicine mentor to continue their development as cutting-edge researchers. They will also partner with a mentor from one of three universities in

the Houston area including UST, the University of Houston Downtown and/or Prairie View A&M University to help develop/update curricula and teach.

Faculty from UST’s Departments of Biology and Chemistry will serve as teaching mentors.

“This program will increase the number of faculty with cutting-edge research prepared to teach and update curricula,” said John Palasota, associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.



Amb. Chase Untermeyer

“Challenges Representing The United States” Lecture

The Center for International Studies presents a lecture by Former United States Ambassador to Qatar Chase Untermeyer titled, “Challenges Representing The United States in Today’s World,” at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27 in Ahern Room, Crooker Center.

Chase Untermeyer served as United States Ambassador to Qatar from 2004 to 2008. At the time of his appointment, Untermeyer was vice president for government affairs at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and professor of public policy. He is a 1968 graduate of Harvard College and he served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Untermeyer began his career as a political reporter for the *Houston Chronicle* and as a member of the Texas House of Representatives, to which he was elected in 1976 from a district in Houston.

Untermeyer served as director of presidential personnel for President George H.W. Bush. For more information, call 713-525-3530.



Rev. John Langan

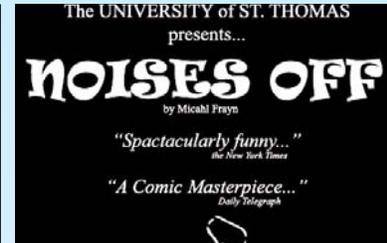
“The Five Wars in Iraq: How Do We End Them” Lecture

The Rev. William J. Young Social Justice Institute will present a lecture by the Rev. John Langan titled, “The Five Wars in Iraq: How Do We End Them?” at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 29 in Scanlan Room, Jerabek Center.

Fr. Langan asserts that since 2003, five wars have been fought in Iraq involving Americans, Sunnis and Shi’ites, Kurds and Arabs, Baathists and exiles, Iranians and the multinational forces of Al Qaeda. These wars have to be evaluated separately.

The manner in which these wars are evaluated affects the decisions to make peace in Iraq. This lecture underlines the continuing importance of just war thinking for U.S. security policy.

Fr. Langan is a Jesuit priest with a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Michigan. He holds graduate degrees in classics and theology. Since 1987, he has been the Rose Kennedy Professor of Christian Ethics in the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown. He has also taught at Yale Divinity School, Drew University, and Loyola University Chicago.



The UST Drama Department presents *NOISES OFF*

UST Drama Department presents a production of *NOISES OFF*, the classic farce by the Tony Award-winning author Michael Frayn, is not one play but two; simultaneously a traditional 1940s British domestic farce called *NOTHING ON*, and the backstage drama that develops during *NOTHING ON*'s final rehearsal and subsequent tour.

The two stories begin to interlock as the characters make their exits from *NOTHING ON*, only to find themselves making entrances into the even worse nightmare that’s happening backstage.

In the end, at the disastrous final performance, the two plots can be kept separate no longer, and coalesce into a single collective and altogether hilarious nervous breakdown.

Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7 – 8, Nov. 12-15 and Nov. 19-22 in Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum. Tickets are \$5 for UST students, faculty, and staff, \$10 for seniors and non-UST students and \$15 for general admission. For tickets, call 713-525-3520.

Doherty Book Sale

Date: **Oct. 29-Nov. 2**,
Doherty Library.

Hardback, \$2 and
Paperback, \$.50

Wednesday, **Oct. 29**

8 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Open to UST
students, faculty and staff only

Thursday, **Oct. 30**

8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Open to the public

Friday, **Oct. 31**

8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Open to the public

Saturday, **Nov. 1**

10:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Open to the public

Sunday, **Nov. 2**

1:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Open to the public.

Flu Shots

The Office of Health Promotion and Wellness will be offering flu shots to students, faculty, and staff from noon - 4 p.m., Wednesday, **Nov. 19** in the 2nd Floor Lounge in Jerabeck Center.

The cost will be \$25 per person by cash or check. To register for your flu shot please send an e-mail with "flu shot" as the subject to wellness@stthom.edu or call 713-525-3513.

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UST Dedicates Mendenhall Achievement Center

A crowd gathered at the University of St. Thomas Crooker Student Center on Wednesday, Oct. 15, for the dedication and blessing of the Mendenhall Achievement Center.

The event celebrated the generous \$4.5 million gift made by Trini Mendenhall Sosa which enabled the University to create the Mendenhall Achievement Center and the Mendenhall Summer Institute. These programs close the gap for students desiring a University of St. Thomas education and gives underserved youth additional access to higher education and funding.

In August 2008, 25 incoming UST freshman participated in the inaugural Mendenhall Summer Institute, a five-week program that 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. After successfully completing the program, more than 50 percent of the program's participants were awarded grants of \$2,000 per year for four years contingent on academic performance. The Achievement Center provides a professional support team to assist students achieve their goals with a facility that offers advising, mentoring, tutoring and counseling centrally located in Crooker Center.

At the dedication, Bishop Joe Vasquez gave the blessing. UST freshman Eduardo Mulanovich, who was among the inaugural class of 25 students who completed Mendenhall Summer Institute in August, expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Mendenhall Sosa and



From Left to Right: Eduardo Mulanovich, Trini Mendenhall Sosa, and Dr. Robert Tomy

described how the Summer Institute helped ease the transition to college life.

"All 25 of us had a chance to experience college atmosphere before classes even began," Mulanovich said. "We were very fortunate to have this experience because we were able to make friends in college before we knew anybody else. During orientation, we were the closest group there. The program also gave me a head start to learn the academic discipline necessary to succeed in college."

Before the crowd dispersed to tour the Mendenhall Achievement Center, Mendenhall Sosa offered a prayer for the students' continued success.

"I left this legacy for our future and for our students," Mendenhall Sosa said. "I want them to know that this center is theirs, and they are not alone. All you have to do - as the Gospel of Matthew says - is ask and you shall receive. The Mendenhall Achievement Center is there to guide you whether it is for counseling, advising or tutoring. May God give you the strength and wisdom to fulfill your responsibilities as students during the next four years, and may this center be a guiding light in your success."