



## Sister Clare: Nun on the Run

After five years of service to the UST community, Sr. Clare Hunter has been assigned a new task. She will be leaving Houston to help open a new convent in Arlington, Virginia. She will be working in the Family Life and Pro-Life Offices.

"It has been a privilege and a joy to work with Sr. Clare," Campus Ministry chaplain Fr. Daniel Callam said. "The students and I shall miss her greatly." In her work with Campus Ministry, Sr. Clare had occasion to urge students to expand their horizons. "She definitely encouraged people to break out of their comfort zones but was always conscious of how far she could push them," Suzy Garcia, first year Catholic Studies and psychology major, said. "With Sr. Clare everything is just so real, whether you like it or not."

Sr. Clare has been the director of Campus Ministry since 2001, helping to organize the Alternative Spring Break program, summer volunteer opportunities and offering spiritual

guidance to students, faculty and staff.

"The Student Affairs division is certainly going to miss Sr. Clare. She brings a unique wit, enthusiasm and profound insight that is deeply valued by our team of educators, as well as our students," said Dr. Steve Sutton, vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services.

And there is no doubt that Sr. Clare will miss the University community as well. "My years at UST have been wonderful and full of many unexpected gifts and blessings," she said. "I treasure the relationships I have formed on campus with all of you."

Although she says it will be a challenge to move, she is excited to see what God has in store for her.



### UST Board Decisions

On April 20, the UST Board of Directors named Gloria Portela as the new Board chair. Portela, the co-managing partner of the Houston office of Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson, is the first Hispanic, and the second woman, to hold this position. George DeMontrond, president of DeMontrond Automotive Group, will serve as the new co-chair. Two other board members were named: J. Downey Bridgewater, president, chairman and CEO of Sterling Bank, and Michael Cordúa, owner of Cordúa Restaurants. Cordúa served on the Board from 1999-2005.

Additionally, the Board granted the following: tenure and promotion to associate professor to Drs. James Barloon, Elizabeth Borreca, Jean-Philippe Faletta, John Palasota, Joanne Romagni, Michele Simms, Hans Stocton and Rev. Leon Strieder; a posthumous promotion to associate professor to Dr. Janice Gordon Kelter in recognition of her devotion to the MLA Program; promotions to full professor to Drs. Rosemarie Rosell and Sheila Waggoner; and endowed chair appointments to Drs. Thomas Malloy, Debra Andrist, Trish Vandiver and John F.X. Knasas. A social justice minor was also approved.



### Spirituality Seminar

UST's Center for Faith & Culture will host its Third Annual Seminar on Spirituality, "Come Wash in the Pool at Siloam," from 8:30 a.m.- noon Monday, June 12, through Friday, June 16, at St. Mary's Seminary. The objective of this year's seminar titled, "Can You Hear Me Now?" is to explore ways we may pay attention, listen and discern the voice of God and live the contemplative dimension in our everyday lives within the dominant American culture. Presenters are Ms. Maureen N. Bacchi, LMSW, Rev. Donald S. Nesti, CSSp, and Rev. Binh The Quach, CSSp. For more information contact Connie Henry at 713-686-6844 ext. 231.

### Social Justice Institute

Twenty years ago, the U.S. Catholic Bishops challenged government and economic leaders to foster a society that enables every person "to be active and productive participants." This year the UST Social Justice Summer Institute, "Economic Justice For All: Lessons for the 21st Century," addresses this topic on June 2-3 on campus. In conjunction with the seminar, classes POSC 4393 and POSC 4391 will be offered. For details contact Dr. John Burke at jburke@stthom.edu or go to [www.stthom.edu/political/sji/](http://www.stthom.edu/political/sji/).



### Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

University of St. Thomas' Student Organization of Latinos, Club Hispanico, Bilingual Education Student Organization and Hispanic Student Business Association will host a Cinco de Mayo celebration from 5 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday, May 5. The event begins with a Mariachi Mass at 5 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Basil and continues in Jerabek Center Gymnasium, 4000 Mt. Vernon, with a dinner reception at 6 p.m. The reception will include a speaker and Folklorico dancers. From 8 p.m.-1 a.m. there will be a dance. Event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Thomas Mendez at 832-257-5881.

### Sergio de los Cobos

The Center for International Studies and the Consulate General of Spain in Houston invite you to a piano recital by Sergio de los Cobos at 7 p.m. Monday, May 8, Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon.

De los Cobos received the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts from Rice University, where he also taught from 1992 to 1995 as a teaching assistant. He currently teaches in Geneva, Switzerland. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information on this event contact Diana Garcia at 713-525-3530.

## Case Competition 2006

The Cameron School of Business is hosting its fifth annual Case Competition from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5. This year, 35 students enrolled in the Senior Seminar capstone class will analyze a Harvard Business School case. They will present their work before 16 Houston-area business professionals who will act as judges.



## University Singers Perform

Join the music department for its Spring Concert with the University Singers, in a program titled "Festival of Songs," featuring Brady Knapp, director, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, in the Chapel of St. Basil, 3802 Yoakum.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information contact Sue Young at 713-525-3560.



## MBA Students Go the Distance

UST MBA students involved in an ethics service learning class learn first-hand what it means to be a social entrepreneur: bringing business skill and innovation to help address community problems.

In an effort to connect business with community, Dr. Michele Simms, associate professor of management, offers her MBA Management and Social Environment course as a service-learning class. One team of students—Eddie Vousenasna, Eric Webster and Vineet Kumar—work with Shelley Nadel (pictured below) of the Hermann Park Conservancy on a project that involves evaluating outsourcing from different perspectives and exploring the viability of outsourcing as a service to individuals, groups, organizations and corporations both domestically and internationally. For the complete story go to [stthom.edu/ia/publicaffairs/features/](http://stthom.edu/ia/publicaffairs/features/).



## Hugo Mann Award Winners

A better way to manage exists, and the Annual Hugo Mann Awards rewards graduate students through an essay contest for their thoughts and opinions on this subject. German businessman Hugo Mann inspired the cash awards.

**Lance E. Wilbanks**, winner of UST's 2006 Hugo Mann Ethics Essay award, sponsored by the Center for Business Ethics, suggests that corporations find a way to take a vocational approach to many of the jobs that make a company function.



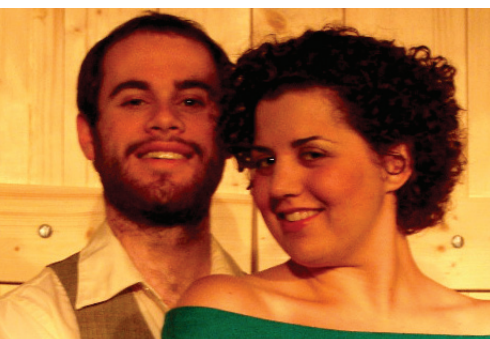
**Stephen Thompson** won runner-up in the contest. His essay involves the free flow of "non-fearful communication" and how it strengthens an organization. To read their essays go to [www.stthom.edu/academics/centers/cbes/hugomann](http://www.stthom.edu/academics/centers/cbes/hugomann).



## Pecten Scholarships Awarded

Four students recently found themselves \$2,000 richer. Sarah Clarke, Alejandro Cortes, James McGregor and Patricia Manjarrez (standing l-r) are the newest recipients of the Pecten Scholarship, awarded April 12 at a luncheon in their honor. Presenting the awards were Marilyn and Don Ullrich, president of Pecten Chemicals, Inc. (seated l-r)

The four \$2,000 scholarships are given annually to junior or senior students with a GPA of at least 3.0. The scholarship was established to assist students pursuing a bachelor's degree in International Studies. Employees of Pecten initiated the scholarship in 1989 in recognition of the need for a better collective understanding of international politics, economics and geography.



## "Much Ado About Nothing"

The Drama Department stages the play "Much Ado About Nothing," a comedic play about the love affairs of two couples, at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 27-29, and Wednesday-Saturday, May 3-6, in Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum Blvd. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$10 for the general public. For tickets call 713-525-3520.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Saturday, April 29: Texas Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup;** 9 a.m.-noon. Have fun while doing your part to keep our beaches clean.

**Saturday-Sunday, May 6 and 7: Houston Latino Book and Family Festival** at Houston Community College, 1300 Holman, the largest book fair in Texas.

**Friday-Sunday, May 5, 6 and 7: Annual Bargain Book Sale** at George R. Brown. Set-up, stock books, staff the information desk or help tally books and costs for a three-hour shift at this popular event.

**Friday-Sunday, May 12, 13 and 14: Art Car Weekend** Contact Matthew Marcinek at [mmarcinek@hermannpark.org](mailto:mmarcinek@hermannpark.org) to sign up. Unless otherwise noted, sign up for these opportunities by contacting OVO at 713-525-3800 or at [ellie@stthom.edu](mailto:ellie@stthom.edu).

## Maasai Visit Campus



Maasai visitors came to campus on April 6 to share their customs and culture with the University community. Shown on the left are Reit "Chris" Ole Lekuka and his wife, Tito.

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