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## **1956 Hungarian Revolution Exhibit & Symposium at University of St. Thomas**

*~ Commemorating the 50th Anniversary ~*

HOUSTON (Oct. 17, 2006) – On Monday, Oct. 23, the exhibit "1956 -The Hope of Freedom" will be unveiled in the Doherty Library on the University of St. Thomas campus, 1100 West Main Street. The exhibit tells the story of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution through photos and written commentary and commemorates the 50th anniversary of the revolution and its brutal suppression by the Soviet Union. The exhibit is free and open to the public during library hours. View library hours at <http://library.stthom.edu/> or call 713-526-2190.

"This exhibit is a chance for the public to better understand the story of the Hungarians' fight for freedom and the price they paid for it," Phillip Aronoff, the Hungarian Honorary Consul General, said. "Fifty years later, it is important that the American people are reminded about why we fought the Cold War and the horrors endured by the victims of Soviet aggression."

The exhibit, sponsored by Texas Speaker of the House Tom Craddick, was on display from October 2-8 at the Texas Capitol Extension in Austin. Its opening at the University of St. Thomas on October 23, marks the 50th anniversary of the Revolution. The exhibit will coincide with a symposium on the Revolution on Friday, Oct. 27 sponsored by the Hungarian Consulate and the American Hungarian Federation.

The Oct. 27 symposium, hosted by the University of St. Thomas, is from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon. It will feature a book reading with author's commentaries, a screening of the movie *Freedom Dance* and an academic discussion. *Freedom Dance* is produced and directed by award-winning filmmakers Steven Fischer and Craig Herron, combining recorded interviews and photographs with the unconventional use of character-driven cartoon animation. Fischer will be on hand to discuss the movie. Other guests include Phillip Aronoff, Brian Dawson-Szilagyi, executive director of The American Hungarian Federation, Washington D.C., and University of St. Thomas president, Robert Ivany, whose family fled Hungary before the invasion of the Soviet army during World War II. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 713-476-0497.

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