

## Soccer and basketball to be in new sports line-up

As a new member of The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), the University of St. Thomas formally announces implementation plans for its sports program. The University's women's intercollegiate volleyball team has just completed its first fully-scheduled season. The University plans to add men's soccer in 2007, and men's basketball and women's soccer in 2008.

"We sought NAIA membership partly because of the governing body's particular focus on character and respect, and because it appears to be the most desirable choice for an institution with an expanding intercollegiate sports program," said Dr. Robert R. Ivany. "We will continue to add intercollegiate sports carefully, depending on fund-raising success among



community friends."

The NAIA, home to 25 conferences in 14 regions throughout the United States and Canada, houses NAIA membership institutions dedicated to the development of character and respect in student athletes.

The University has organized a group of community friends and alumni to help underwrite the new athletics program. Community leaders George DeMontrond and Marjorie Evans co-chaired the UST Athletics Advisory Committee, which made the recommendation to implement intercollegiate athletics.

"The Houston community continues to respond enthusiastically to St. Thomas' efforts to make intercollegiate sports an integral part of developing leaders of faith and character," DeMontrond said. "We plan to move into a full range of men's and women's sports during the next five years."

Marjorie Evans said, "The University of St. Thomas seeks to educate the whole person, and I believe that intramural sports, club sports and intercollegiate sports are critical components of that equation. The new emphasis on sports has already enabled UST to compete with other universities in attracting topnotch students."

UST has applied for membership in the Red River Athletic Conference and will compete in Region VI, which encompasses Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and part of Arkansas.

## MUSE grant provides free tuition

The Multicultural Urban Special Education (MUSE) grant given to the School of Education will provide free tuition for the master's in education program. Participants will earn an M.Ed. with supplemental special education certification, ESL endorsement and possibly a bilingual supplemental certification. The next program will begin in January 2007. To learn more, go to the information meetings at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, Alternative Certification Bldg., 300 W. 17 St. and at 5 p.m. Thursday Nov. 16, Strake Hall, Room 106.

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## Freshman foils global opponents

It is Albuquerque this weekend, Madrid next week and off to two World Cups over Thanksgiving break in Provence, Italy and Austria. Clearly, Colin Sutter, a world-class fencer, is not an ordinary college student. He has other points to make. He wants to win a gold medal in his sport at the Olympics. Because of his unassuming manner, many do not know that he's a champion fencer; he has traveled all over the world, and he's only 18.

Sutter, freshman history major, began foil fencing when he was 9 years old, influenced by watching sword fighting on television.

Although an individual sport, fencing requires leadership and

camaraderie with your teammates.

"It builds your character, and you have to work hard to get results," Sutter said. "On the strip, you want to defeat your opponent; off the strip, you want to be nice to everyone."

He said fencing is called "physical chess" because it is not always the smartest person or the fastest person who wins. "There is a lot of training, and a fencer will train just as hard as, if not harder than, participants in other field sports like soccer or football."

Sutter has placed in the top eight in the Junior Olympics, won fifth place in Division I Men's Foil and placed second at the summer nationals.

## CIS takes the WorldQuest challenge

This year the UST WorldQuest Team is hopeful it will take another first place win at the 2006 WorldQuest competition on Monday, Nov. 13, at the Westin Galleria Hotel. This year's team includes Center for International Studies professors William Cunningham, Gustavo Wensjoe, Rogelio Garcia-Contreras, Richard Sindelar and adjunct professor Louis Nigro; CIS Advisory Board member, Brad Richards; students Kate Dillon and Mehwish Ali; Jon Taylor, associate professor and chair of Political Science; and Bahman Mirshab, dean of Cameron School of Business.

WorldQuest is an international trivia contest that tests participants' knowledge of international affairs and covers areas of current events, world history, geography and international studies.



Students reflect on their studies in the Gueymard Memorial Garden.

## ISA spreads cultural awareness

The International Student Association will host a two-day event to commemorate the annual International Education Week. Created in 2000, International Education Week has become a global event, with universities, students and community leaders hosting activities that extol the benefits of internationalization. ISA hopes to promote cultural awareness and acceptance

The ISA will focus on 10 different countries, some of which are China, Thailand, Pakistan, Peru and Japan. The event, Nov. 15-16, will include educational presentations and an international night entertainment party. These events are free and open to UST faculty, staff and students:

**“Thailand, the Monarchy and Military Coup”** 1-2 p.m. Nov. 15, Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center, with Charles C. Foster, Honorary Consul General for the Kingdom of Thailand in Houston

**“Pakistan—The Land, People and Culture”** 2-3 p.m. Nov. 15, Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center, with

Ghulam Rasool Baluch, Consul General of Pakistan in Houston  
**“El Señor de los Milagros—A growing religious custom in Peru”** noon-12:30 p.m. Nov. 16, Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center, with Martin Escobar, president of “*Hermandad del Señor de los Milagros*”

**“The Culture of China”** 12:30-1:30 p.m. Nov. 16, Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center, with Dong Wang, Consul of Cultural and Press Affairs, Consulate General of the People’s Republic of China in Houston

**“Japanese Cultural Strategies”** 1:30-2 p.m. Nov. 16, Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center, with Deputy Consul General Kunio Nakamura, Consulate General of Japan

**Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony** 2-2:30 p.m. Nov. 16, Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center, performed by the Urasenke Tankokai Houston Association.

**International Night** 6-9 p.m. Nov. 16, Guinan Hall. Performances by UST students, Sirrom School of Belly Dance, Thai Music Dancers, Shanghai Dance Academy and Divyaa Unni’s Sreepadam School of Arts. Food served from 6-7 p.m.

## Taylor travels to PRC for symposium

Late last month Dr. Jon Taylor, associate professor and chair of Political Science, presented a paper on higher education’s role in regional economics at the International Symposium on Interactive Development of Higher Education and Regional Economy held in Ningbo, Zhejiang Province, People’s Republic of China. L-r: Zhou Lan, Ningbo University; Taylor and Duan Hanwu, Ningbo University.



### Greenberg on Leadership

The Cameron School of Business presents Dr. Cathy Greenberg who will speak on leadership at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 in Cullen Hall. A reception will precede the lecture at 6:30 p.m.



### Environment Challenges

Jose Manuel Bulas Montoro, will discuss “Environment: The Other Challenge of the Mexico-U.S. Agenda” at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15 in the Council of Clubs Room, Crooker Center.



### Friday Lecture Series

Join the ISS at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17 in Tiller Hall, to hear former Houston City Council member Vince Ryan of The Travis Law Firm talk on “Facing New Challenges: Panama in the 21st Century.”



## Find faith in film

Join Campus Ministry to explore Christian spirituality in film with Barbara Nicolosi, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, Cullen Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Nicolosi is the founding director of Act One, Inc., a nonprofit training and formation program for Hollywood writers and executives. Now in its sixth year, Act One keynotes artistry, professionalism, ethics and Christian spirituality, and also trains people of faith for careers in mainstream film and television.

Nicolosi teaches theology and spirituality to converts from the entertainment industry, and she frequently lectures on screenwriting and film spirituality at writers’ forums throughout the United States.



## A Banquet of Hunger

The root causes of hunger are not about a lack of food. Our planet produces enough food to feed every woman, man and child. The problem is in the distribution of food, as well as education, resources and power. At the UST Hunger Banquet, the goal is to learn about global economic inequality and to understand the role of globalization in causing hunger.

The banquet is from 5:45-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, Jerabeck Center, Scanlan Room. It is sponsored by the Office of Volunteer Opportunities, Bread for the World and Pax Christi.

Each person attending receives a randomly assigned color-coded card. The card designates income status that corresponds to global income levels: 65 percent represents low income; 25 percent middle income; and 10 percent upper income. Depending on the assigned level, participants will dine on the floor serving themselves broth and crackers; at tables eating rice and beans; or at linen-covered tables being served a three-course meal. Kate Dillon will narrate.

To save your place at the banquet contact Ellie Collier at [ellie@stthom.edu](mailto:ellie@stthom.edu).



## Sloan Lecture Series

The Mathematics departments of UST and Rice University sponsor a series of lectures presented by Professor DeWitt Summers of Florida State University, Nov. 15-17. The lectures will focus on the interface between biology and mathematics. The first lecture in the series, “Calculating the Secrets of Life: Mathematics in Biology and Medicine,” will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, in Anderson Hall, Room 103. The lecture will include a brief discussion of three applications to show the impact that mathematics can have in biology and medicine: in the cell (understanding how enzymes operate on DNA); in the heart (controlling fibrillation); and in the brain (understanding brain function).

Summers is the Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Mathematics at FSU. He is a member of the Institute of Molecular Biophysics and is the co-director of the program in Mathematics and Molecular Biology at FSU. He earned his doctorate from the University of Cambridge. The Nov. 16 and 17 lectures will be held at Rice. For more information contact Dr. Michael Colvin at 713-942-5046.



## St. Mary’s Fall Concert

Hear the St. Mary’s Men’s Chorus in performance at its fall concert at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, following Evening Prayer. The concert celebrates the reign of Christ the King, and will be held at St. Mary’s Seminary Chapel, 9845 Memorial Dr.

Under the direction of Bridget Kelly Wenk, with pianist Sr. Jane Conway, SSMN, the St. Mary’s Men’s Chorus, consisting of members of the Seminary Schola and a select group of singers from around Houston, will perform sacred music from Ambrosian chant to modern spirituals. The choral program includes musical selections by Saint-Saens and Palestrina, ending with the *Sancta Maria*, from the *Missa Domus Aurea*, by Russell Woollen.

St. Mary’s Men’s Chorus was founded in 1997 by Bridget Kelly Wenk and Tim Dyksinski in an effort to bring to life music from the seminary archives.

The concert is free and open to the public. Freewill offerings will be accepted. CDs from previous concerts will be on sale after the performance. For information on concerts or to audition for the group, contact Bridget Kelly Wenk at 713-686-4345 ext. 267.