



## Funky Furniture and Fabulous Food

“And they are only rumors,” emphasizes Tom Arellano, Aramark’s representative on campus. “We are going to try some new things with some new foods this year, but I don’t have anything definite yet. We are working to get sushi.”

Arellano and his food service crew have been working overtime to bring in a program that will draw students like a magnet and keep them coming back all year long.

The most obvious change will be in the lounge. It is now called The Labyrinth, after the labyrinth in the Gueymard Prayer Garden. Lime green. Bright red. Funky patterns, beaded curtains, comfy couches and new art. Those are just a few of the sensations you will get from the newly-redecorated Labyrinth.

“The old lounge was originally designed for commuter students on the go, so they could stay for a while, and

maybe grab a sandwich before class,” Stien said. “But as it turns out, the 18-22-year-old student population adopted the lounge as a favorite hangout. So, we are catering to their needs by providing warm

colors and cozy little nooks where they can gather into small groups. And, of course, commuters and graduate students love the place as well.”

**“There shall be sushi, and there shall be rumors of sushi. . .”**

**-The Arellano Code**



## Get Ready 'Cause Here They Come



The new women’s volleyball team. Pictured l to r: Heather Bowden, Maryanna Rojas, Leigh Sherman, Graciela Trevizo, Mary Ann Shaw, Heather Hardy, Shawna Boothe, Lisa Jonte, Courtney Higgs and Coach Jill Reynolds. The Celts’ first regular season game is at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2 in Austin, against the Concordia Tornados. Their first home game is at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, against the Paul Quinn Tigers.

University of St. Thomas has taken the next step in resurrecting inter-collegiate sports at UST with the hiring of Jill Reynolds, the new women’s volleyball coach. Building the Hackett Athletic Complex in April constituted the first move in reinstating intercollegiate sports here. “The women of the volleyball team have eagerly taken on the challenges of leading the way for future teams to follow,” UST President Robert R. Ivany said.

Reynolds comes to UST with a bachelor’s in all-level physical education and a master’s in kinesiology. She served as head volleyball coach, as well

as assistant coach for basketball, soccer and track at Conroe High School for two years, and as a fitness instructor at Kingwood College and San Jacinto College. Coach Reynolds also played collegiate volleyball at Hardin-Simmons University and Ouachita Baptist University.

“It is an exciting opportunity to help build a new athletic program for UST,” Coach Reynolds said. “I look forward to the challenge of

starting a program from the ground up, and bringing in quality student athletes to represent the University on the volleyball court.”

The Celts began play Aug. 17. For the complete schedule go to [www.stthom.edu/studentaffairs/recsports/athletics.html](http://www.stthom.edu/studentaffairs/recsports/athletics.html).

Also helping the Celts is trainer Anthony Brian Whistler. He will evaluate injuries and help rehabilitate the players. He will also assist with the sports clubs and University community when needed.

To learn more about Whistler go to [www.stthom.edu/ia/publicaffairs/features/](http://www.stthom.edu/ia/publicaffairs/features/).



## Give a Warm Welcome to....



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## Campus Ministry Gets a New Face

Most of us are resistant to change, and are more comfortable with what we know. Sr. Maura Behrenfeld defies this stereotype. She is enthusiastic about her new position as coordinator of Campus Ministry, replacing Sr. Clare.

Sr. Maura Behrenfeld, FSE, comes to UST from Portland, Oregon where she worked as a program director on various art exhibitions with University of Portland students and Portland public school children. She also served as program director of an integrated arts and sciences program for children and adults at the Franciscan Life Process Center in Michigan.

She has worked as a professional sculptor, illustrator and graphic artist, and has created commissioned works of art, as well as taught adult, college-level and children's art and science classes.

Sr. Maura says she plans to promote UST's focus of faith and collaboration. "I hope to help build faith within our UST community and further relationships among UST students, faculty, staff and the larger community," Sr. Maura said.

Sr. Maura has a B.A. in graphic design and an M.A. in curriculum and instruction.

### Events

The offices of Volunteer Opportunities and Career Services and Testing bring you the Hands on HoUSTon Volunteer and Job Fair from noon-2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6 on the Crooker Patio. The event will host more than 30 nonprofit organizations that will provide information on volunteer opportunities, job and internship openings and work study positions. Faculty and staff are also welcome to attend and learn about volunteer opportunities. For more information about the fair, contact Ellie Collier at 713-525-3801 or Lisa Foxworth at 713-525-3160.

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