

Family Weekend festivities abound

College is a time for building new relationships. For many of you, the UST faculty, staff, Basilian priests and fellow students become your extended family and remain so for years to come. On Oct. 20-22, UST will host its third annual Family Weekend. The festivities promise to be full of fun as well as an opportunity to give your family a glimpse of your college experience. Some activities are:

- **UST Celt Overnight** in Guinan Hall: prospective students experience campus life firsthand.
- **Class with your parents:** mom or dad witness UST's top-notch faculty.
- **President's Reception:** meet UST President Robert Ivany, faculty, staff and administrators.
- **Ice Cream Social:** hosted by the faculty
- **Bingo Night:** sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Student Activities Board
- **"A Midsummer Night's Dream":** the Drama Department's provocative interpretation of Shakespeare's play
- **Matt Maher Concert and workshop:** Matt Maher will give a concert, as well as

hold a workshop on music techniques for Christian band members.

- **UST Preview Day:** prospective students attend information sessions about admissions, scholarships and financial aid and the core curriculum; attend a question and answer session with admissions counselors; and tour campus.
- **On-Campus Service Projects:** may include crafts and beautification projects.
- **St. Augustine's Birthday Celebration:** celebrate with food, face painting, petting zoo, arts and crafts, live music and novelties for kids of all ages. See photo left from 2005. Open to the public.
- **Mass in the Chapel of St. Basil:** 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 22
- **First Lady's Brunch:** Marianne Ivany hosts the brunch celebrating the end of Family Weekend before saying farewell to your family

Students, their families, faculty and staff can RSVP for events online at www.stthom.edu/familyweekend or by calling 713-831-7814. **Free tickets** are available on a first-come, first-served basis for the drama production and the Maher concert.



"The War on Terrorism: The Long War"

Brig. Gen. Mark Schissler, deputy director for the War on Terrorism Office, Joint Chiefs of Staff, will lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, in UST's Jones Hall. Schissler's talk is sponsored by the UST Center for International Studies.

Schissler is responsible for all aspects of developing, coordinating, refining, and assessing the U.S. military and national strategies related to the "global war on terrorism."

Free and open to the public. For details contact Diana Garcia at 713-525-3530.



"The U.S. and U.N.: Common and Divergent Interests"

Gillian Martin Sorenson, senior advisor and national advocate to the U.N. Foundation and former Assistant Secretary-General, will speak at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, in Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon. Her topic: "The United States and United Nations: Common and Divergent Interests." The UST Center for International Studies sponsors her visit.

Sorenson has spent most of her career working in the foreign policy arena, especially where the United Nations is concerned.



"How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization"

Dr. Thomas E. Woods Jr., author of *How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization*, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon. Discussion will follow. His lecture is part of the Knights of Columbus Fr. Guinan Council 13940 Columbian Initiative for Catholic Awareness.

The event will include Mass at 12:15 p.m. the same day in the Chapel of St. Basil, 3802 Yoakum Blvd., with Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza as celebrant.

For more information contact JJ Durenberger at 713-525-3108.



Piano Recital with Lucille Chung

Join the Consulate of Spain and the UST Center for International Studies for a piano recital by **Lucille Chung**, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, in UST's Cullen Hall.

Chung made her debut at the age of 10 with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra. She has performed an extensive concerto repertoire with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Moscow Virtuosi, the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, the Flemish Radio Orchestra and more. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Diana Garcia at 713-525-3530.





The Center for Faith and Culture and the World Community for Christian Living present "The Parting Gift and Meditation," 7 p.m. Friday- noon Sunday, Oct. 27-29, St. Mary's Seminary.

Fr. Laurence Freeman, OSB, a Benedictine monk of the Monastery of Christ the King in London and director and spiritual guide of the World Community for Christian Meditation, is the featured speaker at this seminar on contemplation and meditation. Fr. Laurence will explore the human condition as illuminated by the experience of meditation. He asserts that each human being, in whatever circumstance, is called to a contemplative peace.

Price: \$50-110; deadline for lower-price options, Sunday, Oct. 15. Contact: Cynthia Sapio at 713-686-6844, ext. 229; cfc@stthom.edu; or ww.wcmtexas.org.

Oktoberfest

For the fourth year running, the Oktoberfest celebration returns to campus at 6:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, on the Crooker Patio.

The event is sponsored by the German Club, International Studies Society, French Club, Black Student Union and the Union of Political Progressives. Authentic German food, such as sauerkraut and cabbage will be served, courtesy of Alfredo's European Grill.



Jeanette Kutach '06 was among the celebrants at last year's Oktoberfest.

Oktoberfest is open to the public. Admission, which includes food and beverages, is \$2 for under 21 with UST ID, \$3 for 21 and up with UST ID, and \$5 without UST ID.

For more information about the event contact Holly Minshew at h.minshew@gmail.com

Opportunity for dialogue, learning

Dr. Gustavo Wensjoe, director of the UST Center for International Studies, recently traveled to Chile to represent St. Thomas in a lecture exchange program. During his visit, Dr. Wensjoe presented a talk titled, "The Third World and the WTO Regime: Limitations and Opportunities," at three of Universidad de Santo Tomas campuses - Concepcion, Vina Del Mar and Santiago. Dr. Wensjoe also interacted both formally and informally with faculty members, staff and students.

The faculty lecture exchange program, which spans two continents, North and South America, was designed to solidify UST's partnerships with the International Consortium of University of St. Thomas Aquinas (ICUSTA).

"Gustavo's successful visit to Chile was one of the most powerful tools we have in building a new generation in academic relations," said Dr. Joseph McFadden, UST professor of history and ICUSTA's executive director. "Students and academics alike were impressed by Gustavo's breadth and depth of knowledge and his keen interest and awareness of Chile and Latin America."

This October, Cullen Professor of Spanish and Chair of Modern and

Classical Languages Dr. Debra Andrist, will travel to Fredericton, Canada, to present a public lecture titled, "Proto-feminists of the Spanish Middle Ages." During her visit, Dr. Andrist will also meet with students and faculty members in the University's Open Hispanic Café research seminar sessions, which are designed as free discussions with questions and answer sessions. Students will have an opportunity to ask Dr. Andrist about the teaching of Spanish in the United States, in general, and Texas, in particular.

"During Debra's visit," McFadden said, "she will have an opportunity to teach and observe several classes, visit with many faculty members and students, and travel throughout the surrounding area with the St. Thomas University faculty."

Last year, Assistant Professor of English Shannon Forbes found her travels to Fredericton as the ICUSTA exchange lecturer to be rewarding. "The faculty members were lovely and generous hosts," Forbes said. "Spending time with others on an international level who share an educational philosophy based on the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas provides a rich opportunity for dialogue and learning."



Dr. Gustavo Wensjoe



Dr. Debra Andrist



Dr. Shannon Forbes

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Opera Workshop

The Music Department, Thomas J. Crow, chair, presents an Opera Workshop, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, in Cullen Hall, directed by Dr. Brady Knapp; choreographed by Debbie Dickinson, with Jasmine Hatem, piano. Contact: 713-525-3560



Career Expo

Attend the Career Expo from 2-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, in the Glasscock Center, HBU. The expo provides opportunities for full-time employment and internships. A shuttle service is available. Visit www.stthom.edu/career for more information.



Chi-Rho Food Drive

The Chi-Rho Theology Club will host a food drive during the month of October to help replenish the St. Joseph Food Pantry. You will find boxes on campus, and a food counter meter will be set up in Crooker Center. Contact: Matt Garrett at 713-525-1735.



Holly Graham appointed to Texas Payroll Board

Holly Graham, CPP, payroll and benefits administrator at UST, recently received appointment to the Texas Payroll Conference Board of Directors. Graham will serve a three-year term, effective as of this month.

The Texas Payroll Conference was established in 1989 as a nonprofit organization to provide continuing education for payroll professionals. Twelve volunteer representatives from across the state comprise the board.

"Holly's appointment reflects her high level of professional achievement and her dedication to the field of payroll," said Marie-Pierre Stien, assistant vice president of Human Resources and Auxiliary Operations. "This is a big accomplishment for her and one that will put us in the spotlight with other Texas employers."

Graham responded "I'm deeply honored." "The board is an amazing group of individuals who work for the continuing education of payroll administrators. Because the laws change so often, we need to maintain knowledge based on those changes so we can perform our jobs adequately. The Board is a leader in this work."

Graham has worked at UST since 2000.



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