**Star View**

**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 educational leadership program. The grant will be available for the 2006-2007 academic year.

**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.

The University has organized a group of community friends and alumni to help underway 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.

**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 professor William Cunningham, Gustavo Wensjoe, Rogelio Garcia-Cortezas, 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.

**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.

**Students reflect on their studies in the Gueymard Memorial Garden**

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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 extend 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 Coups”** 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 Taylor travels to PRC for symposium

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

- **International Night 6-9 p.m.** Nov. 16, Gunan 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.

- **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.

- **Sloan Lecture Series** The Mathematics departments of UST and Rice University sponsor a series of lectures presented by Professor DeWitt Sumners of Florida State University, Nov. 15-17. The lectures will focus on the interface between biology and mathematics. The first lecture in the series, “Calculus 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).

- **St. Mary’s Fall Concert** Hear the St. Mary’s Men’s Chorus in performance at its fall concert at 7:30 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 Dykewicz 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.