

## Student Life

Students will find that there are many cultural events to attend, many activities in which they may participate and many organizations that will welcome their active involvement on the St. Thomas campus. Students are invited to participate fully, according to their interests, for a spirited college experience.

## All College Council

The All College Council (ACC) is the student government of the College, representing undergraduate students. All student organizations and clubs fall directly under the Council. STAR (St. Thomas Activities and Recreation) and the ACC operations are financed by an activity fee assessed each full- and part-time student each semester.

Membership in the All College Council consists of six executive officers, two Off-Campus representatives, two Residence Hall Association representatives, the class president and two representatives from each class, one International Student representative, one HANA student representative, one Resident Assistant representative, one STAR representative, one St. John Vianney representative, one student organization's representative, and an adviser, who is the director for Student Leadership and Activities.

The ACC functions in an advisory capacity to administrative and faculty decision making.

## Participation in College and Faculty Committees

Students of the College work cooperatively with the faculty and administration on six committees: the College Life Committee, the Grievance Committee, the Committee on Discipline, the Educational Policy Committee, the Committee on Studies, and the Budget Advisory Committee.

The function and authority of these committees may be found in the *Student Policy Book*.

## Student Organizations and Clubs

There are approximately 85 clubs organized on campus for a variety of purposes including social, athletic and academic. All student organizations are governed by the student government (the All College Council). Some of these clubs are organized around the career objectives of their members or according to their major field of interest; others are organized according to common interests. Some professional, service and social fraternities have chapters on campus.

A description of all the clubs, organizations, and other types of involvement on campus is available to all students in the *Student Planner*. An Activities Fair is held at the beginning of each semester to allow interested students to learn more about the clubs.

## Intercollegiate Athletics

The intercollegiate athletic program includes twenty-one varsity sports and several junior varsity programs.

Men's varsity sports are soccer, cross country, football, hockey, basketball, swimming, wrestling, baseball, golf, tennis and track. Junior varsity schedules are played in cross country, football, basketball, hockey, tennis, soccer and baseball.

Women's varsity sports are volleyball, hockey, cross country, basketball, swimming, soccer, softball, tennis, golf and track. Junior varsity programs exist in cross country, volleyball, basketball, and tennis.

## Intramural Activities

Numerous intramural activities are offered throughout the academic year for men and women.

During the fall semester activities include: flag football, whiffle ball, 4-on-4 basketball, racquetball, coed soccer and volleyball.

During the spring semester the offerings include 5-on-5 and 3-on-3 basketball, floor hockey, sand volleyball, ultimate frisbee and softball. Several aerobic classes are also offered and students are encouraged to use the recreational facilities for leisure enjoyment. All leagues are free and open to students, faculty, staff and alumni. Sign-up forms are available at the cage in O'Shaughnessy Hall.

## Student Publications

Each student publication has a faculty adviser, or a managing editor, but the university delegates editorial freedom and responsibility to the editors, giving them latitude to carry out editorial responsibilities. The university is the official publisher of all student publications which, in turn, are governed by the Board of Student Media.

The photo staff consists of student photographers who work throughout the year taking pictures for the publications. The staff is supervised by student editors and publication advisers.

### The Aquin

The *Aquin* is the student-edited newspaper at St. Thomas. Its primary purpose is to serve as a voice of the St. Thomas community. Opinions, ideas and information are welcomed from students, faculty, administrators and staff. The paper is published every week during the fall and spring semesters. Applications for *Aquin* photographers and editors are made to the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

### The Aquinas

The *Aquinas* is the university yearbook, and its student editors capture the school year's events in words and pictures. The yearbook is distributed at no cost to all full-time undergraduate students at the end of each year. Applications for *Aquinas* photographers and editors are made to the Center for Student Leadership and Activities.

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### **The Summit Avenue Express**

The *Summit Avenue Express* is the student literary and visual arts magazine of St. Thomas. Designed and edited by students, the magazine publishes student poetry, fiction, photography, drawings, and other visual art. Work on the magazine begins in early fall, with a submissions deadline in December and a mid-April publication date.

### **Musical Organizations**

Student musical ensembles appear regularly in concerts on campus, in the Twin Cities area, and tour nationally and internationally.

Instrumentalists and vocalists with diverse interests can choose from a selection of large and small ensembles – bands, orchestra, choirs, jazz ensembles (both vocal and instrumental), ensembles for pianos, guitars, woodwinds, brasses, strings, percussion, and music theater productions. Membership in most of these organizations is by audition. For details consult the *Handbook for Music Students* available from the Department of Music.

### **Theater**

The combined St. Thomas/St. Catherine Department of Theater presents a number of productions throughout the year. The productions range from the classics to the latest Broadway musicals. All students are eligible to take part regardless of major. Casting is by open audition.

Performances are presented in O'Shaughnessy Auditorium and Frey Theater at St. Catherine and in Foley Theater at St. Thomas. Admission to plays is free of charge for students.

### **Film Forum**

The Film Forum is co-sponsored by the Department of Theater and the CSC and UST Centers for Women. Films being screened locally in the Twin Cities are selected monthly for discussion. Special interest films on a variety of topics are screened as well at the Women's Centers. Upcoming films are advertised through posters, bulletins, and e-mail. The Forum is open to everyone.

### **Dean of Student Life Office**

The Dean of Student Life Office assists and supports students in achieving their academic and personal goals. They are available to answer questions, to help resolve issues or concerns, and to refer students to the appropriate department, office or community resource.

The staff members of the Dean of Student Life Office provide a variety of programs and services for undergraduate and graduate students. These include new student orientation, student advocacy services, students' rights and responsibilities information, judicial services, emergency loans, and the publication of the *Student Planner*, the *Student Policy Book*, and the student directory.

### **The Student Planner & Student Policy Book**

The *Student Planner* is a complimentary planner produced and distributed each year by the Dean of Student Life Office. It includes an academic calendar as well as an easy resource guide providing information about the over 85 student organizations on campus and ways to become involved in campus life.

The *Student Policy Book* is published by the Dean of Student Life Office and contains information regarding the Student Code of Conduct and all expectations, guidelines and policies that govern student life. All students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the expectations outlined in the *Book* and will be held accountable for upholding the university's policies.