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# MSS FLASH

## The Hot Spot

Taiko is the Japanese word for drum. On April 7, Mu Performing Arts will be presenting Japanese Taiko drumming in OEC Auditorium at 12pm. Light refreshments will be served!



## MSS Welcomes Amanda Forero

By Cathryn D. Baker

The Multicultural Student Services office would like to warmly welcome Amanda Forero to the staff. Forero joined the staff on April 1, 2005 as the new administrative assistant. She brings extensive experience and enthusiasm, and has included a short letter introducing herself (right). Please join us in welcoming Amanda Forero to the St. Thomas community.

*Hello Everyone,*

*My name is Amanda Forero. I am originally from Bogotá, Colombia, though I've lived in the United States for many years and became a naturalized citizen in 1994. I have a bachelor's degree in Psychology and have worked most of my life in the social services, working with battered women, dislocated workers and people in transition. I've also had the pleasure of teaching Spanish for a number of years. Though my students have ranged in age from 5 to 75, they have all shared in the joy of discovering a new language and a new culture. In my free time I enjoy learning about world cultures and world religions. I love traveling, and I look forward to a time when I can visit all the places and countries that I read about. I feel honored to be a part of the St. Thomas team and I look forward to meeting with you and working together!*

*Amanda*

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## Recognizing Influential People

By Eileen Ward

There have been many influential people of Asian decent in our time. However, one that really stands out is Dr. David Ho. An AIDS and HIV researcher, Dr. Ho has greatly impacted the world.

He started working with molecular biology, after finishing medical school, which is where, according to the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center; he "witnessed some of the first documented cases of AIDS." Because of these cases, Dr. Ho decided to devote his career to defeating this disease.

As a young boy, Dr. Ho grew up in Taiwan, in a small town. His first experiences in the U.S. were a culture shock for then young Dr. Ho. He was in "country that was completely different from Taiwan culturally, linguistically, and in many other aspects as well."

The transition was difficult, Dr. Ho says, "[for] I came here and all of a sudden I couldn't communicate... School was nearly impossible even though I went every day, not being able to comprehend what the teacher and the classmates are saying, and not being



Photo of Dr. David Ho



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# Culture Fest 2005



Departments and organizations of the University of St. Thomas have been working together very hard to bring you Culture Fest 2005 which will be held during the week of April 18-23! This exciting week that celebrates the diverse cultures found in the global community as well as right here at our very own UST will include a variety of events including entertaining performances, food tasting events, films, lectures, dance and more! All events are absolutely free (with the exception of the International Dinner) and are open to

## Thursday, April 14

11:30am/JRC 126

**Race: Power of an Illusion** *Guest Speaker: John Powell*

If race doesn't exist biologically, what is it? And why should it matter? Our final episode, "The House We Live In," is the first film about race to focus not on individual attitudes and behavior but on the ways our institutions and policies advantage some groups at the expense of others.

## Monday, April 18

7:30pm/OEC Auditorium

**Arun Ghandi Lecture**

Listen to Mahatma Ghandi's grandson as he speaks about "Non-Violence or Non-Existence" and how each of us can work toward peace in our world.

## Tuesday, April 19

**Tommie Tuesday (Wear your favorite purple!)**

**Binz & MHC Dining Room/Noon**

**Irish Dancers and Irish Folk Music**

Watch and take part in this very active style of dance and music performed by St. Thomas students.

**OEC Auditorium/7pm**

**Film Festival-- Peace One Day**

Peace One Day is the story of one man's attempts to persuade the global community via the United Nations to officially sanction a global ceasefire day; a day of non-violence; a day of peace... An individual genuinely can make a difference: The UN International Day of Peace is now fixed in the calendar on September 21st annually. *(Information taken from [www.peaceoneday.org](http://www.peaceoneday.org))*

**JRC 126/7pm**

**"Romero"**

Set against the bloody backdrop of a country ripped apart by civil upheaval, "Romero" is the life story of arch bishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who, after facing torture and oppression, made a stand against social injustices in his country. Raul Julia stars as Romero, a hero to the El Salvadoran people who fought against political injustice and violence and was assassinated by the military junta in 1980.

## Wednesday, April 20

7pm/JRC 126

**Film Festival: Osama**

Osama is a searing portrait of life under the oppressive fundamentalist regime. Because women are not allowed to work, a widow disguises her young daughter (Marina Golbahari) as a boy so they won't starve to death. Simply walking the streets is frightening enough, but when the disguised girl is rounded up with all the boys in the town for religious training, her peril becomes absolutely harrowing... *(-Bret Fetzer, Amazon.Com)*

**3M Auditorium/7pm:**

**Film Festival: "We Were Soldiers"**

Based on the true story of Lt. Col. Hal Moore (Mel Gibson), who led 400 American soldiers into the first bloody battle of the Vietnam War. *(Information taken from [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)).*

## Thursday, April 21

**Noon/Lower Quad**

**Marshal Arts Demonstration**

Join Kuk Sol, a student organization as they practice ancient Marshal Arts techniques.

**OEC Foyer/5pm**

**Taste Of Nations**

Sample different food and tastes from different cultures, sponsored by STAR.

**OEC Auditorium/7:30pm**

**Asian Pacific Islander Show**

Enjoy the talents of student dancers and performers as they celebrate Asian Pacific Islander Month in this annual talent show.

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## Culture Fest 2005 Events

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### Friday, April 22

3:30pm/Koch Fireside

#### Film Festival: *Catfish and Black Bean Sauce*

Dwayne and his sister are Vietnamese siblings who were adopted by an African-American couple. Now in their mid-20s, they both have chosen different paths, but when they learn that their biological mother is coming to Los Angeles, they eagerly await the reunion. This drama is both funny and moving in an emotionally rewarding journey through the tapestry of one group of immigrants searching for what it means to call themselves a family. (Information taken from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com))

### Friday, April 22

8:30pm/Scooter's

#### Ebony Mic Talent Show

Join BESA in their annual Ebony Mic, featuring the talents of poets, musicians and other performers as they share different views in a variety of ways with the audience.

### Saturday, April 23

5:30pm/MHC Dining Room

#### International Dinner

Take part in this wonderful spring tradition, as the Globally Minded Student Association prepares this annual dinner that celebrates many foods from a number of different nations. Tickets are available for purchase at the Box Office.

9pm/Scooter's

#### Scooter's Dance

Dance the night away to celebrate the closure of Culture Fest 2005.

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## April Event's

### Color & Ethnicity in the Job Search

Process: *Why Companies View Diversity as an Asset*  
 Tuesday, April 12/11:45am - 1:15pm  
 Koch Commons  
 Brown Bag lunch (Beverage and dessert will be provided.)

### Mu Performing Arts

Thursday, April 7/12-1pm  
 OEC Auditorium  
 Mu Performing Arts presents *Mu Daiko: Japanese Taiko*  
 (Live Drumming)

### North High School Touring Ensemble

Performs Euripedis' *'Alcestis*  
 Wednesday, April 13/5:15 - 6:15pm  
 304 MHC  
 North High School students give voice to the unique issues of their community.

### Extra Kickboxing Classes

Tuesdays 5:30PM  
 Third Floor OHA Building  
 \$20 for punch cards at the Box Office

### Fruity Tuesdays

Tuesday, April 12/10:00am-Noon  
 Commuter Center  
 Stop by for free fruit and information from the Wellness Center.



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The priority deadline for 2005-2006 FAFSA applications has already passed April 1, 2005. But you can still conveniently complete your FAFSA as soon as possible at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

For more information regarding scholarship and grant opportunities for this month please visit UST Student Financial Services at:

[www.stthomas.edu/financialservices/](http://www.stthomas.edu/financialservices/)

The monthly \$cholar tips can be accessed online at:

<http://webl.www.stthomas.edu/financialservices/scholarships/newsletter/index.cfm>



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Multicultural Student Services would like to encourage you to take full advantage of the many opportunities available to you as a UST student. Our staff members provide personal attention and opportunities for students to foster their personal growth while gaining cultural awareness. We are available to assist with questions or concerns about diversity, personal identity and academic support or provide any other assistance that you may need.

You are encouraged to attend our programs and training events emphasizing multicultural education and awareness. We also serve as a liaison and referral for many community and campus officers. Stop by Multicultural Student Services at 106 Murray-Herrick Campus Center to meet us and see what we have to offer. Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday

## Opportunity to Help Red Lake

Submitted by Cathryn Baker

Over Easter Break, I went home to Bemidji, MN where the affects of the Red Lake tragedy were unfortunately very apparent. Growing up my mother taught on the reservation and actually knew three of the student victims. She asked a friend of hers how our family could help. We were asked to make pins that could be handed out in support, hope, remembrance, and prayer for the people affected by the tragedy.

So, my sister and I made close to 500 pins over the Easter Holiday weekend to be handed out at the funerals and schools. When I came back to the Twin

Cities, I brought a couple dozen pins with me, and have begun handing them out. People have suggested that we collect donations for the pins to send up to Red Lake. In order to make this happen I need to gather people to help make the pins. All the materials will be there, now all we need is the people. It takes about a minute to make each pin, so every minute you can donate to help would be wonderful.

The pins are available at the Multicultural Student Service Office in Murray Herrick Center. The donations will then be sent up to the St. Mary's Mission Church located on

the Red Lake Reservation to be dispersed to victims and families in need. Thank you for any time you may be able to donate. Please keep the Red Lake Indian Reservation and all the people affected by this tragedy in your prayers.

*Tara Trepanier*

For more information on how you can donate your time to make pins please contact Tara Trepanier at [ttrepanier@stthomas.edu](mailto:ttrepanier@stthomas.edu)

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By Eileen Ward

able to express any thoughts, because at that stage we hadn't even learned the ABC's."

After finishing high school, Dr. Ho went on to college at MIT and Cal Tech. He graduated with honors and then went onto medical school. It was there that he saw the early cases of HIV. HIV was identified by other scientists who had also noticed this new disease that was rapidly growing. Dr. Ho and his colleagues started to focus then on the virology of HIV. He and his team soon found that "the virus didn't lay dormant" and that it actually "continued to multiply uncontrollably, often without causing any symptoms at all."

Later he "theorized that combining the powerful protease inhibitor drugs with other HIV medications would provide

a more effective way to treat the disease. He was right. With his system of treatment, deaths due to AIDS started to decline. Because of this work, he was named Time Magazine's Man of the Year in 1996."

At the age of 37, he became the director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, where he is working with cells to see if he can create a vaccination for the HIV virus. He still works there today.

With over 20 years of HIV research and over 250 papers on the subject of AIDS and HIV, he is perhaps the most recognized for the elucidation of the dynamic nature of HIV replication in infected persons (Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center). Yet, he is still humble. In an interview with Judy Woodruff he said, "I'm quite overwhelmed by this honor. But I do want to emphasize that

this honor should be shared with a lot of people in AIDS research: my colleagues, my collaborators, and many other researchers who laid the foundation for the success of the last couple of years. So I am honored, but I want to make sure that the credit is properly given to a lot of people."

Dr. Ho has helped to increase the quality of life for many and continues to fight this disease. He is a role model for many: doctors, humanitarians, Asians, and the world in general. He is an exceptional man that overcame troubles as a young child and then moved onto helping the lives of others with troubles. We are lucky to have such a wonderful man leading our fight against deadly diseases.