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Did You Know?

- May is Asian Pacific Islander month.
- Over 2.2 million people in the U.S. speak Chinese at home
- The Mexican flag is green, white and red. The meaning of the colors is thought to be that green stands for hope, white for purity and religion, and red for Spain and union.

A Fond Farewell

Summer, it's the time every student looks forward to. It's a long break between classes, a well-deserved vacation from textbooks and tests, and a chance to have a little fun in the sun. However, this summer is bittersweet for many of us. While we are looking forward to the break from school, summer also means the departure of our very own Lisa Christensen, though better known as Lisa Mueller, the Assistant Director at MSS.

Lisa has worked at MSS for three years, and in those three years, she has greatly affected the lives of many. She is always working hard to help students with their college experience and promoting diversity and an accepting community.

"I appreciate everything [Lisa] has done for me and this community, but more importantly I appreciate [her] taking the time and going out of [her] way to make those of us who otherwise wouldn't, feel at home," says Cathryn Baker, a UST senior.

Philip Nguyen, UST freshman, agrees, "she has an open and gentle heart. Despite getting married, having to move, working a full-time job, she still finds the time to help make the world a better place."

Nguyen adds, "She's Lisa! You can't find a better friend than her! While she's not as famous as the Tower of Pisa, she's just as great as the Mona Lisa!"

Lisa is an amazing person who has been a wonderful role model. Her wonderful smile and personality will be greatly missed. We wish her the best of luck in the future.

"I am excited for all the lives [she'll] make a difference in at her next job, because her ability to connect and make a difference beyond her every-day duties is invaluable! Lisa, you will be missed by many students here at St. Thomas who've found you to be a confidant, mentor and most important a genuine friend!" says Baker.

10 Things To Do This Summer

10. Visit the Twin Cities Black Film Festival in August
9. Go to the Como Zoo. It's free and fun!
8. For relief from the heat, eat ice cream from Izzy's.
7. Go to the State Fair!
6. Go to the Twin City Hot Summer Jazz Festival.
5. Head to the Minneapolis MOSAIC, which celebrates cultural diversity and arts.
4. Visit the Renaissance Festival if thou art looking for a good time.
3. Go to the Juneteenth Festival on June 17, which celebrates the ending of slavery.
2. Join a volunteer or mentoring program. Spend your free time making the world a better place!
1. Go to the Taste of Minnesota! Eat lots of food, listen to great music, and watch fireworks!

Cinco De Mayo

Cinco de Mayo does not celebrate Mexican Independence Day, as many people believe. It marks the anniversary of Mexico's "Battle of Puebla" in 1862 when a fledgling Mexican army defeated the larger, better-equipped invading French forces. Cinco de Mayo festivals throughout the United States honor this historic part of Mexican history, and also celebrate Hispanic/Latino culture and tradition.

To celebrate the "Battle of Puebla," the District del Sol, on St. Paul's West Side, hosts the annual "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta," one of the 10 largest festivals of its kind nationwide. The fiesta runs from Friday, May 5th to Saturday, May 6th. It features



live music, food, a children's area, a sports zone, a low-rider car show, a community wellness village, a parade, craft vendors, a salsa tasting contest, and a history area. Last year's event had more than 100,000 attendees!

UST's very own STAR will provide transportation to the District del Sol celebrations. For more information, please check the Bulletin or the STAR website.

If you are not able to attend the District del Sol celebrations, STAR also sponsors its very own Cinco de Mayo celebration on South Campus on May 5th and Tommies After Dark will also celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Saturday, May 6th.

Employment Opportunity as an Assistant Event Manager

The Multicultural Forum is an intense two-day national conference addressing issues related to workplace diversity, hosted by the National Black MBA Association-Twin Cities Chapter and the University of Saint Thomas College of Business. The event manager is seeking a student worker for the position of assistant event manager to plan and prepare for the February 2007 conference.

This year-round position is responsible for all aspects of registration, database and onsite management; speaker, sponsor, vendor, volunteer and conference



logistics; accounting procedures; web design and implementation; and mailings. The position also includes attendance at monthly and other planning meetings; assistance with copywriting, proofing and marketing materials; and coordination with designers and printers of all printed materials.

Candidates must have excellent organizational skills, attention to detail, ability to work with a variety of people

and be able to meet tight deadlines. They should also be self-directed, able to multi-task and make appropriate decisions without input from the event manager. Experience with conference management is a must. A commitment to work up to 20 hours per week from March through December and up to 40 hours per week from January through the event (February 20/21, 2007) is necessary. The position requires at least a one year commitment.

Skills Required:

- Experience with Microsoft Office, database and webpage publishing software
- Experience with web and graphic design
- Experience with conference management
- Knowledge of accounting procedures
- Excellent verbal and written communications, spelling and grammar

Candidates for this student employee position must be eligible for UST student employment. If interested, please submit a resume to Steve Humerickhouse at sehumerickho@stthomas.edu.

Finals Meltdown Week

Monday, May 15

Koch Commons will hold a **Wellness Stress Spa** from 12-2 p.m.

Student Affairs is hosting a **mass** at 9 p.m. in Koch Commons

Student Affairs will be hosting the 2006 Annual **Late Night Breakfast!** It is from 10 p.m. to midnight. UST administration and staff will be serving **FREE** breakfast for students up late



studying (UST ids are required). Late Night Breakfast is held in the Cafeteria.

Thursday, May 18

The Commuter Center will hold a party for graduating students.

Saturday, May 20th

Graduation Commencement will take place in Shoenecker Arena at 10 a.m.

New Student Leaders

Congratulations to the new boards of HANA, BESA, and the GMSA! We look forward to another year of great leadership, programming, mentoring. Thank you to the student leaders of the '05-'06 academic year. We truly appreciate all you have done.

The 2006-2007 BESA E-Board members are:

Chair/ President: Jada Lewis
 Co-Chair/ Vice President: Shanika Alston
 Administrative Assistant: Yolonda Rogers
 Finance Chair: Martrice Jackson
 Co-Finance Chair: Princess Gaye
 Community Liaison: Angela Wachira
 Sub-Officers (2): Malik Watkins, Dominique Simonton
 Student Advisor: Alisha Gray

HANA and GMSA board are still to be determined but we know whoever is selected will do great things!

Reflection On The Year

As we prepare to wrap up another year, it is important to reflect on the many the challenges we have faced together as a small university, local national and world community. With the tragedy of hurricane Katrina, the war in Iraq, tenuous immigration legislation, and the incidents of hate on our own campus, it can be hard to be optimistic about our direction as a human family. However, we must remain optimistic and press ever forward taking full advantage of the many opportunities to exert our rights to justice and peace for all. Supporting one another across our differences is critically important.

To aid such support, the following students will be joining a team of faculty and staff at the 2006 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity. The St. Thomas NCORE team will plan and implement programs and activities to raise awareness of the complex issues that divide our community and truly challenge students to change our world!

Congratulations to Brad Pulles, Audrea Bellard, and Allison Johnson.

A special Congratulations to our 2006 May Graduates!



This outstanding accomplishment is a result of years of dedication.

We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors and we hope you will stay in touch!

We will truly miss you but are excited for your adventure ahead!



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Have a safe and fun-filled
summer!

May Events

Free Legal Advice Wednesday, May 3, 10, 17 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Commuter Center	Campus Ministry Thursday, March 11 From 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. Commuter Center
Multicultural Monday Monday, May 2 from Noon -2 p.m. MHC Commuter Center	Wellness Stress Spa Monday, May 15th from Noon-2 p.m. Koch Commons
HANA's Asian Pacific Islander Show Wednesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. OEC Auditorium	Late Night Breakfast Monday, May 15 from 10 p.m. to midnight MHC Cafeteria
2006 Peace Picnic Thursday, May 4 from noon-1 p.m. Foley Plaza	Bagel Wednesday Wednesday, May 17 from 8-10 a.m. Commuter Center
Fruity Tuesday Tuesday, May 9 from 10-11 a.m. Wellness Center	Graduation Party Thursday, May 18 Commuter Center
Annual Spirit of St. Thomas Awards Tuesday, May 9 OEC Auditorium	Graduation Commencement Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m. Shoenecker Arena

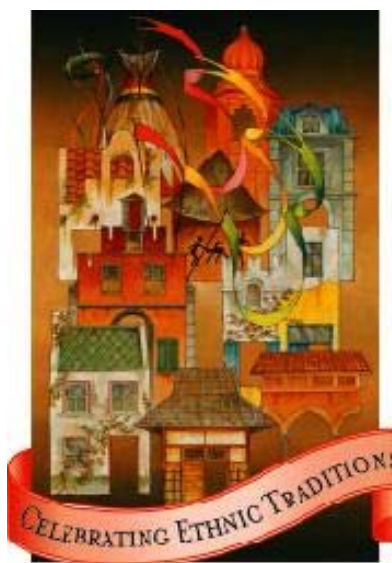
* If you have not yet filed your FAFSA, please remember to submit it ASAP!

Festival of Nations

The 2006 Festival of Nations is just around the corner. The Festival of Nations is a four-day celebration of the various ethnic and multicultural identities present in the world. Over 97 different ethnic groups will come together at the Festival of Nations, where foods, crafts, and traditions are celebrated. Over 37 authentic ethnic cafés will be present, featuring over 300 food items from around the world. There will be over 60 cultural exhibits, 75 folk dance ensembles, 35 folk art demonstrations, 55 international bazaar booths, and many shopping opportunities available.

The festival, which is sponsored by the International Institute of Minnesota, has come a long way in its 74 years of celebrations. It first began in 1932, with fewer than 20 nationalities present and audiences of 5,000 people. Today, the Festival of Nations draws crowds of over 85,000 and has exhibits

on and features over 90 nationalities.



While the numbers may have changed over the years, the main goal of the celebrations has remained the same. The Festival of Nations website says, "From its conception, the Festival of Nations has been an event of the people, created as a celebration of ethnic diversity and a vehicle for preserving culture and family values. Its underlying philosophy is to bring Americans of all backgrounds together - native citizens and naturalized citizens alike - to share experiences and differences. As a result, differences ultimately become less significant because barriers to understanding are removed."

General public hours are: 4-10 p.m. Friday, May 5; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, May 6; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, May 7. STAR will provide transportation to the Festival of Nations. Please check the Bulletin for more information.