



Public Safety Press

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From the Director



On behalf of the Public Safety Department, I would like to welcome all of you to the University of St. Thomas campus community. My name is Dan Meuwissen and I am honored to be the Director of Public Safety at UST. I believe you will find the atmosphere here at St. Thomas to be a friendly, exciting environment where you will have opportunities to explore creative interests and challenge yourself to become the successful leaders of tomorrow.

This publication serves as an opportunity for us to personally introduce the members of our department to you as well as inform the community of timely and pertinent information. In each monthly publica-

tion you will find articles on current events, serious campus issues, summaries of upcoming activities, criminal activity reports, new employee profiles, campus statistics, and safety tips. We will also provide "Did you know articles...." intended to inform you and much more. The overall intention of this publication is to inform our commu-

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nity of the services available through Public Safety and make you comfortable calling us for assistance.

We also recognize that throughout your experience here at St. Thomas, there may be times when you will have questions or need help along the way. We hope your first thought is "Call Public Safety".

Please feel free to contact this department with questions or concerns about any issue on or off campus. You can reach us at 651-962-5100 or 2-5100 from any on campus phone. In an emergency, dial 5555 from any on campus phone.

I want to assure you that our team of friendly, professional staff members is available to serve and care for your needs at any-time. The Public Safety Department operates 24 hours a day, each and every day. Members of this department strive to provide you with a safe and secure environment that welcomes visitors and maintains a protected community.

Once again, we welcome you to the University of St. Thomas campus community. We wish you luck on your endeavors and applaud your successes. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance in any way.

~ Dan Meuwissen

Your Personal Safety Matters

The University of St. Thomas strives to provide a safe environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors. While this is a safe area, there are some things that you can do to ensure you won't become a victim of crime.

One important thing to keep in mind is to be prepared for the unexpected. No matter where you are, remain alert and aware of your environment; who is around you, how are they acting, is there a route you can take if you need to escape. If someone or something makes you feel uneasy, avoid the person or leave the area.

It is always helpful to be familiar with your surroundings. Take the time to get to know the area around campus and routes you take to and from class or work. If you are walking, try to stay in

well-lit places or go with a friend. Do not carry large amounts of cash or expensive items. If you do have these, keep them in an inconspicuous place on your person. If you think someone is following you, change direction or cross the street. Walk toward an open business or lighted house. **You can also call Public Safety at 651-962-5100 to request an escort from an officer.**

There are several emergency phones located around campus that you may use to contact Public Safety if you feel that you are in danger or if you see a crime taking place.

Remember, your personal safety is extremely important and any steps you can take to ensure your safety will make a difference.



UST Weapons Policy

The safety and security of all students, staff, faculty, and visitors is of paramount importance to the University of St. Thomas. The University, therefore, has implemented a weapons policy to better ensure everyone's safety while on campus.

The University of St. Thomas prohibits all students, faculty, staff, and visitors from carrying weapons on university property except when possession of a weapon is required for an individual's job. Weapons can include dangerous items that may be used to inflict bodily harm upon individuals or cause damage to buildings or University property. Examples of

weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, explosives, knives, fireworks, or anything not defined as a weapon but is used in a dangerous, violent manner.

Employees are prohibited from having weapons while on university property (except where possession of a weapon is required for an employee's job). This includes carrying weapons on their person, in their clothing, a purse or backpack, or storing a weapon in a student room, locker, motor vehicle or in an office. Employees are also prohibited from carrying weapons anytime they are acting in the course and scope of employment (such as business travel, attendance at seminars, traveling to

and from meetings, and during off campus meetings).

This policy applies to all employees (staff, faculty and student employees) and also prohibits employees from bringing visitors to campus who violate this policy. Violation of this policy by an employee will result in discipline, up to and including immediate termination of employment. The University reserves the right to inspect University property as well as an employee's personal property when located on university premises.

If any person is found carrying a weapon, Public Safety should be called at 651-(96)2-5555.

September is National Campus Safety Awareness Month

The national nonprofit organization Security On Campus Inc. awarded St. Thomas' Public Safety one of 50 toolkits to allow it to participate in the first annual National Campus Safety Awareness Month in September 2006.

The mission of Security On Campus is to prevent violence, substance abuse and other crimes in college and university campus communities across the United States and to compassionately assist the victims of these crimes.

Public Safety will receive a package containing a 3-foot by 10-foot banner, posters, promotional items, a

programming toolkit, PowerPoint slides on Internet safety and a sample event calendar. This toolkit will help Public Safety coordinate campus wide safety activities and education during September.

Public Safety became aware of this opportunity through participation in this year's annual International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) conference.

Efforts will be coordinated through Wells Farnham, crime prevention lead officer. If you would like to assist with or participate in making this a successful event, call

Farnham, (651) 962-5105.

You can read more about this safety programming on the National Campus Safety Awareness Month Web site at:
<http://www.campussafetymonth.org/>



Graphic courtesy of Security On Campus, Inc.

September Parking Reminders

► Parking permits will be on sale as of Monday, August 21 at: St. Paul Parking Services Office at 2119 Grand Ave, St. Paul Public Safety office on the 1st floor of Morrison Hall, and the Minneapolis Public Safety office on the 2nd floor of Opus Hall. A valid UST ID card is required to purchase a permit.

► "No Overnight Parking" in non-resident lots will begin at 2a.m. on Wednesday, September 6th. Resident

parking lots include lots X, V, and Y on south campus and levels S1, R1, R2-North, and R3 of the parking ramp.

► Parking permits will be required in all lots beginning Sunday, September 10 at 6 p.m. From then on, permits will be required each week from 6 p.m. Sunday until 6 p.m. Friday. The only exception is Lot H which does not require a permit from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m.

► Parking citations may not be waived or cancelled by Public Safety staff members. Citation appeals must be filed within 10 days from the date of issue. Forms are available online or at any of the Public Safety or Parking Services offices.

► All parking and transportation info, including prices, bus pass info, and maps can be found at www.stthomas.edu/psps.

Parking Services Offers New Bus Pass Program

New this fall, Parking Services is offering a new Metro Transit bus pass, called the C-Pass, to UST students. This program replaces the previous Student Metropass program (Note: the Employee Metropass program is still running).

The student C-Pass allows unlimited rides on Metro Transit buses and light rail at a low per semester

cost. Additionally, the pass will also be available for purchase during the summer term for students registered for summer session classes. Sale of the new pass will begin on September 1, 2006.

Both undergrad and graduate student are eligible to purchase the C-pass, however the cost of the pass is determined by how many

credits the student is enrolled in and whether or not a parking permit was also purchased. The price ranges from \$150-\$176 per semester or term.

Parking Services also offers a variety of 31-day and stored-value bus passes at a discount. For pricing and other information, please visit or call one of our offices or visit our website at www.stthomas.edu/psps.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PARKING

Office Locations

www.stthomas.edu/psps

Parking Services—New for Fall '06

2119 Grand Ave. (Finn St. & Grand Ave.)
Hours: Monday—Friday 8a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Phone: 651-(96)2-PARK

Public Safety - St. Paul Campus

1st floor of Morrison Hall
Hours: 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, 365 days/year
Phone: 651-(96)2-5100
Emergency Line: 651-(96)2-5555

Public Safety - Minneapolis Campus

2nd floor of Opus Hall
Hours: 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, 365 days/year
Phone: 651-(96)2-4100
Emergency Line: 651-(96)2-5555

Our Mission:

The Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the campus community and within the framework of the university's mission, is dedicated to creating and promoting a safe, secure and peaceful environment by applying policies and laws, delivering emergency services, performing requests for assistance, and providing on-going education.

The following are the Public Safety Department's guiding principles:

Respect: We will respect all people in all situations.

Integrity: We will maintain integrity in all that we do.

Impartial: We will be impartial in the delivery of services.

Information: We will provide clear, timely and accurate information.

Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. This month is dedicated to promoting the treatment of alcohol and drug use, praise the contributions of treatment providers and support the message that recovery from alcohol and drug abuse is possible.

This year marks the 17th observance of Recovery Month. This month-long celebration highlights the strides made in substance abuse treatment and seeks to educate the public about addiction and recovery.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has launched a website which offers the "Road to Recovery 2006" series of 10 Web casts that air of the first Wednesday of each month. These are archived and can be viewed at anytime by going to www.recoverymonth.gov.

This year, Augsburg College is hosting a Spirituality Breakfast on September 7. Karen Casey, author of "Each Day a New Beginning", will

be speaking at this event. A free breakfast will be served to all who RSVP. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Brave New Workshop Comedy Theatre is also celebrating National Recovery Month by putting on a comedy performance. The show will be on September 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets for this are \$15 and are available at www.recoveryworksmn.org or by calling 612-378-8856.

On September 27, come cheer on the Minnesota Twins as they take on the Kansas City Royals. This is the fifth year that the Recovery Works Committee is ending Recovery Month with a Celebration at the Metrodome. Each ticket for this event is lower-level and includes a hot dog dinner before the game and a t-shirt. Tickets are \$12 until September 7 and \$15 after.

For more information on these and other events in our area, contact Katie Moore at: recoverworks@silhouettevents.com

or by calling 612-378-8856.

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New Parking Services Office!

As of Fall 2006 Parking Services has a new office, located at the 2119 Grand Avenue building, on the corner of Grand Avenue and Finn Street. This office will be open from 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, with extended evenings hours during the first couple weeks of each semester for permit sales. For after hours assistance, Public Safety is available at Morrison Hall 24 hours per day.