Dakang Wang arrived just six months ago from China and has already made his mark on campus. He is one of the lead singers in The Rat Pack, a newly-formed band that recently started playing in the Ratskeller.

Dakang comes from Qingdao, in Eastern China, where STU has partnered with Qingdao University to offer their graduates the opportunity to continue their studies in the U.S. He is studying in the Masters of International Business Program, as is Yuyi Wang, the band’s guitarist, who is from Chengdu in Western China.

As soon as the US Government re-opened the door for international students to obtain visas in 2008, Chinese quickly became a familiar language on many US campuses.

For Class Notes, we welcome alumni news and photos, including career changes, marriages, births, memberships and honors.
John Sample, M.S., Human Resources, has retired from the Florida State University College of Education where he designed and instructed graduate courses in adult education and corporate human resource training and development. He earned his Ph.D. in adult education from FSU in 1990 and was an instructor at Biscayne College/St. Thomas University during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Mark R. Antonelli, B.A., Accounting, was recently named President of South Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is also a board member and past chair of the Board of Managers for the South Dade YMCA. Mark is a partner in the litigation law firm Gaebe Mullen Antonelli in Coral Gables and West Palm Beach. He and his wife Debbie have three children, Jenny 25, Chris 22, and John, 20.

Gilles L. Arditi, B.A., Travel & Tourism, President of Southwind Hospitality, is a Certified Hotel Administrator with over twenty years of service in hospitality management. He is practiced in multi-property supervision with such brands as Starwood, Hilton, InterContinental, Marriott and Wyndham. He is fluent in French, English and Spanish.

Antonio “Tony” Rodriguez, B.A. Business Administration, was appointed Regional Managing Director for Foundation Source, a provider of support services for private foundations. He joins its national business development team to expand its presence in Texas and Florida.

Pedro E. Garcia, B.A., Accounting, owns telemarketing companies in Spain and Italy. He lives in Madrid but flies to Miami often to visit his daughter who is studying at Broward College. He is interested in connecting with alumni who shared experiences with him while at STU.

Claudia (C.K.) Laurence, M.S., Sports Administration, has three novels coming out in 2012. Her website www.cklaurence.com contains all the news, including her new publisher and times, dates and places of signings (at which she hopes to see her old friends and classmates).

Francis Farberoff, B.A., Communication Arts, is a Hollywood, FL, resident who coaches youth soccer at a local Jewish community center. He has been playing beach soccer for 11 years both locally and nationally and is the captain of the U.S. team.

Glenn A. Bowen, B.A., Communication Arts (and MBA, 1998), recently returned to Miami to accept a new position at Barry University after building a nationally recognized civic engagement program at Western Carolina University. He is director of Barry’s recently-established Center for Community Service Initiatives and an associate professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminology. Glenn holds a Ph.D. in social welfare from Florida International University.

Roberto R. Jimenez, B.A. M.S., and Marriage and Family Therapy 1999, is a Health Advisor for PinnacleCare. He is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and a licensed Mental Health Counselor in the state of Florida. He is presently pursuing a Doctorate in Health Administration at NorthCentral University.

María E. Lloyd, B.A., Elementary Education, Assistant Principal at Seminole Ridge High School in Palm Beach County, earned the Just Read, Florida! Literacy Leader of the Year award from the Florida Department of Education.

Alex A. Hanna, J.D., recently traveled to Washington D.C. to receive the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to Hispanic Leaders for his outstanding service to the community. At the ceremony, he was described as a “Cuban American Traffic Attorney dedicated to defending his client’s rights against injustices, promoting a world order of peace, justice and respect for human dignity.”

Will Stevens, B.A., Sports Administration, married Shanna Swinehart on July 16, 2011, in Cozumel, Mexico. In November he became the General Manager of The Sports Oasis, a volleyball and event center in the Denver, CO, area.
Milton J. Jones, B.A., Organizational Leadership, is a Marine Staff Officer in the Coast Guard since 2008. He educates the boating public on state and federal boating laws and conducts safety inspections of seagoing vessels, investigates marine casualties and boating accidents, stops drug runners entering U.S. waters, and ensures the operational safety of commercial vessels. He is highly trained and skilled in Maritime Law Enforcement and emergency response.

Bill McGrath, BA, Organizational Leadership, 2009 MPS Professional Studies and adjunct faculty in the STU Fire Science Management (FSM) program, is captain of a team representing the USA in a Paramedic competition in Prague, Czech Republic, in May. The team will include Tony Chin, a current student in the FSM program, another local firefighter and a physician from Mount Sinai. They will be competing against 110 teams from around the world. Bill is a Lieutenant/Paramedic with the City of North Lauderdale Fire Department since 1996 and involved in Emergency Medicine since 1993. The team set up a Facebook page (Paramedic Team USA) in order to update everyone of the team’s progress. He thanks everyone for their support.

Ricky Patel, J.D., of Farrell & Patel, has recently opened a law office in Texas. He has also hired two additional STU law alumni, Dwon Huggins, 2010, and JD Moises, 2011.

Shaul Hagiel, B.A., Criminal Justice, is an assistant coach on the men’s soccer team at Monarch High School, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. In a January 11, 2012 article, Miami Herald writer Christina De Nicola describes him as one of the top goalkeeper trainers in South Florida.

Hans C. Malebranche, M.B.A., Sports Administration, recently joined the Miami Marlins in Corporate Sales & Partnerships. He spent last season with the Orange Bowl Committee, interning in the marketing department and assisting with youth and festival events and the Discover Orange Bowl. Hans was recently named to a seat on the executive board of Youth Professional Network, Miami. He is also a past World Fitness Association certified personal trainer.

Colby Higgins, M.S., Sports Administration is engaged to Kathryn Killion. He lives in Overland Park, KS, and has plans to open a business within the healthcare industry.

In Memoriam

We were saddened to hear of the passing of two of our alumni:

Dr. Michael S. Mahon ’70, B.A., History, passed away at age 63 on October 7, 2011 in Williamstown, N.J. Michael retired from Mahon Chiropractic Center as a Doctor of Chiropractics. He was the Dean of Students and a science teacher at Saint Joseph’s High School in Hammonton. He was also a member of Knights of Columbus.

David C. Stampfel ’76, B.A., Pre-Law, passed away on May 5, 2011. He is remembered by his widow, Susan Gillen, as a great chef and a wonderful husband. He was the chef at the Country Club in Newton, CT.
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STU’s Economic Impact on Florida

Antonio J. Villamil, Dean of the School of Business, has produced a study on STU’s impact on the economy of the State of Florida. The University’s annual economic impact statewide is estimated to be $1.5 billion, of which about $1.4 billion, or 93 percent, occurs in South Florida.

The University directly or indirectly supports 14,650 jobs, generating more than $490 million in labor income and contributing $917 million to the GDP, in addition to turning out skilled workers who tend to stay in South Florida.

“STU has a significant economic impact on South Florida. We are creating economic development and a higher income for our graduates. Their income is spent and reinvested in businesses within the community which enables our communities to prosper,” says Dean Villamil.
Jorge Luis Lopez Hosts Reception for Jubilee Host Committee

Rev. Msgr. Franklyn M. Casale, Frances Sevilla-Sacasa, Maria Elena Villamil, Marile and Jorge Luis Lopez

The first event to publicize the upcoming April 21 50th Anniversary Celebration was generously hosted by Jorge Luis Lopez, Esq., Class of 1984, and his wife, Marile. They held a reception at his law offices in Coral Gables last November to thank the Jubilee Host Committee.

Homecoming Weekend 2011

Homecoming 2011 took place the weekend of November 3–6. Alumni from the Biscayne basketball team came to support the men’s basketball game vs. Barry. For some, it was their first visit to the new athletic center, the Fernandez Family Center for Leadership and Wellness. Another weekend highlight was the annual Stone Crab Dinner which raised funds for Bobcat Athletics.

Paul Mainieri Jersey Retired

Paul Mainieri, Class of 1982, returned to campus January 31 for the ceremony to retire the jersey he wore throughout his five years as STU Head Baseball Coach. The event took place before STU’s 2012 season opener versus Florida Memorial.

Mainieri graduated in 1982 with a Master’s of Science in Sports Administration and coached the Bobcats from 1983–88. During those years he also served as Athletic Director and was an Adjunct Professor in the Sports Administration program.

He went on to coach at the Air Force Academy and Notre Dame. Today he is Head Baseball Coach at Louisiana State University. In 2009 he led LSU’s baseball team to the College World Series where they won the championship and Mainieri was named 2009 National Coach of the Year. He is also a member of the St. Thomas Athletic Hall of Fame.

Born in Morgantown, West Virginia, Mainieri was only two weeks old when he moved with his family to Miami where his father became Athletic Director of Miami Dade College North Campus. He literally grew up surrounded by college athletics and baseball. He played baseball at Christopher Columbus High School and it was there he started his coaching career.

Mainieri says he “will be forever in debt to Professor Ken Stibler,” STU Athletic Director and baseball coach at that time, for taking a chance on him, a 24-year old without a job, and hiring him as part time coach.

“I take special pride in St. Thomas,” he says. “What I learned here helped mold the way I think. I was involved in everything to do with athletics and the sports administration program.” When funds were scarce he solved the problem by employing Sports Administration students in the athletics department instead of hiring from outside. This gave them great experience when looking for a job after graduation.

Mainieri keeps in touch with many STU alumni throughout the country. He tells the story that when he was coaching at the Air Force Academy, players on the football team would come to him after each away game with the cards of athletic directors or coaches, saying “This guy knew you at St. Thomas and says hello.”
Dear Alumni and Friends:

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The wonderful kick-off party for the April 21 Grand Jubilee Celebration at her beautiful home in Gables Estates. Attending were members of the Jubilee Host Committee, composed of business, philanthropic, and civic leaders of the South Florida community.

Thank you to Mrs. Bunny Bastian, STU’s Jubilee Honorary Chair, who so generously hosted the kick-off party for the April 21 Grand Jubilee Celebration.

From the Office of University Advancement

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Our April 27 Annual Leadership Golf Tournament at the Doral Country Club is also in the final planning stages. At the Law School, plans are underway for the July 16–27 Human Trafficking Academy which will train the South Florida community to identify victims of this heinous crime.

We continue to plan the University’s Comprehensive Capital Campaign and finalize the exciting enhancements it will bring to the University.

Sincerely,

Beverly S. Bachrach, VP for University Advancement & Marketing and Communications
Campus News

Students Present Work at Miami International Film Festival

Student filmmakers Chris Falite and Javier Palacios have been selected to present their short films *A University Horror Story* and *Wiseguy* in the Miami International Film Festival’s CinemaSlam 2012 competition. Inspired by the Film and TV Production classes of Dr. Andrea Campbell and Dr. Marcela Moyano, they both aim for careers in the film industry.

Free Income Tax Clinic

STU School of Law VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site is offering FREE income tax preparation by IRS Certified Volunteers every Saturday until April 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Law School Building on the main campus. The tax preparation assistance is for low and moderate income individuals and families of $50,000 and below. The volunteers are trained and equipped to address special credits such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Education Credit. Additionally, STU VITA site also provides FREE electronic filing (e-filing). They also provide FREE tax preparation assistance to military members and their families. For further information please contact STU VITA at stu.vita2012@gmail.com.

STU Basketball Jumps to Success, continued from Page 1

February winning astonishing 20 of their last 21 regular season games. All this after starting the season 1–6, which was partly due to a tough schedule including trips to Louisiana and California.

Coach Maloney’s approach for a successful program is a common vision: “to take all necessary actions, both in the classroom and on the basketball court” empowering his players and coaching staff to be self motivated. “I often tell them, it’s your team, not mine,” he says. Coach Maloney strives to prepare his players for life beyond the basketball court by developing the young men as good Christians and as leaders with the ability to make ethical decisions. His intention is to establish the program as a national powerhouse. “We are not afraid to compete,” he declares. “We are resilient and we find ways to win.”

In a February 4, 2012, article in The Miami Herald featuring the Bobcats’ successful season, sports writer Walter Villa highlighted 5ft. 6in. Sophomore Kevin Hincapie, saying it was not surprising that he was leading STU in assists, steals, three-pointers and minutes. He wrote that “In his senior season at Broward’s Northeast High School Hincapie said he ‘locked down’ Pine Crest star Brandon Knight, who is now playing in the NBA.”

The women’s basketball team, under Coach Robin Harmony (The Sun Conference Coach of the Year in 2009) has been equally successful this season. The women completed their 2011–2012 regular season with a 24–7 overall record and a 12–2 record in The Sun Conference. In her five years as Head Coach, she has an overall record of 104–42 (winning percentage of .716) a remarkable achievement for a first-time head coach at a new program.

Individually, STU Seniors Maddie Cummings and Nickerline Montina broke the 1,000-point career scoring barrier in back-to-back weeks becoming the third and fourth players in STU women’s basketball history to reach 1,000 points. Subsequently, Junior Constina Cousins eclipsed the 1,000 point mark as well. On four occasions this year, Bobcats have won The Sun Conference Player of the Week honors with Montina netting two awards, along with Roxy Munoz and Dannisha Pierce.

STU athletics firmly believes in supporting the academic progress of student-athletes. “We encourage the values of respect for others, quality sportsmanship, and ethical conduct in amateur intercollegiate athletics,” says Director of Athletics Laura Courtney-Todd. Currently, STU’s student-athlete annual GPA is above a 3.0 average, significantly higher than most schools.

As a reward for outstanding seasons, both the men’s and women’s teams were selected to compete in the NAIA Division II National Championships. It marked the first time in school history that both programs were selected for the national tournament in the same year. The men will travel to Point Lookout, MO, and the women to Sioux City, IA.

As we go to press we learned that the men’s team defeated Indiana Tech in the first round of the National Championships, marking the first-ever win at the national tournament for the Bobcats. Two days later, however, they lost to McPherson College, KS, in a tight second-round matchup. In the Women’s National Championships, STU fell to Briar Cliff University (IA) in the first round to finish the season with a 24–9 record.
50th Anniversary Upcoming Events

Dedication of Goal Post from the 1972 “Perfect Season”
Thursday, May 3, 4:00pm–6:00pm
Fernandez Family Center
The Miami Dolphins co-celebrates the 40th Anniversary of the Perfect Season with STU’s 50th Anniversary. Dolphin Alumni will attend, including Mercury Morris and Jim Kiick. All alumni & supporters are invited.
For more information call Mark Casale at (305) 474-2423

STU School of Business
Distinguished Business Lecture Series
Monday, April 16, 2012, 3:00pm–4:30pm
Carnival Cruise Lines Science & Technology Building
Lecture Hall 101
Oscar Feldenkreis, CEO of Perry Ellis
“Growing a Family Business into a Fortune 500 Company”
For more information call (305) 628-6674

Human Trafficking Academy
July 16–27, 2012
School of Law
Conference
“Leave No Stone Unturned: Creative Strategies in Combating Human Trafficking”
plus
Training Sessions on Identification of Trafficking Victims
For more information, please contact
Dr. Roza Patti, Project Director,
at (305) 474-2447 or rpatti@stu.edu or Ana Isabel Vallejo,
Project Coordinator; at (305) 623-2320 or
avallejo@stu.edu.

School of Law Free Income Tax Preparation
January 21 through April 7
Every Saturday, 10am–2pm
The Law School Building
For more information contact: stu.vita2012@gmail.com
See Page 7 for further information

STU 50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, April 21, 2012
Fernandez Family Center for Leadership and Wellness
7:00 pm – Cocktail Reception
8:00 pm – Dinner, Dancing and Special Program
Cocktail Attire
To register online please visit:
http://alumni.stu.edu/50AnniversaryCelebration
For more information contact Lorena Hidalgo at (305) 628-6601
or lhidalgo@stu.edu

5th Annual STU Leadership Golf Tournament
Friday, April 27, 2012
Doral Golf Resort and Spa
4400 NW 87th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33178
7:00 am  Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00 am  Shotgun Start with Scramble Format
1:00 pm  “19th Hole Luncheon” & Golf Silent Auction at the Champion’s Pavilion
To register online please visit: http://stthomas.golfreg.com
For more information contact Lorena Hidalgo at (305) 628-6601
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