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USM Global Studies Institute Hosts Discussion: 'The Impact of Cultural Difference Mutual Cooperation'

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— The University of Saint Mary Lawrence D. Starr Global Studies Institute will host a town-hall style presentation on, "*The Impact of Cultural Differences between Countries on the Mutual Cooperation between People*" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, featuring guest speaker Willem Rycken. The discussion will take place in the Saint Mary Social Room, second floor of Saint Mary Hall on the University of Saint Mary Campus, 4100 S. 4th Street Leavenworth, Kan. Admission is free and open to the public.

Rycken is a retired attorney and judge from Neerijse, Belgium where he served the judicial system for nearly 40 years. As a practicing attorney for 35 years, Rycken represented clients from across the globe, in matters of European Union and National Law. A retired reserve officer for the Belgian Air Force, Rycken has also taught for universities world-wide, including American University in Washington, D.C., and the University of Leuven in Leuven, Belgium. Rycken's brother, Leo, is a professor of accounting and finance at the University of Saint Mary.

The Lawrence D. Starr Global Studies Institute is a professional, academic organization dedicated to examining global integration and promoting attitudes, policies and practices that foster peace and justice. The institute regularly brings in guest speakers for lectures which are open to the public. Recent topics have included: America's Role in the Global Economy, Security Threats in Our Hemisphere, Energy Choices and Environmental Challenges, Immigration: Legal and Illegal, and U.S. Foreign Policy, the Department of State and the Heartland of America. Visit <http://gsi.stmary.edu> to learn more about the University of Saint Mary's Starr Institute.

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