In October, I had the pleasure of celebrating my 22nd Homecoming weekend here at Saint Louis University. Even with a few rain clouds this year, I always enjoy catching up with alumni — from those who are returning just months after graduation to our Golden Bil-likens, who celebrate their 50-year class reunion.

Each Homecoming it never ceases to amaze our alumni how much SLU and our neighbor-hood have changed since their days as students. I know that while many of you live hundreds of miles away from your alma mater, you take great pride in the revitalization happening here in Midtown St. Louis.

If you have not been back to Midtown during the past 20, 10 — even the past few years — a lot has changed. And it’s not just your fellow SLU alumni who have noticed.

Earlier this year, Saint Louis University was recognized by the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities as one of the “Saviors of Our Cities” in the organization’s survey of Best Colleges and University Civic Partnerships.

I am proud that for nearly two centuries, we have not only built character by educat-ing students in the Jesuit tradition, but we also have built St. Louis through our efforts to reshape our campus and the areas that surround us.

Truly, our engagement in Midtown allows SLU to live out a Jesuit ideal we hold so dear: being women and men for others. Our ongoing investments in the communi-ty — including our two most ambitious building projects: Chaifetz Arena and the Edward A. Doisy Research Center — have served as catalysts to new developments and new jobs. I am quite proud of the significant role Saint Louis University has played in the progress of our region, especially in Midtown St. Louis.

Since opening our on-campus Chaifetz Arena on April 10, 2008, development has boomed in the area surrounding campus. In the area east of Chaifetz Arena, developers have revived long vacant and run-down buildings into a thriving mixed-used business district. We’ve welcomed four new restaurants and a number of other new businesses in this area that has become known as Midtown Alley.

Buildings that surround the campus such as the Modalis Temple and the historic Coronado Hotel have been transformed from empty, decept spac-ies into modern urban palaces. At the Modalis you will find many of our students watching a movie on its big screen or bowling a few games down-stairs. Once the premier hotel in St. Louis, the Coronado is now home to some great restaurants, offers apartments to many of our undergraduate and graduate students and hosts many of the city’s elite events in its regally restored ballroom.

Growth has so transformed SLU’s neighbor-hood that a local publication selected Midtown as the best neighborhood for restaurants this year, a lofty honor in a city with such a rich culinary culture.

It is because of your continued interest in SLU that we can continue to have a positive im-pact on our community: Your support not only moves us one step closer to Saint Louis Uni-versity becoming the finest Catholic university in the nation, it moves us closer to restoring St. Louis as one of the country’s finest communities.

Whether during Homecoming 2010 or sometime earlier, I hope you will visit your old SLU and Midtown haunts and see how your campus neighborhood has changed.
HOMECOMING 2009: Don’t rain on SLU’s parade

A rainbow cast across the early evening sky was a sure sign that Saint Louis University’s Homecoming and Family Weekend was a major success despite a few showers.

More than 3,400 alumni, parents and family members attended more than 40 events Sept. 25-27. Attendees didn’t let intermittent rain on Saturday deter them from enjoying campus tram tours, an ice cream social, a barbecue and more.

“Even though the weather wasn’t picture perfect Saturday, our alumni had a great time coming back to campus this year,” said Meg Borum-Croddy (A&S ’90, Grad ’92), associate vice president for alumni relations.

Among the highlights of the weekend were the annual golf cart parade with students, staff and administrators depicting their cars in a 1950s theme, as well as a fireworks extravaganza during the halftime of SLU’s soccer match against Tulsa.

Each year, there are special events for those alumni marking their 50-year reunion. More than 200 of those Golden Billikens attended a Sunday brunch — making it one of the most successful in history.

SLU BOASTS RECORD ENROLLMENT

For the first time in its history, Saint Louis University is enrolling more than 13,000 students — 13,313, to be exact. This record-breaking number is bolstered by a freshman class of 1,597 students, which is the second largest in SLU history.

The freshmen also are among SLU’s brightest ever. The mean grade point average of the class is 3.71, and the average ACT score is 27. The class also includes 242 honors students, another Saint Louis University record.

SLU’s first-year students are geographically diverse, too. In all, 65 percent come from outside the St. Louis area, and U.S. students represent 39 states, from New York to Hawaii. The class also includes nearly 200 new international freshmen from outside the United States, representing 13 countries.

COLLEGE CHURCH MARKS 125 YEARS

St. Francis Xavier College Church has kicked off its 125th anniversary of serving St. Louis in its present location with a yearlong series of events. The celebration will include a speaker series, concerts, liturgies, an exhibition of College Church historic artifacts at the Saint Louis University Museum of Art and other activities.

In addition, several commemorative items have been produced to celebrate the anniversary. A Christmas ornament (painted white, actual size), Christmas cards, mugs, shirts and other memorabilia marking the celebration will be available at the church, the SLU bookstore and elsewhere. For more information, visit collegechurch.slu.edu.

U.S. NEWS RANKS SLU AMONG FINEST JESUIT UNIVERSITIES

Saint Louis University is one of the nation’s finest Jesuit universities, according to the 2010 edition of U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges” edition. In the listings, SLU ranked 88th among the more than 260 national universities in the country — a list topped by Harvard, Princeton and Yale. The ranking placed SLU among the top five U.S. Jesuit universities for the seventh consecutive year.

Individual undergraduate programs also were highlighted in this year’s U.S. News rankings. The University’s undergraduate engineering programs were ranked No. 58 in the country. And SLU’s undergraduate business programs ranked No. 101. The business school’s entrepreneurship program earned the No. 16 spot.

Celebrating the Spirit: Archbishop Robert Carlson, newly installed leader of the St. Louis Archdiocese, presided over the Mass of the Holy Spirit Aug. 27 at Saint Louis University. The annual event at the beginning of the school year drew an estimated 1,100 student, faculty and staff worshipers to St. Francis Xavier College Church.

DEAN NAMED FOR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE

This summer Dr. John Watzke was appointed dean of the College of Education and Public Service. He joined the Saint Louis University faculty in 2007 as chairman of the department of educational studies. He had served as interim dean of the college since August 2008.

Watzke said one of his first goals as dean is to call upon the vast network of professionals who are graduates of the college’s programs. “My vision is to bring together a professional network, with our faculty and our students, to more fully impact our city and our state,” Watzke said.

Before arriving at SLU, Watzke held positions as administrator, faculty and fellow in the Institute for Educational Initiatives at the University of Notre Dame.

SLUCare doctors were selected for St. Louis Magazine’s 2009 “Best Doctors” list. The list is based on the annual “Best Doctors in America” database, which considers more than one million peer evaluations to create a directory of approximately 30,000 doctors.

SLU once again has earned national recognition in the Chronicle of Higher Education’s second annual “Great Colleges to Work For” survey. SLU was honored in six categories among institutions with more than 10,000 students, up from four categories last year.

The 1811 Advanced College Credit Program marked 50 years with a celebration in October. The program provides qualified high school juniors and seniors in partner schools the opportunity to begin college coursework. In addition to receiving credit toward high school graduation, students may opt to dual enroll in courses approved for college credit through SLU.

Dr. Bryan Clair, associate professor in the department of mathematics and computer sciences, is Saint Louis University’s recipient of the 2009 Em- eritus Excellence in Teaching Award. His research areas include topology and graph theory, and he has been on the SLU faculty since 2000.

Two members of the Saint Louis University family received Lifetime Achievement awards from the St. Louis Business Journal at its Health Care Heroes recognition ceremony Oct. 1: Dr. Robert Balune, director of the Center for Vaccine Development and the Dianna and J. Joseph Adoryan Endowed Chair of Infectious Diseases; and Dr. Anthony Reajent, clinical professor of pediatrics.

Plus XII Memorial Library is extending its hours. Through Dec. 15, the library will be open 24 hours a day, five days a week. “Students have been requesting 24-hour access to Plus Library for many years,” said Dr. Gail Slane, assistant provost for University libraries.

NEW ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP NAMED FOR CADE PROFESSOR

Dr. Eustaquio Araújo, professor of orthodontics at Saint Louis University, was invested as the inaugural holder of the Petros Soroipdas Endowed Professor of Orthodontics on Sept. 24. The endowed professorship, which is the first for the orthodontic program, is named for Dr. Petros Soroipdas (Dent’48, Grad ’50), the first graduate of the master’s program and a longtime professor and administrator at SLU’s Center for Advanced Dental Education.

“The history of the Saint Louis University orthodontic program has a lot to do with Dr. Pete — he is one of the icons of this place,” said Araújo, who also directs the orthodontic clinic at CADE. “To carry his name with me is a major responsibility and honor.”

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News Briefs
Hungarian cartoon exhibition at SLUM

The Saint Louis University Museum of Art is presenting “The 12th Hungarian Cartoon Field: Dialogues of Cultures” through Dec. 20. In 2008 the Hungarian Foreign Af-
fairs, in conjunction with the Hungarian Culture Foundation, initiated a cartoon competition to commemorate the European Year of Intercul-
tural Dialogue. The result was an exhibition that contained 57 cartoons originating from 25 countries. SLUMA’s hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more informa-
tion, visit sluma.slu.edu.

BILIKEN BEAT

Former Saint Louis University standout guard Kevin Licich (Cook) ’08 has signed a professional contract with the Perth Wildcats of the Australian National Basketball League. This spring SLU head swimming and diving coach Jim Haddleton became the seventh male swimmer inducted into the Ozark Swim-
ming Hall of Fame with the students from St. Louis. The Missouri Athletic Club Hall of Fame for his coaching achievements. This summer at the St. Louis Senior Olympics, Haddleton turned in six record-breaking performances, each of which earned him a gold medal in the men’s 50-54 age group.

This summer, Tim Kelly was added to the men’s soccer coaching staff as a freelance goalkeeper coach, while former Bilikin Brian Grazier (Cook) ’08 was brought in to serve as the program’s graduate student manager. Grazier followed the soccer Bilikins from 2003 to 2007. Fol-
lowing his graduation, he played professionally for one season with the Colorado Rapids of Major League Soccer. He is pursuing a master’s degree in higher education at the university. In addition, Dave Beck was promoted to the lead assistant coaching staff.

SLUMA’s Imperial exhibit closes soon

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tinues its presentation of “Relics of a Glorious Past: Imperial Russian Artifacts from the Col-
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HUNGARIAN CARTOON VACCINE STUDIES DRAW NATIONAL ATTENTION

On Oct. 6, as the first doses of H1N1 vaccine were being delivered, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius and U.S. Rep. William Lacy Clay Jr. visited Saint Louis University to share important information about the new H1N1 flu vaccine and how to best prevent the spread of this disease.

SLU’s Center for Vaccine Development is one of only seven centers funded by the National Institutes of Health to conduct vaccine research and is leading some pivotal H1N1 vaccine clinical studies. SLU is studying the H1N1 influenza vaccine in adults, children and pregnant women.

“The work that has gone on here at other vaccine centers across the country will prevent illness and save lives in the months ahead,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. “We are very proud to have been part of this critically important research.”

Sebelius praised SLU for its leadership role in testing the 2009 H1N1 influenza vac-
cine and protecting public health.

“Without jeopardizing any safety steps, this vaccine is coming to market far earlier than we expected,” she said. “It would have never happened without SLU and the seven other vaccine centers conducting clinical trials.

‘I want to thank SLU for being such a great partner.” “Saint Louis University has always been one of the jewels in the crown of my district,” Clay said. “This year is special because the work done here is absolutely historic.”

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his June there was another SLU commencement - but this one wasn’t in St. Louis or even Mis-
dian. This one took place in Limassol, Cyprus.

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In September, Saint Louis University recognized 38 individuals by naming 26 buildings, centers, meeting spaces and auditoriums around campus in their honor. Facilities named were all of the buildings that make up the Student Village Apartments, rooms in DuBourg Hall and the School of Nursing Building, as well as classroom buildings, among many others.

University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., said the honorees are united by a "deep, abiding love for Saint Louis University and a commitment to providing our students with the quality Catholic, Jesuit education that has been the hallmark of SLU for generations."

Dr. Ruth Beckmann Murray is a professor emerita at the SLU School of Nursing, retiring in 2025 after 37 years of teaching. She received SLU’s Burlington Northern Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award in 1990. And in 2005, she was inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing.

Dr. Paul Piltz, M.D., Audiotorium

Eileen Haughey Seawars Hall

Eileen Haughey Seawars was the first woman promoted to full professor and the first to receive an honorary degree from SLU. She received honorary status in 2020 after 46 years as director of the Inner City Post-Grad Library and professor of law. In 1987, SLU Women’s Commission named her "Woman of the Year."
n a gloomy, quiet October day, silence hangs over the Saint Louis University quad. From the east end of DuBourg Hall to the back of Pius XII Memorial Library, the soggy lawn is covered with 1,750 wooden crosses.

Drenched and darkened by a morning downpour, many of the crosses are tilted by the autumn wind. As thousands of students walk through campus, some pause — just for a moment — to look at the scene and quietly move on their way.

The individuals who put up those crosses hope that they have — just for a moment — made an impact on those students. That on the way to class, their residence hall or a quiet place to study, those students consider what the crosses represent.

The scene is one that envelops the heart of the SLU campus during a week in October each year. It’s the Cemetery of the Innocents, where each cross represents two of the 3,500 abortions performed every day in the United States.

Without making a sound, the scene speaks volumes. But Students for Life, the group responsible for the somber display, isn’t content with letting the scene do the talking for them. The organization’s actions speak even louder.

SLU’s Students for Life group wins national awards while focusing on local efforts.

— by Nick Sargent
When Fowler began working with Students for Life five years ago, members of the group desired to have a greater impact on campus and forwarding the pro-life cause, but they were stymied by the enormity of the challenge.

“I just sensed that they were so frustrated that their goal or their mission was to end abortion in America. And to me that just seems so distant and so impossible for this small group of students to achieve,” he said, who tried to help them start thinking about some things that they could do that would bring about a more immediate sense of fulfillment or achievement.

“This is a very Ignatian, Jesuit principle. Think globally, act locally. I sort of challenged them to think, ‘What can we do locally that will really make a tangible change — a change that we can see, that we can feel good about?’”

The group continues to organize protests and picks to raise awareness of the pro-life cause, and they still will participate in the annual January march in Washington, D.C., to end abortion.

But now they also participate in more of the tangible activities that Fowler encouraged — service projects and volunteer efforts that allow Students for Life members to see the stakes of their efforts up close.

They organize and sponsor the annual “Run for Their Lives” 5K run/walk, and members regularly volunteer at Our Lady’s Inn, a shelter for homeless pregnant women in St. Louis. They do everything from rake leaves around the shelter’s buildings in St. Louis and St. Charles, Mo., to babysit.

“It’s all about supporting women facing with the difficult decision of whether to have the baby or end the pregnancy.”

It’s a choice that Students for Life knew some of their peers faced and that is a big focus of the group.

“Somehow they’ve internalized the thought that they could do that would bring about a more immediate sense of fulfillment or achievement. That’s how a small group can feel good about what they’re doing.”

The group hosted a baby shower for Reynolds, who reported that the University has heard from many students interested in the program.

If you would like to make a gift to SLU’s Students for Life group or the Virginia D. Murphy Endowment for Pregnant and Parenting Students, please call Amanda Beury at (314) 977-3543. Or send an e-mail message to giving@slu.edu.
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Flynn recalled that while growing up in St. Louis and playing soccer in high school, the sport was part of his life and his family in a way not seen in many other regions at that time. “In my job, if you say ‘Saint Louis University,’ people automatically know the pioneering ways, the number of championships and that we’re still producing great players,” Flynn said. “The landscape of college soccer has changed, but people when you talk Saint Louis University soccer, it’s real. It’s authentic. It’s top shelf. And that’s something thing to really be proud of.”

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Since growing up in St. Louis, one that he never dreamed of being, Hayes’ father, John Hayes (A&S ’83), played from 1978 to 1981. It was a special moment for Kyle, a senior finance major from St. Louis, one that he never dreamed possible. “I knew how hard it was to play here because it’s such a great program, and I never really thought I’d be part of that,” Kyle said. “When I became a member of the team, it was pretty surreal to be part of with this huge, rich history. We have 10 stars on our jersey; that came from somewhere.”

A WINNING CULTURE

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After such a display, it is easy to see why any young player would think of joining the program as an unreachable goal. Many alumni at the event said they felt this same sort of awe and admiration for the sport and the program while growing up in St. Louis. In fact, that local passion is a large part of what made Saint Louis University into a nationally respected soccer powerhouse.

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themselves. The father congratulated Leahy, while the son observed in an awed hush. “That connection — you can’t put that sort of thing,” Leahy said, smiling. “To this day, you’ll run into people who will say, ‘I watched you play.’ That’s pretty special — and that’s St. Louis.”

Having grabbed the attention of locals, St. Louis would soon become a recruiting hotbed in what was still a relatively small NCAA sport. Coaches from across the country approached star St. Louisians like Al Trost (A&S ’71). He had invitations to play for Michigan State and South Florida, but Trost ultimately chose SLU, where he went on to win back-to-back national championships and national player of the year honors in 1969 and 1970.

Trost said the temptation to play for faraway schools did not measure up to the comfort he knew he would have playing for his hometown school. “Since I knew the players here — I’d played with or against them growing up — it was just a continuation of that,” Trost said. “I don’t know what it feels like to go away and start with a whole new group. That would be really difficult.”

Meanwhile, young players in other regions also began to take notice of St. Louis soccer. Among them was Dan Donigan (Grad ’95), who has been the Billikens head men’s soccer coach since 2000. He played his college soccer at the University of Connecticut and grew up in New Jersey.

Donigan recalls that in his youth he always heard St. Louis was filled with great soccer players. He remembers seeing great junior college players from the St. Louis area at an annual tournament on the East Coast.

But since joining SLU as an assistant coach 13 years ago, Donigan said he has come to know that Saint Louis University is about more than great soccer. “I love the school and believe in what I do — I give opportunities to young student-athletes to get a great education and better themselves as people and players,” Donigan said. “It would be hard for me to do that if I didn’t believe in the school and the institution.”

**LASTING BONDS**

Donigan noted that one of the most remarkable aspects of the Billikens soccer program has been the alumni support it receives. That has included occasional coaching support from former players such as Mike Sorber (A&S ’95), who played for the Billikens from 1989 to 1992 and is currently an assistant coach for the men’s U.S. National Team.

Sorber said the support the team receives from the soccer alumni has become a strong recruiting tool. For example, the alumni procure internships and other postgraduate networking opportunities that extend the bonds of the team far beyond the soccer field.

During the last half-century, the team’s bonds have stretched over generations of families, too. John Hayes, for instance, has watched not only his son Kyle don the blue jersey, but also daughter Ashley, who plays on the women’s team.

Ty Keough (A&S ’79) was fortunate to watch his father Harry Keough begin coaching the team in the late 1960s before playing for his dad from 1975 to 1978.

Keough was 10 years old when his dad started his SLU coaching career in the late 1960s. “That means first-class soccer on the field and first-class performance in the classroom,” Donigan said. “Our players know what it means to put on the 11th championship.”
The Gutenberg Bible was printed in the early 1450s in Mainz, Germany, by Johann Gutenberg. It is believed to be the very first book printed with movable type in the western world. "Before the Gutenberg Bible, all books were produced by scribes writing out the text by hand," Pass said. "Produced not by scribes but instead by a printing press, the Gutenberg Bible is believed to be the greatest invention and innovation in history. Movable type, which could be assembled rapidly and put on a printing press, permitted the mass production of books and documents at a lower cost, permitting the mass production of books and documents at a lower cost, making these materials available to SLU faculty, students and scholars worldwide. The Cahills wrote Pass that they were so impressed with his work and that of his colleagues that they wanted to donate a rare document from their personal library to the University’s collection."

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FOR SIX INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY IS NOW HOME.

world class

— by Allison Babka

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST DAY AT A NEW SCHOOL? Perhaps you were nervous about wearing the right clothes. Afraid to say the wrong thing. Scared about walking into the wrong classroom.

Now imagine doing it in another country.

That’s the case for more than 800 undergraduate and graduate students from all over the world who are enrolled at Saint Louis University this year. Along with the quality education for which SLU is known, these students are getting a crash course in American culture.

“There’s a perception worldwide that the United States has the best higher education system on the planet,” said Dr. Bert Barry (Grad ’95), director of international services. “And for that reason, you have this sense that a person who is educated in the United States is going to be able to get a better job — a high-paying job — and go further in his or her career.” Barry said.

Those relationships begin the first time students meet an admission counselor or recruiting agency in their homeland and continue through the enrollment and visa process. Once students are on campus, they’re treated to a fun, welcoming orientation that caters to their needs, and they also take part in SLU’s traditional Welcome Week festivities if they arrive in the fall. After that, international services partners with other University departments and organizations to provide these students the academic and cultural support they need to make the most of their time at SLU.

“Just like an American first-year student has no idea what to expect, our international students also are nervous about their roommates and their classes,” said Aftah Fulton Lukas (Cook ’06), a former international admission counselor who now is a counselor in undergraduate admission. “But the difference is, many of these students never have stepped foot in a Western country. They’re facing a whole new set of cultural norms on top of new academic and social experiences.”

Many international students may need assistance with the cultural aspects of life at SLU, but most are well prepared for the academics. Word-of-mouth recommendations, family knowledge, foreign recruitment agencies and SLU’s high ranking on a variety of popular college lists encourage students to cross oceans for an education here. In addition, many students — particularly those in Central and South America — attended Jesuit high schools and want to continue that tradition at SLU. In the end, relationships and personal attention — recruitment efforts that SLU prides itself on — are what make the difference.

“Students who feel well-satisfied and well-served by their university will quickly tell their family and friends,” Barry said.

“Most of the students that we attract have been taking English for years,” said David McKee, international admission counselor. SLU’s international students aren’t the only ones learning; American-born students also gain something by being surrounded by students from Europe, Africa, Asia and beyond.

“Both inside and outside the classroom and through campus organizations, American students interact with the international students, and it truly does enrich SLU,” Fulton said.

McKee agreed: “I think what’s really important is that this meets the mission of Saint Louis University in a very specific way. If we’re going to be men and women for others, we can’t just be men and women for others as Americans or as people from St. Louis or people from Illinois.

“We have to be men and women for everyone, and that includes people from other countries,” he said. “And that makes the mission of the Jesuits more whole.”

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"Why did you decide to study at SLU?" SLU has an excellent engineering school (Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology) and is especially good in the major that I am studying. In addition, my aunt used to work at Saint Louis University Hospital, and I became familiar with and liked the school through her.

"How is the classroom experience here different from Saudi Arabia?" The main difference between the classrooms of USA and Saudi Arabia is that in Saudi Arabia, boys and girls go to different schools.

"What has been the best part about your SLU experience so far?" I have met people from all around the world.

"Where in St. Louis do you like to go?" Forest Park and the Central West End are some of my favorite places in St. Louis.

"What did you expect before coming to America, and how does that measure up?" I was expecting that the lifestyle here would be nice, people would be friendly, and the food would be normal. I have been here for more than a year, and I found out that everything is just as I expected.

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HOMETOWN: Zwijndrecht, Belgium
YEAR: Senior
MAJOR: Finance, with a minor in international business

What are your career goals?
Right now, financial consultant, working for a private investor or working for a financial firm.

You’re an exchange student at SLU. What is your home university and where is it?
The University of Antwerp, located in the center of Antwerp, Belgium.

Why did you want to study in the United States?
First, it seemed like a fascinating country to me: it is a Western country yet completely different from Europe. Secondly, my major: the United States is the leading country in the financial world — both positively and negatively.

Why did you decide to study at SLU?
SLU seemed the best university to me: both infrastructurally (beautiful campus, excellent facilities) and personality (a real sense of community).

How is the classroom experience here different from Belgium?
First of all, the average class size here is a lot smaller than in Belgium. On average, I have classes with 20-30 people, whereas the average class in Belgium is 150, at least.

The second main difference is that there is homework for almost every class here. In Belgium, all we get are two or three long-term assignments. Although having homework takes some time, I do prefer this system, as it forces you to keep up with your classes.

What has been the best part about your SLU experience so far?
Everything. I’ve met tons of awesome people and made a lot of friends. I really enjoy the community feeling and all the activities. Classes are really fun, and the professors are very nice. I totally love the campus and the city. I’ve already started locking for scholarships to come back to SLU after I graduate.

What types of activities are you involved in on campus?
I joined the Residence Hall Association and am pledging Alpha Phi Omega. I also attend Campus Emergency Response Team training and joined the SLU finance society. Apart from that, I like to socialize with friends and go to the gym.

What did you expect before coming to America, and how does that measure up?
I expected everything to be way bigger here than in Europe; this proved to be correct. Also, I didn’t expect the people to be so friendly here, so that was definitely a very nice surprise. The food is pretty much what I expected it to be: a lot of fast food.

Osedebam Osezua

HOMETOWN: Lagos, Nigeria
YEAR: Sophomore
MAJOR: Psychology

What are your career goals?
Medical doctor — although I plan to go back home after one year of practicing.

Why did you want to study in the United States?
Most of my family did their tertiary studies here, and when we would come to the United States for vacation, I liked what I saw as compared to other countries I had visited.

Why did you decide to study at SLU?
Out of all the schools I applied to, I felt there was more individual attention given to me by SLU. They worked with me and made me feel that they really wanted me to join their community. I also received a partial scholarship.

Have you developed friendships with any faculty members yet?
From my very first semester, I developed friendships with most of my professors and some of my teaching assistants. I love how approachable most faculty members make themselves. It is an attribute that has helped me tremendously.

How is the classroom experience here different from Nigeria?
There is less difference in the classroom experience for me than there is between the educational levels themselves. The transition from high school education to college education has had more of an impact on me than the individual classroom experiences on both sides. Of course there are the structural and technical advancements that schools in the United States have over most schools in Nigeria.

How difficult was it to leave Nigeria for college?
I think like any other stage in life, it’s hard because you leave familiar ground, but it’s not horrible because you know it’s the next step and you’re prepared to take it. My family is super supportive of me, cheering me on every day.

What types of activities are you involved in on campus?
I’m involved in the Students for Life group and am joining the prehealth club. I’m also in the International Student Federation. In my free time, I’m definitely the kind of girl who hangs out with the girls, watches a movie and talks about everything and nothing — outside of studying, of course.

What did you expect before coming to America, and how does that measure up?
For the most part, my expectations were duly met since I had been here and knew firsthand what to really expect. Surprised, I must say, were my college life expectations and how much fun I could have.

Fei Wang

HOMETOWN: Jinhua, China
YEAR: Senior
MAJOR: Information technology management

What are your career goals?
Physician or health IT professional

Why did you want to study in the United States? Did you consider other schools?
The United States provides high-quality education in medicine. I also considered colleges in the United Kingdom.

Why did you decide to study at SLU?
SLU has a wonderful medical school, and there are more practice opportunities in the St. Louis area. SLU also offers scholarships to international students.

What was the residence hall experience like?
I lived in Grasswood Hall my freshman year. My American roommate was really nice and talked and studied with me all the time. Other girls across the hallway were super nice, too.

How is the classroom experience here different from China?
In the United States, students can question the instructor any time, while in China instructors just give lectures without interaction.

What is it like taking classes in a language that’s not native to you?
I have found my potential in leadership; I have been given many opportunities to prove myself.

What types of activities are you involved in on campus?
I’m involved in the Chinese Student and Scholar association last year. This year, I represent the rights of international students through the Student Government association. I also was the president of the Chinese Student and Scholar Association last year. In addition, I perform with a traditional Chinese music instrument called hulusi.

Where in St. Louis do you like to go?
My favorite part of St. Louis is Forest Park. I enjoy running and playing tennis there.

What did you expect before coming to America, and how does that measure up?
I have cousins here in the United States, so I had heard about the lifestyle before I came here. I’ve learned that Midwestern Americans are friendlier than those from West and East Coasts.
Why did you want to study in the United States? Did you consider other schools?

I wanted to apply to schools in Mexico, Chile and Spain. I was too afraid of the challenge of studying in English, since I had studied in Spanish all my life. But then, listening to my parents’ advice, I figured that SLU was the right choice for me. Not only did it have a beautiful campus, but it also is a Catholic school, which was very important to me.

Kathleen Su are

HOMETOWN: Managua, Nicaragua
YEARS: Freshman

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After attending a Jesuit high school, what does continuing your Jesuit education mean to you?

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Gayle Williams has joined the Naval Postgraduate School to pursue a doctorate. He lives in St. Louis.

Leonard Drobotoski has two musical achievements published in World Library Publications. He lives in St. Louis.

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Legacies

F or many members of the freshman class, Saint Louis University runs in the family. That’s because more than 200 first-year students have a parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt or uncle who graduated from SLU. The office of alumni relations offers these “legacies” the members of the class of 2013 at an Aug. 20 luncheon during Welcome Week.

Alexander Lambros (Parke ’68) and his son Gregory G. (Parke ’98, Myer, ’98). “We looked at a lot of schools — East Coast, West Coast, everywhere,” Alexander said. “And SLU was a good fit.”

James George Pneras (Parke ’76) and his daughter Mary of St. Louis. “SLU is close to home,” said Mary, “who plans to major in occupational therapy. “And the campus feels like home.”

Gary Busch (Grad ’04) and his daughter Lauren of Potomac Falls, Va. “SLU has a great reputation,” said Lauren, whose grand-father Dr. Norman Bucher (Grad ’56, Grad ’60, ’67) is an assistant director of the School of Education in St. Louis, “and that’s why we decided to come here.”

Grandfather Tom O’Shea (Law ’53), freshman Caitlin Taaffe and her mom Theresa (O’Shea Taaffe ’88) of the St. Louis area. “When I took a campus tour, SLU left truly felt like home.”

Annie Nauck Higler (Maria ’15), son Jacob and husband Ken Higler (Parke ’16) of Little Rock, Ark. “We can appreciate what he’s enjoying here at SLU,” Annie said. “We’ve both had that same experience.”

Peter Gianino (Law) is a principal with Paulo, Cama-zine and Blumenthal in St. Louis.

Dr. Lauren (Scharf) Dillon (Nurs) received a doctorate in occupational therapy from Washington University School of Nursing here at SLU for her dedication to the public interest. She has a son, Gabriel James.

Candra Parks (Parks ’76) and her husband, Matt, live in Millstadt, Ill.

Dana Naughton (SB) is an attorney working for New York City presenting child abuse and neglect cases. She was honored by the City University of New York School of Law for her dedication to the public interest. She has a son, Alexander.

Dr. Jay M. Perry (A&S) is director of development at Grand Cross Ministries, Inc.

Chris Blume (Cook) and his wife, Stephanie, welcomed their second daughter, Keira Elizabeth, on March 27. They live in Madrid, Ala.

Kerry Fiedler (Law) received an Award of Merit from the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Christopher Guin (A&S) is a partner in the law firm of Starnes and Canafax in St. Louis.

Jonah Hoyle (A&S) graduated from the University of Central Florida.

Patrick Stufflebeam (Law) was honored by the Illinois Alumni Association for his work with United Way in 2009 Rising Star Award. He lives in Edwardsville, Ill.

Daniel Bosty (A&S) has joined the health care practice group of Greenfield, Homer and Goertzen in St. Louis.

Adam Langer (Law) was honored by the Illinois Alumni Association for his work with United Way in 2009 Rising Star Award. He lives in Edwardsville, Ill.

Daniel Bosty (A&S) has joined the health care practice group of Greenfield, Homer and Goertzen in St. Louis.

Dr. Alexander Gonzalez (PH) is the assistant secretary for health and medical affairs of the Department of Homeland and Security. He most recently served as the director of military programs at the ER of U.S. Forces Korea at Osan Air Base in South Korea.

Casey Cochran (A&S) launched GrassiGuidelines.com. She also produces300 books, a charity that offers training and virtual worlds. She lives in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Philip Jr. (A&S) is the head basketball coach at St. Francis College.

Shawn Pintak (A&S) is an associate with the firm of Hall, Becher, Zach, Reinard and Bannister.

Nanciya Prudy (A&S ’74, Law ’87) is an associate in the law practice group of the firm Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis.

Christopher Blackwell (Law) married Stephen Pena on Aug. 9 in Dallas. He is a college placement counselor at the Jones College Preparatory School of Dallas.

Paul Eisenstein (EPK) director of operations with The Mission Continues, was listed in the 2009 St. Louis Business Journal’s “30 under 38.”

Dr. Tom Morenzetti (Pharm) is a flight controller for NASA’s Mission Control at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. She is married and has two sons.

Patti O’Brien (A&S) works in alumni relations at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla. She is engaged to Matt Bremner (A&S), and they are planning a spring 2010 wedding. Matt works in personnel management for Gap Inc.

Jennifer Prudencio (A&S) married Richard Jack (’96) in June. Their wedding party included 25 SLU alumni. Jennifer is advising the dean of the School of Business at Columbia University in New York. Richard is a mechanical engineer in the V-22 Osprey Program at Boeing.

Melanie E. Rinko (Law ’05) is an associate with the firm of Heflin, Booher, Vinkeer and Allen in Edwardsville, Ill., office.

Ubero Athal (A&S) and Nathan Prince (Parke) were married in Richland, Texas, in May.

Daniel Batten (Parke) is an associate in the litigation practice group of Greenfield, Homer and Goertzen in St. Louis.

Katherine Murray-Kretbl (Cook ’92, Law ’08) of DRS Technologies Inc., was honored in the 2009 St. Louis Business Journal’s “30 under 38.”

Jennifer K. Stetson (A&S) was appointed to the 2009 St. Louis Business Journal’s “30 under 38.”

Kerry Feld (Law) is an associate of the firm of Heflin, Booher, Vinkeer and Allen in Edwardsville, Ill., office.

Sarah Winter (A&S) was listed in the 2009 St. Louis Business Journal’s “30 under 38.”

Jeffrey Craig Mayer (Law) is a member of the management team at the Lutheran Church Charities World Mission and recently helped raise more than $100,000 to help support missionary efforts. He lives in St. Louis.

Mary Helmsman (A&S) is a member of Congress in St. Louis.

Thomas P. McDonald (Law) is a shareholder at McDonald & Gondreau in Jannettville, Wis., and is serving a two-year term on the Jannettville City Council.

Kilty Cantwell McFadden (Law) is an assistant state’s attorney in Cook County, Ill.

Christine Scott (Law) was selected a Young Lawyer Fellow by the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law and is co-editor of a book on the practice of intellectual property law in video gaming. She lives in Park Charlotte, Fla.

Kathryn Solt (Deni ’06, Grad ’09) received the American Physical Therapy Association Mary McMillan Scholarship Award. She lives in Park Ridge, Ill.

Jesse Sullivan (A&S) earned a master’s degree at Oxford University and was the chief foreign policy advisor for U.S. Congressional campaign. He is now working for The Mission Continues, St. Louis nonprofit arguing wounded and disabled veterans.

Christa Warner (A&S) is president of Cienta Holding in the Slausb School of Medicine in Masback (MD) School District.

Brittany Young (A&S) is a sophomore mat and was the 2008-09 lieutenant governor at the University of Missouri.

Wendy Lee (A&S) is a small enterprise development volunteer with the Peace Corps in Cameroon, West Africa. She is coordinating programs for Cameroon, a library project that brings 28 books to library regions in Cameroon.

Sarah Molten-Dominguez (Law) of Lewis, Rice & Fingold, was listed in the 2009 St. Louis Business Journal’s “30 under 38.”

Dr. Laura O’Hara Grady, her husband, Tom, and son, Jack, welcomed a baby, Luke, on May 9. She is a co-principal in a language program with the Collaborative (IL) School District and is an affiliated faculty member at Fontbonne University in St. Louis.

Kristopher Prieter (A&S) owns Apolux, a winner of the2nd District Orbital Express Sprints. He was one of the finalists for Entreprise Magazine’s College Entrepreneur of 2009.

Nicole Fortino (A&S) is the registrar for Michigan State University.

Audra L. Zornet (A&S) is an assistant in the Ed- wardsville, Ill., office of the HopkinsWard law firm.

Fernando Alfate (Alae ’90, Grad ’91) and his wife welcomed twins, Ethan and Logan, on July 14. They both hail from Cali, Colombia, and the family lives in Simi Valley, Calif.

Nicholas Angelides (Law) is a partner with Sim- mons & Schuster. He lives in East Aurora, Ill.

Katy Burnt (A&S) is a patent attorney and partner at the Ann Arbor, Mich., office of Brinks, Hofe, Gilman & Lus. She won the 2005 Caltech Alumni, an all-female aviation race. She and her co-pilot flew on behalf of their organization for two consecutive three -night flights to help children and adults in need, and will donate their $5,000 prize to them.

James Crow (Law) joined the law firm of Darrow Blanken of St. Louis. His wife, Rachelle (A Laud) Crow (’00), is an assistant vice president in Madison County, Ill. They live in Maryville, Ill., with their son, Ryan.

Dr. Richard Down (Grad) is president of Oruaka Colle ge in Milwaukee, Az.

W. Andrew Douglas (Law) is an employee in the benefi- cies and executive compensation department of Shefheld Slan, based in the firm’s Chicago office.

Dr. Markus H. Hude (A&S) is an assistant professor in the department of ophthalmology at the University of Iowa and is on the facutly of the interdisciplinary vision research program. His lab is working on characterizing the cell biology of glaucoma, for which he received a $1.5 million grant from the NIH.

Dr. Ellen Suzanne Lee (A&S) earned tenure and is an associate professor in the School of Education at Saint Louis University in Chicago. She is on a full- year sabatical working mission and core values in Missouri Catholic education.

Stacy Rummel (A&S) is an��cance general counsel for health science at the University of Southern California. She lives in Marina Del Rey, Calif.

Jack Simon (A&S) left Sepulveda Catholic High School in Tucson, Ariz., to pursue a doctorate in counseling psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and work as a graduate assistant.

Barbara Waeha (Grad) is an associate professor of English at St. Louis Community College and serves as the English program chair at SLU-Florissant Valley campus. She also chairs the Florissant Valley Academic Council.

Jameil Walker (A&S) is director of basketball operations at Arizona State University.

Kristopher Barkem (A&S) teaches social studies at Cherry High School in Greenwood Village, Colo. He and his wife, Kelly (A&S ’01) moved from Denver to Kansas City.

Dr. Ben Davidson (Grad) has opened a practice, Envision Eye Specialists, at the new St. Clare Health Center in Ferguson.

Andrew Meade Flynn (Parke) owns his own speech company, Blackbox Speech, and lives in Wilmington, N.C., with his wife and three children.

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Steve Bowe (A&S '88) of Westmont, Ill., recalled: “As for being in Spain in the '80s, it certainly was a dynamic time to be...”
Alumni Club Calendar

BOSTON
MEN’S BASKETBALL VS. UMass
Cleveland
Saturday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m. tip-off
Blaksa Center
Cost: $10 per person
billikenalumni.slu.edu/umass10

CHARLOTTE
MEN’S BASKETBALL VS. CHARLOTTE
Sunday, Jan. 17, 1 p.m. tip-off
up-up-Tab’s Arena
Cost: $20 per person
billikenalumni.slu.edu/char10

CHICAGO
MEN’S BASKETBALL IN CHICAGO INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT
Friday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m. arrival and Saturday, Nov. 20
(Westin across from United Center)
Dribble Tour is an all-session pass, call
Billiken athletics at (314) 977-2250
www.slubillikens.com/tickets

WASHINGTON, D.C.
MEN’S BASKETBALL VS. GEORGE WASHINGTON
Wednesday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. tip-off
Woodbridge High School
Cost: $25 per person
billikenalumni.slu.edu/woodbridge09

PHILADELPHIA
MEN’S BASKETBALL VS. ST. JOSEPH’S
Saturday, Feb. 6, 6 p.m. tip-off
Clune Arena
Cost: $20 per person
billikenalumni.slu.edu/stjoseph09

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
MEN’S BASKETBALL VS. LOYOLA MARYMOUNT
Friday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. tip-off
Jackie Robinson Stadium
Cost: $20 per person
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ALUMNI EVENTS

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TODAY’S EVENTS

Alumni Association

John Cook School of Business
Presented by Kevin Erli (Grad Cook ’54)

TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday, Jan. 30, 6-9 p.m. doors open 6:30 p.m.
Tsun Noguchi, Shannon Blank, Cook Hall
Cost: $250 per table of 10
billikenalumni.slu.edu/jkcook10

Doisy College of Health Sciences
Presented by Cassie Hopkins Lutz (Grad’14)

CANCER CARE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Tuesday, Dec. 1, 12:15-1:45 p.m.
Billiken athletics at (314) 977-4SLU.
To order an all-session pass, call (617) 484-3868 • e spelinc@gmail.com

San Francisco: SF Symphony/Handel’s Messiah
Sunday, Dec. 19, 5-7 p.m. reception; 8 p.m. curtain
Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center
Cost: $70 per person
billikenalumni.slu.edu/laslso10

Chicago: Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Tuesday, Mar. 2, 7:30 p.m. curtain
Ahmanson Theatre
Cost: $25 per person
billikenalumni.slu.edu/chicagox10

Louisville: Billiken Travel Program Tours
If you are a SLU graduate from 2000-present, you are eligible for this exclusive Billiken ticket offer.

TICKETS ARE ONLY $99 EACH (a savings of 63 percent off the regular price)

EACH PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Reserved seat ticket in the Young Alumni section at the following games in Chaifetz Arena:
  - Southern Illinois (Saturday, Dec. 5)
  - Missouri State (Saturday, Dec. 19)
  - Richmond (Saturday, Jan. 9)
  - Xavier (Wednesday, Feb. 24)

- Ticket to the games!
- On-Site “white-out” t-shirt for the Feb. 24 game
- $10 coupon for the SLU Shop in Chaifetz Arena
- Exclusive Billiken alumni lounge area

Purchase by phone at (314) 977-4SLU or online at www.slubillikens.com/tickets

The Nutcracker
Sunday, Dec. 6, 1 p.m. curtain
Cost: $65 per person
billikenalumni.slu.edu/nutcracker09

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 19, 8:30 a.m.
Bash Student Center
There’s no place like SLU for the holidays! Come back and celebrate the holiday season with your family, friends and Santa while enjoying music, games, gifts and a fun breakfast for all ages.
Cost: $14 for adults, $10 for children ages 5-12; five for children under 5
billikenalumni.slu.edu/bwsanta10

Young Alumni Men’s Basketball Basket Package
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YOUNG ALUMNI MEN’S BASKETBALL TICKET PACKAGE

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ST. LOUIS FOX THEATRE EVENTS

White Christmas
Thursday, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. reception; 8 p.m. curtain
Cost: $75 per person
billikenalumni.slu.edu/whitechristmas09

Grease
Thursday, Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m. reception; 8 p.m. curtain
Cost: $75 per person
billikenalumni.slu.edu/grease10

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS, CONTACT OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS
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So much has changed at Saint Louis U. in the time we were away that those of us from ’59 had to look at all that is new and modern, and seek the places where once we were young.

When we were undergraduates, Saillouis U. was primarily a commuting college: students took a streetcar on Grand Avenue. West Pine wasn’t a walkway through campus, but a busy downtown street.

Looking past the expansive campus filled with fountains and sculptures, pools of water, and bright, new brick buildings, it was hard to locate the small footprint of what once was our familiar school.

Full of bustling fours and fauna, our old quadrangle is now a garden of delight; the Campus Club where we played bridge for hours during long afternoons is Father McNamara’s art museum, Samuel Cupples House; the towering and ghostly DeSmet Hall sat watch and face of the weekling ball.

But if it was hard to access the old SLU sights, it was easy to access our memories. They came readily to mind as we scratched our heads and asked: Did we really spend four years in those small rooms?

Memories of Friday’s mandatory Mass, 10 o’clock lights out, bed checks by Harry Wiggins, midnight runs to the Toddle House on South Grand Avenue, but a busy downtown street.

In truth, our time at college was just one brief moment in our lives. We returned as careers as doctors, accountants, engineers and teachers. It was here on a public platform far from home. At SLU, as students, we began speaking — in an item about the reservoir at SLU’s landscaping. Additionally, it was reported that student enrollment had reached 976 (13%), a record for SLU.

Sarah, this fall, when you take to the soccer field and run for those Malawian children, my heart will be cheering you on. And, if that running leads to some wins for Billiken soccer, so much the better.

Robert A. Fraueglas (Law ’81) St. Louis

LIBRARY LAUNCHED

I just received my summer 2009 edition and enjoyed the article on the Pius XII Memorial Library.

I spent many hours on the top floors studying in peace and quiet when I was attending Parks and SLU. I did much good work there, and the staff was outstanding when I needed something to aid me in my labs. Good story. Keep it up.

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