By Lawrence Biondi, S.J.
Saint Louis University President

I’m convinced that it must have been a SLU graduate who coined the phrase, “What a small world.”

I’m sure you’ve all had a similar experience: you’re sitting in a restaurant, standing in line to check out at a grocery store or even taking in a ball game, and someone around you says something like, “Didn’t you go to SLU?”

Whatever the opening line, what almost always ensues is a brief conversation between two people. They may have never met before, but it’s as if an instant connection has been made. They begin talking like old friends.

Although I realize that this phenomenon frequently happens between people who share a common identity, I often come away from such experiences convinced that members of our SLU community transcend the superficialities of just sharing an alma mater or even a fondness for a particular sports team.

I truly believe our mission and our Ignatian heritage unites us on a deeper level. The recent Homecoming festivities only reinforced my belief. As all of you know, during Homecoming, we welcome thousands of former students back to campus, putting them in contact once again with each other and with our current students, faculty and staff.

There were tours of Grand Center, our own home in Midtown, as well as the new and improved Busch Student Center. There were parties, outdoor concerts, Billiken soccer, a parade and fireworks. There were golf outings, class reunions and tailgates. And serving as an appropriate, intimate ending to the weekend, there was the Golden Billiken Brunch for members of the classes up to and including the class of 1953.

Although all of these activities are entertaining and help to demonstrate our appreciation for members of our SLU family, perhaps the most satisfying element of Homecoming is found in the personal interaction between longtime friends. For Homecoming is one of the few times during the year in which generations of Billikens come back to campus to celebrate and commemorate their shared identity. Alumni reminisce about old times while also introducing their former classmates to their personal families. We at SLU show off our campus and introduce our current family of students, faculty and staff, who share their own thoughts and feelings about the SLU experience.

Alumni often share their own success stories, but more importantly, their stories about family, friends and faith. They tell me how the philosophy, ethics and theological components they once grumbled about now serve them well in their everyday lives.

Conversely, we let alumni know that SLU remains committed to informing and transforming our current students, who, in turn, will transform society in the spirit of the Gospels. I give assurances that although the nature of higher education has changed, SLU remains true to its Jesuit, Catholic heritage — just like it has for generations, all the way back to its founding in 1818.

Yes, we truly see the spirit of Saint Louis University revealed and refreshed during our Homecoming festivities. It gives me great joy to hear about the ways in which members of the SLU community continue to make a difference for their families, for their communities, for their professions, for their world. Though it is only one weekend during the year, there’s undoubtedly an invisible bridge that links generations of Billiken alumni together. We can be reassured that SLU continues to succeed in preparing its graduates for a lifetime of service to humankind.

It’s wonderful to see that SLU is indeed “where the heart is” in so many people’s lives.
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Home-Court Advantage
Take a peek at the plans for Saint Louis University’s proposed arena.

Remembering Father Ong
A look at the life of one of SLU’s most noted scholars.

Center of Attention
The renovated and expanded Busch Student Center is drawing raves.

Momentum
The Campaign for Saint Louis University marks its first anniversary.

Lore of the Rings
A SLU professor is one of the world’s foremost experts on J.R.R. Tolkien.
SLU named a ‘Best Buy’ again

Saint Louis University is the nation’s top educational buy among all Jesuit institutions according to U.S. News & World Report, which again recognized Saint Louis University as one of the country’s best values in higher education. Overall, the magazine also ranked SLU among the top four Catholic universities in the country.

In the publication’s “America’s Best Colleges 2004” issue, SLU is No. 41 on the best values list among all national doctoral universities. This is the sixth consecutive year that U.S. News has highlighted the University as a leading educational value. SLU is the top Jesuit institution on the best value list and the No. 2 Catholic school, second only to the University of Notre Dame. U.S. News has highlighted the University as a leading educational value. SLU is the top Jesuit institution on the best value list and the No. 2 Catholic school, second only to the University of Notre Dame. U.S. News has highlighted the University as a leading educational value. SLU is the top Jesuit institution on the best value list and the No. 2 Catholic school, second only to the University of Notre Dame. U.S. News has highlighted the University as a leading educational value.

U.S. News also named Saint Louis University among the top four Catholic institutions on its ranking of best national doctoral universities, a group that includes nearly 250 schools. SLU is No. 78 on the list, with only Notre Dame, Georgetown University and Boston College ranking higher.

New trustees join SLU board

Three new trustees have joined the Saint Louis University board: L.B. Eckelkamp Jr., chairman of the board and CEO of the Bank of Washington (Mo.) and chairman and president of Cardinal Bancorp and Cardinal Bancorp II, which owns the United Bank of Union and Citizens National Bank of Greater St. Louis; Keith F. Muccino, S.J., assistant professor of internal medicine and Catholic chaplain at Georgetown University School of Medicine; and Robert L. Niehoff, S.J., vice president for budget and planning at the University of San Francisco.

Sword award to honor Westfall

Saint Louis University will give its highest honor to the late George R. “Buzz” Westfall (A&S ’68, Law ’69). SLU will recognize the late political leader with its Sword of Ignatius Loyola during the DuBourg Society Dinner Dec. 7. Mr. Westfall died Oct. 27. He was 59.

One of the region’s most influential public figures of the last 20 years, Mr. Westfall was elected St. Louis County executive in 1990 and was re-elected three times. Noted for his bipartisanship and regional focus, his accomplishments included the establishment of a shelter for battered women and children.

The Sword of Ignatius Loyola is named for the founder of the Society of Jesus. Symbolic of the Ignatian vision of service, sword recipients have given themselves to humankind for the greater glory of God.

SLU joins A10 Conference

Saint Louis University is joining the Atlantic 10 Conference. The Billikens will begin intercollegiate athletic competition in the Atlantic 10 during the 2005-06 academic year.

The Atlantic 10 Conference is in its 28th year of NCAA Division I competition. The league’s members include Dayton, Duquesne, Fordham, George Washington, LaSalle, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Richmond, St. Bonaventure, Saint Joseph’s, Temple and Xavier.

Saint Louis University currently is a charter member of Conference USA. In early November, five C-USA member schools — Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville, Marquette and USF — accepted invitations to join the Big East Conference. Five new schools — Central Florida, Marshall, Rice, SMU and Tulsa — filled C-USA’s vacant positions.

For more details, visit www.slbillikens.com.
Three new deans now on campus

Dr. Ellen Harshman (Grad ’78, Law ’92) is the new dean of the John Cook School of Business. She succeeds the retiring Dr. Leroy Grossman, who was interim dean for one year. Harshman has served SLU in several leadership roles since 1972, including associate dean of the business school, director of the career planning and placement center and assistant to the vice president for student development. She also holds the rank of associate professor of management and most recently was SLU’s senior vice provost. Among her many responsibilities in this role, Harshman administered compliance with the University’s accrediting agencies, served as a liaison with state-wide educational agencies and oversaw the libraries, Reinert Center for Teaching Excellence and office of institutional study. Harshman has earned numerous honors during her SLU career and was named SLU’s Woman of the Year in 1981.

Dr. Charlotte Royeen, a national leader in her field of occupational therapy, is the new dean of the Doisy School of Allied Health Professions. Royeen most recently served as associate dean for research at Creighton’s School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions and professor of occupational therapy. Prior to that, she was the founding chair and professor of occupational therapy at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va., and worked for several years for the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs. Royeen holds a doctorate from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va., and a master’s degree in occupational therapy from Washington University School of Medicine. At the conference of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Royeen received the 2002 Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship Award, which is the highest scholarly achievement bestowed in occupational therapy.

Dr. Bjong Wolf Yeigh joined the Saint Louis University community July 1 as the dean for Parks College of Engineering and Aviation. He came to SLU from Yale University, where he was assistant provost of science and technology since 1999. He succeeds Dr. Charles Kirkpatrick, who was dean of Parks College for nine years and is on the department of chemistry faculty. Yeigh received a bachelor’s degree in engineering science from Dartmouth College, a master’s degree in mechanical engineering from Stanford and a doctorate in civil engineering and operations research from Princeton. A former tactical air intelligence officer assigned to Fighter Squadron 74, Yeigh served in the U.S. Navy during the Gulf War and for a total of eight years in active and reserve duties, leaving with a rank of lieutenant.

RESEARCH PLANS: Preliminary plans are under way for the design and site selection for a new research center at the Saint Louis University Health Sciences Center, part of an $80 million investment in new and renovated research space. Raising money for the building is part of the University’s $300 million “Campaign for Saint Louis University: Where Knowledge Touches Lives.”
Ellen Watson is Saint Louis University’s new vice president for information technology services. Although Watson may be new to SLU, she is familiar with the Jesuit mission. Before coming to SLU, she was the vice president of information service at Loyola University Chicago, a post she had held since 1999. Watson boasts 19 years of experience in her field, having served as associate vice president for information services and dean of library services at Indiana State University for four years and associate provost for information resources and technology at Bradley University for two years. She received her bachelor’s degree from Wellesley College and her master’s from the University of Maryland.

Drabble wins Literary Award

Saint Louis University Library Associates presented English author Margaret Drabble with the 2003 Saint Louis Literary Award at a ceremony Oct. 21. Drabble, a novelist, biographer, critic and short story writer, is the author of *The Seven Sisters, The Peppered Moth, The Witch of Exmoor* and *The Millstone*. She is also editor of *The Oxford Companion to English Literature*. Drabble joins a distinguished group of authors honored with this award during the past 36 years. Recipients include such luminaries as Arthur Miller, Joyce Carol Oates and Seamus Heaney. Last year’s winner was Joan Didion.

Kavanaugh wins press award

Saint Louis University philosophy professor and magazine columnist John Kavanaugh, S.J., (A&S ’65, Grad ’66, ’71) received top honors from the National Catholic Press Association. His “Ethics Notebook,” which regularly appears in *America* magazine, earned the Best Regular Column Award from the association, which represents 640 publications with a combined circulation of nearly 27 million in the United States and Canada. In honoring him, the National Catholic Press Association said: “Father Kavanaugh examines public issues through a moral lens and discusses them thoughtfully and powerfully.”

Biodefense research brings schools together

A new research center based in St. Louis will play a major role in protecting the American public against bioterrorism and emerging infectious diseases. Washington University School of Medicine and Saint Louis University School of Medicine will be part of a multi-institutional Midwest Regional Center for Excellence in Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases Research (MRCE). The center will be funded by a five-year, $35 million grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The founding members of the MRCE also include Case Western Reserve University, the University of Missouri-Columbia and the Midwest Research Institute of Kansas City. The new center will concentrate on expanding current research efforts in biodefense. For example, the team’s initial research effort will focus on poxvirus infections, which include diseases such as smallpox. The ultimate goals are to improve the safety of vaccines and to develop new therapies.

International HIV trial led by SLU

Saint Louis University is leading an international vaccine trial to study a promising HIV prevention vaccine in humans. The trial is being conducted through the HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN) of the National Institutes of Health. This is the first HVTN trial to be conducted simultaneously in the United States and abroad — in St. Louis, Boston (through Harvard University) and Gaborone, Botswana — and it signifies a dedication to transcending borders in the fight against HIV. This vaccine has never been tested in humans. The trial is looking at the safety and immune response of an experimental HIV vaccine.

MIXING IT UP: What’s cooking in the department of nutrition and dietetics in the Doisy School of Allied Health Professions? Mark E. Miller, a certified executive chef, shown here supervising students Christina Bologna (left) and Diana Kingston, has joined the Saint Louis University faculty and is teaching future dietitians how healthy foods can be prepared to taste great. Miller, most recently a chef at Westborough Country Club, is sold on the University’s new, one-of-a-kind degree program that prepares students to become registered dietitians while they receive training for their culinary arts credential. “Our degree is perfect for students who want to work as personal chefs, among other specializations,” Miller said.
Women’s golf tees up next year

Saint Louis University’s department of athletics will sponsor women’s golf beginning in the 2004-05 academic year. Billiken men’s golf coach Ed Schwent will assume responsibility for both programs as director of golf. SLU is the 10th Conference USA program to sponsor both women’s and men’s golf. Gateway National in Illinois, which serves as the men’s team’s home course, also will serve as the home course for the women. Schwent, recently tabbed by Golf Digest as one of the top five teaching pros in Missouri, has begun recruiting for the 10-member team. For more information on how you can help, call Schwent at (314) 977-3981 or send e-mail to slugolf@pga.com.

SLU listed as ‘Best Place to Work’

For the second time since 2000, Saint Louis University has made the St. Louis Business Journal’s “Best Places to Work” list. This year, SLU was honored in the “Best Practice” category — the only institution so recognized — for the development of Hometown SLU, which is designed to spur development near the St. Louis campus while assisting SLU employees looking to purchase a home in certain areas near campus. Since Hometown SLU was unveiled Feb. 5, 19 people have applied to the program and been approved. Full-time, eligible employees may receive forgivable loans of up to $5,000 if buying homes in select neighborhoods. The loan is forgiven after five years if the employee still works at SLU and the home remains the primary residence.

SLU nabs C-USA GPA award again

Conference USA has named Saint Louis University as the recipient of the Institutional Excellence Award for the eighth consecutive year. The award is given to the member school with the highest cumulative grade point average during the academic year for all student-athletes in conference-sponsored sports. SLU student-athletes compiled a 3.24 GPA during the 2002-03 academic year. SLU has won the award every year of Conference USA’s existence.

The Sport Academic Award is given to the team in each conference-sponsored sport with the highest grade point average for the academic year. The Billikens won five individual sport honors: baseball, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, women’s soccer and women’s swimming and diving.

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Plans are under way for the Saint Louis University Arena. So is the fund raising.

Above: A rendering of the exterior of the Saint Louis University Arena.
Above right: A view of the arena court and seats.
You can’t quite hear the roar of the crowd. Yet.
But you can feel the excitement.
That’s because Billiken alumni, fans and boosters no longer have to imagine what the Saint Louis University Arena will look like — they can actually see the plans.

Designed to complement SLU’s campus architecture, arena plans call for a seating capacity of 13,000; private suites; loge “suites”; club seating with adjacent hospitality area; designated student seating sections; two concourses; concession stands; athletic training rooms; the Billiken Hall of Fame; Billiken merchandise and apparel outlets; and much more.

The main concourse will have amenities to create an exemplary experience for fans: numerous and spacious rest rooms, ample concessions and grilles, thematic food and beverage carts and the team store. The lower bowl, containing almost 60 percent of the seating, will be accessed from the main concourse.

A separate upper concourse will serve the upper bowl seating. This upper concourse will feature the same level of spectator amenities as the main concourse, including a team store.

The basketball and event floor is 36 feet below the main concourse, creating great sightlines. A large club and meeting area has been planned midway between the two floors. This allows direct access from center court seats to the club, creating an intimate experience for club seat patrons.

The Saint Louis University Arena also is designed to be a true resource for the University and for the community. The facility will welcome a broad array of events each year. In addition to SLU basketball games, the multipurpose campus events center also would be the site of SLU commencements; national conferences and conventions; concerts; family shows and circuses; cultural events, such as dance presentations, speakers and stage shows; religious gatherings; high school athletic games and tour-
naments; trade shows and exhibitions; sporting events, such as boxing and wrestling matches; and community events, such as high school graduations.

Michael F. Shanahan Sr. (B&A ’61), chairman and CEO of Engineered Support Systems Inc. and SLU trustee emeritus, is leading the fund-raising effort for the arena.

“The Saint Louis University Arena is another example of SLU’s commitment to the revitalization of Midtown St. Louis,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. “And thanks to Mike Shanahan’s leadership, I’m confident the arena one day will be another attraction for Midtown.”

Since 1987, SLU has invested more than $500 million in the area, a figure that would grow with the addition of a
research building and arena. Although locations have not been finalized for either project, both would be located somewhere on or near the SLU campus.

“This is an incredibly exciting project for SLU and Billiken basketball,” Shanahan said. “A new campus arena will help SLU build a top program. I’m confident our friends will step forward and help make the Saint Louis University Arena a reality.”

Saint Louis University has launched a Web site to support fund-raising activity for the proposed University arena. The site is http://arena.slu.edu. The arena fund-raising effort is going well, with about $10 million in commitments already received. The project is contingent on raising an estimated $40 million-$45 million in private donations.

“The Saint Louis University Arena would be the beginning of a new tradition on campus,” Biondi said. “But it is going to take the generosity of community-minded donors to make it happen.”

For detailed information about naming opportunities or ways to give, visit arena.slu.edu or call (314) 977-2849.
of the world’s most influential thinkers died Aug. 12. Saint Louis University professor and internationally renowned scholar Walter J. Ong, S.J., was 90.

Published more than 400 times around the world, Father Ong taught and lectured at many of the world’s most prestigious institutions during his career at SLU.

His work is presented alongside history’s most illustrious postmodern theorists. Father Ong’s ideas have been used to analyze the oratory skills of Martin Luther King Jr. and to study New York subway graffiti. Entire college courses have been developed around his theories.

“We have lost one of Saint Louis University’s, indeed higher education’s, greatest treasures,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J.

Born Nov. 30, 1912, in Kansas City, Mo., Father Ong was the elder of two sons. He graduated from high school at 16 before majoring in Latin at Rockhurst College, where he received a bachelor of arts degree.

He worked in printing and publishing prior to entering the Society of Jesus in 1935. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1946. Father Ong earned a master’s degree in English at Saint Louis University. His thesis was supervised by communication theorist Marshall McLuhan, who was quoting his former student by the time McLuhan wrote his classic, *The Gutenberg Galaxy*. Ong also earned a licentiate in philosophy and a licentiate in sacred theology from SLU.

After earning his doctorate in English at Harvard University in 1955, Father Ong returned to SLU, where he would teach for the next 36 years. Prior to his appointment as University Professor of Humanities, Father Ong was the William E. Haren Professor of English and professor of humanities in psychiatry at the School of Medicine.

Centering his life in the Midwest, however, didn’t stop Father Ong from traveling — and influencing — the world. His books have been translated into numerous languages, and his scholarship has been cited in more than 2,000 works. The French government decorated him for his scholarly work, and he was a visiting lecturer at many of the world’s finest institutions, including Oxford University. From Japan to Nigeria, Father Ong gave special talks all around the globe.

Father Ong authored numerous books, including the widely circulated *Orality and Literacy: The Technologizing of the Word*, published in 1982 and translated into a dozen languages. As Father Ong’s fame grew, prestigious national organizations sought out his expertise.
He served on the 14-member White House Task Force on Education under President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1967 and was a member of the National Council on the Humanities from 1968-74. In 1978, he was elected president of the 30,000-member Modern Language Association of America, the largest scholarly society in the world.

Saint Louis University was among the many institutions to recognize Father Ong, bestowing him with its highest honor, the Sword of Ignatius Loyola, in 1993. Three years earlier, the University recognized his many accomplishments by establishing the Walter J. Ong, S.J., Chair in the Humanities. Among his many other honors, the Conference on Christianity and Literature gave him its Lifetime Achievement Award in 1997.

Father Ong rooted his work in the existence of an always-mysterious God, and when other thinkers felt trapped between what they saw as mutually exclusive alternatives, Father Ong built a bridge between them. New technologies, he said for example, didn’t replace their predecessors, but interacted with them, reinforcing some aspects and reshaping others. He found more commonalities than differences between women and men. His central insights clustered around the transition of one form of communication to another.

Because his scholarship was too broad and too interdisciplinary to fit in any one category or department, SLU named Father Ong University Professor of Humanities, a position rarely granted. When he taught English, many students would say that Father Ong’s courses were not really English, but “Onglish.”

Unafraid of the highest technology, Father Ong believed there were ways to humanize its power. Throughout his storied career, he prodmed religious thinkers to attune themselves to a global, interdependent culture, calling for a theology that incorporated modern technology.

Today, scholars are rediscovering Father Ong’s work because of its relevancy to the current digital revolution; his studies are the focus of two recent books.

In addition to vast scholarly work, Father Ong’s kind spirit and attention to relationships made him a natural at pastoral work. For years he offered daily Mass, listened to thousands of confessions, and baptized, blessed and counseled to countless individuals. He taught religion in a detention hall and the inner city.

Father Ong always disliked the label of a theorist, insisting that he “just tried to say how things are, describe things.” He paid careful attention to every detail in the world around him and not just philosophical matters. He exhibited this ability while fly-fishing, spotting lizards in the tall Ozark grasses and caring steadfastly for every houseplant in Jesuit Hall.

Defying categorization, his work brought together innovative ideas in literature, anthropology, philosophy, theology, psychology and media studies. Perhaps Father Ong’s most lasting contribution was to show how various forms of communication — from storytelling to cyberspace — shape thoughts, relationships and cultures.

To read tributes to Father Ong or share memories, visit www.rememberingwalterong.com.

“We have lost one of Saint Louis University’s, indeed higher education’s, greatest treasures.”
The new Busch Student Center offers something for everyone.
Aug. 28 marked an official rebirth for one of the most storied landmarks on the Saint Louis University campus. After more than 14 months of renovation and construction, Busch Student Center opened its doors to students, faculty and staff eager to make use of its new facilities. The BSC boasts 51,000 square feet of new space for a total of approximately 160,000 square feet of new and renovated space. “Busch Student Center reflects our belief that this building is more than bricks and mortar and glass and steel,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. “Indeed, it is a testimony to our student body, whose actions each and every day best pay tribute to the legacy of Gussie Busch, Father Paul Reinert and all who went before and made this building possible. It is ultimately our students who we celebrate today by dedicating this facility in tribute to them and in honor of the Busch name.” The BSC closed for construction and renovation May 28, 2002. Several cor-
porations, including the Anheuser-Busch Foundation, Barnes & Noble, Chartwells and University Loft Co., made donations to the project. In fact, corporate gifts accounted for more than 45 percent of the project’s $22 million cost. Through a self-assessed fee, SLU students have contributed more than $3 million toward the renovation.

In fact, students were very involved with the evolution of the BSC. In 2001, a 12-person committee, half of whom were students, conducted surveys and collected input and feedback about possible changes to the student union. Faculty and staff also were involved.

“The facility you see behind me is a shining example of what happens when administrators and students collaborate,” said Student Government Association President Nick Sarcone at the blessing and dedication of the building. “There is a new jewel in the heart of Saint Louis University, so please take some time to enjoy it.”

Originally built in 1967 as Busch Memorial Center, the facility included areas for pool tables, table tennis and an eight-lane bowling alley, which was removed in the 1990s. The building was dedicated Sept. 27, 1967, after nearly 10 years of planning.

Top: Students on air in the new KSLU booth. The booth is located at the heart of the center and looks out on the atrium and campus. Center: The center’s staircase and atrium. The windows face north toward Ritter Hall and the dolphin pond. Above: Chefs at work in the Grand Market, which is home to several dining options, including pasta, Asian foods and specialty salads.
What’s Inside

The expanded Busch Student Center offers plenty of new vendors and retailers to cater to the University community’s needs.

For those looking to satisfy their hunger, the improved Grand Market serves various ethnic foods, pizza, homestyle selections and plenty of other dining options. The Billiken Club venue, which is run by Wackadoo’s Grub and Brew, features pub fare, along with pool tables, Skee-Ball, virtual reality entertainment and arcade games. Au Bon Pain, a 25-year-old national chain with more than 230 bakery cafés, features breakfast and lunch delicacies.

The new BSC also includes:

- A Barnes and Noble Bookstore offering expanded book titles and bountiful Billiken gear
- A full-service U.S. Bank branch
- Champion Dry Cleaners, which features dry cleaning and laundry drop-off services
- Indox, a copy and mail center that includes 7,000 mailboxes for undergraduate students
- Nettie’s Flower Garden, which sells floral arrangements, gift baskets and decorations
- Salon Ktizo, whose services include hairstyling, manicures and facials

BSC also includes wireless capabilities for those using laptop computers and approximately 27,000 square feet of reservable space.

Top: A student eyes her options at Au Bon Pain, the bakery café located in the atrium of the center. Center: The center’s multipurpose room in use for a career fair. The room, when all partitions are open, can seat 1,000 people at tables or 1,600 for a lecture. Left: A student in the Cross Cultural Center, home to offices of the Black Student Alliance, International Student Federation and Muslim Student Association.
What began with 600 Billiken faithful, penguins, a two-toed sloth, broadcaster Bob Costas and a concert from one of country music’s biggest stars has showed no signs of slowing down.

“The Campaign for Saint Louis University: Where Knowledge Touches Lives” raised approximately $30 million during the first full year of its public phase. The current campaign total is $184.7 million.

“The University community has responded during the first year of the campaign,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. “During a time when so many institutions of higher learning are facing cuts and budget problems, SLU continues to distinguish itself by adding programs and facilities to enhance the overall educational experience. The campaign has been a big part of that.”

The campaign’s public phase began June 26, 2002, with a celebratory kick-off event at Grant’s Farm. The event included music from Grammy-winner Tim McGraw, who boasts six multi-platinum albums and more than 25 million albums sold. But equaling the campaign’s star-studded start was the level of generosity that has characterized the fund-raising effort’s early stages. During the silent phase of the campaign, approximately $150 million was raised.

In addition, the nearly $30 million in donations from July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2003, represent a 21 percent increase from the previous year, an astounding fact considering the nation’s sluggish economy. Charitable giving nationwide was up only 1 percent in the same time period, according to a survey by the American Association of Fundraising Counsel Trust for Philanthropy. At SLU, however, many areas of giving climbed significantly, including 25.8 percent for non-alumni giving; 31.4 percent for alumni; and an astounding 183 percent from corporations. Annual giving also raised more than $1 million in a single fiscal year for the first time through phoning.

“We are very pleased with the generosity that our alumni, employees, friends and other benefactors have demonstrated,” said Don Whelan (Grad B&A ’03), vice president for development and University relations. “We hope this support will continue so that we can reach all of our campaign goals.”

Campaign goals include $100 million for students; $75 million for faculty; $50 million for science and technology; $30 million for centers of excellence; $20 million for campus life enrichment; and $25 million for annual support. With a total objective of $300 million, the campaign represents the largest-fund-raising effort in University history.

The year in review
The past year was marked by generous gifts for a proposed SLU arena (see pages 6-9), including $1 million from former chairman of SLU’s board of trustees Michael F. Shanahan Sr. (B&A ’61) and his wife, Mary Ann, and from Trustee Thomas Brouster Sr. and his wife, Ruth. SLU alumnus Dr. Paul Pitlyk (A&S ’55, Med ’59), a California
neurosurgeon, gave two generous gifts of property valued at more than $2.7 million.

One of the highest academic priorities at Saint Louis University also received a significant shot in the arm. University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., recently announced an unrestricted $3 million gift from an anonymous donor. Biondi has earmarked the gift for research facilities at the Health Sciences Center. The project is part of an $80 million investment in new and renovated research space and represents the largest single building project since the University’s founding in 1818.

“We are making steady progress toward our overall goal of $300 million,” said alumnus Jack Pruellage (B&A ’62), who is co-chairing the campaign with August Busch IV (B&A ’87, Grad B&A ’80). “In addition, substantial groundwork has been laid to ensure that key projects such as the research building and arena will soon become realities. It is truly amazing how much Saint Louis University has progressed. But as I’ve said from the beginning of this campaign, I believe the best is yet to come.”

Other areas of the University benefiting from recent campaign gifts include the Geographic Information Systems Laboratory in the College of Public Service and Busch Student Center, which underwent extensive renovation and construction (see pages 12-15). A gift from Carl Zeiss Inc. helped to take the state-of-the-art laboratory at Saint Louis University’s Practical Anatomy Workshop to the next level. “Lab A” officially was renamed the Zeiss Learning Center in honor of the renowned optics maker’s donation of 26 new microscopes — a gift worth about $500,000.

Scholarships for students, meanwhile, already have surpassed the campaign goal. Gifts in this area have come from a variety of sources, including corporations and a generous $1 million contribution from Edward and Stella Darrow that will benefit SLU undergraduates.

Two gifts also recognized Paul Reinert, S.J., former chancellor emeritus and president of SLU from 1949-1974. The first gift was used to establish an endowed chair in pediatric neurosurgery named for Reinert and his brother, James A. Reinert, S.J., who served as chaplain at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital and was the hospital’s first director of pastoral care. The second gift went toward four clinics in the College of Public Service, bringing them all under the umbrella of the Paul Reinert, S.J., Clinics for Family and Child Development.

“I know I speak for many of the deans when I say that the campaign has really made a difference for the students, faculty and staff of Saint Louis University,” said Dr. James Gilsinan, dean of the College of Public Service. “It has provided the means to advance our efforts in teaching, research, service and health care.”

Looking ahead

Whelan indicated that although the first year of the campaign was a success, the University will continue to build upon the campaign’s early momentum. Goals for the second year of the campaign already have been developed and include increasing total philanthropic support to $35 million; securing commitments of $10 million for the research building; increasing the amount of commitments of $1 million or more; and conducting regional campaign events in cities around the country.

“We look to continue working with members of the University community as we generate even greater momentum to sustain the evolution of our campus and the enhancement of Saint Louis University’s scholarship and academic programs,” Pruellage said.

“There are so many reasons to get excited about what is happening at Saint Louis University,” Whelan said. “But the really exciting thing is that your support can take SLU even further.”

To make a donation to the campaign or to explore giving opportunities, please call (314) 977-2849.
A SLU professor has become a noted Tolkien expert with personal connections to the author.

Hobbits started out as characters in bedtime stories J.R.R. Tolkien told to his children. How they became literary icons is a legendary journey. Few people are better qualified to chart the course than Saint Louis University’s Dr. Tom Shippey.

Since 1992, Shippey has held the Walter J. Ong, S.J., Chair of Humanities at SLU. He has studied Tolkien for more than 30 years and has written two successful books about him. The media, including USA Today, frequently seek Shippey’s opinions for news stories and features. He also appears on an extended DVD version of The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring. Shippey’s expertise is so renowned that the movies’ producers asked him to serve as a consultant for the films. His role? Recording the pronunciation of Tolkien’s characters and places for authenticity.

The Journey Begins in a Hole
Supposedly, Tolkien was grading papers one day and came across a blank sheet in a student’s answer book. For some inexplicable reason, he scribbled: “In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit.” Shippey said the story is true. Basically.

“But there is the saying that chance always favors the prepared mind,” Shippey said. “In a way, by that point, Tolkien had been working on what would become his mythology for almost 20 years. You might say the ground was prepared for him.”

During World War I, Tolkien began writing what became recognizable as The Silmarillion — the tragic history of Middle Earth published posthumously by his son. Years later, he wrote that little line about a hobbit in a hole. It compelled Tolkien to explore his imagination to learn more about these creatures and where they lived. He wove his discoveries into bedtime stories for his children. He also read portions of these tales to the Inklings, an informal club of authors who gathered at Oxford where Tolkien taught. Author and fellow Inkling C.S. Lewis convinced Tolkien to try to get the work into print. Publisher Sir Stanley Unwin was a bit resistant at first but let his 10-year-old son, Raynor, read it. The boy loved it so much that his father agreed to publish it. The Hobbit was a hit, and Unwin wanted to see more. Tolkien showed the publishing firm incomplete sections of The Silmarillion, but it was rejected. They wanted a sequel to The Hobbit, so Tolkien started writing The Lord of the Rings just before Christmas in 1937. It would be another 20 years before Tolkien would complete it.

“As Tolkien wrote it, it all expanded and got out of hand, you might say,” Shippey said. “Sir Stanley thought it was too big, too long and too complicated — appendixes and maps — publishers don’t like that sort of thing.”

Just when it seemed this literary classic wasn’t going to make the shelves, the publisher’s son, Raynor, stepped in again. After reading The Lord of the Rings, Raynor told his father that it was a work of genius. If that was true, Unwin conceded, then the firm could lose £1,000 on its publishing.

Still believing the piece to be too long for one book, publishers divided the story into three parts, which came out in succession in late 1954 and 1955 as fairly pricey hardbacks. But their expense, size and sheer depth couldn’t keep the buying public at bay. Eventually, the trilogy would go on to sell millions of copies worldwide. In a poll by the online bookseller Amazon.com a few years back, readers crowned The Lord of the Rings the book of the millennium.

Path to Pop Culture Phenom
Despite the overwhelming commercial success of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings, Shippey said Tolkien could not have foreseen the next turn his trek would take. By the 1960s, people were sporting “Frodo Lives” T-shirts and slapping “Gandalf for President” bumper stickers on their cars. During this time, Tolkien’s books also became associated with hippie culture, which Shippey said probably came as a shock to the private and reserved author, who also was a snappy dresser.

“The traditional long-haired youth in bellbottom jeans would be seen carrying
his copy of Tolkien,” Shippey said. “Which is funny because anybody less like a long-haired youth in bellbottom jeans than Tolkien is hard to imagine.”

While it’s also hard to imagine Tolkien joining a crowd of rowdy protesters, Shippey said the author included certain political and ideological ideas in his work. The messages may have been buried in his fantastic tales, but they were there to be found nonetheless. Often Tolkien was ahead of his time on the issues he addressed.

“I’m quite sure if Tolkien were alive today, he would vote for the Green Party,” Shippey said. “I think seeing Tolkien as a proto-green is quite correct. That’s what he was. He was an environmentalist. He had a love for nature. You can see that in the books.

“In some ways, Tolkien was a protest writer. He was protesting against industrialization and, in particular, industrialized warfare. He had been in war — machine guns, aircraft, flame throwers, poison gas — I’m sure he had personal experience with all that.”

Shippey said the continuing cultural influence of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings would have surprised Tolkien, who originally was afraid that his work would never get published and would end up as piles of paper on a dusty shelf somewhere.

“That was Tolkien’s lurking fear, and that was what the betting looked like,” Shippey said. “I think he was very pleased to get it into print in the end and surprised and pleased that it was successful financially. He lived long enough to see the takeoff, but he didn’t live long enough to see the continuing acceleration, which nobody in the world could have predicted.”

Which leads to an obvious question: If Tolkien were alive, what would he think of his books making such a strong resurgence in popularity?

“I think he would laugh and possibly say something a bit cruel like, ‘He who laughs last laughs longest,’” Shippey said. “All of his life people had been telling him he was flogging a dead horse. Actually it wasn’t a dead horse. It was a derby winner. I think he would have enjoyed that immensely.

“And I think he would have been at some pains to rub it into all the people who had been snooty to him. Since he’s not here, I do my best to rub it in for him.”

**Personal Connections**

What drove Shippey to devote so much of his professional life to the exploration of Tolkien’s work and fueled his efforts to “rub it in?” Shippey’s quest to understand and communicate Tolkien’s literary legacy can be traced to Shippey’s childhood. In the first of many personal connections, Shippey attended King Edwards School in Birmingham, a grammar school where Tolkien studied five decades before. Shippey was 13 — maybe 14 — when a King Edwards classmate loaned him a book he thought he would like. It was The Hobbit.

“I was very pleased and quite impressed,” Shippey said, pointing out that he returned the book to his childhood chum. As for The Lord of the Rings, it would be several more years before Shippey would have a chance to read it, and even longer before it would make a life-changing impression on him. Shippey couldn’t afford his own copy of The Lord of the Rings because it was too expensive. He went to the local library, and someone had “absconded” with the first volume. He didn’t want to start out of order, so he didn’t start reading the trilogy until he was 16. He won a school prize that allowed him to spend 21 shillings, big money in those days. With his earnings, he bought the first in The Lord of the Rings set.

“I can remember reading it all the way through, but I can’t remember a response to it. I probably thought, ‘Well that’s very difficult, and I’m going to put it to one side until I can think this out.’”

Shippey did not return to the text until 1970 when he was a junior lecturer at Birmingham University. Invited to
On the Same Map

The pair finally met two years later when Shippey received a fellowship at Oxford University, where Tolkien had once served. For seven years, Shippey taught one of Tolkien’s favorite subjects, “Old English,” at Oxford’s St. John’s College.

Shippey then inherited Tolkien’s chair and syllabus at Leeds University. He sat in the very same office that Tolkien had used some 50 years earlier. Staring back at Shippey every day were portraits of the six previous holders of the chair, including Tolkien. Shippey’s would be the seventh on the wall. (Shippey observed that, as a young man, Tolkien had “really bad front teeth.” Shippey himself didn’t have any, having lost them all to rugby.)

“I felt kind of owed it him to do this,” Shippey said of his professional mission. “After Tolkien died (in 1973), I felt he needed someone to speak up for him, not so much as a defender but as a sort of explicator. I took over that role, and it became stronger because the personal connections became stronger.”

As he dealt with the daily duties of being a university chair, a position he held for 14 years, Shippey gathered greater understanding of the external factors that influenced Tolkien.

“Most people spend most of their time thinking about their job, and Tolkien was no exception,” Shippey said. “Basically I was doing his job. I had exactly the same problems, pressures and requirements. I felt I didn’t have to work hard to understand that. I found out about it every day.”

Shippey believes this string of personal connections, which also includes playing on the same rugby team (though much later), gives him special insight that few others can hope to possess. Tolkien was fascinated with place names. He couldn’t walk past a signpost without trying to figure out what the name meant, where it came from, what its history was.

The quest was well under way.

Playing Favorites

The wizard Gandalf.

The hobbit ring-bearer Frodo Baggins.

The brave warrior Aragorn, a.k.a. Strider.

None of these popular characters from The Lord of the Rings trilogy is Dr. Tom Shippey’s favorite.

Ask him to name his favorite character, and his eyes light up. His answer might surprise some and could be a bit worrisome if he were your boss.

“Definitely, no question. It is Uglúk, the head of the orcs, who kidnap Merry and Pippin (Bilbo’s hobbit friends),” Shippey said with a touch of glee.

Uglúk took command of a troop of scouts dispatched to capture the hobbits and return with them to the evil wizard Saruman. In the second film of The Lord of the Rings trilogy, the chief resolves the shortage of food with his own version of Uruk diplomacy.

“After many years as head of a department, I just love the way when he gets an argument from the troops, he jumps forward and cuts two of their heads off,” Shippey laughed. “Uglúk. There is an orc with a strong sense of discipline. How often I wished I could do the same.”

Shippey’s probably joking, though you might have your doubts when he speaks of these baddies with such reverence. In fact, it was the frightening film version of the orcs that most bothered Shippey.

“I wouldn’t mind commanding a platoon of orcs,” Shippey said. “You have to be a bit tough on the discipline, but I think I could handle that. One of the things that I rather liked about the orcs, that made me think I would get along with them, is that they have a strong sense of humor. They’re just jokers and kidders. It’s all very rough of course. They never stop pulling people’s legs, you might say, until they come off.”

“It so happens that I always lived within a few hundred yards of where he used to live, so I walked down the same streets,” Shippey said. “Tolkien clearly was a person who liked maps and put things on maps. If you weren’t living on the same map as him, then you didn’t always know what he was going on about.”

The Road to Movie Magic

Shippey may have been on Tolkien’s map, but thanks to the blockbuster movies, more people are gaining a glimpse into Tolkien’s world. The first two The Lord of the Rings films have broken box office records, and when the final installment in the trilogy, The Return of the King, opens Dec. 17, it’s expected to be a cinematic smash as well.

These critically acclaimed films weren’t the first attempts to bring Tolkien’s characters to the big screen. Having already sold the film rights to his work, Tolkien reviewed a script for a live-action film that never was produced. His notes on the screenplay survive to this day.

“Any change at all in the progression of the story would have upset Tolkien,” Shippey said. “He said he didn’t mind people cutting things out, but what he disliked very much was when they tried to compress them.”
Shippey said, for example, Tolkien wouldn’t have grumbled about the deletion of Tom Bombadil from the first movie. While the enigmatic character is popular among many of the books’ devoted fans, Shippey said his role doesn’t necessarily drive the story along, a vital component of filmmaking. While Tolkien may have been concerned by the movies’ concentration on action, Shippey said he likely would have appreciated the films.

“I think Tolkien would have been very pleased with the landscape shots, which are excellent and just the kind of thing he liked himself,” Shippey said. “He would have been pleased with the care taken to details. I was the coach on name pronunciation, and they didn’t get anything wrong. It was dead right all the way through.”

Despite this attention to detail, Shippey admits it has been difficult to enjoy the movies as the pure entertainment they’re meant to provide.

“The first time I watch them, I’m sort of jumpy trying to figure how they’re going to cope with the next problem I can see coming up,” he said. “That’s not a fair way to look at them. I’m going to watch the movies again and not try to pick them apart and just go with the flow.”

As for the Tolkien fanatics he’s met while speaking to various groups, Shippey is not too concerned when they tell him they read the books repeatedly. It also doesn’t bother him when it seems that these hardcore fans breathe and eat all things Frodo and Middle Earth.

“I don’t think it does them any harm. If it makes them happy, it’s OK by me,” he said. “Literacy is under threat these days. If somebody’s prepared to read a work that is 1,200 pages long and read it over and over again, I think: good!”

An Infinite Voyage
After so many decades of study, Tolkien’s work continues to inspire Shippey. He estimates that he’s read The Lord of the Rings about a dozen times. Like a biologist who returns to the same area of rain forest to document new flora and fauna, Shippey unearths something unexpected with each new read. There might be a strange word he didn’t see before or a key date that he missed.

“Tolkien was a very learned man, and he built in all kinds of angles, tricks and allusions, which he never bothered to explain. I never read it without seeing some more of these. They’re often extremely thought provoking.”

Many of his findings and personal connections appear in Shippey’s first book on Tolkien, the critically acclaimed The Road to Middle Earth. Just released in its third edition and for the first time in paperback, the book traces Tolkien and his work from a historical perspective. Following its publishing, Shippey began thinking of Tolkien’s place in 20th century literature. Tolkien didn’t seem to fit in at first. That changed, however, as Shippey dug deeper. Soon he realized that no author seemed to capture the 20th century better than Tolkien, leading to Shippey’s 2001 book, the highly praised J.R.R. Tolkien: Author of the Century. It’s a pretty bold statement to be sure.

“The 20th century had all been about politics, warfare and evil. The writers who wrote about this were writers of fantasy,” Shippey said. “This is a powerful tradition. The reason it has popular appeal is because it’s serious and this is what people worry about.

“Tolkien on his own generated the genre of heroic fantasy, which is one of the most prolific and popular genres in the world now, and I don’t see people stopping that writing.”

Despite all of his insights into the man and mythology, Shippey said he cannot forecast the future for Tolkien’s works.

“You can’t tell about books, can you? Sometimes they’re immensely popular, and then they fade away, so that many of the bestsellers of the past are now completely forgotten. But I think that once a work reaches a certain level, it never will fade away. It will remain part of the inherited knowledge of the society. There is no doubt that Tolkien has left an enormous footprint on literary culture.”

Making his mark is what Shippey is trying to do in his own way. Although he’s best known as a Tolkien scholar, Shippey is a prominent researcher in many areas. As a philologist — an interpreter of language — his central interest is the traditional literature of England and Scandinavia. Shippey said that holding an endowed chair affords him the opportunity to conduct insightful research, whether it’s examining Tolkien or pursuing his next project: bringing linguistics and archeology together to explore England’s origins.

“The duty of a chair of a subject like mine is to advance the field,” Shippey said. “While I can’t leave a footprint like Tolkien, I hope to make some kind of imprint.”
College Savings Plan

For many families, saving for a college education isn’t easy, especially when there are so many other expenses that seem more urgent. But there is a new way to prepay tuition at Saint Louis University or other private colleges and universities, thereby avoiding the “sticker shock” years from now.

To make a college education more affordable for parents and their college-bound students, Saint Louis University is participating in the new Independent 529 Plan. The plan allows families to prepay for future tuition at a discount on today’s costs. Offered by the Tuition Plan Consortium, a group of more than 200 of the nation’s private colleges and universities, the plan is being hailed as a first for higher education.

A 529 plan is a tax-advantaged way to save for college. The number “529” refers to the section number in the IRS regulations that describes such plans. This unique initiative is the first 529 plan sponsored by the private colleges themselves. Like its better-known, state-sponsored cousins, the Independent 529 Plan gives families the chance to put away money for future college expenses. But where state savings plans invest the funds and hope that they grow enough over time to pay for college, funds invested in the Independent 529 Plan buy prepaid tuition certificates to be used at one of the private universities in the consortium. The Independent 529 Plan has no investment risk or management fees for the contributing family member.

“I believe that the Independent 529 Plan provides a no-risk opportunity for parents,” said Dr. Ned Harris, SLU’s associate provost for enrollment and academic services. “The plan is tax-advantaged, certificates are portable among member institutions, today’s tuition is discounted when certificates are purchased for future (higher) tuition, and the certificates are transferable to other family members. The certificates may even be redeemed for use at non-member universities without being taxed.”

The plan enables any adult U.S. citizen to purchase a certificate for part or all of tuition that can be used at SLU or any participating university. The investor will pay today’s tuition cost, less a discount that reduces the cost even more. Then, years later, the investor redeems the certificate for the guaranteed amount of tuition — no matter how much a participating college’s tuition has increased at the time the student begins classes.

“Think of it as buying a gift certificate for use at any of the stores at a mall,” said Doug Brown, president and CEO of the Tuition Plan Consortium. “Students don’t choose their college at purchase, but after they have applied and are accepted in the regular manner.”

Here is an example of how the plan works: Tuition at SLU this academic year is $22,050. But because the University offers a discount for Independent 529 Plan purchasers, a certificate for a year’s tuition for a child who would enroll five years from now can be purchased through the plan for $19,428. This certificate then can be redeemed in five years for a full year of tuition at SLU, regardless of how much tuition has increased by that time.

Each certificate must be held at least 36 months before being redeemed for educational services. The purchase of a tuition certificate does not guarantee admission or enrollment at a participating institution, and it may have an effect on the beneficiary’s eligibility for financial aid. The certificate will vary in how much tuition it buys, depending on the college or university the child attends. Parents can get started with contributions of as little as $25 a month.

“Saving for a college education is something every parent knows he or she should do, but is often difficult when you have small children and many expenses,” said Kathy Hagedorn (A&S ’73, Grad ’75), SLU’s vice president for human resources. “This plan offers an opportunity to save in relatively small increments, purchase tuition at a discount and realize some tax advantages. The flexibilities of the plan ensure that the money can be used by someone in the family, with a great variety of choices. When grandparents ask what they can give a child for special occasions, this is a great choice.”

Because the amount of tuition purchased is guaranteed, the investment risk is on the universities and not the investors.

“You save today, you save in the future, and the tuition you purchase becomes inflation proof,” said Trinity University’s Craig McCoy, president of the consortium. “We’re stopping the clock on private college tuition, which means more students will have a chance at a first-class education starting today.”

Investment management for the plan is handled by TIAA-CREF, the financial services giant specializing in money management for the education market. TIAA-CREF, through its subsidiaries, is already a major player in the college savings market, administering 12 state-sponsored 529 plans.

To receive more information about the Independent 529 Plan or for a complete list of participating colleges and universities, visit the Independent 529 Plan Web site at www.independent529plan.org, or call toll-free 1-888-718-7878.

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Abraham Rush (Law) works in his son’s law office. He lives in St. Louis and has two “perfect” grandchildren.

O. Ruffin Crow Jr. (B&A) is a retired vice president of McDonnell Douglas. He lives in Kirkwood, Mo., and works out at the YMCA two to three times a week.

Robert Bisbee (Parks) spent 48 years with American Airlines and now works out at the YMCA McDonnell Douglas. He is a retired vice president of O. Ruffin Crow Jr. (B&A) and brags about two “perfect” grandsons.

Earle Kennedy (B&A) is retired in St. Louis, travels around the world and paints in his free time. … Allison Lindahl (A&S) is a retired guidance counselor. She starts track meets in northeast Indiana and enjoys planting trees, fishing and gardening. … Joseph Nacy (Law) is an administrative law judge with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. … Jim Sunderland, S.J. (A&S), Grad ’52, ’54, ’60 received the National Convocation of Jail and Prison Ministry’s annual Mike McGough Award for his nearly 15 years as a jail chaplain in Colorado.

George Donaldson (Parks) continues to investigate TWA Flight 800. He lives in Orange, Calif.

Joan (Fenc) Bowski (IT) retired from Hughes Aircraft Company in 1995. She lives in Mission Viejo, Calif. … Ann (Marshall) Conroy (A&S) won SLU’s 2002 Arts and Sciences Alumni Merit Award. She is still in child support enforcement with the Lake County, Ill., state attorney’s office. … Dr. Raymond Strekai (Dent) is retired from dentistry and lives in Athens, Ohio. He has seven children. … John Whalley (Med) has been retired from his OB/GYN practice for 10 years. He lives in Long Beach, Calif. … Clarence Zacher (A&S ’55, Grad ’69) this year marks authorship of more than 50 atmospheric science papers, articles and photographic documentaries chiefly on his specialty, lightning and its thunderstorm electrical environment. He is a fellow of the Missouri Academy of Science and co-founder of its atmospheric science section.

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Dr. Carol Howard (A&S ’57, Med ’61) is still in a full-time pediatrics practice in Owensboro, Ky. … Father Bill Lyons (Grad) is a spiritual director with the North American College in Rome. … Garry Wills (P&L), author and adjunct professor of history at Northwestern University, was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society.

Carol Colwell (A&S) is retired in Atlanta and plays golf a few times a week. For 20 years, she has been a volunteer fund-raiser for the Hunger Project and a county court-appointed volunteer advocate for abused and neglected children.

Rosemarie Hennes (Soc Ser) is retired after 40 years of clinical social work practice in Palm Springs, Calif. … Henry Hunter (Parks) is a consultant to Boeing on C-17 airlift and transport enhancements. He lives in Lancaster, Calif. … Don Klier (A&S) is retired and living in St. Louis. He is active in church activities. … Joe Nawrocki (A&S) is an international business consultant based in Phoenix. He is a frequent lecturer to Europe where he lectures at universities in Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Bulgaria, Turkey and Israel. He is an avid fly-fisherman.

Dr. Stephen Krawczyk (Dent) spends his winters in Florida and his summers in Connecticut. … Thomas Stumpf (A&S) is an associate professor of English at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received an award for excellence in undergraduate teaching.

Patricia Ballew (Soc Ser) retired in Nianqug, Mo., and enjoys sailing, fishing, traveling, antiques and being a grandma. She volunteers whenever possible.

Barbara Adamczak (Nurs) taught OB nursing for 20 years at St. Vincent School of Nursing in Toledo, Ohio, and now teaches part time at the University of Toledo. She and her husband, Duane, have four children and three grandchildren and enjoy traveling and spending time with the family. … Barbara Nauer (Grad) has returned to St. Louis and opened “Words ‘n Pics,” an advertising agency focused on the needs of individuals and small/medium-sized businesses. … Dr. Grady Smith (Grad) is an adjunct professor at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., where he teaches Greek and Roman comedy. His book, Travel Abroad: Frulovisi’s Ponglata, Translated and with an Introduction, was recently published. He and his wife of 36 years, Kathleen, live in Arlington, Va.

James Aldrich (IT) lives in Garden Grove, Calif., and is a business development manager with space and airborne systems at Raytheon. He and his wife, Carolyn, have four children and three grandchildren. … Carol Burkholder (A&S) is a part-time teacher and volunteer for the English Language School in University City, Mo.

Brian Cooney (A&S) is a professor of philosophy at Centre College in Danville, Ky. … Dr. Sharon (Mayer) Libera (IT) is an assistant professor in the department of clinical social work practice and three great grandchildren.

Albert Trager (Parks) died in 1984, moved to Boise, Idaho, in 1984, and has enjoyed it there ever since.

Dr. Raymond Kahn (Med) works in a family practice residency program and determines Medicaid disability eligibility for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Mary Jane Coffey (A&S) lives in St. Louis and is proud of her children and their families.

Kathleen Donnelly (Nurs) is a retired nurse and lives at the Brentwood Oak Tree Village in St. Peters, Mo. … Donald Hoehle (B&A) is a retired assistant dean of the University of Missouri College of Business. He lives in Columbia, Mo., and enjoys traveling and spending time with his three children, 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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College of Real Estate Lawyers. ... Dr. Ronald Ruecker (Med) was re-elected chairman of the board of trustees of the Illinois State Medical Society.

Sonja Hughes (Grad) is a retired administrator from the St. Louis Board of Education. She is active in the Resurrection Lutheran Church. Marjory-Lou (Hagan) Montagna (A&S) was recognized as the Massachusetts Outstanding High School Art Teacher 2003. She teaches fine arts at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, Mass., and teaches metal-smithing part time at Bridgewater State College. She lives in Plymouth, Mass., where she has a studio and designs jewelry.

Dr. William L. Rybby (Grad ’71, ’74), president and CEO of Hopewell Center in St. Louis, received the 2003 Salute to Excellence in Health Care Lifetime Achiever Award.

Donald Casey (Grad) has retired from AT&T and is an associate professor in the philosophy and religious studies departments of Felician College in Lodi, N.J. ... Gracie Fowler (Soc Ser) has retired and lives in St. Louis. ... Barbara Thompson (A&S) has been chosen as one of 22 fellows for Zero to Three’s “Leaders for Tomorrow” program. She is a senior program analyst in the office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Education and lives in Manassas, Va.

Paul Donnelly (Grad B&A) is part of a three-generation SLU family. His daughter, Jeanne Donnelly (AHP ’76, Grad B&A ’82), is a professor in health information management at SLU. His granddaughter, Erin Sweeney (AHP ’93), graduated from SLU in May.

Doreen Dodson (Law) is a partner at the Stolar Partnership in St. Louis. She is the 8th Circuit representative to the American Bar Association’s Federal Judiciary Committee. ... Pamela (Conley) Franta (A&S), a licensed psychologist and business consultant, has opened her own business.

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Richard Kieckhefer (A&S) has written the book Theory in Stone: Church Architecture from Byzantium to Berkeley, which offers new ideas about the meanings and uses of church architecture. He is a professor at Northwestern University in Chicago. ... Robert Ritter (Law), chairman and president of the law firm of Ritter & Graham, is the 2003 recipient of the Award of Honor from the Lawyers Association of St. Louis. ... William Stiritz (Grad) is retired and lives in Oak Park, Ill. ... Donald Casey (Grad) has retired from AT&T and is an associate professor in the philosophy and religious studies departments of Felician College in Lodi, N.J. ... Gracie Fowler (Soc Ser) has retired and lives in St. Louis. ... Barbara Thompson (A&S) has been chosen as one of 22 fellows for Zero to Three’s “Leaders for Tomorrow” program. She is a senior program analyst in the office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Education and lives in Manassas, Va.

Joe Helmsing (A&S ’69, Grad B&A ’73) has turned his small tractor repair firm, Craftsman Industries, into one of the St. Charles, Mo., area’s top businesses. ... Margaret Wyatt (A&S) is a middle school counselor in a suburb of Houston.

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### Men’s Basketball Upcoming Games

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All times are Central and are subject to change.
Scott Ash (B&A) is a software implementation consultant. He and his wife, Irene, live in Bronce Beach, Australia, with their son, Edmond Baker, who was born in January. ... Lisa DeMauro (Nur) is a nurse case manager for a health plan. She is raising two daughters in Tinley Park, Ill. ... Gerald Lynn (A&S) is the executive director of Florida’s Children First Inc., an Orlando-based nonprofit working to advance children’s legal rights consistent with their medical, educational and social needs. He is an adjunct faculty member at Barry University School of Law and has three children, Kevin, Jacob and Molly. ... Mary Louise Helbig (A&S) is vice president of product marketing and strategic planning for American Express Incentive Services in Fenton, Mo. ... Jeffery Lowe (Law) was elected to the board of governors of the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys. He practices law in St. Louis.

Christine Alsp (A&S) heads a new St. Louis office of Evans and Dixon, which is expanding to include elder law and estate planning. ... Angus Lemon (Parks) received his executive MBA from the Grazioso School of Business and Management at Pepperdine University in April. ... Dennis Ruth (Law) was appointed chairman of the Illinois Industrial Commission by the governor of Illinois.

Bill Boll (A&S ’87, Law ’91) wrote and directed the feature film April is My Religion, which is being distributed by Film Threat DVD. The film features several SLU theater students. He also is producing a documentary on the Coral Resort Motel in Myrtle Beach, S.C. ... Lexa Browning (A&S) has taught commercial art for the Alton (Ill.) School District for nine years and teaches part-time at Florissant Valley Community College. She appears in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers for 2002. ... Dr. Miguel Serrano (Med) has been an assistant professor with SLU’s department of community and family medicine. His wife, Dr. Jennifer Cannon (Med ’88), has a private OB/GYN practice. ... Mary Dean (AHP) is a pediatric physical therapist in Chicago. She recently served six months in prison for a nonviolent protest against the U.S. Army School of the Americas/WHINSEC in Ft. Benning, Ga. ... Beth Kenney (Grad Nur) teaches at Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing in Quincy, Ill., and is on the Lewis County (Mo.) board of directors.

Timothy Angell (Grad) is the economic development director for the Village of Morton Grove, Ill. He lives in Evanston, Ill. ... Dr. Barbara Blackburn (B&A ’88, Grad ’90, ’01) is the director of educational religious education for St. Joseph Parish in St. Charles, Mo. She also is an adjunct faculty member of systematic theology at SLU. ... Shirley Parcon-Joyce (B&A) has been a national trainer with Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications. She and her husband, Terrance, welcomed their son, Garrett Joseph, in May 2002. They live in Hoboken, N.J. ... Dr. Bill Rosen (Med) is chairman of the rehab department at the Deaconess Billings (Mont.) Clinic. He has two children, Hank and Claire. ... Felix Serrano (B&A) is married and has four children, Josefa, Gaspar, Vicente and Fernanda. He runs his own real estate business and gas station service in Chile. ... Sharon Stahl (Grad) is the associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis.

Michelle Gard Ainslie (Law) practiced law in St. Louis, then moved to Denver and now teaches third grade in Palm Harbor, Fla. ... Jim Casey (Grad B&A) is business director of Synulabs Technologies North America at Cognis, a global specialty chemical company. He is based in Cincinnati. ... Cheryl Lev (Grad 94) is a manager of global business analysis for the Monsanto Co. in St. Louis. ... Dr. Kip Strasma (A&S) is associate dean of the English department at Illinois Central College in East Peoria, Ill.

Linda Aldridge (Law) practices law at Gillis and Aldridge in South Bend, Ind. ... Aubuchon (A&S) is a sergeant with the St. Louis Police Department. ... Mohdkhosni (Chen) Zakaria (A&S) is vice president of technology at Millennium Digital Media in St. Louis.

Robert Bowers (Law) and his wife, Sara, welcomed their second child, Galen Andrew, in May. Galen joins his older brother, Jacob, at their home in Aurora, Colo. Robert is an assistant attorney general for the state of Colorado. ... Daniel Brown (Law) and his wife, Maria, welcomed their daughter, Victoria Ann, in June. Victoria joins her two older sisters, Isabella and Louisa. The family lives in St. Louis. ... Jennifer Hochstrasser (Grad) is an attorney with the Proctor & Gamble Co. in Cincinnati, practicing in the areas of intellectual property and asbestos litigation. ... Dr. Oren Miller (Med) is the head of the pediatric urology division at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. ... Bradley Steppig (B&A) has just launched CenterLine Technologies, a computer consulting firm. He and his wife, Amy Steppig (A&S ’90), live in St. Louis with their five children, Brendon, William, Michael, Rachel and Jonathan.

Dr. Michaelyn Corbett (B&A) received her Ph.D. in economics from the University of Illinois and is an economist in Chicago. ... Dr. Christine Drivdahl-Smith (Med) is a family physician in Miles City, Mont. She and her husband, Matthew, have two children, Wyatt and Cyra. ... Ann Montalvo Guillerman (A&S) lives in Houston with husband, Paul, and sons, Nick and Andrew. She is a pharmaceutical sales representative. ... Dr. Christopher Wohltmann (Med) has joined the faculty at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine as assistant professor of surgery, specializing in general surgery, trauma surgery and surgical critical care.

Jennifer Hardester (B&A, A&S ‘93, Law ’96) is a director in legal services at BJ’s HealthCare in claims and litigation. She and her husband, Bob, have a daughter, Grace, and son, Robert Eugene, who was born Sept. 27. ... Joan Lockwood (Law) is an attorney with the law firm of Gray, Ritter & Graham and received the 2003 John C. Shepherd Professionalism Award from the St. Louis Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. ... MaryAnn Nessel (Law) has been named an officer at the law firm of Greenberg, Henkes & Gale in St. Louis. She is a member of the trusts and estates practice group. ... Ken Glor (B&A), his wife, Tanya, and son, Lowell, live in Quincy, Ill. Ken is general manager of Unsouice Quincy, a nationwide packaging, paper, and supplies distribution company. ... Amy (Brophy) Westrup (A&S), her husband, David, and daughter, Molly, welcomed their newest addition, Kathleen Ellen, on Sept. 30, 2002. Amy is the marketing director for the Milwaukee law firm Weiss Berzowski Brady.

Tom Geiser (A&S) has launched a business, SoCal Sports Prints, which produces sports posters for young athletes in the Los Angeles area. He and his wife, Kristina, live in Pasadena, Calif. ... Dr. Miguel Villanueva (A&S) is an assistant professor of medicine, clinician educator, in the division of geriatrics at the University of Miami School of Medicine. He and his wife, Beth, and his son, Theodore, welcomed twins, Jonah and Samad, to the family Oct. 7. ... Jefrey Perry (Soc Ser) married Marcia Ford on March 15. ... Christopher Sedmak (A&S) was a prosecutor with the Las Vegas city attorney’s office and left to join the FBI. He is now a special agent in the FBI’s San Diego field office. ... Dr. Melanie Vandyke (A&S) earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in December 2002. She returned to St. Louis with her husband, Chris, and son, Jared, and is a post-doctoral fellow at Saint Louis Behavioral Medicine Institute.

Steve Brawley (Grad) has launched Stevebrawley.com, offering a full range of public relations and marketing services. He lives in Kirkwood, Mo., and is a Jackie Kennedy historian. ... Richard Finger (A&S) is a technician in the biology department at Washington University in St. Louis. He is engaged to
Bonnie Voils. ... Dr. Joyce Hoffman (Grad) has taught in the St. Louis Special School District for seven years. ... Mary Lu Sanders-Zinzer (A&S) works for the Chesterfield, Mo., firm Intellectual Property Law Center, which assists business and start-up entrepreneurs in the protection and strategic use of intellectual property assets. ... Keith Smith (A&S) and Aimee Smith (A&S) have had their second daughter, Sydney Nicole, into their family in St. Louis. ... Jeffrey Voelker (A&S) and his wife, Jessica (Perlman) Voelker (A&S '95, Law '98), live in Omaha, Neb., and welcomed their first child, Anna Grace, in June.

Gina (Brickley) Beredo (A&S) and her husband, Cipriano, welcomed their daughter, Sophia Jane, May 23. Gina is an attorney at Baker & Hostetler in Cleveland. ... Alexander Childs (B&A) and his wife, Erin Cumniff Childs (A&S '99), live in Connecticut, where Erin just finished law school and is an associate at Thompson Hine law firm. ... Kevin O'Heir (A&S) and Amy Gunn (Law) welcomed their son, Connor Anderson, Jan. 2. ... Kathleen Kohlberg (A&S) married Michael Janesch June 21 in Folly Beach, S.C. They have moved to Montpellier, France, for two years. ... Tracy O’Heir (Soc Ser) works for the Jesuit Refugee Service in Numbol, Southern Sudan. She helps run educational and vocational programs for people who are internally displaced by the war in Sudan. ... Scott Sabol (Pubs) is the morning and weekend meteorologist at WJW-TV Fox 8 in Cleveland. ... Lisa Simon (Nurs) lives in Seattle and is a clinical specialist in the cardiac rhythm management division of Medtronic Inc. ... Jill (Thompson) Solon (AHP ‘96, Grad AHP ‘01) married Todd Solon (A&S) at St. Francis Xavier College Church in August 2002. Jill is a physical therapist for the University of Missouri Orthopedic Hospitals, and Todd works for the Cincinnati Insurance Co. ... Sarah (Hoffman) Sullivan (A&S) and her husband, Jeff, have welcomed their first child, Isaac Alexander. Sarah has completed her MBA at the University of Missouri. ... Dr. Sandy Venneman (Grad) is an assistant professor of psychology and computer science at the University of Houston-Victoria and has received the 2003 Enron Teaching Excellence Award.

Michelle Coleman (Law) is the associate circuit attorney for Jefferson City, Mo., and is a member of the Missouri Bar’s 2003-2004 Leadership Academy. ... Alison (Porath) Henderson (AHP ‘97, Grad AHP ‘99) married Chi hinder Henderson in August. They live in Seattle, where Ali is the director of a physical therapy clinic. ... Dana Hibbs (A&S ‘97, Law ‘00) is an associate with Evans & Dixon in St. Louis and was one of 30 professionals under the age of 30 recognized in the St. Louis Business Journal’s annual “30 Under 30” issue. ... Christine Hickey (Pub Ser) married Kenneth Frank in St. Louis Oct. 25. The couple lives in Lexington, Ky., where Christine teaches at an elementary school. ... Dr. Graham Hurwitz (Med) is an orthopaedic surgeon in private practice in Santa Barbara, Calif. ... Cherrita Jones-Quinn (A&S) is corporate counsel for Everts & Parnas, LLP in Denver, Colorado. She graduated from the University of Colorado law school in December 2001. ... Dana Neil (A&S) and her husband, Todd, welcomed their second daughter, Sydney Libby, in October.

Dr. Peng Chen (Hosp ’99, ’00) is attending in his fellowship training in St. Louis. ... Jaime Daniels (AHP ‘99, Grad AHP ’01) married Matt Krob Sept. 20 at St. Francis Xavier College Church. She is a physical therapist and lives in Kirkwood, Mo. ... Emily Johnson (Grad B&A) married Calvin Hatcher May 31 in Chicago, where the couple lives. ... Dr. Andrew Jorgensen (Med) has finished his medical student training and is starting residency at the University of Texas-Houston. He is starting his own practice in Houston. ... Shannon O’Malley (A&S) and her husband, Charles Brown, are building their new home. ... Dr. Jan Welker (Grad) is an assistant professor in health services management at the St. Louis College of pharmacy. ... Dr. Jason Wedding (A&S) earned a D.D.S. in May from Indiana University School of Dentistry. He and his wife, Katie (Pub Ser), live in Indianapolis. ... Dr. Jan Welker (Grad) is an assistant professor in health services management at the St. Louis College of pharmacy.

Brian Darrow (A&S) lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., with his wife, Rafla, and two daughters. He is pursuing a Ph.D. from the University of South Florida focusing on biological oceanography. ... David Kantrud (A&S) married Roxann Pavlue Sept. 7, 2002, and is now a Ph.D. student at the Ohio State University School of Social Work. ... Christopher Manahan, S.J., (Grad) was ordained a priest June 6 at the Church of St. Luke in St. Paul, Minn. He is a member of the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus. He now works in Jesuit parishes on the Rosedale reservation in South Dakota. ... Cynthia Nold Metz (A&S) married David Metz July 3. She has begun an internship for a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Tennessee-Memphis. ... Lisa Moore (Law) is an associate in the law firm of Paul, CAMazine & Blumenthal and is the chair-elect for the young lawyer division of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. ... Davor Savop (Law) is a protection officer in UNCHR office in Sofia, Bulgaria. ... Rebecca Wald (A&S) is the assistant director of student activities at John Carroll University in Cleveland.

Dr. Cherrita Jones-Quinn (A&S) was married Sept. 20, 2002, in St. Louis. They married in St. Louis. ... Dr. Rajani Nard (A&S) married Araceli Ruz at San Nicholas Church in Esteli, Nicaragua. They plan to make the United States their home. ... John Broker (A&S) lives in Los Angeles and is one of five finalists in the “Half-Hour Television” category of the Carl Sautter Memorial Scriptwriting Awards for his script “Oh Brother” for Everybody Loves Raymond. He is a partner in the “LC” Co., a literary management company in Los Angeles. ... Barbara Chrum (Gard) is a consultant in information technology at Cerner Corp. in St. Louis. ... Bethany Dewsnup (Soc Ser) finished her master’s in social work in August 2002 at the University of Kentucky. She is a family resource center coordinator in an elementary school in St. Louis. ... Lauren Gretz (B&A), an account coordinator with the public relations firm The St. Louis Partnership, and Christy Keene (B&A), a promotions project manager formerly of Cliffidge Marketing, were each recently honored as “Rookie of the Year” by St. Louis professional associations in their respective fields. ... Edna McBain (Law) and James Moedlin (Law) have joined Evans & Dixon in St. Louis as associates in their firm’s workers’ compensation practice.

Mia Brown (A&S) is the manager of communications for the Chicago District Golf Association.

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Dr. Edward Brown (Grad) and his wife welcomed their first child, Patrick, Dec. 28, 2002. They live in Maryland Heights. ... Aaron French (Law) has moved to St. Louis from Lincoln, Ill. ... Brent Hall (A&S) and Nicole Salazar (A&S ’03) were married June 21 in Salt Lake City. ... Joshua Scheck (Grad) married Aimee Strelec (A&S) on July 19 in Summit, N.J. They live in St. Louis. ... Elizabeth Stumpf (Nurs) is pursuing graduate studies at the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville, Tenn.
Alumni Associations

**Allied Health**
Laura Horn ('02)
Next year marks the 75th anniversary for the department of clinical laboratory science. In addition, the CLS profession has begun efforts to obtain personnel licensure in Missouri. A coalition has been formed and is in the process of drafting bill language. The coalition meets on Saturdays, Dec. 20 and Jan. 10. For information about the anniversary celebration or the coalition, call (314) 977-8518 or send e-mail to vehigenl@slu.edu.

**Arts and Sciences**
Dr. Jim Klenke ('76)
Alumni night at the St. Louis Blues is Saturday, Jan. 27. Join us as the Blues take on the Dallas Stars. …

**Black Alumni Assoc.**
Dr. George White (Grad '97)
Mark your calendar for the highlight of the year — the annual prayer breakfast — at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 24, in Busch Student Center.

**Business**
Brett Rufkahr ('86, '92)
Join fellow alumni and network with current MBA students at the SLU versus Marquette men’s basketball alumni pre-game party Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Top Shelf.

**Medicine**
Dr. Thomas J. Oken ('79)
The annual White Coat Society Scholarship Dinner will be Friday, Feb. 27, in Busch Student Center. The White Coat Society recognizes annual donors of $2,500 or more to medical school scholarships. For information, call (314) 977-8317. …

**Orthodontics**
Dr. Kevin T. Jarrell ('00)
The Orthodontic Education Research Foundation meeting will be March 12-15 in St. Louis, and an alumni breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel-Union Station. …

**Public Health**
Maureen Dunn ('86)
The school will welcome speakers Dr. Asamoah-Bah, World Health Organization, and Dr. Bernard Kouchner, Doctors Without Borders, during this school year. Visit www.slu.edu/colleges/sph/slusph for details. …

**Nursing**
Dr. Anne G. Perry ('76)
The school’s Diamond Anniversary Celebration will be April 16-18. The weekend will celebrate 75 years of nursing excellence and will include a Saturday evening gala dinner in Busch Student Center. For information, call (314) 977-8330.

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Travel Program: SLU Tours

Cruise the Panama Canal
Crystal Cruise Line
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Voyage to Antiquity
Agean Sea cruise and Athens city tours
June 4-14

Alumni College in Ireland-Erinnis
July 27-Aug. 4

Alumni College in Tuscany-Cortona
Sept. 8-16

For more information about any of these trips or to be placed on the University’s travel program mailing list, call (314) 977-2250.

Public Service
Dr. Tim Bagwell ('01)
A group of local alumni meets once a month to identify potential programs, events and services for alumni. If you're interested, contact the alumni relations office. Watch your mail for information about a Wednesday, Feb. 18, event focusing on the current state of education.

Social Service
Tamitha R. Price ('98)
The annual career/practicum fair is set for Thursday, Feb. 5. Mark your calendar now.

Student Alumni
SAA invites all St. Louis alumni to participate in the Billikens Encounter Alumni Mentors program. Local alumni who are interested in mentoring SLU students should send e-mail to beam@slu.edu or call (314) 977-3421.

Young Alumni
Help residents of SLU’s neighborhoods by volunteering to cook and deliver well-balanced meals and snacks to low-income seniors, children and families through SLU’s Campus Kitchen program Sunday, Jan. 11, in De Mattas Hall.

Club Cities

Atlanta
Cheer on the Billiken men’s basketball team versus Georgia Tech
Saturday, Dec. 13 — 11 a.m. pre-game reception; 1 p.m. tip-off.

Chicago
Cheer on the Billiken men’s basketball team versus DePaul
Blue Demons Saturday, Feb. 21 — 11 a.m. reception; 1 p.m. tip-off.

Cincinnati
Cheer on the Billiken men’s basketball team versus the Cincinnati Bearcats
Wednesday, Feb. 25 — pre-game reception at the UC Faculty Club; 8 p.m. tip-off.

Denver
A new club is forming — want to get involved? E-mail kellykm@slu.edu.

Los Angeles
The Los Angeles alumni club is focusing on reconnecting area alumni through a variety of events. The club also will partner with admissions to target local parochial high schools to introduce graduating students to SLU.

Memphis
Cheer on the Billiken men’s basketball team versus Memphis Saturday, Feb. 7. The game tips off at noon.

Milwaukee
Cheer on the Billiken men’s basketball team versus Marquette
Saturday, Jan. 10 — 6 p.m. pre-game party at Buck Bradley’s; 8 p.m. tip-off.

New York
The club is looking for new volunteers. If you’re interested, send an e-mail to alumni@slu.edu.

Omaha
Celebrate the season with food and fellow SLU alumni from 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at the home of Brad and Gena Burwell. For details, call (402) 896-1923.

Seattle
For more information about the new Seattle alumni club, e-mail alumni@slu.edu.

Twin Cities
Join fellow SLU alumni, parents and friends for a pre-game party and Minnesota Wild versus St. Louis Blues game on Monday, Feb. 2 — 5:30 p.m. pre-game party, 7 p.m. faceoff. Catch up with old friends at the 2004 Baslica Block Party July 9-10. Gather in the SLU hospitality tent, located near the Stutibune.com stage.

For your Billiken shirts ...

... hats and more!
What is Success?

By Edgar G. Gall (B&A ’87)

What is success? For me, it’s an ever-evolving definition that took me on a journey across America.

At SLU, I met my three best friends … pillars of success in my life. Kent LeVan (B&A ’87) and Luis Rodriguez (A&S ’87) were there on the first day, that scorching August Saturday in 1983. My very best friend, Ginger (Bahre) Gall, was also just down the hall that day. She has now been my wife for more than 16 years.

Upon graduation, I wanted that all too common definition of success: big office, high salary and material possessions. As children came and jobs went, we achieved that “success,” but we eventually realized our definition of success needed to evolve. Missing was time, togetherness and happiness. Ginger and I were constantly rushing from our jobs to our kids’ activities. There were parts of our house that we never used, and we were driving ourselves crazy. So, after more than a year of planning, we took a major leap of faith. We sold our house and cars, stored our belongings, quit our jobs and took our family on an adventure of a lifetime.

On July 15, 2002, Ginger and I chuckled the last of our possessions into a 33-foot travel trailer, buckled our three boys into a used Suburban and towed our new “home” to our real estate closing. We collected the proceeds from the sale of something. I think we learned as much as the kids did.

We put our trailer in for bodywork in Oakland and flew to Hawaii for two weeks in paradise. We returned to California to find that they hadn’t even gotten the parts yet. Success was now finding a place to sleep each night without blowing our budget. Calling upon our deep Catholic roots, we actually spent one night in a parish rectory. We continued through the Southwest, eating outside on Thanksgiving in Tucson, and marveling at the diverse landscapes of Arizona and New Mexico. We started noticing another great success. The boys weren’t fighting as much, and neither were Ginger and I. We were too busy looking out the window together, discovering this great nation of ours. Plus, being locked in an 8-foot by 30-foot aluminum box for a year, you have to learn about compromise.

After spending Christmas with family and friends back in Missouri, we visited Luis. He is now a diocesan priest in New Orleans — his new version of success. Kent also flew down to spend time with us again. We are rich with good friends, one of the ultimate tests of success.

The South and the East Coast were amazing. We visited dozens of historic sites, covering the earliest settlements, the Revolutionary and Civil wars, civil rights and first flight. As a history buff, I was finding unparalleled personal success. We saw lots of Ginger’s family in New England and finally got to meet a governor in Ginger’s native Vermont — after almost 40 state capitols. Success again!

On our swing through the northern states, we found a little slice of heaven in Traverse City, Mich., a personal favorite of ours. Success was happening almost daily. Hitting our 50th state, seeing Mt. Rushmore with Kent, and the ultimate: visiting our 50th state capitol in Jefferson City, Mo., with friends who drove 100 miles to share it with us. Again, success and fulfillment.

We returned to St. Louis Aug. 1. We have since purchased a smaller house, and I have embarked on a new career rehabbing houses. Ginger has returned to school full time to complete her degree in home economics. We are both now doing what we want to do instead of what we “should” do. With trust in God and faith in the tools He has given us, we are confident the money will follow. Even if it doesn’t, no one can ever take this experience away from us.

So, what is success? It took driving 48,000 miles and more than 54 weeks to find out. Success is being happy in what you do and who you are — and it sure is sweet.

Read more about the Galls’ adventures at www.gallsacrossamerica.com.
Grand once more

Reading the latest Universitas (spring/summer 2003) brought back many memories of Grand Avenue. I graduated from Saint Louis University in 1943. Grand Avenue at that time was a place of many varied activities.

Going to the Fox and having fellow student Frank Kussman (B&A ’43), a ticket taker, letting me in with half a ticket was always an adventure. The popular shoe store next to the Fox was owned by two men from my hometown of Perryville, Mo. The Melbourne Hotel was a place my mother stayed while visiting St. Louis. The many restaurants and movies provided plenty of entertainment for anyone visiting.

While a student, I lived at 4548 West Pine Blvd., along with many other students. Mrs. Durbin was our mother away from home.

In the fall of 1943, many of the grads from Saint Louis University joined the Marine Corps. I was one of them. Joe Goek (B&A ’43), John Lamb (B&A ’43), Walt Rubin (B&A ’43) also joined the Marines. In 1949 I left the Marines and returned home. During the ’50s, ’60s and most of the ’70s, Grand Avenue was still going strong. Being in the retail business, I was in St. Louis almost every week. Seeing Grand Avenue losing its glamour was not a good sight to see. It’s good to know that maybe in a few years it will look good again like it did in the “good old days.”

Harry L. Lottes (B&A ’43)
Perryville, Mo.

Recalling Dr. Chiasson

The announcement of the recent death of retired English Professor Elias J. Chiasson awakened memories for me of his chilling stories of working as a young man in Nova Scotia’s coal mines — and of his inspired and inspiring teaching, especially of the works of Alexander Pope and Jonathan Swift.

The critical thinking, close reading, clear writing and language analysis skills that he insisted upon in his classes served me well in my 40 years of teaching writing, literature and peace and conflict studies courses in Missouri, Utah and Oregon.

I honor and will remember him. I appreciate what he brought to my life.

Jerome Garger (A&S ’60)
Eugene, Ore.

Magazine prompts memories

I just finished reading Universitas, spring/summer 2003.

I enjoy reading the publication to keep up on the progress. I always knew it was an outstanding school. I was lucky enough to have all good professors.

John Conoyer was a gem, a good teacher and a top-notch man! I was in geography, and he made knowledge a living thing. As he said: “History happens because of geography,” and “Wars are fought because of geography.”

SLU set high standards even in my days, when I was a summer school student. All year I taught children in the lower grades in rural areas and in a variety of situations. We’d close our school, shift our thinking and go to the University to get our Missouri certificates. It was quite a “shift,” believe me! But I knew Saint Louis University was a good school with high demands, so we managed.

Anyhow, keep sending the Universitas; I enjoy it. God bless you all and us, too!

Louise Wagner, C.P.P.S.
(A&S ’59, Grad ’66)
O’Fallon, Mo.
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