welcoming the class of ’09
like most of you, I spent late August and early September glued to my television, watching the news of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath.

Although we are many miles north of the affected region, as St. Louisans we know the wrath of floods. As Americans we recognize the importance of sharing the recovery. And as people of faith we understand that we must reach out to those in need.

Yet at first I felt very distant — even disbelieving what was happening in my own country. Although I have many friends, colleagues and Jesuit brothers at our sister school, Loyola University New Orleans, what could I do for them? Pray? Make a donation?

Of course, prayer is a powerful thing. And those displaced by this disaster certainly will need money to get through the crisis and rebuild their lives. But I wanted to do more — and I wasn't alone. The Saint Louis University community wanted to help, too. And there was something we could all do together.

We could provide what we had to offer, in this case an excellent education, with those displaced by the floods. Within days of the disaster, 190 students who had been enrolled at Loyola, Tulane University, Xavier University of Louisiana and Dillard University were attending classes at SLU.

Our admissions, advising, financial aid, residence life and registrar staffs worked tirelessly to get these students registered for class and moved into their dorm rooms. Our campus ministry team offered everything from school supplies to transportation. The student life office held a welcome event and resource fair. (For more details about SLU’s efforts, see the story on page 8.)

And our efforts did not focus only on the displaced students; we reached out to the dozens of our own students who call the Gulf Coast home. Campus ministers contacted every one of these students to offer assistance and counseling.

In addition, we pitched in to assist all of the hurricane victims in a variety of ways. The collection at the 10 p.m. Sunday student Mass was earmarked for hurricane relief. Our Student Government Association organized a canned food collection, launched fund drives and made plans for a service trip to the Gulf Coast region. Staff planned a “denim day” (wearing jeans to work for a $5 donation). Faculty from our schools of medicine and nursing provided care to survivors who had evacuated to St. Louis. Our Web site featured ways to give. (Read about an extraordinary alumna who was in New Orleans during the disaster on page 32.)

It was amazing to see the entire SLU community work together to welcome these students and to assist so many in need. But perhaps “amazing” is not the right word. In fact, the SLU community’s response was no less than what I would expect.

Our students, faculty and staff are always proud to know that SLU’s women and men were there for others in a time of great loss.

So it’s really no surprise that our community rallied around the hurricane victims. But it is still a blessing. And it still gives me immense pride to know that SLU’s women and men were there for others in a time of great loss.

Of course we couldn’t all go to New Orleans to help, but we are so pleased that 191 New Orleans students found at least some refuge at SLU. God bless them, and God bless all of you affected by this disaster.

Lawrence Biondi, S.J.

President’s Message
Construction under way for Research Building

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fter two years of planning, Saint Louis University broke ground on its Research Building June 2. The signature building in Midtown St. Louis will provide a new front door for Saint Louis University Health Sciences Center and will make it possible for SLU scientists to make research discoveries in five key areas: cancer, liver disease, heart/lung disease, aging and brain disease and biosafety/vaccine development.

The $67 million Research Building is part of an $80.5 million project that also includes renovation of existing laboratory space, which will take place after the new building opens in 2007. This is the largest building project in the University's 187-year history.

"Breaking ground obviously is great news and yet another piece in the revitalization of Midtown St. Louis," said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. “But the medical and scientific community -- and yet another piece in the revitalization of Midtown St. Louis."

The new Research Building will consist of a 10-story tower at the north end with the two lowest floors extending toward the south and connecting in a covered walkway to the School of Medicine, where additional research facilities and training space are located. Construction is expected to take 24 to 27 months. This spring, Clayco was selected as the general contractor. The architect of the building is Cannon Design.

SLU researchers explore flu vaccines without needles

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or those squirmish about needles, here's some potentially good news. Researchers at the School of Medicine are investigating the use of sound waves rather than needles to administer the flu vaccine. In the first study of its kind in the nation, the researchers at SLU are using an investigational device that applies ultrasonic waves to a small area of the skin to create microscopic openings in the pores. Once the pores are opened, a nickel-size patch containing a licensed flu vaccine is placed over the area, allowing the medication to pass into a patient's bloodstream.

"The painless pulse of sound waves takes about 15 seconds, and the skin returns to its normal state within 24 hours," said Dr. Robert Belsh, the lead investigator for the study and director of the Center for Vaccine Development at the School of Medicine.

School of Social Service and College of Public Service merge; Social Service gets new name

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n the real world, social workers, educators and counselors often work closely together to solve problems. Training for that kind of collaboration got a boost this summer when the Saint Louis University School of Social Service merged with SLU's College of Public Service.

Social Service is now known as the School of Social Work within the College of Public Service. Dr. Susan Tash serves as the school's director, reporting to Dr. James Gilkman, dean of the College of Public Service. The School of Social Work remains housed in Tegeler Hall.

The merger, which took effect July 1, is expected to create new opportunities for innovative academic programs and cutting-edge research.

"This move really takes advantage of our strengths," Gilkman said, adding that the two units already offer common academic offerings.

The merger isn't a new idea. When Public Service was founded in 1998, there were discussions of a merger with Social Service. Those discussions resurfaced in fall 2003. Since that time, officials with both units have spent a lot of time examining the transition. There also has been significant faculty and student support for the idea.

Officials expect that the academic units' similar missions will encourage a smooth transition. Both Public Service and Social Work educate students to be community-oriented professionals who strive for positive change when they enter the workforce. Before graduation, students get real-world, hands-on education through clinical experience, which is a key component of both units' degree programs.

"Once practitioners get out there — whether they're social workers, teachers, speech pathologists or counselors — they almost always work in an interdisciplinary way, and it's better that they gain those skills as part of their early training," Tash said.

SLU named a best buy for 8th year

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or the eighth consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report has recognized Saint Louis University as one of the nation's best values in higher education.

In its special “America's Best Colleges 2006” issue, U.S. News again named the University on its coveted “Great Schools, Great Prices” list. SLU joins other distinguished Catholic institutions, including Notre Dame, Georgetown and Boston College, on this list of the 50 national, doctoral universities that are considered best buys by the magazine. To determine the best value rankings, U.S. News relates a school’s academic quality to the net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of need-based financial aid.

"The higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the deal," the magazine states.

In addition to best buy rankings, U.S. News also compiles an annual listing of the nation’s best universities and colleges. This year, SLU rose three spots to No. 78 among the nearly 250 national universities that offer doctoral programs. Harvard and Princeton topped this year’s list. Once again, Saint Louis University was listed among the top five Catholic institutions in these overall rankings.

U.S. News also gave high marks to several individual SLU academic departments and undergraduate programs. SLU’s Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology claimed the No. 29 spot among nation’s best undergraduate engineering programs. In addition, the college’s aerospace program was ranked No. 5 in the nation. And SLU’s John Cook School of Business was listed at No. 87 on U.S. News’ rankings of the nation’s best undergraduate business programs.

40 years ago in Universitas

The Sign of the Times

Up to now we couldn’t build buildings or add a new program without the approval of the headquartered in Rome. Requests for dispensations (Latin: a difficult task with a program such as space technology) and often it took months to process the requests. Now we will be able to proceed directly, with only the approval of the provincial.
Business school launches a one-year MBA degree

The John Cook School of Business has announced a new program for students interested in earning an MBA in less time than a traditional program—a one-year MBA degree option. The degree, which consists of three terms, is the first of its kind in the region and will begin in May 2006. The first class will graduate in May 2007.

“We’ve designed this program for driven individuals who want to make the most of their time and get ahead faster,” said Dr. Tom Miller, associate dean for master’s and undergraduate programs. “One-year MBA students will be back in the workforce in half of the time that their peers at most institutions.

The degree is fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, and a two-year study abroad venture is included in the curriculum.

The business school will continue to offer a professional MBA option for those interested in pursuing their degree on a part-time basis. However SLU’s one-year MBA program will replace its traditional two-year full-time MBA program. SLU also will continue to offer the master of accounting, master of science in finance and executive master of international business programs.

To learn more about the SLU one-year MBA, visit onemyamba slu.edu or call (314) 977-6221 or 1-800-570-1861.

SLU Hospital among Top 10 for geriatrics

Saint Louis University Hospital is the only St. Louis area hospital to be ranked among the top 10 geriatric programs in U.S. News & World Reports 2005 edition of “America’s Best Hospitals.”

The hospital partners with SLU School of Medicine to deliver inpatient and outpatient hospital services focusing on the complex care needs of the elderly. SLU Hospital was the first in the area to offer an Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE) Unit, designed to prevent loss of physical function while patients are treated for an acute illness so they can return to their previous state of independence.

U.S. News also recognized Saint Louis University Hospital among the top 50 hospitals in the nation for treatment of kidney diseases and disorders.

Richard Ford wins Literary Award

The Saint Louis University Library Associates will present the Saint Louis Literary Award to Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Richard Ford at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in the Anheuser-Busch Auditorium of SLU’s John Cook School of Business.

The program is free and open to the public.

Ford is the author of five novels, Independence Day, Wildlife, The Sportswriter, The Ultimate Good Luck and A Piece of My Heart and three collections of short stories. He received both the Pulitzer Prize and the PEN/Faulkner Award for Independence Day, the first book to win both prizes. In 2001, he received the PEN/Malamud Award for excellence in short fiction.

At the award, Ford will select a group of previous recipients, including Tennessee Williams, Eudora Welty and Saul Bellow. The award has been presented annually since 1967.

News Briefs

Saint Louis University’s Center for Advanced Dental Education received the National Award of Honor from Herbert Bova & Sons Girls Club at its annual recognition celebration June 25. CADER’s relationship with the local group started in the early 1960s, when faculty members of the SLU School of Dentistry presented dental awards for Boys & Girls Clubs members and administered the dental program at the club’s small dental clinic.

The department of pharmacological and physiological science has received a $1 million-plus grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences to train 30 pre-doctoral students during the next five years. SLU is one of only 29 institutions across the country to receive the grant. The department had received the competitive renewal grant for the previous 15 years and is the only institution in the state to receive the funding.

Mel Burkart (Grad BBA 103), professor emeritus of aviation science in SLU’s Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology, has earned second place in the “Best Regular Column” category for his writing on aviation. Burkat is one of only seven aviation instructors from Missouri to earn the title.

The College of Public Service and the SLU Campus Kitchen have inaugurated a new partnership with the Cornman, C.M., Scholarship. Funded by an endowment named for Cornman (Grad Phi Iota ’78), former pastor of St. Vincent DePaul parish, the Cornman scholar will work with Campus Kitchen to provide assistance of aviation science in SLU’s direct service and strategic assessment of the organization’s outreach efforts. Michael J. Schrader, a doctoral student in the department of public policy studies, is the first Cornman scholar.
SLU officially joins the Atlantic 10 Conference

Saint Louis University began its first year as an official member of the Atlantic 10 Conference July 1. The original announcement came in November 2003 that SLU and the University of North Carolina Charlotte were leaving Conference USA after 10 years to join the A-10. The profile of the A-10 membership is the best fit that Saint Louis University has experienced in the history of Billikens athletics, said Cheryl L. Levick, SLU’s director of athletics. “The Atlantic 10 Division crown was one of the main reasons I selected Billikens athletics when I came here in 2002,” said Billikens volleyball coach Sherry Boyles, another veteran of the Mid-American Conference. The Atlantic 10 is its 30th year of NCAA Division I competition. Along with its two newest institutions, the league’s membership includes Dayton, Duquesne, Fordham, George Washington, La Salle, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Richmond, St. Bonaventure, Saint Joseph’s, Temple and Xavier.

A-10 members compete in 21 regular-season athletic contests and six tournament sports. The sailing team was added last year. Men’s and women’s cross country, field hockey, men’s and women’s golf, men’s and women’s lacrosse, men’s and women’s indoor and outdoor track and field, men’s and women’s soccer, softball, men’s and women’s swimming and diving, men’s and women’s tennis, and men’s and women’s volleyball.

SLU was a charter member of Conference USA and left its mark upon the league. The Billikens’ soccer team won eight C-USA titles. The women’s soccer team won two regular-season championships. The Billikens’ men’s basketball team captured the 2000 C-USA Tournament. The Billikens also received C-USA’s Institutional Excellence Award in each year of the league’s existence. The award is presented annually to the school with the highest cumulative grade point average during each academic year for all student-athletes in conference-sponsored sports.

SLU’s joining the A-10 has been a cause for celebration for SLU fans across the country. Confused fans, however, were not happy with the news. "The Atlantic 10 is not as good as Conference USA," said JSU fan Tom McCarty of New Orleans.

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Not only does alumni participation support the campus, it affects SLU’s ranking in U.S. News. A strong alumni participation rate also sends a message to corporations and foundations that are considering making gifts to SLU. These funding sources want to know that alumni support the institution.

The School of Medicine and the Center for Advanced Dental Education have both met the 27% by 07 challenge with alumni participation rates of 31.5 and 23.8 percent respectively. Participation from the alumni of the Institute of Technology and the Schools of Dentistry, Law and Nursing all have exceeded 27 percent.

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A gasp went through the crowd at the annual convention of the National Association of Pastoral Ministers. Bari Colombari, a senior editor from Oregon Catholic Press (OCP), stepped forward to make an announcement.

“There are four men here tonight who have not sung together in 20 years,” Colombari said. “The St. Louis Jesuits.”

The audience leapt to its feet and cheered wildly as four middle-aged men took to the stage in Washington, D.C. — 30 years after they met and began making history on Saint Louis University’s campus.

“There we were, four older men on stage, and the crowd cheered for us as if we were the Beatles,” said John Foley, S.J. (A&S ’68, Grad ’68, ’74), distinguished liturgical theologian and founder and director of the Center for Liturgy at Saint Louis University. “It demonstrated to us that people still were served by our music. We began wondering whether we should consider working together again.”

“Something magical happened at that performance,” agreed Roc O’Connor, S.J. (A&S ’73), a theology professor and liturgist at Creighton University. “The experience of singing together again reinforced that the sum is greater than its parts, much greater than the kind applause we received.”

After that performance in 2000, the St. Louis Jesuits began discussing the possibility of a reunion project. It took four years of discussions and coordinating schedules to produce Morning Light, a reunion CD of newly written music, which they finished recording this summer. The much anticipated album will be released in February 2006 by OCP.

MUSIC FOR THE MASSES

Even if you have not heard of the 1970s liturgical music phenomenon these Jesuits began, you probably know their work. Music by the St. Louis Jesuits appears in the missals and hymnals used by nearly all of the nation’s 19,000 Catholic parishes and numerous Protestant churches. Liturgical pieces such as “This Alone,” “City of God,” “One Bread, One Body,” “Be Not Afraid,” “Come to the Water,” “Here I Am Lord” and “Lift up Your Hearts” are staples of contemporary worship. Other performers sang their music at President Ronald Reagan’s funeral and President Bill Clinton’s inauguration. Susan Sarandon sang “Be Not Afraid”
SINGING OLD

through the St. Louis Jesuits did not record together for 20 years, then they decided to rejoin each of the men since 1985.

BOB DUFFORD, S.J.
1991 To Stand in Your Presence
1995 From East and West
1998 The Reign of God

JOHN FOLEY, S.J.
1987 As a River of Light
1993 When Every Gate
1995 Pianist for the Church Year, Vol. Seven
1997 Mass of the Pilgrim Church
1999 One Bread, One Body I
2001 Like Water Waiting
2003 One Bread, One Body II
2005 God Among Us (just released)

ROC O’CONNOR, S.J.
1988 Rise Up to Splendor: Music for Children that Adults Can Sing
1991 Behind the Glory of God: Music for the Easter Vigil

DAN SCHUTTE
1978 Table Prayer
1988 Lover of Us All
1993 Drawn by A Dream
1997 Always and Everywhere
2001 Glory in the Cross
2002 Here I Am Lord
2003 You Are Near
2004 Prince of Peace

For more information about the Center for Liturgy, go to www.oCP.org or call 1-800-LITURGY.

The name stuck, and the rest, the Center for Liturgy at Saint Louis University. The Center for Liturgy, through research and education, promotes this vision of liturgical reform and renewal though research and education programs available to students, priests and presiders at SLU and throughout the world.

The center’s founder and director is John Foley, S.J., distinguished liturgical scholar and professor at the Department of Theology and Pastoral Studies.

Sponsorship of the Liturgical Composers Forum, where liturgical composers meet annually to discuss and learn from one another. It is the only such forum in the country.

Partnership in the SLU VOICES program (vocation, intimacy, Community and En- gagement), which facilitates a student community that pairs liturgical student assistants as they receive training in liturgy from the center and parish choral directors.

Members of the center have published 15 studies and a book about liturgical composition; over 100 research papers and presentations throughout the country. They also work and for with St. Louis parishes, and with the archdiocese and have sponsored diocesan liturgies.
The School of Social Work celebrates 75 years of advancing social justice — 1930-2005

Seventy-five years ago, the country was in chaos. A catastrophic collapse of the stock market brought on the Great Depression. Businesses closed their doors, factories shut down, and banks failed. One out of every four Americans was unemployed. One in three lived in poverty. For the first time in history, the federal government entered the field of social work on a large scale to cope with the effects of the economic crisis. This critical time in American history was the backdrop as Saint Louis University established its program in social work education.

“The initial curriculum was focused on giving students the tools they needed to help people with the effects of the Great Depression — poverty and homelessness,” said Dr. Susan C. Tebb, director of the School of Social Work. “These problems existed well before the stock market crash, but now the government was willing to invest money in addressing them, and the need for formal social work instruction intensified.”

SLU’s School of Social Work was one of the first social work programs in the region and the first within the Catholic tradition. Joseph C. Hausein, S.J., the school’s founder, was considered by his contemporaries as a pioneer in American Catholic social thought. He popularized Catholic social teaching and produced the largest body of American Catholic social writings in his time. He vigorously attacked the abuses of capitalism and used scripture to confront social injustice. He established the school with two goals in mind: to promote Catholic social teaching and to train professional social workers.

“Much has changed in how we educate our students, but our mission hasn’t changed at all,” said Tebb, who has been leading the school for the past eight years. “Our commitment to social justice is unwavering, and we continue to train strong practitioners who are ready to hit the ground running. Integrating social work education and practice always has been our strong suit.”

The social work program received accreditation in 1933. Then, as now, the school offered three areas of concentration: community, health and family. In the 1940s, the school began offering late afternoon and evening classes, drawing men and women from throughout the nation to pursue social work degrees. The late 1960s and early ’70s were a period of robust growth.

The size of the faculty more than doubled, and enrollment spiked dramatically. “It was a period of tremendous ferment in the country, and there was great concern about social equality,” said William Hutchinson, S.J., A&S ’59, Grad ’64, ’68. He joined the faculty in 1973 and served as dean from 1984 to 1995. “Those were the years we got Medicaid and Medicare and the Civil Rights Act. We launched the war on poverty and went to war in Vietnam. Similar to the 1930s, government and agency support for social service programs was ample. A good 90 percent of our students were full-time, and they had scholarships, fellowships or grants.”

Tebb notes that how students are paying for their social work education today represents one of the biggest changes over the past 75 years. Many of the students in the undergraduate program and most in the graduate program are part-time students who must work while going to school because financial aid is limited.

“Unfortunately, our government isn’t as supportive of social services as it once was,” said Tebb. “Social programs are the first thing to be cut, and our students are feeling the pinch. It’s one of the reasons our fund-raising campaign focuses so intently on raising scholarship money.”

A Focus on the Future

The school moved into its current home in 1973 when a gift from Jerome F. Tegeler (BA ’29) made construction of Tegeler Hall possible. During the 1980s, under Hutchinson’s leadership, the school became more active in promoting itself and its mission. This resulted in another substantial growth in enrollment and a doubling of the school’s endowment.

In 1996, the school made its commitment to social justice even more explicit with the establishment of the Emmett J. and Mary Martha Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research, an internationally recognized center that advocates the advancement of a just society for all, especially the poor and vulnerable. During the past nine years the center has funded 234 students, given 23 collaborative faculty/student/community grants and has supported 31 publications.

The school celebrated its contributions to social work and social justice in early October with a conference showcasing the ways alumni have used their social work degrees to advance the field. The keynote speaker was John Dear, S.J., a pastor and peace activist living in New York who has edited and written 20 books on peace and justice.

While an anniversary is time for reflection, Tebb said it is also the perfect time to look to the future. The school recently merged with the College of Public Service to provide students with more opportunities for multidisciplinary teaching, service and research endeavors. Joint endeavors include a bridge program that gives master’s students advance standing in the college’s counseling and family therapy doctoral program.

Tebb also looks forward to seeing the School of Social Work expand globally.

“We’re working to expand our study opportunities in Mexico, Panama and Ghana,” she said. “We want our students to realize how our policy affects other people’s lives. The best way to do that is through field practice. It’s also valuable to see how resources are utilized in other countries so that we can better use our resources here.”

Since 1930, the School of Social Work has graduated more than 4,000 professionals. Those who attended classes since 1967 probably had Dr. William C. Brennan as a professor. Brennan came to the school 38 years ago, and he continues to teach courses on family interaction under stress, communicating with children, and human behavior and the environment. Brennan said he sees nothing but opportunity when he looks ahead.

“I’ve read that professional social workers are the nation’s leading providers of mental health and therapy services to people — ahead of any other professionals, including psychologists and psychiatrists,” Brennan said. “I don’t see that changing. The demand for compassionate social workers is growing, and I see in our students a commitment that will help them meet the demand. Their idealism is what keeps me and the school going.”

A Focus on the Future

The school moved into its current home in 1973 when a gift from Jerome F. Tegeler (BA ’29) made construction of Tegeler Hall possible. During the 1980s, under Hutchinson’s leadership, the school became more active in promoting itself and its mission. This resulted in another substantial growth in enrollment and a doubling of the school’s endowment.
When freshmen arrived at Saint Louis University Aug. 24, they found some unexpected helpers moving their boxes from cars to residence halls. For the first time, faculty and staff were lending a hand.

“It’s about the whole SLU community welcoming the students and their families together,” said Dr. Leanna Fenneberg, Welcome Week organizer and director of first-year programs. “It’s an exciting time on campus, and the whole Saint Louis University family is a part of it.”

A little rain didn’t slow down the move-in process. Here Oriflamme members help a family. Kathy Hagedorn, SLU’s vice president for human resources, assists students with move-in.
The focus isn’t only on students; parents also have a full itinerary. In addition to assisting their children, parents attend separate sessions to help them with the transition, too. Workshops such as “Don’t Tell Me What to Do … Just Send Cash!” and “My Child Didn’t Tell Me” allow parents to discuss the issues and opportunities that arise during this major change in their child’s life.

But for all of the serious topics, the main focus is having fun and making friends.

“We want students to feel at home here,” Fenneberg said. “So we let them know they’re part of the SLU family and that we’re glad they’re here.”

But Welcome Week is more than just moving boxes. It’s also square dancing, convocation, picnics and soccer. A full slate of activities offers freshmen and their parents the chance to socialize, learn and acclimate themselves to SLU.

Student orientation volunteers, known as Oriflammes, unload trunks and carry televisions, but they also lead groups of first-year students through pep rallies, tours and discussions about everything from alcohol to campus involvement. Oriflammes members are known for their orange T-shirts, enthusiasm and their knowledge of SLU.

“Oriflammes just seemed like fun; everyone is so spirited,” said Addison Killeen, an Oriflammes member from Lincoln, Neb. “And it’s great to help freshmen because they are usually so nervous during their first days at SLU.”

Every year the square dance on the upper level of the Olive Compton Parking Garage is one of the highlights of Welcome Week. Students learn to do-si-do and get to know classmates.

The new student convocation, held in St. Francis Xavier College Church, officially welcomes new freshmen, transfer students and their families.

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Students show their Billiken pride at a men’s soccer game vs. Butler. The students, who are organized in Oriflamma groups based on their residence hall floors, compete for prizes based on their spirit and creativity.
ne of St. Louis’ most prized places for making memories soon will be a memory itself. Busch Stadium, the home of the St. Louis Cardinals since 1966 and the seventh oldest stadium in Major League Baseball, will make its way into the pages of baseball history after the 2005 season, giving way to a developing brick successor looming to the immediate south. Dr. Robert Krizek, Saint Louis University associate professor of communication, is investigating how the ballpark has helped to shape the identities of baseball fans over the years and what its closing means to them.

“I’m interested in how people talk about events in their lives that transpired in the old Busch Stadium,” Krizek said. “Busch Stadium is more than a place for baseball. It is a place where people established, developed and nurtured relationships.”

Although Krizek focuses on how the stadium’s closing affects people, he leaves the debate about whether the Cardinals should have built a new stadium to the politicians and civic activists. Likewise, he leaves baseball’s milestones and memorable plays to the broadcasters. His research delves more into personal territory rather than what is foul or fair — whether on or off the field.

First dates, bachelor parties, family traditions and other memories stand among the tales that Krizek has collected in his study about how the landmark St. Louis stadium has fostered landmarks in people’s lives. One of Krizek’s favorite stories from Busch involves a woman in her 30s. Her dad took family members to a particular Busch Stadium souvenir stand. The prize? A red Cardinals T-shirt. But there was a catch. Before anyone was awarded a shirt, the father gave a Cardinals quiz. The kids had to demonstrate that they had mastered the rules of the game and knew what it meant to be a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. To do the latter, they had to answer some questions about famous moments in Cardinals’ history.

“Her two older brothers had gotten shirts before she did, but she was the first girl in the family to get a shirt. It meant a lot to her,” Krizek said. “She was looking forward to continuing the family ritual with her two daughters. And although she can buy them T-shirts at the new ballpark, she said it just won’t be the same because they won’t be going to the place where her dad took her.”

Another story that stuck with Krizek concerned an executive who attributed his professional success to an epiphany at Busch Stadium. “This man was allowed to walk around the stadium as part of Little League night as a reward for his accomplishments as a young ballplayer,” Krizek said. “The man told me that trip to Busch Stadium taught him that if you tried hard and worked hard, you got to do something neat. That walk around Busch Stadium convinced him that he could accomplish big things if he applied himself.”

A veteran when it comes to recording memories at ballparks, Krizek previously studied the closings of old Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox from 1910-1990, and Arlington Stadium, the home of the Texas Rangers from 1972-1993. In each situation, Krizek told management about how some fans were having a tough time coping with the fact that a beloved building would be torn down.

“If you’re not interested in the question of, ‘Should the ballpark be torn down?’” Krizek said. “But I do think we have to be sensitive as we tear down buildings like baseball parks and churches where people have experienced significant moments in their lives. We are removing some tangible places where people have invested much of their identity, and in some ways, those places affect who we are. I’m not saying we shouldn’t make room for civic progress. I just believe we must be sensitive and allow people to grieve over the loss of a place that has meant so much to their identity.”

A passionate fan of the game, the SLU professor refuses to break baseball etiquette and conduct his interviews when and where he will disrupt the game. He prefers to approach people before and after games either outside the stadium, near concessions stands or on the main concourse. Krizek estimates that he already has talked to hundreds of fans for his research at Busch. But like the Cardinals themselves, Krizek has set his sights on the final home games and the playoffs.

Krizek talks with a Cardinal fan before the game.
“When people leave that park for the last time, they will be hit with a reality they don’t face right now,” Krizek said in August. He noticed a tremendous difference between the Comiskey stories he collected at the second to last game compared to the last game. “At the final Comiskey game, I have stories of people saying goodbye to husbands who died or to army buddies and friends they no longer see — all in a place where they experienced relationships with these people. In the last games at the stadium, the reality sank in for the fans that they could never go back and celebrate or bask in the remembrances of their relationships and the memories made in that place. “People get hit with the realization that they are never going to those places and that their relationships and the memories will be gone.”

As the season wears on, Krizek sees familiar pattern emerge: Fans become more emotional as they share their favorite memories about the ballpark. He also encourages fans to share their best stories that contain a similar flavor to the stories he has collected in the past. Regardless of the park, one thing that comes out in my research is that baseball is a game that nurtures and encourages relationships,” Krizek said. “Some people complain about the slow nature of a game, but that's its nature and pace that allows people to develop and nurture relationships in ballparks everywhere.”

Ironically, Krizek said St. Louis has put its stamp on the baseball world by encouraging community experience. “The idea of Cardinal Nation keeps coming up,” Krizek said. “People’s stories about Busch Stadium reflect the idea that St. Louisans go to the ballpark to be part of something larger, a community of fans that involves the city, area and region. I would imagine that would continue no matter where the Cardinals play.”

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“Eleanor had given previously to the University,” said Penelope Lipan, curator for the SLU museums and galleries. “We estimate that the new gifts bring the entire collection to nearly 2,000 pieces.”

Turshin had operated a jewelry factory that dealt mostly in precious metals. While traveling extensively to sell her products, she became interested in antiques and acquired glass. Upon walking into an antique shop one day, she spied a purple Steuben Charlton vase and purchased the rare piece for just $40. Turshin then began researching colored Steuben glass as well as glass in general. She continued to buy additional pieces that she knew would contribute to the value of her collection, which eventually included the finest American and European art nouveau and art deco glass.

Lipan said that the collection is quite valuable. “Glass is becoming more and more collectible, so the values rise each year,” Lipan said. “The Saint Louis University Museum of Art is one of many top glass artists, such as Dale Chihuly, who is considered the most important glass artist at this time.”

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“People take part in this program not because they are forced but because they know it is the right thing to do,” Coach Soderberg, in particular, has been very helpful. He really makes an effort to welcome the fam- ily to the game and chat with them. He'll often say something like, “We are facing a really tough oppo- nent tonight, so we really need you to cheer us on and help us out.”

Slattery said he often feels selfish because he gets so much out of the program. He said helping Cardinal Stritch's Football program has been a rewarding part of his adult life and further studies in the discipline have been particularly fulfilling.

“Saint Louis University has shaped me in ways I can never repay,” Slattery said. “But if you're looking for long-lasting impact, look no further than Bill Slattery.”
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FOR SOME, SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY IS PART OF THE FAMILY TREE.
This year, 156 members of SLU's freshman class have a parent, grandparent or sibling who is a SLU graduate. And as is tradition, the office of alumni relations invited these alumni and their new students, known as "legacies," to take a break from moving in and enjoy a special luncheon during Welcome Week.

Field in the Shamrock Atrium of John and Lucy Cook Hall, the gathering gave alumni the chance to reminisce and gave students the chance to catch up on a little campus history.

"I think this is the best recommendation," Willyo said. "So I'm following in his footsteps." Merz Ali Khan (IT '67) of Chesterfield, Mo., and his daughter, Sufia, "SLU offers a good education, good values and good teachers," Mr. Khan said. "And the campus really looks beautiful."
The Book of Mev
Mark Chmilar
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The book of Mev is the story of Mev Puleo (A&S ’83), an American Catholic photographer who confronted injustice, poverty, and violence. For witnessing U.S. homelessness for the reality that he found at his new term-care facility. In a book that is both entertaining and informative, this novel shows that there is a conflict between profit and extent of care. It also presents stories such as “The Dowry” which highlights the ways in which the community of textured characters whose paths intersect in both incidental and intentional ways. Tudish’s debut collection features stories such as “The Dowry” which highlights the ways in which the community of textured characters whose paths intersect in both incidental and intentional ways.

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UNIVERSITAS  FALL 2005
Flight from New Orleans  
– Kelly Armbrrecht Perry (Nurs ’04)

T here we were on the tarmac of the New Orleans intern-
national airport. I was doing my best to explain to my 5-
year-old patient that he was going on the big helicopter
and that I couldn’t go with him. His parents evacuated before the
storm and I had not seen them since May. I told him, “It’s going
to be very loud and scary, but these people are takin’ your
lives into your own hands.” By the grace of God, we
made it back safely. We then saw thousands of people just waiting,
not realizing it might be days before help arrived. I was amazed that I saw only a few helicopt-
ers. I thought they would be swarming, or at least dropping food and
water. Where was the help?

As we made our way closer to Interstate 10, we saw people
pushing grocery carts, and some carrying plastic bags full of be-
tween, “President’s Message.” I too applaud Carol Servino’s
message inspire reader

I have never had the courage to “take that step.” I’m encouraged
and perhaps motivated now to pursue some of my long-suppressed
dreams. But I digress... I have received the summer edition of Universitas and was very
moved by the “President’s Message.” I too applaud Carol Servino’s
caring, compassion and actions in initiating Mr. Mills return to his
studies. More people should have her conviction to make the world
a better place, one person at a time.

Graduate’s story, message inspire reader

I am the proud parent of a 2005 graduate of Saint Louis University
and had the honor and pleasure of being in attendance of the commemmoration and recognition
of Stanley Mills ("Glad Grad," summer 2005). I appreciate his
story perhaps more than others because as an adult who didn’t
attend college out of high school, I have had the courage to
just waiting, not realizing it might be days before help arrived.

“We then saw thousands of people just waiting, not realizing it might be days before help arrived.”
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