By Lawrence Biondi, SJ
Saint Louis University President

The following is a commentary about athletics that I recently wrote for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Because so many UNIVERSITAS readers also follow the Billikens, I thought you might find it interesting.

I was asked recently on St. Louis’ KMOX Radio, “If you had the opportunity for Saint Louis University’s basketball team to win a couple of championships, and it puts Saint Louis University on a greater map, you’d have more applications every year, perhaps the average SATs and grade point average would go up, you’d get more money for the endowment, but to do so, you might have to have fewer players graduate every year, would you make that bargain?”

My answer was no. Look at Duke and Stanford. It is possible for a university to have both high academic and athletic standards. It’s not inconsistent to be bright and well-motivated educationally and be a good athlete. We are committed to our athletic program, but more importantly to our athletes — and to all of our students.

I’m also asked, every time there’s a hint that an NBA team might even consider St. Louis, when Saint Louis University is going to build its own arena.

If an NBA team were to come to town, it would be a challenge to Saint Louis University’s athletic department. We need a flexible schedule of game dates from which to choose. I’m afraid that – if we’re fourth on the schedule after the National Hockey League Blues, the NBA and special events — we will be playing ball at inconvenient or impractical times.

We’ve had architectural consultants come in, and we’ve looked at what a 13,000-15,000-seat arena would cost. It would be approximately $55 to $60 million. With men’s and women’s basketball and one graduation ceremony, which would account for approximately 40 days of arena use a year, that cost seems hard to justify. We are investigating ways to build a facility that also will be useful for additional activities to make better use of this investment. We will do whatever it takes to support all our athletic programs. But as a Catholic, Jesuit, research university with a growing national reputation, we have several other projects competing for funding.

We plan to build a science research building that could cost anywhere from $75 million to $100 million. We are doing groundbreaking research in many areas, including vaccines for AIDS and smallpox, and we need a facility to accommodate this important work. Our student center is an old building, and we’ve outgrown it. There’s a need for expanding Busch Memorial Center, and the students have voted to increase their student activity fees to help pay for it.

Although some say a strong athletic program is all it takes to put a university on the map, this is not completely true. Yes, Doug Flutie brought national prominence to Boston College. But so did former Speaker of the House Tip O’Neill, whose political influence helped Boston College with governmental financial support. Although sports raises the prominence of a university to some extent, I strongly believe that the future of our student-athletes is more important than the prominence that it may bring to our university. For six years in a row, Saint Louis University student-athletes have been ranked No. 1 in Conference USA for grade point average. That’s what makes me proud.

We run a clean program at Saint Louis University. We graduate our students. We want our students to be student-athletes — not athletes who happen to be students from time to time.
On the Cover: The University’s Salus Center, home of the Water Tower Inn, featured on page 23.

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locations, both public and private, that we should be actively managing,” Holden said. “The members will make recommendations on any ways we can be more effective in communicating security and response information between government agencies and to our citizens and the media.

St. Louis Award honors Biondi
University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., received the prestigious 2001 St. Louis Award during a ceremony Nov. 14. Biondi was selected “for his outstanding leadership of academic excellence at Saint Louis University and regional revitalization in midtown St. Louis,” said David W. Kemper, president of the St. Louis Award committee and chairman, president and chief executive officer of Commerce Bancshares Inc.

Biondi is the 74th person to receive the award since its establishment in 1931 by the late David P. Wohl, a leading area philanthropist. Biondi joins a notable list of St. Louisans who have earned the award, including Sen. John C. Danforth, Leonard Slatkin, Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Mark McGwire and Lou Brock. Former SLU president and chancellor Paul Reinert, S.J., also was a recipient of the award.

Nicaraguan leader is SLU alumnus
A graduate of Saint Louis University is the new president of Nicaragua. Enrique Bolanos (IT ’62) was elected president of the Latin American country on Nov. 6 by a wide margin. An outspoken opponent of Sandinista rule, Bolanos defeated Daniel Ortega, who was defeated for the third time at the polls since the Sandinistas were voted out of office in 1990. Bolanos, 73, studied industrial engineering at SLU and owned many agricultural businesses, including cotton plantations and coffee processing plants. Both voters and analysts suggest Bolanos’ background in business and with civic groups, as well as the support of the U.S. government, may help his administration improve Nicaragua’s economy.

TORCH RUN: The Olympic torch passed by the Saint Louis University campus in January. St. Louis was one of many stops on the route to Salt Lake City for the Winter Olympics. During the local journey of the symbolic flame, several people with SLU connections, including alumni and students, had the honor of carrying the torch.

At the St. Louis Award ceremony in St. Francis Xavier College Church, (from left) St. Louis County Executive Buzz Westfall (A&S ’68, Law ’69), St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay (Law ’80), Biondi and Kemper.
Soccer team goes to tourney again

Although Saint Louis University’s men’s soccer team concluded its season with a 1-0 loss to Stanford in a NCAA Tournament quarterfinal match, the Billikens can look back on a stellar season. New head coach Dan Donigan’s team exploded for a 10-0-0 start, the best in history for a first-year coach and tops since the 1971 Billikens began 17-0-0. In the end, the team boasted an 18-2-0 record, also a milestone for a first-year head coach. The Billikens posted their second consecutive outright Conference USA regular-season title and postseason tournament championship. In fact, they have won either the regular season or postseason tournament titles in each of the last five years.

And there were plenty of highlights for individuals, too. Donigan was named Conference USA’s Coach of the Year. Senior forward Dipsy Selolwane netted 54 points, led the nation in goals scored and tied SMU’s Luchi Gonzalez for the national lead in total points. Sophomore midfielder Brad Davis tied as the national leader in assists. “Ultimately, when we look back on this season, we’ll always remember what a great year it was,” Donigan said.

Camera offers live SLU views

Those surfing the World Wide Web now have another way to see Saint Louis University’s campus. The SLU Web Cam is now online at www.slu.edu/webcam. The web cam features live still images of four University buildings: the Barnes and Noble bookstore; Morrissey Hall; John and Lucy Cook Hall; and Samuel Cupples House. The web cam also provides live snapshots of the clock tower. With every click, viewers can see something new. This new addition to the SLU Web site gives people all over the world a glimpse of life at the University.

Nursing inquiries on the rise

Saint Louis University is reporting a sharply increased interest in nursing as a career following the Sept. 11 tragedy. In the weeks and months following Sept. 11, the School of Nursing experienced a steady increase in calls from high school and college students inquiring about the undergraduate nursing degree programs. “This past December, inquiries for the school’s four-year bachelor’s and one-year accelerated program in nursing increased 55 percent from the previous year,” said Dr. Margie Edel, director of the SLU bachelor’s and master’s nursing degree programs. “Applications to the four-year bachelor’s program for next fall’s freshmen class are already up more than 30 percent.”

Alum librarian wins first award

This fall, Saint Louis University alumnus and employee Patrick McCarthy (A&S ’83) received the first SLU Star “In Touch with the Community” award for his continuing work with the Bosnian community in St. Louis. Sponsored by Saint Louis University, the award recognizes one SLU faculty or staff member annually for extraordinary contributions to the St. Louis community. McCarthy, associate University librarian, visited Bosnia in 1994, delivering letters, photos and money from St. Louis relatives to loved ones in Bosnia. He returned to St. Louis with a strong conviction that more support was needed for the growing refugee community of St. Louis. Since then, McCarthy has immersed himself in Bosnian culture, learning the language so that he could act as an interpreter.

AHP cooks up a new degree

There’s something fresh cooking at the Doisy School of Allied Health Professions — a bachelor of science in nutrition and dietetics with a culinary emphasis. The new degree, the only one of its kind in the nation, teaches students how to whip up foods that taste delicious and are nutritious, too. The program prepares students for careers as chefs in health spas, retirement communities, wellness programs and restaurants. Graduates of the program will meet all accreditation standards of the American Dietetics Association and earn their reg-
A WALK IN THE CLOUDS: Students enjoy Andy Warhol’s “Silver Clouds,” an exhibit on display at the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art this winter. More than 600 people visited MOCRA in the first four days of the exhibit, which featured mylar balloons that moved around with encouragement from air currents and interaction with patrons. The showing of “Silver Clouds” was the first in St. Louis and the largest ever in the United States.

Board welcomes nine new trustees

Nine new members have joined Saint Louis University’s board of trustees. They are: Richard D. Baron, co-founder, chairman and CEO of McCormack Baron and Associates Inc.; Thomas H. Brouster, chairman, CEO and majority owner of Forbes First Financial, the holding company for Pioneer Bank and Trust; Richard O. Buhler, S.J., (A&S ’63, Grad ’64, ’71) director and superior of the White House Retreat in St. Louis; Robert G. Clark, chairman and CEO of Clayco Construction Co.; Gerald E. Daniels, senior vice president of The Boeing Co. and president and chief executive officer of Boeing Military Aircraft and Missile Systems; Eva Louise Frazer, physician and former director of internal medicine for BarnesCare; Richard J. Mark, senior vice president of Ancilla Systems Inc. and president and CEO of St. Mary’s Hospital in East St. Louis, Ill.; Rex Sinquefield (B&A ’67), founder, co-chairman of the board and chief investment officer of Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc. of Santa Monica, Calif.; and Sandra Van Trease, president, UNICARE Life and Health Insurance Co.

Ignatian ideals to be discussed

Saint Louis University will host a second national conference to educate and encourage those involved with Ignatian spirituality. Sponsored by SLU, the Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus and the St. Louis Center for Ignatian Spirituality, the July 25-28 event features major presentations and small group workshops. The conference, “Coming to Love: A Spirituality of Relationship,” will address Ignatian spirituality in everyday life and adaptations of the Spiritual Exercises for various cultural settings. Five hundred participants — including lay people, Jesuits, clergy and other religious men and women interested in Ignatian spirituality — are expected to attend.

Cost for the conference is $150 (before July 1). The conference is subsidized by the Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus and by SLU. For information, call (314) 977-2509 or visit www.slu.edu/conferences/isc/.

NEW EXHIBIT: “The Greater Good: An Artist’s Contemporary View of the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment” by Tony Hooker is on display at SLU’s Museum of Contemporary Religious Art through May 5. It presents new insight into the Tuskegee Experiment, which began in 1932 when the U.S. Public Health Service initiated a study of syphilis in African-American males and evolved into a 40-year study of untreated syphilis in 412 men. MOCRA is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and admission is free. For information, call (314) 977-7170.

Quotable UTAS: “The wise parent who has created in his child a desire to learn will approach the whole problem of college admission with one philosophy: ‘Go where you can get in, my son, and know that a great opportunity awaits you to discover more about people, more about ideas, more about things — more knowledge than you will ever master in the four years you are in college.’” — Eugene S. Wilson, in a story headlined, “Your Child Prepares for College.”

Sign of the times: It was reported that the University had established a computer center in Des Peres Hall consisting of one $182,000 IBM 1260 computer, which was to be used primarily for processing research data for faculty and graduate students.
Initial news reports on Sept. 11 puzzled us. One plane, then another, had slammed into the World Trade Center in New York. As the day’s events unfolded, each update jolted us further into Orwellean disbelief and panic. The Pentagon had been hit. A fourth flight had crashed in a Pennsylvania field.

As New York City’s twin towers collapsed in an avalanche of mortar, steel, brick and lost lives, one realization became concrete amid the chaos: The United States had joined a long list of nations painfully vulnerable to terrorism. Americans no longer lived in an untouchable bastion of safe harbor.

A much subtler act further exposed our susceptibility to terrorism. A series of letters loaded with spores of anthrax confirmed the notion that terrorists could exploit biological pathogens — weapons that could wreak havoc beyond the more conventional methods of terrorism through a non-violent, unsuspicious delivery.

“The kinds of problems we’ll have in the future won’t necessarily involve hijacked planes or intercontinental ballistic missiles,” said Dr. Mark Buller, professor of molecular microbiology at the School of Medicine. “With bioterrorism, a weapon simply can be an aerosol can that easily could be brought into the country undetected.”

Fortunately, SLU has emerged as a major player in the nation’s strategic plan to battle bioterrorism. Experts from the department of molecular microbiology and immunology, the division of infectious diseases and immunology and the School of Public Health have various projects in the works to thwart this new threat.

Tackling bioterrorism will call for drastically different techniques than those used for an event such as Sept. 11, experts from Saint Louis University say. “Officials often don’t differentiate between forms of terrorism,” said Bruce Clements, the associate director of management and training for SLU’s Center for the Study of Bioterrorism and Emerging Infections. “They develop one terrorism plan that addresses the majority of scenarios in which there is a ground zero. We have to look at bioterrorism as a unique issue. If we lump weapons of mass destruction with bioterrorism, we’ll wind up training and planning inappropriately. As we’ve seen with the anthrax threats, response occurs very differently than what we saw at ground zero. The people are different, the players are different and the environment is different.”

A source for answers

Clements and Dr. Greg Evans, the director of the Center for the Study of Bioterrorism and Emerging Infections at the School of Public Health, have been quite busy in the wake of Sept. 11 and the subsequent anthrax scares. More than 450 national and international media outlets quoted the duo in November alone — thanks to the center’s growing reputation as a source for answers.

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"I would like to see politicians have a better mechanism of interacting, communicating and presenting a well-thought-out position on all the aspects of bioterrorism to the public, and I would like to see much of it done based upon scientific knowledge, not politics," he said. "We need politicians as administrators to run the big picture, but we need scientists to talk to the public, to let the public know what is going on in a fashion that the public will believe. It does not reduce the public's anxiety to keep them uninformed."

Timeliness is of the essence, and Evans finds himself worrying about matters that haven't even approached the life and death stage. "Sometimes, it takes days to get things approved before the information ever reaches the public. By then, the public is anxious and worried," he said. "We get calls that we can't answer because we're not provided with the information. That needs to change, particularly in the face of the fact that we are going to be living with terrorism for a long time."

Clements, meanwhile, said the government has to make changes in health care with requirements and incentives. The former portion of that formula would come from mandates that health care facilities incorporate bioterrorism into their planning and preparedness activities, as well as issuing licensing requirements so physicians, nurses and others would receive the training they need.

"But it's not just enough to require things — because we've seen, through a lot of unfunded federal mandates, that health care does not really do a good job fulfilling those mandates," Clements said. "Health care doesn't have deep pockets. It is being managed like any other business — on a really fine margin."

Clements said incentives could come in the form of funding for preparedness programs. "We've got more than 6,000 hospitals across the country, most of which don't have the budget to set up the kind of programs to do good surveillance in the community and to respond effectively to bioterrorism," he said.

One of the duo's biggest fears has been born from an unforeseen drawback of the information age, an era when so much information is available, and the public's attention span has grown very short. Both Clements and Evans warn that America must not become complacent or forget about the continuing danger of terrorism.

"If we can keep up the intensity we have right now during the next few years, we will be much better prepared," Evans said. "But if something were to happen today, we still aren't ready. And if and when the anthrax scare dies down, the intensity of interest in preparing for bioterrorism could die down, too."

Clements hopes these warnings will educate people, not send them into a state of panic. "There's a fine line between concern and worry," he said. "We should all be concerned enough to take action and to become better prepared but not worried enough to lose sleep and change our lifestyle."

**Vaccine research**

It's a scary thought: Smallpox vaccine stocks have declined to the point that no country now could combat the disease effectively if it were released into the population. Researchers believe that even a single incident of smallpox today would represent a significant public health danger.

With its high fatality rates (30 percent or more) and extremely infectious nature, smallpox now represents one of the most serious threats to the civilian population. No cure exists for smallpox, and the current Dryvax vaccine has reached dangerously low levels.

To ward off this menace, a new vaccine against the disease is being developed. SLU's department of molecular microbiology and immunology recently was awarded a subcontract for a study that will help make possible the next generation of vaccines to protect against smallpox. "We want to be sure that the new vaccine will protect against a smallpox challenge as effectively as the old vaccine did," said Buller, a professor of molecular microbiology and immunology.

Buller and his team of researchers will
Sharing data

On a similar front, researchers at SLU’s School of Medicine and the University of Alabama have received a $3.6 million grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to help strengthen the nation’s defenses against bioterrorist attacks involving poxviruses, such as smallpox. The finding will be used to create a computer-based resource center of genetic information about poxviruses.

“Expanding on available information, we will analyze the genetic sequences of the variola virus, the causative agent of smallpox, and other poxviruses and make them available to researchers,” Buller said. “The information will be used to develop new methods of rapidly detecting and diagnosing poxvirus infections and aid in the development of new antiviral treatments and vaccines.”

Buller and Dr. Elliot Lefkowitz, research associate professor of microbiology at UAB, will lead the group of researchers designing the resource center. Researchers hail from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases, the American Type Culture Collection, the University of Victoria and the Medical College of Wisconsin.

The U.S. government’s plan to deal with the threat of bioterrorism has led to a yearly allocation of approximately $344 million in inter-agency funds for surveillance of viral agents, public health infrastructure, the stockpiling of antibiotics and vaccines for emergency use in regional centers and research and development.

One of the primary agents under study, the variola virus is perhaps the one with greatest potential for use as a biological weapon. Before its control through vaccination and its eventual eradication from the human population, variola virus had a worldwide distribution. The most powerful form was associated with overall mortality rates of between 10 and 40 percent. Stocks of the virus are held in highly secure repositories at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and the State Center of Virology and Biototechnology in Koltsovo, Russia.

“The poxvirus genomics and bioinformatics resource center will play a key role as an information and analytical resource in developing a defense against this possible bioterrorist threat,” Buller said.

What can I do?

Experts agree individuals can accomplish little in preparing for bioterrorism and encourage the public to realize that real change only can be accomplished as a society. In other words, forego the trip to the military surplus store, stop any unneeded doses of antibiotics and don’t waste time and money constructing an underground bunker.

“Gasmasks are not appropriate. They won’t provide the protection that you need. You’d have to wear it 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It’s a waste of money, and it actually could be dangerous,” Clements said. “It’s the same thing with antibiotics. If we take them inappropriately, we’ll wind up with antibiotic-resistant organisms developing. In a few years, we’ll probably face more public health problems from antibiotic resistance — from people using antibiotics inappropriately — than we’ll face from anthrax. Terrorists want to spread fear and panic. Don’t give into those things.”

Evans encourages citizens to remain vigilant, be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious behavior, however trivial it may seem. It may be a cliché, but Americans should take the events of Sept. 11 as a ringing endorsement of the adage “better safe than sorry.”

“Terrorism and bioterrorism, I believe, are things that are going to be with us for a long time,” Evans said. “I don’t think any of the efforts that the federal government has right now, especially the idea of wiping out terrorism worldwide, are going to be successful anytime in the near future even with the progress made in Afghanistan. As a society, we are going to have to learn to live with terrorism as other societies have learned to live with it.”

Some information for this story was provided by Joe Muehlenkamp and Jennifer Frakes.
While many of us spent the holidays surrounded by family and friends, Dr. Sharon Frey spent hers in a mud house surrounded by strangers, land mines and mortar shells. Yet Frey feels as though she was the fortunate one.

Frey, an associate professor of internal medicine in the division of infectious diseases and immunology, spent most of December in Dasht-e Qal‘eh, a village in northern Afghanistan that once was a Taliban stronghold. She went there under the auspices of the aid agency Relief International to bring medical supplies and health care to rural villagers.

She tried to go on a humanitarian aid mission to Afghanistan in 2000 but was unable to obtain a visa to Tajikistan, which travelers must pass through on their way to Afghanistan. Frey said the events following the Sept. 11 attacks made it easier to get a visa this time.

“It took about four days to get there, but once I arrived, I couldn’t have been more welcomed by the villagers,” Frey said. “It’s a huge privilege to be accepted into their homes and their community.”

Dasht-e Qal‘eh was at the front lines of some of the fiercest fighting last year. The area reportedly had been cleared of Taliban forces in October, but remnants of the battles that took place there were plenty. The roads Frey and her colleagues took were peppered with bomb craters. At times, she and her mobile team had to drive through muddy fields to avoid roads where unexploded land mines lay in wait. Many males carried weapons.

“It sets you back a bit to see men and sometimes boys walking around with guns because we’re not used to that in our daily lives,” said Frey, whose trip was chronicled in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. “But I was never scared — just vigilant. I didn’t discuss the war, and I didn’t ask whether someone was with the Taliban or not. I provided help to whomever needed it, and I traveled during daylight only.”

Each day, Frey and her interpreter would wake before dawn and begin their journey, sometimes two or three hours long, to nearby villages. They would meet with the village mullah, or elder, to discuss what health needs were most pressing.
“Although the needs are great and you want to jump right in and get to work, you have to slow down a bit and be respectful of the customs,” she said.

Frey was in Afghanistan primarily to treat women and children. The decades of war in Afghanistan have made widows of many women in Dāsh-e Qal’eh. Afghan women have a life expectancy of 44. Depression is common. One study reported that as many as 16 percent of the women in Taliban-controlled areas have attempted suicide. Some blame this on the brutal Taliban regime. Frey said extreme poverty and destruction of the country’s infrastructure contribute significantly to poor health. Many of the villagers she saw had not seen a health care professional in a decade or more. Some had never seen a doctor.

Sometimes Frey and her translator would hold clinic in a tent that was pitched among flimsy, tarp-covered shelters for internally displaced persons. Other times they would treat people in their homes — small mud brick structures with one room for the men and
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When examining patients, she saw a mixture of acute and chronic conditions — respiratory disease, gastrointestinal disorders, skin disease, heart disease and asthma. She said the illnesses are the result of the brutal living conditions in rural Afghanistan. There is no running water, no electricity and no plumbing. Villagers cook what little food they have over wood-burning fires outdoors.

“It’s not as orderly as my world, but it actually clears my mind to be there,” Frey said. “I concentrate on the moment and take up the culture day by day.”

The night before Frey was to leave Afghanistan perhaps was the most dramatic of her stay. Two brothers, ages 9 and 11, were playing with a live munitions shell. One of the boys hit the shell with a rock, and it exploded. The flying shrapnel nearly severed several fingers of one boy’s hand and eviscerated the other’s intestines. Frey, who is not a surgeon, assisted a German physician who came from a humanitarian clinic nearby. U.S. Special Forces soldiers in the area served as lampposts, holding flashlights as the doctors worked.

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throughout the world, including Kosovo, Bosnia and Zaire. She is not sure where her next mission will be.

"It depends upon where I’m needed," Frey said. "Each trip reaffirms what a country of privilege this is. I come back richer and more inspired with each experience."

For more information about Los Angeles-based Relief International, visit www.ri.org.

Photos provided by Dr. Sharon Frey.
Men’s head basketball coach Lorenzo Romar knew it before the game even began. The Conference USA opener vs. Houston on Jan. 5 would not be “a gimme win.”

With 15:52 remaining in the game, Romar’s hunch became reality as the Cougars slashed a double-digit deficit to only three points. Romar used an official timeout to let his team know that the first four minutes after the half — during which the Billikens shot only 14.3 percent from the field — had ruined a fantastic early effort.

“Who are we going to go with?” Romar shouted sarcastically, scanning the young faces for an answer before abruptly shifting an accusatory finger from player to player. “You? You? You? You? You? Did anybody come to play the second half? Don’t you want to win this game? We’re playing like scared little kids. Now I want to get the ball inside. I want us to box out, and I want us to take care of the ball.”

Even the casual basketball fan has noticed that Romar has been a bit more vocal and intense during his third season as coach of the Billikens. Romar himself has acknowledged it. Without any seniors at his disposal, the coach has been forced into a larger role as motivator.

“This year, with no senior leadership, we felt like we had — and still have to be — more stern with this group because they need a little bit more direction,” Romar said.

But don’t mistake this newly discovered cantankerous side of Romar as a sign that the teddy bear in him has been sent packing. Romar insists he’s always been a demanding coach. It’s just that his other teams may have gotten the message sooner.

“For me, being firm is the best approach,” Romar said. “Off the court, you’re in your players’ lives.
You’re involved and concerned. You make yourself available and let them understand that you care. But on the court — during games and even practice — you care enough not to let them get away with anything.”

Like the throng of Billiken faithful, Romar wants to mold SLU into a nationally ranked team. But that hunger also has birthed rumbles of criticism, which Romar dismisses as fan fervor and part of the job.

“The majority of the fans who may have started to raise their eyebrows just want the best for the Billikens, that’s all. That doesn’t bother me,” he said. “That’s the nature of sports. As a coach, if you can’t accept criticism or people second-guessing you, then you shouldn’t be in the business.”

During his first two seasons at the helm, Romar cracked the top 10 for most wins among SLU coaches. His 36 victories in that span mark the third-best start by a head coach in Billiken history. Romar compiled a 19-14 record in his first year here, guiding SLU to a magical ride to its first conference tournament title. He ended his second campaign with a 17-14 ledger.

Before accepting the SLU job, Romar was the head coach at Pepperdine for three seasons. Prior to that, he served as assistant coach at UCLA under Jim Harrick from 1992-1996. He played in the NBA for four seasons before joining Athletes in Action, a non-denominational ministry, for which he played seven years. A native of Compton, Calif., Romar graduated from Pius X High School and attended Cerritos Community College before moving on to the University of Washington. He earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1992.

It’s been quite a ride for Romar, the man you’ve seen roaming the court, barking signals to his players, gleaning information from his assistants. During a SLU basketball contest, Romar’s suit never gets any creases because he rarely sits down. He did, however, sit down for a recent candid interview with Universitas.

UTAS: What drew you to SLU?
ROMAR: It was largely due to (athletic director) Doug Woolard’s persistence in selling Saint Louis University. He put a feeler out toward me to see how much interest I had. We were enjoying our situation at Pepperdine, and we weren’t planning on leaving. But Doug continued to say, “Just give us a look.” He came and met with me and showed me some pictures and explained the vision that was shared by the SLU athletic department. It sounded good, but we still weren’t ready to leave Pepperdine. Then he convinced my wife and me to come see the campus. When we saw the facilities, saw the city, we thought it was a diamond in the rough in terms of the basketball program. After that, we decided to come.

UTAS: How long would you like to stay?
ROMAR: We bought a home here. There’s furniture in our house. Our kids are in school here. We would like to stay as long as we can. We never thought of the SLU position as something to hold us over until we get something better. This is a program that we would like to build into something very, very special. I shouldn’t really say “build” because the groundwork by (former SLU coaches) Rich Grawer and Charlie Spoonhour already had been laid. We want to stay and take it to the next level.

UTAS: Why is SLU a good fit for you?
ROMAR: The city has a lot of family values. It’s a conservative city that we like. I also had the good fortune to sit down with Fr. Biondi, and I liked his direction and vision, and I like Doug Woolard’s direction and vision. The institution’s academic reputation speaks for itself. When you go to recruit a player and sit in a kid’s home, you can say with conviction that it’s a good academic situation here. I like that. Conference USA is a great conference. We’re in the Midwest, where you can recruit fairly well. Savvis Center is unbelievable. Doug showed me pictures before I had seen it. I told him it was really beautiful, but I was thinking, “It can’t be as good as it looks.” Then when I saw it, it was much better than what I saw in the pictures.

UTAS: Has anything surprised you or stood out in your time at SLU?
ROMAR: The fan support. The first month I was here, and even to this day, I can’t believe how many people tell me, “I’m a season ticket holder.” There are so many people I hear that from. It’s been unbelievable, it’s been refreshing, and I really appreciate it. My family appreciates it. It really means a lot.

UTAS: Your predecessor, Charlie Spoonhour, was a beloved member of the SLU community and the larger St. Louis community.
ROMAR: And still is.
UTAS: And still is. Was it a difficult situation to come into, to fill his shoes?
ROMAR: You can come into a situation where it’s the other way around in which everyone hated the coach and the program is in bad shape. One of the things that appealed to me about SLU was there was a decent nucleus coming...
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It’s also difficult because I want to make sure I’m spending enough time with God. I became a Christian when I was 25. I’m 43 now. Through spending time studying the Scriptures, God makes it very clear that He should come first and that your family should come second. Then the way that you provide for your family comes third. No matter what, I’m going to try and make sure the Lord comes first and after that, my family. I’m not saying you shouldn’t spend any time with your job. You can be successful and devote a lot of time to your profession. But if you keep your priorities in order, I think God honors that.

UTAS: How do you incorporate your faith into your work?
ROMAR: I’ve heard it said, “There is more that’s taught than taught.” It doesn’t matter what you tell players. They watch everything. They watch how you handle the people in the airport when you travel who get smart with you. They watch how you handle hecklers at a game. They watch everything you do, just like I watched my coaches. The No. 1 thing is to live a Christian life as you go about doing your job. After that, I will naturally make inferences at times to the Scriptures or lead them in prayer. I’m involved in their lives off the floor and show them how Christ would handle certain situations. I may not always use the word Christ, but I make sure to use His message.

UTAS: What are the qualities that make a good coach?
ROMAR: Consistency and being demanding. As a coach you are trying to form habits in your players. In order to form habits, you have to be consistently demanding. You also have to be passionate about what you do and be able to communicate with conviction and clarity so players understand. As far as coaching at this level, being able to recruit players comes before all that. If you don’t have the players, it doesn’t matter what else you have.

UTAS: If your players cuss, they run sprints in practice. If I’m a player for Coach Romar, what else am I not supposed to do?
ROMAR: Never lose control. Be passionate. Be competitive. But never lose control. People have made a lot of mention about the Missouri game when I took my jacket off. I wanted to make a point, and I needed to be heard, but I never felt like I was out of control.

UTAS: Outside of basketball, what is your proudest moment?
ROMAR: The greatest moment is when I became a Christian. My proudest moment is my wedding day. I guess it was even before that, when my wife said “yes.” And when all of our children were born.

UTAS: What has been the most rewarding basketball experience?
ROMAR: Playing at the highest level. I was the type of guy who no one gave a chance to play college basketball. I wasn’t blessed with a lot of innate talent. I would fantasize about playing in the NBA, being among the top competition of a sport. That was always something that inspired me, competing against and even beating the best. To do those things I had dreamed about was incredible. For coaching it’s the same thing.

When I was growing up, I watched UCLA win all those national championships. Then I had a key to get into that same gym, where I used to be on the outside looking in, and we won a national championship. To win, against all odds, a conference tournament here with SLU was another great experience.

UTAS: If you weren’t coaching right now, what do you think you would be doing?
ROMAR: Probably full-time ministry
like I was doing before I got into Division I coaching.

UTAS: Coaches wear many hats. What are your favorite and least favorite parts of the job?

ROMAR: I really don’t like filling out reimbursement sheets and paperwork. That’s the worst part. My favorite part of the job is the preparation — the plan, strategy and the practice for an upcoming game. I also enjoy the daily interaction with my staff and players. Recruiting is something else I really enjoy.

UTAS: You left the NBA to join Athletes in Action. Was that a conscious choice, or was it forced upon you?

ROMAR: When I was in high school, AIA was very popular. There were guys who turned down the NBA so they could play for Athletes in Action. They played their games on television in L.A. I wasn’t a Christian at the time, but I thought they played a good brand of basketball, and if I wasn’t doing anything after college, I might want to play for them. My senior year in college, I wasn’t getting much interest from the NBA. I averaged about nine points a game and didn’t know what I was going to be doing. I contacted Athletes in Action, sent them a tape of me playing, but I never heard back from them. That summer, a good friend of mine who had been drafted told me he was going to work out with some of the guys for Athletes in Action. I thought that would be good because I could go and let them see me in person. I remember working out with them. I even left a note that I would be interested in playing for them. There still was no interest on their part. That fall, I made the NBA. After three years in the NBA, I did become a Christian. And I got cut three times after that within a year. I remember I was with the Indiana Pacers in the summer of ’85, and I had just become a Christian, and AIA came back to me. It was interesting how that worked.

UTAS: What was the appeal for you about AIA?

ROMAR: When I became a Christian, I was so excited. It was like when I got married. I was telling everybody, “I’m getting married! I’m getting married!” When we had our first child, I was telling everybody. Each of those times, everybody was excited for me. But when I became a Christian and I began to tell people, they weren’t as excited. I quickly learned it was a turnoff to some people. What Athletes in Action offered was a chance to use basketball as a platform to tell the world about Jesus Christ. I remember that I could hold a microphone and talk to 10,000, 15,000, 20,000 people at once and tell them how Christ had changed my life and how he could change theirs. It just thrilled me that I could do all this while still playing basketball.

UTAS: You say you became a Christian at 25. What led you to make that choice?

ROMAR: From the time I was young, I was a casual church-goer. I was aware of God. But for a long time, I just put God in the back of my mind, just like I did with life insurance. I knew I needed it, but I didn’t really understand it, so I didn’t want anyone to come to my house and talk about it. That’s how I treated spiritual things until a friend of mine started to talk to me. I got sick of not knowing what God was about, so I picked up the Bible. Through reading the Scriptures, I realized I was not a Christian; I was just a guy who tried to do good deeds and good things. But the Bible says good deeds are not what give you a relationship with the Lord. I realized I had to ask Christ to come into my life myself, not because my parents raised me that way or a priest told me that was the way it was. On Sept. 10, 1983, my wife and I both asked Christ to come into our lives. It was at that point that church wasn’t just something that I thought I had to do or was the right thing to do; it was something I couldn’t wait to get to. Reading the Bible wasn’t a chore; it was something I couldn’t stop reading because this was the instructional book of life. It was God’s letter to me telling me all about Him.

UTAS: Who were your mentors? Who has had the most influence on you?

ROMAR: Becoming a Christian matured me as a person. So Christ, without a doubt, would be No. 1. In terms of people I grew up with, my parents, obviously. Then there were a host of coaches along the way. When I got to college, Warren Moon, the football player had just graduated from the University of Washington, and he would come back to the school. We developed a close relationship. For about two years at the University of Washington, I spent a lot of time with him. He is such a classy guy, and you have so much fun with him. He was an attractor everywhere he went. It wasn’t just because he was famous, it was because he was a genuinely good person. As far as coaches or players, I could go on and on. If you took away everything in my game as a player that I got from somebody else or from another player who showed me how to do something, then I would be a pretty sorry player. As a coach, it’s the same thing.

UTAS: Are you pleased where your program stands?

ROMAR: I am pleased with the overall direction of the program. We’ve been here for three years, and we’ve recruited...
a lot of players. In that time, there were probably two times when we didn’t get a player, and I was disappointed. I truly believe that we are two players away from being a top 25 team. If we had gotten those two guys, we probably could have been there.

UTAS: Are athletes catered to more these days, even by coaches?
ROMAR: No question. But the best way to get results is to be firm. A guy named Josh McDowell said, “With young people, rules without relationships lead to rebellion.” I think today, more than in the past, kids want to know that you care about them, but the situation is very different. Kids are getting free shoes and trips in the sixth grade. Our society conditions athletes to carry the attitude, “If you really like me, you will give me things. If you really want me, you’ll tell me how good I am.” By the time we get them and they’ve been recruited, they are so accustomed to being told how great they are, it shocks them when someone tells them, “You’re not that great. You still have a lot to learn. And if you want to be really good at this level and beyond, you’re going to have to work for a change.”

UTAS: How close do you get to your players?
ROMAR: I feel I have a pretty good relationship with all of our players. In three years here, there’s probably only one player who I haven’t spoken to after he left. But I’ve stayed in contact with the rest of them. A lot of them come back and spend time here, which is always good.

UTAS: How do you deal with criticism?
ROMAR: When I was a point guard for the Golden State Warriors, I picked up the paper one day, and the headline in the sports section said: “Warriors need point guard.” I’ve been through that as a player where people are critical. John Wooden, who I got to know pretty well when I was at UCLA, said, “Don’t get too excited about praise. And never get too down about criticism. You have to stay in the middle.” It was great advice.

UTAS: It seems you really value the input of your staff. Talk a little about the coaching dynamic and the roles each of your guys bring to the team.

UTAS: Would you ever coach in the NBA if the right situation presented itself?
ROMAR: When I’m older, 55 or 60 — if I’m still fortunate enough to be coaching, and I don’t have that zeal to get out and recruit, maybe. But right now, I would say never. One of the joys of coaching, as I have said, is interacting with the players. Watching someone come in as a wide-eyed, scared freshman and leave as a mature senior ready to go out and handle the world is wonderful. To be in a young basketball player’s life, when things aren’t going right in his private life, and he comes to me, closes my door and is up front and says, “Coach, I’m having a tough time,” being in a position to help this person during a four-year period is something I wouldn’t trade for the world. That’s ministry. You don’t get that in the NBA.

The Romar family (from left): Leona, Terra, Taylor (front), Lorenzo and Tavia.
He doesn’t drive a bright green van. He doesn’t solve crimes at abandoned amusement parks. And very few people would describe him as a “meddling kid.” But James Gunn has earned his place in *Scooby Doo* lore.

Gunn (A&S ’92) wrote the script for the upcoming *Scooby Doo* movie, which is expected to be a summer blockbuster. Watching cartoons as a kid, Gunn never could have imagined he’d be responsible for putting the Saturday-morning icons on the big screen. But for three months last year he was on location in Australia with the cast, hearing his words brought to life.

“It was a lot of fun,” Gunn said. “I got along extremely well with the cast and made some really great friends along the way.”

Yet, despite his glowing memories and ongoing friendships with the actors, Gunn said there is something “really terrifying” about waiting for the film’s release. The trailer, which depicts Scooby as a Batman-like crusader, generated such good buzz that there is much anticipation for the movie’s June 14 debut. “It feels like I’m about to be displayed in front of the whole world,” Gunn said. “I went from making a $350,000 film to making a $1.3 million film to making an $85 million film. The difference is huge.”

Indeed, *Scooby Doo* is Gunn’s highest-profile Hollywood project but by no means his first. He’s paid his dues on the way from Saint Louis University to Hollywood. And, believe it or not, it really was SLU that put him on the path.

“I found writing at SLU,” Gunn said. “When I first started college, I was playing in rock bands, and I actually dropped out of school for a while and played around St. Louis and the Midwest.”

But after a few years, his group, The Icons, broke up. “I decided that it wasn’t something that I really should be doing,” Gunn said. “I went back to SLU and took classes with Al Montesi and Paul Acker, both of whom I still hear from.

“It was in an Al Montesi class that I realized that I should be writing,” Gunn continued. “There was a play that I had written for his class that my classmates loved, and he hated. After years of playing in bands and not having very ‘rich experiences,’ reading that play to
the class and hearing people laugh was the greatest experience I’d ever had. It was one of the best moments of my life.”

His classmates’ reaction led Gunn to study creative writing in graduate school. He enrolled at Columbia University in New York and, at the time, planned to be a novelist. Along the way, he found another career. “The strange thing for me is that I have always done a million things at the same time,” Gunn said. “During my time at SLU, I was writing, cartooning for The University News, performing in plays, as well as doing performance pieces at the Venice Café. I always have mixed writing and performance.

“When I moved to New York, I started performance pieces again and was put into contact with Lloyd Kaufman, who runs a movie company called Troma Studios.”

It was a fateful meeting. Troma, the world’s oldest independent film company, is known for campy films such as The Toxic Avenger and Class of Nuke ’Em High.

“I needed a summer job, and I thought I was going to file papers,” Gunn said. “But I ended up getting hired to write a screenplay for a movie called Tromeo and Juliet for $150. I wrote it in a week—and-a-half.

“It is a sex and violence film, a ‘B’ movie, made for only $350,000. Sure, it is Troma, and they are known for making bad movies—but they are proud of it.”

Tromeo and Juliet played in 15 countries and around the United States. Its success led to a full-time job for Gunn at the studios. “I wasn’t getting paid that much,” he said. “But it was like a film school where I learned everything from writing the screenplay to marketing and distributing the film.”

While there, he wrote a book about the history of Troma Studios and began work on The Toy Collector, a novel that took him five years to finish and was published two years ago. “The Toy Collector is a truly good experience because the reviews were almost all good, everybody seemed to really like it, and it was something I had 100 percent control over,” Gunn said. “In Hollywood, as a screenwriter, I end up controlling, at best, a quarter of the mix—between the actors, director, producers, studio and a lot of different things. If a movie is good, it often is because of luck and the studio choosing the right people to work together. But writing a book isn’t about luck or studio decisions.”

However, it was a screenplay that prompted him to leave Troma and head to Hollywood. He had written a script, The Specials, that was good enough to land him a manager and actually get produced—with Gunn in one of the starring roles. Released in 2000, The Specials also starred Rob Lowe and Gunn’s brother, Sean. The film generated some critical praise and led Gunn to other projects, such as Scooby Doo.

But, best of all, it gave him the chance to work with one of his four brothers. All five of the Gunn sons work in the entertainment industry. Patrick (A&S ’89) is a senior vice president at Artisan Entertainment, which distributed The Blair Witch Project. Brian is a screenwriter who, with their cousin Mark, created the MTV show 2gether about a boy band. Matt wrote and starred in the 1997 Sundance Film Festival honoree Man About Town. Sean appears regularly in films and on TV in shows such as Angel and The Gilmore Girls.

Gunn, whose father, James (A&S ’63, Law ’65), uncles and sister, Beth, are lawyers in St. Louis, admitted that it probably seems strange to he and all of his brothers ended up in showbiz. But he also knows that they were destined for it. “Other families get extraordinarily competitive with sports or academics, but my family was extremely competitive at making each other laugh,” he said. “We are absolutely insane about what we will do to make each other laugh. And we’re just movie fanatics and pop culture fanatics in general, so the cards were dealt a certain way.”

Maybe it was fate that brought Gunn to Hollywood—he did meet his wife, St. Louis native Jenna Fischer, there. But whatever it was, he’s certainly found his niche. “I moved out to California, and I was immediately working in the business,” he said. “I have been working nonstop ever since.” Although not all of his screenplays or television pilots have been produced, he is optimistic about film projects beyond Scooby Doo, including a romantic comedy for Warner Bros. and a remake of the zombie movie Dawn of the Dead.

Gunn also is focused on creating and starring in a pilot for the Fox television network. Though he is hopeful about the show’s prospects, he has been around long enough to be realistic, too. “This is Hollywood, so all of these things could happen, or none of them could happen,” he said. “But everything is going extremely well, and this has been the best time ever. I am doing what I want to do.

“When I was at SLU and was unsure about my major and what I wanted to do with my life, my dad told me that he makes money doing what he does because he does what he loves,” Gunn continued. “He completely believes in Joseph Campbell’s theory of ‘following your bliss’ because that is where you have the greatest success in life. So that is what I have done since then, to the best of my ability. Sure, I’ve been knocked off a couple of times, but, for the most part, I follow my bliss and try to do what I enjoy doing the most. Everything has worked out much better than I ever thought possible.”
With spacious guest rooms, lounges with views of downtown St. Louis and the Arch, and a welcoming fountain in the lobby, the recently opened Saint Louis University Water Tower Inn is not typical university housing. It also is not every university that operates a hotel. SLU decided to open the 62-room hotel as a service to the University community, but recently decided to open the hotel to the public as well.

"It was hard to find quality, affordable places for our guests to stay near campus," said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. "We were particularly concerned about the families of extended-care patients at area hospitals, especially Saint Louis University Hospital and Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital, and now are able to provide them comfortable accommodations at a substantially reduced rate."

ICS Construction converted approximately 35,360 square feet on the fifth and sixth floors of the University’s Salus Center into hotel rooms, meeting rooms and lounges. About 1,000 square feet on the main level also was converted into a lobby. The University spent more than $1 million on the renovation, which began in April and ended in January.

Room rates have been set at less than $90 per evening with special discounts for University-related guests. Prices include continental breakfast, secure on-site parking and shuttle service throughout the University campus, Cardinal Glennon Hospital and Saint Louis University Hospital. Guests also will have access to a state-of-the-art fitness center, the cafeteria and other services.

Average guest rooms are approximately 250 square feet in size, with some providing extra space for those with disabilities. All rooms include data ports, cable TV and free local calls.

For more information or reservations, call (314) 977-7500 or visit www.slu.edu/events/water_tower_inn.html.
Dr. Hugo E.J. Vecchiotti (Med) has retired as a member of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Council of Southwest Florida after more than 13 years of service. He continues his active participation as a cardiologist for the Seminole Health Center for Health Services in Ft. Myers, Fla.

Gregory J. Nooney Jr. (B&A) received a 2002 Community Betterment Award from the Missouri Growth Association. He is a managing principal of Coldwell Banker Commercial in St. Louis.

Jerry Koch (A&S) retired as president and owner of J&K Corrugated Packing Inc. in St. Louis. He has been married to Milly Mosby for 47 years. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Sr. Mary Anthony Menting (AHP) is director at Berakhah House in Sioux Falls, S.D., a home for men and women with AIDS.

Dr. Daniel T. Haworth (Grad) is completing his 45th year as a faculty member in the department of chemistry at Marquette University. He was honored in the fall as an emeritus member in the American Chemical Society for 50 years of membership. ... John Lally (Soc Ser) received the Gold Boot Award from the Catholic Youth Council. He was president of the Cardinal Ritter Institute and Catholic Charities in St. Louis.

Robert Klein (B&A) retired as director of human resources for University City, Mo., after more than 36 years.

Jean Margaret Kaind, S.P. (Grad) retired from teaching and staff work after 54 years in education. She lives in Rivesville, Wis. ... Jim Lynch (B&A) lives in Omaha, Neb. His eight children were educated at Jesuit universities, including SLU. He also has a son who is a Jesuit.

Mike Surso (A&S) retired from International Truck after 39 years in heavy-duty sales in various venues. He lives in Syracuse, Ind.

Kenneth Becker (A&S ’63, Grad ’65) has published Unlikely Companions, a study of C.G. Jung’s thought in relation to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. He lives in Switzerland. ... Dr. Eugene Boostrom (A&S) retired as senior public health specialist for World Bank. He plans to return to international consulting as a public health physician with special interest in health management development, mid-level workers and distance learning. He lives in Bethesda, Md. ... Len Curreri (Parks) is flight department manager for “Air Margaretville,” a.k.a. Sails in Concert Inc. and Strange Bird Inc. ... Joseph Vincent Klein (A&S) lives in St. Louis with his wife, Susan. He is a senior member of the technical staff at Computer Sciences Corp. ... Vincent John, a soprano at SLU’s John Cook School of Business.

Bishop Victor Balke (Grad ’64, ’73) celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination as a bishop. He lives in Crookston, Minn. ... Daniel R. Gould (A&S) has been interviewed by SKOR, a Dutch radio station, for their Web site. He lives and works as an artist in Amsterdam. ... Daniel G. Tobben (Law) joined the firm of Danne McKnight in St. Louis as a principal.

Joseph L. Barbeau (B&A) retired after 37 years with Boeing/Donnell Douglas as director of accounting for St. Louis operations. He lives in Chesterfield, Mo., with his wife and daughter. They plan to travel and enjoy life. ... Dr. Ron McKenna (A&S) has gained national attention for outfitting well-known hip-hop and rap artists with gold and diamond-studded crowns. He works in Montclair, Calif. ... Jack Dauner (B&A ’65, ’71) recently wrote a book Don Mum and Dad, which presents a series of letters from Dauner to his parents during World War II. He spends his retirement playing golf, serving on various boards, and attending the First Health Hospice Foundation in Pinehurst, N.C.; and chairing several committees at the Country Club of North Carolina. ... Casey Fredericks (A&S) runs a tour service in Bloomington, Ind. He also published a book, Selling & Being Sold: The American Cult of Culture & Salesmanship. On Oct. 21, he completed the Columbus, Ohio, Marathon.

Geoffrey McHugh (A&S ’66, Grad ’77) is a consultant for the state of Illinois and lives in Rochester, Ill.

Mold F. “Fred” Mahmoud (Parks) is the president and chief executive officer at Designed Telecommunications Services, which the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association named one of the 50 fastest growing technology companies of the region.

Dr. James F.W. Purdom (Grad ET) was honored by President George W. Bush with the 2001 Presidential Award for his contributions to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. He is a senior research scientist at Colorado State University’s Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere. He lives in Fort Collins, Colo., with his wife, Francine.

Gregory P. Rice, M.H.M. (P&L) is the director of Catholic Charities in St. Louis, Pennsylvania. He is a drug abuse treatment program in Peshawar, Pakistan. He was featured on an MSNBC program. This award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of HIV/AIDS through leadership, research, policy and/or advocacy. ... Dr. John Beauden (B&A) died as a trial advocate by the Missouri Bar. ... William P. Govein (A&S) ’77, Law ’80 is board certified as a trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocates. ... Dr. Elizabeth Booker Barkley (B&A) is the men’s soccer coach at Washburn University in St. Louis.

Dave Gregor (AHP) is the assistant director of planning in facilities management at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. ... Barry J. Kearney (Law) received the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executives from the National Labor Relations Board. Kearney is the chief legal adviser to the general counsel and 32 regional offices of the Board in cases involving issues arising under the National Labor Relations Act. He lives in Columbia, Mo. ... Marianne Muellerleile (A&S) received the USC Good Neighbor Award. She recently had a recurring role on the soap opera Passions and lives in West Adams, Calif., with her husband, Tom Norms. ... Dr. Paul H. Young (A&S ’71, Med ’75) recently published a book, Death of a Healer. Young is a practicing neurosurgeon on the medical school faculty.

Dr. Lou Reibling (Grad) has been named vice president for instruction at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Mich. ... Dr. Mary Menne Wainscott (Grad ’72, ’73) is the director of the Fordham University College of 2001 Founders Award for distinguished service as lay pastoral associate. She lives in St. Louis.

Lawrence B. Doersching, S.M., (Grad) is the president of Nolan Catholic High School in Ft. Worth, Texas. ... S.L. (P&L ’73, Grad ’77) has moved to the White House Retreat Center in St. Louis as minister of the house and guest master after serving as chaplain for the Denver Police Department. ... Pierce W. Powers (Grad B&A) founded PowersGroup Inc., which provides financial services. He is the chairman of the board of the White House Retreat Center and is a member of the boards of AMC Cancer Research Center, Rockhurst University and Churchill School. He and his wife, Sue, have six children. ... Marie Sullivan, O.P., (Soc Ser) was featured in the Bulletin, the newspaper of the Carthusian Monastery of Mount St. Joseph. ... Joe Clarke (B&A) is the men’s soccer coach at Washington University in St. Louis.

Ruth Jenkins (Nurs ’74, Grad ’76) received a 2002 Community Betterment Award from the Dream of St. Anthony’s Infant Touch Program at St. Anthony’s Medical Center in St. Louis. This project is designed to decrease the potential for child abuse and neglect.

Michael Farley (Grad) is the vice president for chapter fund raising at the American Red Cross national headquarters in Washington, D.C. ... David A. Hobday (Parks) is the manager of the lock and hardware services division of the facilities service department for the University of Delaware. ... Mitchell Millner (A&S) wrote a chapter about his battle with a brain tumor in the book Navigating Through a Strange Land. He lives in St. Louis. ... Anita Robinson Williams (Soc Ser ’75, ’76) received the Missouri School Social Worker of the Year Award from the Association of Missouri School Social Workers. She works at Beaumont High School.

Dr. Kathryn D. Cramer (Grad) recently wrote the book WHO, Faster-Harder-Smarter is Not Enough: Six Steps for Achieving What You Want in a Rapid-Fire World, published by McGraw-Hill. ... Paul H. Young (M.H.M. ’73, ’75) published the novel Passions and lives in West Adams, Calif., with her husband, Tom Norms. ... Marie Sullivan, O.P., (Soc Ser) was featured in the Bulletin, the newspaper of the Carthusian Monastery of Atlanta, for her work with the Center for Louisville, Ky. ... Doug Brooks (Law) left the practice of law, moved from Louisville, Ky., to Mesa, Ariz.
Off the shelf

The past several months have brought a flurry of publications by Saint Louis University faculty authors. Here’s a glimpse at what is being written (and read) on campus.

J.R.R. Tolkien: Author of the Century
By Dr. Tom Shippey, Walter J. Ong, S.J., Chair of Humanities
Houghton Mifflin

Although J.R.R. Tolkien’s fantastic, mythic universe has entertained millions, many literary critics stubbornly dismiss his work, and the fantasy genre it spawned, as mere “escapism.” In J.R.R. Tolkien: Author of the Century, Shippey sets the record straight, not only forcefully arguing Tolkien’s literary merits, but also offering a unique and revealing reading of the books that introduced the imaginary world of Middle-earth.

Shippey, who taught at Oxford University at the same time with the same syllabus as Tolkien and subsequently held the chair of English language and medieval literature at Leeds University that Tolkien held, is perhaps the best qualified to speak in Tolkien’s defense.

“Tolkien would have replied that he was satisfying a taste — the taste for the fairy tale — which is natural to us, which goes back as far as we have written records of any sort, to the Old Testament and Homer’s Odyssey, and which is found in all human societies,” Shippey writes. “If our arbiters of taste insist that this taste should be suppressed, then it is they who are flying from reality.”

Tolkien’s influence has extended beyond literature and is evident in everything from the songs of Led Zeppelin to the popularity of the game Dungeons & Dragons. Shippey does more than offer due praise to a master novelist. He offers new insights into the man and his work.

Recollections in Tranquility
By Maurice B. McNamee, S.J., (A&S ’33, Grad ’34, ’45) professor emeritus of English and of art and art history
Saint Louis University Press

In Recollections in Tranquility, McNamee reflects on a life that spans nearly a century — much of it spent at Saint Louis University. This autobiography features, among other things, details of McNamee’s lifelong love affair with art history, the subsequent pilot art program he brought to SLU and his efforts to preserve and restore Samuel Cuples House.

The book also includes accounts from his travels and his insightful reflections on literature, art, history, religion and academia. It begins with McNamee’s typical modesty: “I have been persuaded to write my memoirs not because I have any particular importance in the world, but because a whole series of accidental circumstances in my life provided the opportunity for special experiences that might be interesting to some readers.”

Readers won’t be disappointed. In chapters peppered with anecdotes and poetry, McNamee recounts his entire life. From 1909 to today, McNamee’s experiences offer an interesting perspective on an entire century.

Published by Saint Louis University Press, the book is available in paperback ($19.95) and hardcover ($39.95). To order by phone or request order forms, call (314) 977-2244 or e-mail Murphyc@slu.edu.

In Defense of Public Opinion Polling
Dr. Kenneth F. Warren, professor of political science
Westview Press

Sometimes revered and often despised, pollsters have played an integral role in American politics for decades. Warren’s book explores the history of polling and scrutinizes the 2000 election. In Defense of Public Opinion Polling also examines a wide range of issues. These include: Why do journalists and politicians have a love-hate relationship with polls? How can you spot a bad poll? Why have polls become so popular in other countries? “As a professional pollster for more than two decades, I still find it amazing that it’s become a $5 billion-a-year industry,” Warren said.

Many Americans think of polls as hopelessly flawed, invasive and annoying. Warren’s book argues that well-conducted scientific polls are not only accurate, but also are tools to understanding society.

Warren closes his book with a candid report card on how the 13 major pollsters fared in predicting the 2000 presidential contest and how pollsters did in projecting senatorial and gubernatorial races across the United States.

“Kenneth Warren sets the record straight with this balanced, clear and cheerful account,” said William Schneider, senior political analyst for CNN. “His points are on target, plus or minus zero.”

The Spirit Returns
By Richard Burgin, professor of communication
Johns Hopkins University Press

The Philadelphia Inquirer describes Burgin as “one of the most stimulating practitioners of the (short story) form.” In The Spirit Returns, his ninth book and fourth collection of short stories, Burgin stays true to that form.

The Spirit Returns explores the mysteries of love and the tangled relationships between family and self. Burgin also examines the complexities of memory, guilt, fear, desire, betrayal and hope. In the 11 stories, Burgin shows the expressive range of short fiction.

The title story follows a man who takes perverse pleasure in frightening strangers. He is forced to face his own fears when someone else wants to play the game. In “Usher Twins,” a man and woman begin an affair that reveals uneasy truths about the lives each chose. “The Most Honest Person” tells of a college student who begins an affair with her professor and learns the cost of entering into a secretive relationship with a self-destructive man.

Burgin is the founder and editor of the award-winning literary journal Boulevard, which is published by SLU. He has won two Pushcart Prizes for his stories, and he recently was highlighted in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch as one of several local artists elevating the community.
One of the best ways to reduce your income tax bill is to make charitable contributions. We can provide you with information on a variety of charitable gift arrangements that will help you at tax time. Some can even generate income for you or your family. To learn more, call or write to the planned giving office at Saint Louis University.

Kathy Boswell (Nurs) received the 2000 Mercy Award, the highest honor given by the Sisters of Mercy and the St. John’s Mercy Health Systems. She has worked in the neonatal intensive care unit at St. John’s Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis for 22 years. ... Dr. David Hadaller (Grad) is associate dean of academic affairs for curriculum and instruction at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He is the author of Cynicide and lives in New York with his wife, Mirela, and sons, Davey and Nicholas. ... Richard L. Prebil (Law, Pub Hlth) joined the Chicago office of Foley & Lardner in the health law department. Previously, he was the vice president of legal affairs and general counsel for Alexian Brothers Health System. ... Rick Voytas (Grad B&A) is the manager of corporate analysis in its corporate planning function for Ameren Corp. He and his wife, Diane, have three children, Rick Jr., Luke and Kristi. They live in Waterloo, Ill.

Linda (Lawton) Brochin (A&S) moved to Wisconsin with her husband and daughter. She is the communications department manager for the J.F. Ahern Co., a mechanical and fire protection contracting company. ... Joseph M. Filakovsky (Grad) was elected a Fellow of the American Heart Association. He lives in Milford, Conn. ... Maria (Vitale) Perron (Law) is a partner in St. Louis' Perron Law Firm. She has been appointed by Missouri Gov. Bob Holden to serve on the Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board.

Mark Blethroad (A&S) is director of sales promotion for Schnuck Markets. He lives in west St. Louis County with his wife, Beth, and their son, Jack. ... Dr. Robert G. Gurdak (Med) and his wife, Nancy, welcomed their second son, Douglas Donald, in August. He joins a brother, Andrew.
August T. Janssen (A&S) is a partner with the firm Straus & Troy in Cincinnati. He also serves on the faculty at Lorain County Community College.

Christopher Buonanno (A&S ’90, Grad ’92) is the science and operations officer of the National Weather Service forecast office in Little Rock, Ark. … Lars Ettkorn (Law) is the associate director of the District Division of Transportation in Washington, D.C., where he runs the departments responsible for maintaining, permitting and enforcing the lawful use of public space. … Teryl Franklin (A&S) and her husband, Brian Mattmiller, welcomed their second child, Anna, in September. Anna joins her big sister, Claire. Teryl is the state editor at the Wisconsin State Journal, a newspaper in Madison, Wis.

Colleen Kannaday (Pub ’89) received the 2002 Robert S. Hodgins Memorial Award as the young health care executive of the year from the American College of Healthcare Executives. She is president of St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island, Ill. … Brian Zaiger (Law) has finished his two-year term as president of the Hamilton County (Ind.) Bar Association. … S. Neal Zilnik (Law) has finished his term as secretary of the Hamilton County (Ind.) Bar Association.

Dr. Eberly (Milles) Mareci (A&S) is the manager of the creative team for marketing at Information Builders in New York City. … William J. McGrath (Law) has joined the St. Louis office of Hinshaw & Culbertson. … Heidi (Weber) Shenk (AHP) lives in Batesville, Ind., after living in Austin, Texas, for four years. She is a contract physical therapist for a nursing home agency and is married with four children. … JoAnn (Bland) Vetter (AHP) welcomed her daughter, Sydney Jo, on July 25. She lives in Cottage Hills, Ill. … Dr. Paul Vollmer (A&S) lives in Rock, Ark. … Lars Ettkorn (Law) has joined the firm Steptoe & Johnson in December and has joined the firm Steptoe & Johnson in December. … Jennifer (Bravo) McGonigle (Soc ’97) presented a research paper to the American Psychological Association convention in San Francisco this summer. She is an assistant professor of psychology and coordinator of the clinical adult psychology graduate program at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. … David Romero (A&S) lives in San Diego with his wife and daughter. He owns his own advertising agency, Romero & Cia Communication. … Scott Schoneman (A&S) has moved back to St. Louis after six years in Chicago. He is president of Indigo Consulting, a search firm. … Thomas Veltz (Law) and Molly (Beck) Veltz (Nurs ’95) welcomed their second child, Luke Thomas, on May 17. Luke joins his big sister, Madeline.

Alison Gian (B&A) is a general manager for a Dutch computer software company. He is based in Hong Kong and is responsible for business in Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, Korea and China. … Kevin C. May (A&S) graduated from the University of Denver College of Law in December and has joined the firm Steptoe & Johnson in Charleston, W.Va. He is married to Jennifer Greathouse (A&S). … Dr. Christina Schwindt (Med) has joined the University of Maryland’s faculty as an assistant professor. She is the medical director of the Breathmobile that serves the inner city asthma population of Baltimore.

Hall of Fame welcomes Billiken stars

Eight new members and one team were inducted into Saint Louis University’s Billiken Hall of Fame on Jan. 25. The honorees follow by category:

Billiken Great (Pioneer): Vern and William Bradburn (men’s basketball 1924-26), who led the Billikens to a 31-8 record during three seasons on the hardwood. The forwards played on the same teams since the fifth grade. … George A. Johnson (football 1936-39), a four-year guard for coach Cecil Muellerleile’s football team who earned many accolades during his senior year. … Jim Murphy (baseball, men’s soccer 1965-67), a two-sport star for the Billikens. He played on the 1965 national championship soccer team and was a shortstop for the 1965 baseball team that advanced to the College World Series.

Billiken Great (Contemporary): Matt McKeon (men’s soccer 1992-95), the Missouri Athletic Club National Player of the Year and a first-team All-American as a senior in 1995. He ranks in the program’s top six in all three career scoring categories, including a school-record 46 career assists. … Barry Orms (men’s basketball 1966-68), who was the team MVP during his senior year and earned a free-agent tryout with the NFL’s Dallas Cowboys, despite never playing high school or college football. He was the starting guard for two seasons with the NBA’s Baltimore Bullets alongside Earl “The Pearl” Monroe. … Denny Werner (men’s soccer 1970-73), an integral part of a defensive unit that played in four national championship games and delivered three national titles.

Distinguished Alum (Contemporary): John Eilerman (men’s soccer 1969-72), who helped the squad to four consecutive national championship games. He is an executive vice president at C&R Mechanical Co. and is active with industry and community organizations.

Bob Burns Award: The 1978 Field Hockey Team, which compiled a 28-5 record and a fifth-place finish in the national tournament, finishing higher than any women’s team in the history of SLU. The group captured State and Region VI titles to advance to the national tournament. A loss in the first game of the tournament was a setback, but the Billikens rallied to win their next four contests and claim fifth place. With 23 goals, Karen Shearin was the leading scorer on a club that outscored its opponents 90-23 and posted a record 18 shutouts. Playing on that team for head coach Dr. Will van Beaumont were: Lynn Dobelman, Ann Driscoll, Martha Garland, Ann Hoffman, Jane Johnson, Ann Kerns, Roberta Kuechler, Claudia Lucera, Nancy O’Callaghan, Theresa Ruzicka, Theresa Sanders, Judy Schmidt, Karen Shearin, Judy Smith, Tammy Suyematsu and Mary Torrence.
Mr. C. Henry Stratmeyer (B&A '48)
Mr. Edward C. Buchmann (B&A '48)
Mr. Walter P. Grogan (B&A '48)
Sr. Alice G. Knowles (AHP '48)
Dr. Samuel E. Katz (Med '48)
Miss Patricia J. Doyle (Grad '48)
Mr. Joseph V. McShane Sr. (B&A '48)
Sr. M. Angeline Brumm, O.S.F. (Nurs '48)
Dr. Ralph L. Dicker (Med '48)
Dr. Albert E. Cremer (Med '48)
Dr. Robert N. Hamm (Dent '48)
Rev. Gerald J. Guida, S.J. (A&S '48)
Mr. Richard E. Davis (B&A '48)
Dr. John T. Vandover (Med '48)
Dr. Edgar H. Reinhardt (Dent '48)
Mr. Bert G. Orosz (Parks '48)
Dr. Joseph F. Styborski (Dent '48)
Mr. Charles E. Lotterer (B&A '48)
Mr. Norman F. Lemme (B&A '48)
Mr. Louis W. Goelz (B&A '48)
Dr. Eugene A. Ockuly (Med '48)
Mr. Henry W. Lebert (Parks '48)
Dr. Clarence T. Eckert (Med '48)
Mr. King G. McElroy (Law '48)
Dr. Charles H. Stuever (Dent '48)
Dr. Charles Van Bukkink (Grad '48)
Miss Nellie C. Dunn (Nurs '42)

Despite his appearance in the "In Memoriam" section of the last issue of Universitas, we are pleased to report that O. Ruf Crow (B&A '49) recently was featured in a section of the last issue of Manuscripta, a journal for research of manuscripts from ancient, medieval and early modern times.
Francis Xavier College Church on Sept. 9, Mary earned his master's degree at Kansas University, and both are serving as Jesuit Volunteers in Managua, Nicaragua, for two years. ... Peggy Hawkins (Nurs) and Matt Hawkins (A&S ’97) welcomed their first child, Mikylda Grace, on April 13, 2001. Matt is a fourth-year medical student at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and is planning a career in orthopedic surgery. ... Brian Love (A&S) and his wife, Victoria, welcomed a daughter, Sydney Louise, on Aug. 23. ... Greg Rhoades (A&S) and his wife, Sam, welcomed a daughter, Annie, in September. They live in Denver. ... Dr. Brian Senger (Med) is a partner/owner of MacGregor Medical Centers in San Antonio and received a community-based physician award for instruction from the American Academy of Internal Medicine. He lives in San Antonio with his wife and their two children.

Mike Daus (A&S) was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in August 2001 to serve the 67th district. ... Angela Pancell (A&S) has published a book about Marc Conoms of The Nylons, a Canadian a cappella group. She lives in San Antonio with her two children.

J’a’Nita M. (Wilson) Becerra (Nurs) is a public health nurse in Solano County, Calif., after more than two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador. ... Nathanael Berneking (A&S ’98, Law ’01) is an associate in corporate practice group in Husch & Eisenberg’s Clayton, Mo., office. ... Zac Cogley (A&S) received his master’s degree in philosophy from the University of Cincinnati in June. He is relocating to Columbus, Ohio, to complete his doctorate in social and political theory at the Ohio State University. He still plays guitar full time with his band, Seraphim ...

Kathryn Janualitas (A&S) is engaged to Dr. Clint Merrick. She is a neuroscience representative for Eli Lilly & Co. and lives in Lexington, Ky. ... Ryan K. Manger (B&A ’98, Law ’01) is an associate at Thompson Coburn in St. Louis in the area of environmental law. ... Jason Phelps (B&A) has joined the corporate department of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in Kansas City.

Annie Denny (Nurs) lives in Pittsburgh. ... Rod Harkey (Law, Grad B&A) received the 2001 Society of Industrial and Office Realtor Award of Excellence for his involvement as a listing broker for the industrial development Gateway Commerce Center. He lives in St. Louis. ... Michael O’Bryan (Grad B&A) and his wife, Kim, welcomed their second child, Abigail Ludney, on Nov. 14. ... Lisa Suellentrop (Pub Ser) married Kevin Kelley (B&A ’98) on Dec. 1. They live in Mission, Kan. Lisa is a speech-language pathologist at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf-Kansas City, and Kevin is a Web designer for Blestick.com. ... Dr. Teresa J. Williams (Grad) is associate dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond (Va.).
Alumni Notes

Alumni Associations

Allied Health Professions
President: Maggie Gambill ('97)

■ The department of health information management will celebrate its 65th anniversary with an alumni reception at the Missouri Health Information Management meeting in St. Louis from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, in the Game Room of the Doubletree Hotel. Call (314) 577-8516 for more information.

There will be a physician assistant alumni reception in conjunction with the American Academy of Physician Assistants 30th Annual Conference in Boston from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 27. Call (314) 577-8521 for more information, or e-mail debnarse@slu.edu.

The AHP Alumni Association will sponsor a Professional Etiquette Dinner from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, in the AHP Multipurpose Room. Tickets for the five-course meal are $15 for alumni. Call (314) 577-8106 for information.

Join local alumni, students, faculty and staff for the American Heart Association Heart Walk Saturday, May 4, at Forest Park. It begins at 9 a.m. at the World’s Fair Pavilion. There is a $10 registration fee. Register early to receive a AHP T-shirt. Call (314) 577-8523 or e-mail shortje@slu.edu to register.

Arts and Sciences
President: Robert Steck ('79)

■ Join Arts and Sciences alumni for a special family night at the St. Louis Zoo on Tuesday, June 11. Space for this popular event is limited. To register, call (314) 977-2250.

The College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Association has held a very active year, from Breakfast with Santa to an annual night at the SLU Theatre. If you are interested in serving on the A&S alumni board, call the office of alumni relations at (314) 977-2250.

Black Alumni Association
President: Dr. Charles Murphy ('93, ’97)

■ The annual Prayer Breakfast is planned for Saturday, April 27. The proceeds benefit the Ernest A. Calloway Scholarship Program for African-American students. The Alumni Distinguished Service Award will be presented, and all graduating Calloway Scholars will be acknowledged. For more detailed information, visit www.slu.edu/alumni or call (314) 977-2250.

Dental Alumni
President: Dr. Francis X. Neuner ('68)

■ The 2002 Dental Reunion for classes ending in two or seven, as well as one or six, will be held in conjunction with the Mid Continent Dental Congress, Sept. 20-22 at the Frontenac Hilton Hotel. Please mark your calendars. If you would like to help plan the reunion, please call (314) 577-8106.

Business
President: John Hagedorn ('76)

■ Join fellow alumni and friends for a day of fun, camaraderie and, most importantly, golf on Monday, June 10, at Westborough Country Club. The fee of $95 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, barbecue lunch, team and individual prizes, and gifts. For more information, call (314) 977-2250 or register at http://alumni.slu.edu/form.html.

More than 630 business alumni and their families attended the Magic House event on Jan. 12. And on Feb. 22, many loyal business alumni basketball fans cheered on the Billikens as they played Louisville. Scott Highmark ('95) joined with other former basketball greats to greet alumni and reminisce.

Medicine
President: Dr. Thomas J. Olen ('79)

■ The Missouri State Medical Association meeting is March 21-23 at the Renaissance Hotel-Airport in St. Louis. The American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine meeting will be April 11-14 in Philadelphia. The Pediatric Academic Societies meeting will be May 4-7 in Baltimore. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists meeting will be May 4-8 in Los Angeles. And the Digestive Disease Week meeting will be May 18-22 in San Francisco. For more information regarding alumni receptions during these meetings, please call (314) 577-8106.

The 2002 School of Medicine Reunion for classes ending in two or seven will be the weekend of Oct. 17-19. Mark your calendars now. Visit the World Wide Web site medschool.slu.edu/alumni for details. If you’d like to help plan the reunion, call (314) 577-8106.

Nursing
President: Dr. Anne G. Perry ('76)

■ In honor of National Nurses Week, May 5-11, the alumni association will sponsor several events at Saint Louis University Hospital.

The 2002 Reunion Weekend for classes ending in two or seven is Sept. 20-22. If you would like to help with planning, call (314) 577-8106.

Orthodontic Alumni
President: Dr. Robert A. Shapiro ('00)

■ The American Association of Orthodontists will meet May 3-7 in Philadelphia. There will be an alumni reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, in Salon G of the Philadelphia Marriott. Call (314) 577-8106 for more information.

Parks College
President: Carrie Travis ('95)

■ It may be cold out now, but summer is right around the corner, and that means so is the 2002 Oshkosh AirVenture. The show runs July 23-29. We look forward to seeing many of our alumni at the annual barbecue Friday, July 26, at Pamall’s Place. Look for invitations to arrive soon.

Alumni whose class years end in a two or seven and all who graduated during the last 10 should make plans to attend Reunion Weekend 2002, Sept. 20-22. Come back to campus and enjoy a weekend full of activities, including tours of the school, receptions and a barbecue dinner.

Interested in joining the alumni board? The meetings have changed. Join us every third Tuesday of the month in McDonnell Douglas Hall in the Alumni Conference Room. We begin with dinner at 6 p.m. For details, call (314) 977-2214 or e-mail onellc@slu.edu.

Special thanks to all alumni who participated and continued to support the Alumni Scholarship Program for Erneste Calloway.

student listing on the opposite page.

Alumni Club Leadership Weekend

A leadership conference for Saint Louis University Alumni Clubs was held on the SLU campus the week of Feb. 22-24. Presidents of clubs from Los Angeles to Cincinnati gathered for campus updates, roundtable discussions and brainstorming sessions. The club leaders also served as interviewers for the Presidential Scholarships.

The weekend wasn’t all work — the leaders also attended the Billikens vs. Louisville men’s basketball game, where they were presented on the court. Now that the weekend is over, the work begins. If you are interested in helping with your local organization, please contact your chapter president at the number listed on the opposite page.
for this board call (314) 977-2214 or e-mail onelicit@slu.edu.

Social Service
President: Tamiitha R. Price (’98)

In February, the school, in conjunction with career services and the alumni office, sponsored the annual career/practicum fair. More than 100 employers and 150 students and alumni attended the event.

On March 22, the School of Social Service awarded their Alumni Merit Award to David Bingaman (’76). It was presented at the annual continuing education workshop for social work professionals and students.

Student Alumni Association

The Student Alumni Association aims to connect students and alumni and to educate students on their roles as future alumni. The group has an exciting semester planned including a membership drive, the annual Senior Send-Off, career panel presentations and a spring event for all members. In addition SLU’s SAA is partially responsible for the planning of the Association for Student Advancement Programs international conference July 29-Aug. 3 in St. Louis.

The SAA also is looking for alumni to serve as mentors to SLU students. Mentors interact with current students helping them understand the work place and life in the “real” world. Involvement can range from e-mails, to phone calls, to on-site visits. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, call (314) 977-2214 or e-mail studentalumni@slu.edu.

Young Alumni

Team up with fellow alumni and join the Young Alumni Association softball team. The spring league begins in April, and games are on Sunday nights at Shaw Park in Clayton, Mo.

Coming in June is a trip to Chicago to see the Cardinals vs. Cubs series. Don’t miss out on the fun. Remember, all alumni are welcome (undergraduate, graduate and professional). For more information visit www.alumni.slu.edu/yah.html, call (314) 997-2214 or e-mail onelicit@slu.edu.

The YAA kicked off the year with a Billiken Winter Warm-Up Feb. 12 at the SportsZone. In addition to cheering on the Billikens against rival Cincinnati, alums donated mittens, hats, scarves and gloves to the needy.

Travel Program:
2002 SLU Tours

Alumni Campus Abroad: Normandy
April 8-16

Cote du Rhone/Soane
April 23 – May 6

Alumni Campus Abroad: Rhine River
May 27-June 4

Europe’s Golden Passage
July 18-Aug. 1

Alumni Campus Abroad: Chianti
July 28-Aug. 5

Alumni Campus Abroad: Ireland – Ennis
Aug. 21-29

Alumni Campus Abroad: Spain
Sept. 9-17

Legendary Passage
Sept. 25-Oct. 7

Alumni Campus Abroad: Scotland
Oct. 9-17

Renaissance Cities of Italy/Douro River
Oct. 18-29

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

Domestic Tours

All Saint Louis University alumni, their children and grandchildren are invited to hop back to campus for the second-annual Alumni Easter Egg Festival on Saturday, March 30. The event begins at 11 a.m., and there are age-specific hunts, music, Easter treats and visits with the chief bunny himself. Plus, spring is a beautiful time to visit the Saint Louis University campus. Reservations are required. To register your family, call (314) 977-2250.
Tomorrow’s Assignment: Enron

By Dr. James E. Fisher

Case studies are a staple in today’s business schools. The best cases are true — actual stories drawn from real businesses in which managers must make decisions under pressures of time, money and incomplete information.

We invite our students, most of whom aspire to the tasks and responsibilities of management, to step into the world of these case studies and into the shoes of these decision-makers. All right, class, before you offer any quick answers, let’s make sure you have the right questions: What’s the problem here? What are your options? What will you do?

Situational Analysis

The case of the moment, Enron, is clearly about a failure of epic proportions — its cost, in human and economic terms, is staggering. Yet for business school case-writers, it promises to become a virtual full-employment act, a rich vein of high business drama and substantive issues that will be mined for many years.

Consider a few of the possibilities:

Enron as flawed business model. Simply put, the business was not as big as we thought and certainly not as profitable. Financial subterfuge only delayed the final reckoning.

Enron as deregulation disaster. The transition from regulation to deregulation is seldom smooth. In the short run, deregulation may require more regulators as the once strict rules of business conduct dissolve and the new boundaries of business behavior are yet to be established. (Students should consult their old case studies on the savings and loan debacle.)

Enron as executive hubris. Success breeds confidence and optimism. Executives at Enron believed it was destined to become “the world’s greatest company.” In an effort to divine the new rules of the so-called new economy, some evidently failed to attend adequately to the old rules.

Enron as ethical failure. There are at least two fundamental ethical problems. One is not knowing the right thing to do. The other is knowing what is right but failing to do it. Both are likely to have contributed to the fall of Enron.

The Moment of Decision

Discussion and debate about the facts and their significance will only take us as far. If the case is to have its desired pedagogic effect, then the instructor must push the students beyond “analysis paralysis” and into the realm of commitment and decision. What one thinks must yield to what one does.

The apparent facts of this case need no embellishment. The student need only engage in a bit of empathetic imagination to feel the pull of events and to sense their moral weight. As accounts of events begin to spill out, we discover a surfeit of critical incidents where personal responsibility and professional judgment are given wide

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berth. Here are but two such examples gleaned for recent media reports:

An Enron lawyer recently assigned (presumably promoted) to the finance division discovers questionable partnerships apparently negotiated and approved by finance chief Andy Fastow. Approval sheets with signature lines for then COO Jeff Skilling have not been signed. What should the lawyer do?

Representatives from Enron’s outside accounting firm meet to discuss growing concerns about certain partnerships run by Fastow. One week later, the Enron board’s audit committee asks the outside auditors, without Enron executives present, if they have any special concerns to discuss. What should they say?

In discussions such as these, concerns about what one should do and say quickly give rise to the nuances of implementation. The challenge thus becomes not only to make the correct decision, but also to find feasible and effective ways to act in organizations that are themselves typically highly charged political and competitive environments. Peter Drucker’s famous distinction between doing the right thing and doing things right seems useful in such situations. Both are necessary.

Simulated Ethics

Our class will have the luxury of hindsight. We will pretend to decide, but our decisions will not take place in real time nor will they have consequences in an immediate sense. What will the exercise accomplish then?

Quite a lot, potentially. A young professional, long on ambition and short on experience, needs a realistic sense of how ethical choices often arise in a business context. Our case study can simulate the tasks of business managers, namely, to make choices that are themselves only partially understood and constrained by the pressures of the moment.

The best managers embrace this reality and have not only the competence but also the confidence and moral courage to make good choices. The case of Enron may serve some useful purpose if it helps us meet our responsibility to prepare our students for this reality.

Dr. James E. Fisher is the director of the Emerson Center for Business Ethics in the John Cook School of Business, where he also teaches marketing management and business ethics to undergraduate and graduate students.
Article recalling Fr. Reinert captures his spirit

The article remembering Fr. Reinert by Clayton Berry (“A Man for Others,” Fall 2001) was poised with sentences that described Reinert, my favorite mentor, as I remembered him. He had faith in people, telling us, “Never give up; you will succeed.” I did.

This is the best publication yet.

Gene Hindrichs Jr. (A&S ’60)
St. Louis

New maps impress ‘old grads’

The last Universitas with the graphics displaying the Saint Louis University campus (“You Were Here”) as it is today was stunning for us old grads. Fountains, ponds, clock towers and beautiful buildings are really quite a shock to the post-war class of 1946. The old houses where we stayed, mostly in attics and cellars, have been swept away. My roommate, Dr. Jim Rodeghero (Med ’52), and I once lived above a tavern on South Grand. I was an ex-paratrooper, and most everyone was an ex-serviceman, and the sight of students wearing pieces of uniforms was common. There were Quonset huts then, as the Jesuits stretched the school to meet the needs of the post-World War II crush of young men seeking, in most cases, their first-generation college education. We sometimes had classes at 8 p.m., and once a chemistry lab from 8 to 10 p.m. I don’t suggest this as a hard-core situation of art.

I will always be grateful to the Jesuits who took me in and educated me. The sight of the floodlit College Church is very emotional to me.

Dr. Joseph McGuire (Dent ’52)
Buena Vista, Colo.

Universitas makes an impact Down Under

I read Universitas from cover to cover. It lets me remember the good times I experienced during my college years and the true friends I made there and still have today. It helps me get excited about how the campus has changed. It lets me know that the values of a Catholic, Jesuit education are still strong. It gives me something to show my wife. It makes me want my children to go there one day. It makes me proud to be a graduate of Saint Louis University. Thank you, Universitas, for all these wonderful feelings I get every time I receive the latest edition.

Scott Ash (B&A ’85)
Rozelle, New South Wales, Australia

Magazine brings back memories of Fr. Mac

We enjoy keeping in touch with Saint Louis University, its growth and its hopes. I appreciate the ways in which my years there helped me grow. I often think of how Fr. McNamn introduced me to the art of the ages through the course in analyzing poetry.

Blessings and thanks to each of you.
Ellen Roach, C.S.J. (Grad ’68)
Westminster, Colo.

Fr. Mac’s new book is a must-have for alumni

I encourage all of your readers to rush out and buy Recollections in Tranquility, the autobiography of Maurice B. McNamee, S.J., published by Saint Louis University Press last year.

Reading this book brings back good memories of my days at SLU, starting with my freshman honors art history class taught by Fr. McNamn in 1969. His brilliant insights and infectious enthusiasm led me to a lifelong appreciation of art.

But more than that, the book places my memories in the context of Fr. McNamee’s extraordinary experiences of 70 years as a Jesuit and more than 50 years at SLU. From this book I have learned so much about the Jesuits, SLU’s history and the wonders of a good education.

Fr. McNamee is truly a Renaissance man, as he takes us through his doctoral dissertation under Marshall McLuhan, teaching Clarence Miller and Clyde Cahill, writing a freshman English textbook that sold a million copies, developing the honors program, chairing the English department, starting the art history program, discovering the liturgical meaning of vested angels in early Netherlandish paintings, saving and restoring Cupples House, and helping to decide the subject matter of mosaics in the New Cathedral.

Many times I had to stop reading and relate one of Fr. McNamee’s fascinating stories to my wife, Sandy (A&S ’73), who was with me in Fr. McNamee’s freshman honors art history class and is now the provost of SLU. The book was her gift to me, and now she gets to enjoy it.

Fr. McNamee, 92 years young, has an amazing memory, a wonderful talent for writing and an insatiable love of learning, teaching, art and literature. Many thanks to him for enriching our lives.

Robert G. Johnson (A&S ’73)
St. Louis

Editor’s note: For more information about Recollections in Tranquility and how to order a copy, see page 26.

We Want to Hear from You

Please send us your letters, class notes and address changes. There are three easy ways to reach us.

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September 20 to 22

- Special gatherings for the classes of '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92 and '97
- Young Alumni Reunion
- 3K fun run/walk race
- Campus tram tours
- School-based barbecues
- Billiken men’s soccer game
- Outdoor concert
- Fireworks display
- Special children’s activities
- Alumni Mass and brunch

If your graduation date ends in two or a seven, this is your year. But, of course, every graduate is welcome back for a weekend full of activities.

Want to help bring your classmates together? Your input as members of a reunion committee is always welcome. For more information on volunteering, events, hotel and airfare discounts, or specific class celebrations, call 1-800-SLU-FOR-U, or visit alumni.slu.edu/reunion.html. A detailed invitation and registration form will be mailed to alumni this summer.

Please note that the School of Medicine will gather for reunion Oct. 17 to 19.