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

After nearly 17 years in this position, I know that the challenges for Saint Louis University and its president will continue to change with the times. But it’s also true that the joys associated with being SLU president, for the most part, remain the same.

For starters, I have the privilege of working with some brilliant people. Among them are inspiring teachers, top researchers, renowned physicians and influential thinkers. I’m blessed to be surrounded by people who have a passion for leading our Jesuit institution into the future and who believe in our collective vision of establishing Saint Louis University as a pre-eminent private, doctoral research institution and ultimately, the finest Catholic university in the nation. I’m encouraged as young people grow in ways they never could have imagined. And, of course, I’m continually overwhelmed with how our graduates make a difference in the lives of others.

Just read the class notes in the back of this issue for proof. Every day, all over the world, SLU alumni are touching lives in countless ways. One of my favorite joys as president is listening to alumni reminisce about SLU. Whether recalling friendships, faculty, or lessons learned, alumni share seemingly endless tales of just what SLU has meant for them in so many aspects of their lives. They often express a deep gratitude for all that they were taught and all that they caught!

Another common theme of my conversations with alumni is SLU’s evolution and growth. It’s a delight to hear alumni express a heartfelt pride in how their alma mater continues to progress — from the physical transformation of our campus to the reputation of our academic programs to the amount of research that touches lives!

And while I always appreciate the accolades and the sentiments, I know that none of our accomplishments would have been possible without the contributions of countless individuals. In many cases, the same alumni who are surprised by our progress are people who helped that evolution take place through their support of the University. Whether they are representing SLU well through their actions or recommending a SLU education to others or donating their time, talent and treasure, our alumni are the master key to our success.

The same will be true for our future. As many of you know, SLU is in the second year of its “Campaign for Saint Louis University: Where Knowledge Touches Lives.” This $300 million initiative will provide scholarships to attract the brightest students as well as assist with in campus life enrichment, faculty development and science and technology upgrades. Two of our biggest initiatives, a multipurpose arena and a dedicated science research facility, are among the projects that will have obvious benefits, not only for our alumni, students, faculty and staff, but also for our community. Indeed, SLU is aiming high, but we will need your support if we are to realize our vision.

Although we stand on the cusp of the $200 million milestone of the campaign, there is still a way to go. To those of you who have given to the campaign, I offer my sincerest thanks and hope you will consider making a contribution every year. (Making a contribution is easy. Use the envelope enclosed in this issue of UNIVERSITAS or make a gift online at giftform.slu.edu.)

To those of you who have not given, please know that every little bit helps. If for the price of good seats to a concert or baseball game you could improve student life, would you? Would you give up a dinner at a nice restaurant if it would enable one more student to attend Saint Louis University on a scholarship? Any gift, small or large, makes a difference at SLU. As an example, UNIVERSITAS mails to more than 105,000 alumni and friends worldwide. If each reader made a $100 gift, it would amount to $10.5 million. If the same pledges were made for five years, the total would reach $52.5 million. What’s more, in addition to the obvious benefits, the percentage of alumni who give to SLU is a factor in determining reputation and rankings compiled by publications such as U.S. News & World Report.

As you can see, every gift is integral to the success of the campaign. And each contribution will pay dividends for the future of Saint Louis University.

Our vision of being the best is attainable. In fact, it is our destiny. But our journey to become the finest Catholic university will not be an easy one. It will take every one of us to get us there. And with our collective effort, nothing is beyond our grasp. Thank you!
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Researchers using cold vs. cancer

Can the common cold ever be a good thing? It is if you’ve figured out a way to genetically engineer the virus so that it fights and kills cancerous cells while leaving healthy cells intact.

That’s been the work of Dr. William Wold and his colleagues at Saint Louis University School of Medicine for the last 30 years. “The potential is understandably huge,” said Wold, whose work has received a U.S. patent after years of study. Wold, chairman of the department of molecular microbiology and immunology, and his colleagues, Karoly Toth, Konstantin Doronin, Ann E. Tollefson and Mohan Kuppuswamy, have found a way to convert the relatively benign “adenovirus” that causes the common cold into an anti-cancer drug that attacks and destroys cancerous cells.

“Some of our vectors are designed to destroy many different types of cancers; others are designed to be specific to colon or lung cancer,” Wold said. “In preclinical testing, these vectors were highly effective against cancerous tumors and did not harm normal tissues.”

Wold and his colleagues have done this by modifying one gene so that the virus can grow in cancer cells but not normal cells and by boosting the activity of another gene that the virus normally uses to disrupt the cells it has infected.

Sproule named new A&S dean

Dr. J. Michael Sproule will be the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences beginning July 1. Sproule is the director of the School of Communication Studies and professor of interpersonal communication at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He manages a school with 23 full-time and eight part-time faculty members. Its programs serve nearly 800 undergraduates and 75 graduate students. Sproule has written seven books, including The Rhetoric of Western Thought: From the Mediterranean World to the Global Setting, which was released late last year. He also is the author of numerous articles and book chapters. He has received 15 grants and fellowships and has earned several awards and honors in the field. Sproule will succeed Michael May, S.J., (A&S ’81) who has served as interim dean since June 2002. May will return to his previous position as chairman of the department of mathematics and computer science.

ARENA UPDATE: On Dec. 18, Saint Louis University formally announced its decision to locate its proposed multi-purpose arena on University-owned property near Compton and Laclede avenues. The arena will be built on the site of the former Waring School, the University’s tennis courts and a portion of the University’s Grand Forest apartment complex. The University had explored locating the arena in Grand Center, but the cost of acquiring the needed properties proved cost-prohibitive. At this time, a date for construction to begin has not been set. More details about the project are available on the arena Web site at arena.slu.edu.
SLU in top 5 for doctorates granted

For the 16th consecutive year, Saint Louis University ranks among the top five Catholic colleges and universities in the number of doctoral degrees granted. According to statistics compiled by the National Research Council, SLU ranked fifth in the number of doctorates granted between July 1, 2001, and June 30, 2002. The Graduate School has ranked among the top five Catholic universities in doctoral degrees granted since 1987, the first year SLU officials began tracking that data. Only Notre Dame joins SLU in that distinction. SLU led Catholic universities in doctoral degrees granted in 1991, 1997 and 2001. The University ranked second on the list in 1992, 1994, 1996 and 1998. Dr. Don Brennan (Pub ’67, Grad ’69), dean of the Graduate School, cited academic excellence — along with the administration’s support of the graduate assistantship program and the addition of graduate research assistants — as reasons that SLU is a favored destination among doctoral students.

SLU volleyball has new coach

Anne Kordes is SLU’s new head volleyball coach. Kordes was the top assistant and recruiting coordinator at Illinois from 1999-2003. During her five-year stint, the Illini qualified for the NCAA Tournament three times and posted a 90-61 record (.596). Kordes also was an assistant coach for the USA Volleyball National A2 program for the past three summers. She began her playing career at the University of Cincinnati, where she earned 1994 Great Midwest Newcomer of the Year honors. She left UC after her sophomore season to attend her hometown school, the University of Louisville.

Kordes replaces Marilyn McReavy Nolen, who announced her retirement from coaching at the end of the season. A pioneer in volleyball and women’s athletics, Nolen finished her 32nd year of collegiate coaching and her 10th at the helm of the Billikens. She ranked third on the active NCAA Division I coaching victory list and had a career record of 809-358-12 and a 190-140 mark at SLU.

Prof uncovers new fish species

The chairman of SLU’s biology department has discovered a new species of fish, not in the depths of the tropics, but in the “wilde” of western Tennessee. Dr. Richard Mayden, along with his colleague and former doctoral student Dr. Steven Powers of Reinhardt College, recently discovered the Chickasaw darter, *Etheostoma cerreus*, in the Forked Deer River, which is about an hour and a half northeast of Memphis. Having already discovered and described 10 previously unknown species from rivers in the North America and working on another 30 descriptions of new species, Mayden said current predictions of biodiversity are underestimated. He added that the newly discovered Chickasaw darter, like many other small stream fishes, is endangered in its native habitat and should be considered for state and federal protection.

NEWS BRIEFS

John Ammann (Law ’84), associate clinical professor at the School of Law, received a Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. ... Ken E. Fleischmann, senior associate general counsel, received the “SLUStar 2003 In Touch with the Community Award” for his service in the St. Louis community. ... Dr. Robert Brockhaus, the Coleman Foundation Chair in Entrepreneurship and director of the Jefferson Smurfit Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, was honored as the National Entrepreneurship Research Advocate of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration. ... Math professor Dr. T. Christine Stevens received the 2004 Yueh-Gin Gung and Dr. Charles Y. Hu Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics, the most prestigious award given by the Mathematical Association of America. ... Dr. Bruce R. Bacon, director of the division of gastroenterology and hepatology and co-medical director of the SLU Liver Center, has been named president of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases. ... Dr. Richard D. Bucholz, professor of neurosurgery, was named the 2004 Missouri Inventor of the Year by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. ... Dr. Norma Metheny (Grad ’79), the Dorothy A. Votsmier Endowed Chair in Nursing, received the 2004 Midwest Nursing Research Society Distinguished Contribution to Research in the Midwest Award.

BY THE NUMBERS

24 Sections of the philosophy course “Ethics” being taught at Saint Louis University this semester.

168 Members of SLU’s service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega. SLU’s APO chapter is the largest in the nation.

7,007 Service hours performed by APO so far this academic year. (As of March 25.)

4,060 SLU alumni who live outside the United States.
**Center expands global outreach**

The Saint Louis University International Center is initiating a summer institute called the Gateway Program for top students of select secondary educational institutions located outside of the United States. Participants will take a regular SLU course while also attending short programs developed by a variety of University departments. Additional sessions by faculty, staff and guest speakers will educate visiting students about university study, campus life and American and St. Louis culture. Students will live with local families. If you would like more information about welcoming a student into your home, call the International Center at (314) 977-2318 or e-mail intcntr@slu.edu.

**‘Matrix’ under Review at SLU**

An innovative course at Saint Louis University aims to give students the keys not only to unlock the secrets of *The Matrix* film trilogy but also many other myths from the Garden of Eden to the *Odyssey*. “*The Matrix and Religion*” explores the myths found in the films from a theological perspective. The course’s creator hopes the class will help students better understand their world. Interest in the new class was so intense that it filled up in only three hours. Throughout the semester, students are learning about what is known as hermeneutics — the study of the principles and methods of interpretation.

**NET GAINS**

The Saint Louis University men’s soccer program led all NCAA Division I programs in average attendance during the 2003 season, averaging 2,779 fans for nine home dates at Robert R. Hermann Stadium on the University campus. The Billikens also led the nation during the 1999 season by averaging 2,784 fans per game and again in 2001 by averaging 2,870. SLU women’s soccer, meanwhile, continued its upward trend of packing the stadium. The women’s team ranked 14th in the nation during 2003 in both total and average attendance. With nine dates at Hermann Stadium, the Billikens saw 8,670 fans come through the gates for an average of 963 per game. It is the third consecutive year that women’s soccer attendance has increased.

**SLU team charged by battery research**

A microchip-based battery that runs on alcohol and can power a cell phone for a month without recharging may sound like the stuff of science fiction. But researchers at Saint Louis University are one step closer to making it science fact. Dr. Shelley Minteer, an assistant professor of chemistry, and her research team have filed provisional patents on a new biofuel cell that generates power from a few drops of alcohol and some natural enzymes. Now they’re moving from a conceptual stage — they’ve been using a solution in a beaker to power a fan — to something much more tangible. They are developing a microchip-based battery that provides a glimpse into the future of portable power. Their invention could replace the rechargeable batteries found in everything from laptops to PDAs. Instead of plugging into a fixed power outlet and waiting for a recharge, these new “batteries” could last up to a full month, charging instantly with a few milliliters of alcohol.

**Nobel Prize winner visits**

A Nobel Peace Prize winner was among the distinguished guests who visited Saint Louis University to celebrate the fourth annual Atlas Week, March 26–April 2. F.W. de Klerk, was the keynote speaker for the week’s signature symposium. As president of South Africa, de Klerk worked with Nelson Mandela to end apartheid and bring democracy to the nation. In 1993, they received the Nobel Peace Prize.

A week-long program sponsored by the provost’s office, Atlas Week recognizes the international dimension of SLU’s academic programs and celebrates the University’s role in international education and service in light of SLU’s Jesuit mission and heritage. Atlas Week includes open houses, open classes, special presentations, films and lectures. The week culminates with the Billiken World Fair, which features a parade, live cultural music and dance, academic and informational booths, carnival games and international cuisine.
Hall of Fame inducts new class

Six individuals and two teams were inducted into the Billiken Hall of Fame Jan. 16. The honorees follow by category:

Billiken Great (pioneer):
Gene Geimer (soccer 1967-69) was a three-year player and two-year starter for the Billikens and was part of national championship teams in 1967 and 1969. He went on to play for the U.S. National Team in 1973-74.

Billiken Great (contemporary):
Dr. Ellen Ursula Crowe (field hockey 1984-86) was a standout on the Billiken field hockey team during which time she helped the program to a 39-22-3 record. She ranks second in school history with 15 assists during the 1985 season. Crowe also played softball for the Billikens. ... Donnie Dobbs (men’s basketball 1992-94), with a career scoring average of 16.6 points per game on 56.8 percent shooting from the field, is one of just two Billikens to rank among the program’s top 10 in career scoring average and field goal percentage. ... Tony Hausladen (baseball 1994-97) boasts a career .308 average and holds school records with 47 career home runs and 187 career RBIs. He was a 19th-round draft pick of the Arizona Diamondbacks in 1997. ... Larry Hughes (men’s basketball 1997-98) was the 1997-98 consensus National Freshman of the Year. He also earned All-America honors and netted a school-record 670 points as he averaged 20.9 points per game. Hughes was a first-round draft pick of the NBA’s Philadelphia 76ers and plays for the Washington Wizards.

Distinguished Alumnus (pioneer):
Frank Boro (football 1937-40) had a four-year career on the gridiron. As a dive bomber pilot on the U.S.S. Intrepid during World War II, he earned a Navy Cross, a Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal. Boro spent 10 years in public accounting and 26 years with McDonnell Aircraft Co.

Bob Burns Award: The 1970-71 men’s basketball team won the program’s first Missouri Valley Conference regular season title since 1956-57 with a 17-12 overall record. Head coach Bob Polk’s roster included Jim Bryan Tom Fisher, Mark Failey, Jim Irving, Gary Lamps, Jesse Leonard, Mike Lockette, Carlos Martinez, Bill Paradoski, Harry Rodgers, Rich Stallworth, Bob Wade and Sam Williams. ... The 1969 men’s soccer team brought home the program’s seventh NCAA national championship trophy. National College Player of the Year Al Trost headlined a group of players who delivered an unblemished 13-0-0 record for head coach Harry Keough. Also on the roster were Don Copple, Jim Draude, John Eierman, Jim Evans, Tim Flynn, Steve Frank, Jack Galmiche, Gene Geimer, Joe Hamm, Pat Leahy, Jim Leeker, Joe Leeker, Bill McDermott, Ed Neusel, Jim Niehoff, Tim O’Toole, John Pisani, Gary Rensing, Mike Seerey and Chuck Zoeller.

Professor garners biodefense grant

A Saint Louis University professor has received a $2.2 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study emerging viruses that could threaten the U.S. population. During the next five years, Dr. Thomas Chambers, associate professor of molecular microbiology and immunology, will investigate how “flaviviruses” are responsible for causing hemorrhagic fever, encephalitis and West Nile illness. His work could lead to new and improved vaccines to prevent these diseases. The funding is part of a $27 million national grant program to enhance ongoing bioterrorism preparedness in the United States.
**CUPPLES MAKEOVER:** Historic Samuel Cupples House recently received a makeover that was part restoration, part renovation. Thanks to a gift from alumnus “Chick” (B&A ’51) and Ceil Harris, Cupples House has become accessible to all visitors without compromising the integrity of the building. Closely keeping to the original design and function of the room, a lift was installed in the conservatory on the north elevation of the house. Originally designed as a playroom for Cupples’ grandchildren, the conservatory has been christened the Harris Education Center. The room will provide touch-tour displays for the sight impaired, along with touch-screen computer visuals and closed-captioned videos for the hearing impaired, making Cupples House unique among U.S. historic house museums in its attention to handicapped visitors’ programs.

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**Stephen King, alum team up for ABC-TV show**

A Saint Louis University alumnus is matching wits with the master of literary horror this spring. Novelist Richard Dooling (A&S ’76, Law ’87) is working on Stephen King’s *Kingdom Hospital*, which centers around a haunted hospital and airs Wednesdays on ABC. Dooling serves as producer and medical consultant for the new series and has written several episodes. He is the author of the acclaimed novel *Critical Care*, which was made into a movie in 1997. He also wrote *White Man’s Grave*, *Brain Storm* and *Bet Your Life*, among others.

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**SLU honored for city commitment**

St. Louis Mayor Francis G. Slay (Law ’80) honored Saint Louis University for its developments in Midtown during the 2003 City of St. Louis Business Celebration Luncheon. The University earned honors in the “Developments of the Year” category for “developments that most dramatically convert a catalytic vision for the city into bricks and mortar.”

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**Profs examine Alzheimer’s disease**

Alzheimer’s disease may be caused by a problem transporting a certain protein across the blood brain barrier and out of the brain, according to Saint Louis University research published in the October issue of *Neuroscience*. Dr. William A. Banks, a SLU professor of geriatrics and the lead author of the article, said the findings give a new approach for treating the disease. Normally, amyloid protein, the protein thought to cause Alzheimer’s disease, leaves the brain and crosses the blood brain barrier, which is a wall of blood vessels that feeds the brain and regulates the entry and exit of brain chemicals. But in persons with Alzheimer’s disease, amyloid beta protein becomes blocked in the brain and can’t make it across the blood brain barrier.

In a separate study, researchers also are studying the effectiveness of what could become the next generation of medicine to treat mild to moderate Alzheimer’s disease. Current medications treat the symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease by replacing depleted levels of the brain chemical acetylcholine, which is important for memory and intellectual function. However, acetylcholine is not the only neurotransmitter in short supply among patients who have Alzheimer’s disease. A new medication not only increases the level of acetylcholine, which is what current drugs do, but also affects the levels of three additional brain chemicals, including norepinephrine, serotonin and dopamine, said Dr. George Grossberg (Med ’75), director of the geriatric psychiatry program and Samuel W. Fordyce Professor of Psychiatry.

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**Researchers testing Hepatitis C vaccine**

With an estimated 170 million people around the world already infected with hepatitis C, Saint Louis University is testing — for the first time in humans — an investigational vaccine that researchers hope will prevent infection with the virus. The successful development of such a vaccine would represent a major step in combating this growing health problem. SLU is the only site in the country conducting this pilot study. “There is no licensed vaccine to protect against the hepatitis C virus,” said Dr. Sharon Frey, principal investigator for the study and associate professor of internal medicine at the School of Medicine. The purpose of this research is to study the safety and effectiveness of three different strengths of the Chiron Corp.’s investigational hepatitis vaccine.
Former Saint Louis University President Thomas R. Fitzgerald, S.J., passed away March 22 at the Wolfington Jesuit Residence at Georgetown University. He was 82.

President of Saint Louis University from 1979 to 1987, Father Fitzgerald is widely credited with creating the foundation for the renaissance SLU is experiencing today. When Father Fitzgerald became SLU’s 30th president, the University was dealing with a trail of red ink, aging buildings and declining enrollment. Father Fitzgerald took dramatic steps to turn things around, including consolidations and cost-saving measures.

Sound fiscal management was a hallmark of the Fitzgerald era, and there were six straight years of balanced budgets during his tenure. He also steered an energetic capital campaign, and the University’s endowment increased from $57 million in 1977 to $141 million in 1987.

“Father Fitzgerald left an indelible mark on Saint Louis University,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., immediate successor to Father Fitzgerald. “He put the University on firm financial footing, and his fiscal responsibility and strategic planning allowed for the growth SLU has experienced during the past 17 years.

“He was a mentor and a friend, and I will miss him,” Biondi said.

Most of Father Fitzgerald’s major goals, as outlined in his 1979 inaugural address, became reality. SLU committed approximately $90 million to enhancing facilities during Father Fitzgerald’s tenure, including the University’s single most ambitious building project at the time — a nearly $60 million expansion and renovation of the Saint Louis University Hospital.

Also during his presidency, SLU built a new law school building and recreation center, expanded the library, renovated the business school and created new labs for the medical school. Father Fitzgerald also oversaw the closing of West Pine Avenue from Grand Boulevard to Spring Avenue to create a pedestrian mall on campus.

Father Fitzgerald’s presence was felt significantly throughout the St. Louis region. Shortly after he announced his plans to step down, then-St. Louis Archbishop John May commented in the archdiocesan newspaper: “Under Father Fitzgerald [Saint Louis University] has taken brave and bold steps forward. Father Thomas Fitzgerald will leave St. Louis so much richer. We are in his debt.”

Father Fitzgerald visited SLU in 1989, when the University honored with him the dedication of Fitzgerald Hall, which today is home to several academic departments.

The son of Thomas and Elizabeth Sheehy Fitzgerald, Father Fitzgerald was born in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 23, 1922. He attended Gonzaga High School, Georgetown University and entered the Society of Jesus in 1939. He was ordained a priest in 1952 in Louvain, Belgium.

Father Fitzgerald received a licentiate degree in sacred theology from Louvain and a doctorate in classical languages from the University of Chicago.

During the 1960s, Father Fitzgerald held several top administrative posts at Georgetown University, serving as dean of Georgetown College and academic vice president. In 1973, he became president of Fairfield University, a post he held until coming to SLU in 1979.

After leaving SLU, Father Fitzgerald joined the faculty of Loyola College in Baltimore, where he was a member of the classics department and served as rector. Before retiring to Georgetown in 1999, Father Fitzgerald received six honorary degrees and served on the boards of trustees for nine different Jesuit institutions.

During his retirement, he read extensively from the works of classical authors, investigating the history of Jesuit education by tracing its roots to their Greek and Latin origins.

When he announced his retirement from Saint Louis University in the fall of 1986, Father Fitzgerald recalled his years at SLU fondly. “For me, these years were the best,” he said. “It is my hope that they also contributed to the long-term success of the University.” —CB
If you roam by the multipurpose room in the Allied Health Professions Building on any given Wednesday, you might be surprised by the spectacle: alumni, faculty and staff from the Classical Fencing Society engaging in bouts with foils, epees and, occasionally, small swords. Unexpected doings don’t end there. If you venture near the Simon Recreation Center pool on Monday nights, instructors from the Kayaking Club will be teaching a variety of valuable skills, from simple strokes to rescue methods. While on campus, you may catch members from the Rock Climbing Club headed to Upper Limits, a St. Louis gym with 10,000 square feet of sculpted climbing surface that reaches 35 feet high. Of course, if it is warm enough, the group’s destination will be an outdoor location.

An ever-evolving myriad of club sports is popping up at Saint Louis University limited only by imagination and student interest. (And the fact the clubs must register and be recognized by the Student Government Association and campus recreation.) Hockey, karate, ultimate Frisbee, wake boarding and even an outdoor club are all options. Officially, at least, that wasn’t always the case.

“When I arrived at the University in 1996, there were only five recognized sport clubs,” said program coordinator Sam Kelner. “Now there are 25.”

Today, between 650-800 students participate annually in club sports, which operate under the direction of the department of campus recreation. Clubs compete in hundreds of contests and demonstrations, and many groups enjoy surprising success. The Rugby Club continues to thrive after more than 70 years of competition. The Cycling Club takes to the trail in spring road and fall mountain bike races from Kentucky to Wisconsin. The Men’s Volleyball Club is ranked first nationally in Division II club competition and will aim for a championship in April. But athletic excellence is only the beginning.

A recent article in the Recreational Sports Journal indicates that club sports provide many additional benefits for students, including improving overall emotional well-being; reducing stress; helping to handle the college workload; and boosting happiness and self-confidence. And while most students choose a college or university for academic reasons, recreational sports programs and facilities often influence their decision. That was the case for Toronto native Jordan Janes, who doesn’t pull any punches as to why he chose SLU.

“Hockey was really the only reason I decided to give the University a chance,” said Janes, a senior forward on SLU’s Division I club hockey team. “The school was beautiful, and I fell in love with it, so I decided to give it a try. I considered transferring to compete on a varsity team or in junior hockey, but looking at the overall experience and the friends I made, I decided to stay.”
Hockey heats up again

John Bosch grew up watching Billiken Hockey in the 1970s, and the experiences left quite an impression on him. “You would pay $6 to be right by the glass,” Bosch said. “I remember seeing some darn good games and having a lot of fun. I even used to go to the hockey camps as a kid.”

But SLU’s varsity hockey program found itself on thin ice due to budgetary reasons, and the program folded at the conclusion of the 1979 season. During the nine-year period that hockey was a part of the SLU athletic department, the team compiled a 192-130-14 record under Coach Bill Selman.

Today, hockey is thriving on campus, enjoying a revival as a sport club. The Billikens returned to the ice in 1996 after joining the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA). The hockey homecoming came after Bosch heard from a SLU student who knew Bosch from his years coaching at the high school level and lamented to him that there was no team.

“I felt compelled to help get Billiken hockey going again because of all of the fond memories I had as a kid,” said Bosch, who has 23 years of coaching experience, including stints at Chaminade, Vianney, Parkway North and Lindbergh high schools. “I knew how to get ice time, uniforms, practice times and make a schedule. After we received approval, all that was left to do was get a team on the ice.”

Ads and fliers were posted on campus, and SLU managed to fill out a 20-man roster, going 11-15 in its inaugural season. “It all went pretty well considering how quickly we came together,” said Bosch, who has assembled a staff of eight coaches, all who serve on a voluntary basis for two SLU teams. “But some of our core players came back and told me they would like to be more competitive and that we should try to recruit some guys.”

So Bosch turned to Selman, the man most familiar with the nuances of hockey at SLU. Knowing the situation was different because Bosch was starting a program without any scholarship money or a recruiting budget, Selman told his counterpart to recruit students by accentuating SLU’s academic programs, its beautiful campus and the city of St. Louis. Now Bosch combs junior hockey leagues, prep schools and amateur tournaments, using his hockey contacts in the United States and Canada in search of future Billikens.

“Some of these players have played junior hockey for a few years with the hopes of playing professionally,” Bosch said. “But when guys realize that dream might not materialize, we ask them to consider getting an education while they play the sport they love.”

With Bosch at the helm, the Billikens have ushered in a new era of hockey. The program began in Division II club competition, playing there for four years and advancing to the national championships twice. For the 2000-2001 season, Bosch and his Billikens decided to move up to Division I, one of only 40 teams at that level in the ACHA. (The ACHA also boasts 180 Division II teams, a Division III group and women’s hockey.) After a one-year hiatus, the Billikens also brought back the Division II hockey team to act as a “feeder” team, allowing players of various skills to compete.

“We didn’t want to cut anyone out of the program,” said Bosch. “And we’ve been really successful. We went to the Division I championships last season. That’s really impressive when you look at these other teams that have been around for 20 or 30 years as non-varsity teams. It’s a tribute to the quality of stu-

dent-athlete at Saint Louis University.”

Operating a little differently than other sport clubs, hockey is highly competitive. It is run much like an officially sanctioned sport, with coaches determining who plays and who doesn’t. Still, Bosch emphasized that academics takes priority over winning.

“There is an ultimate goal of graduation, so our record can’t overshadow grades,” Bosch said. “We push hard to get our players out in four years. Our goal is to have an exceptional graduation rate and win some hockey games as we go.”

Fans who want to catch a game can trek to the Summit Center (formerly the U.S. Ice Sports Complex) in Chesterfield, Mo. The Billikens rent out the facility by the hour and have no private locker rooms. Games draw 200-400 people. Equipment and meals come at the player’s expense. Bosch estimates that players pay $2,500 a year for dues, travel and meals.
These conditions are a far cry from the situation Jordan Janes found himself in years ago playing junior hockey in Toronto. All his equipment and meals were free. He enjoyed a heightened level of celebrity. But a back injury sidelined him for four months, and offers from Major Junior A clubs and NCAA Division I varsity teams dwindled. Still, Janes would not trade his SLU experience away.

“The love for the game kept me going,” he said. “I just can’t see my life without hockey being a part of it.”

Bosch said Janes’ attitude is typical of club sport players. And their commitment extends beyond pure athletics.

“These kids are working out on their own because we can’t mandate that,” Bosch said. “But they also serve as representatives for the club before the Student Government Association. They participate in fund raising. You just see a total commitment to make the club successful.”

Crew makes a big splash

A pastime once only seriously associated with Ivy League schools is also making quite a splash at SLU. Several students are getting on board with SLU Crew, a club that began in fall 2000. But for those who want to join the club, only serious applicants need apply. Experience is not needed, but dedication is a must. SLU Crew members practice for at least an hour Monday through Friday during the off-season. Once competition starts, the group adds in weekend practices that last approximately two hours. Weekday practices normally start at 6 a.m. or earlier.

“We generally have between 20 and 30 students, but we have gotten as big as 60,” said coach Scott Allison, a member of the St. Louis Rowing Club. “But the numbers are not normally that high because rowing is a very rigorous sport. And the kids are really serious about competing at a high level.”

So far, the dedication has paid dividends. SLU Crew brought home four gold, two silver and three bronze medals in 2002-2003.

“In every regatta in which we have competed since we started, we’ve come home with at least one medal,” said SLU Crew club president Samantha Watts. “In mixed events — in which we row men and women together — we have done very well.”

Smaller than typical sponsored varsity teams, which can have 70 people, SLU Crew has become quite established as a mixed crew. Still, the group does not back down from other competition, pitting themselves against other club teams, adult crews and even sponsored varsity teams from other colleges and universities.

Competing in events mainly held in the Midwest, SLU Crew has gone head-to-head with teams from Creighton, Washington University, Nebraska, Iowa, Marquette, Missouri and Kansas State. Their slate usually includes three to four regattas each semester. The spring features 2,000-meter sprint races. In the fall, however, competition involves long-distance courses (three miles or more), usually on a river.

If you want to catch SLU Crew in action, don’t expect to take in a home match at SLU’s Dolphin Pond or even Laclede Park. The crew uses Creve Coeur Lake in West St. Louis County as its base of operations, using equipment and facilities belonging to the St. Louis Rowing Club (SLRC), a local independent organization. All SLU Crew rowers pay dues to the club, which recently constructed a boathouse at Creve Coeur Lake. In the winter, crew members keep in shape on indoor rowing machines located in the boathouse.

Due to the high cost of equipment, SLU Crew has turned to the SLRC for many of its needs but has begun to collect its own rowing gear. Thanks to donations, the team now possesses SLU-themed oars; a Cox box, which is like a PA system for keeping rowers in synch; and a one-person boat.

“We do a lot of fund-raisers,” Watts said. “We do appeals, sell apparel and work in local stadiums.”

The group hopes to eventually raise enough money to purchase equipment so it can operate independently of the SLRC. Thankfully, SLU Crew has encountered much grassroots support.

“Faculty, staff, alumni and potential students are amazed to learn SLU has a crew,” Watts said. “When we are competing, we run into people from across the country who are thrilled we have established a rowing program.”

Respecting the sword

Staff member David Achilleus takes swordplay seriously. As a teen-ager, Achilleus took up sport fencing arduously, building up quite a hefty résumé in national competition. But disillusioned by what he found, Achilleus left the “glitz” of that sport to pursue the martial art of classical fencing, a magnanimous option for those searching for a “real life” version of swordplay.

“Sport fencing — like what you see in the Olympics — emphasizes athleticism and scoring over traditional principles,” Achilleus said. “It takes something that has real meaning and dilutes it, putting an emphasis on scoring and winning. In fencing, there should be no shiny gold medals for winning. In fencing, winning means you are still alive.”
But for Achilleus, the biggest disappointment in sport fencing today is a perceived lack of education for beginners. That is not the case at SLU, where the Classical Fencing Society attracts alumni, faculty, staff and, of course, students.

Achilleus, a research assistant in the department of pharmacological and physiological science, is the lead instructor for this unique sport club. Fencers of various abilities may join the fencing society at SLU, even those with no previous experience. For the first year, new club members participate in a mandatory one-year training program. Carrying the title “novice,” these beginners learn fencing basics, such as technique and form. They are forbidden from bouting privileges, meaning they cannot challenge an opponent or participate in swordplay. At the end of the first year, however, novices are tested in the principles they have learned. If they pass, they may engage in fighting, begin advanced exercises and progress through other weapons.

Fencers at SLU begin with the foil, which includes French and Italian versions. They progress to the stiffer-bladed epee. Highly skilled fencers may move on to single-stick, sabre and the small sword, but only one student has progressed far enough to take up the latter.

Although swordplay may conjure up thoughts of King Arthur, Achilleus warns that those expecting knightly combat should stick to the renaissance fairs. Far removed from the Dark Ages, the CFS is grounded in the history, philosophy and science of Western fencing based primarily on swordplay during the 18th and 19th centuries.

In contrast to some club sports, the cost for joining in is minimal. Dues start at $50 for incoming members but later are only $15 each semester for students and $25 for non-students. Equipment is also provided.

“We realize that a beginner is not likely to have a sword and equipment,” said CFS President David Eilering. “The club has available for use foils, vests, masks, gloves and epees for senior fencers. But after a year of learning the basics, most fencers tend to buy their own swords.”

Now in its sixth year, the Classical Fencing Society evolved from fencing lessons given by Achilleus at Simon Recreation Center. In 1996, one of the pupils pushed the idea of a fencing club. After the group gained approval from the Student Government Association, Achilleus adapted his curriculum, formed the CFS in the spring of 1997 and opened its membership to anyone eager to learn the craft.

“David is really great,” said Eilering, a computer science and math major at SLU. “He makes the group what it is with his knowledge and passion. He leads the instruction every practice and is committed to helping participants improve.”

Nick Evangelista, one of fewer than 12 fencing masters in the United States, also offers the club weekend workshops a few times per year. Evangelista lives in Springfield, Mo.

The club’s influence also extends beyond Missouri’s borders. Alexis LaJoie (Law ’00), the student who originally lobbied for a fencing club, has launched a “daughter branch” on the campus of Marquette University. The Marquette group, along with fencing organizations in St. Peters, Mo., and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, provide some opportunities for competition and collaboration. CFS members test their skills a few times each semester in round-robin tournaments, including events at Marquette and the Tri-City Academy in New York. But for Eilering, the club represents so much more than an opportunity to compete, improve and participate in an art he loves.

“The Fencing Society also has expanded my social network and taught me valuable skills, such as leadership, budgeting and problem solving. I also find you get a lot of ideas from classical fencing, like chivalry and sportsmanship.”

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### Club Sports at SLU

- Crew
- Cricket
- Cycling
- Fencing
- Women’s Field Hockey
- Handball
- Hockey
- In-line Hockey
- Judo
- Karate
- Kayaking
- Kickboxing
- Martial Arts
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- Women’s Lacrosse
- Men’s Soccer
- Women’s Soccer
- Men’s Volleyball
- Women’s Volleyball
- Outdoor
- Rock Climbing
- Rugby
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Wake Boarding
An eminent philosopher flourishes in Saint Louis University’s Jesuit spirit.

The Perfect Fit

Dr. Eleonore Stump has taught at a private liberal arts college and a major state university. But nowhere has she felt more at home than at Saint Louis University, where she has served as the Robert J. Henle Professor of Philosophy since 1992.

What makes SLU the perfect fit for this eminent philosopher? Stump said it’s the Jesuit spirit that infuses the entire University community. It’s one of the things that drew her to the University in the first place.

“The Jesuit commitment to find God in all things and to serve God in serving others is manifest everywhere here,” she said. “The leadership of Father Biondi and of the whole Jesuit community makes all the difference to the spirit of the place, and I honor and admire the men in that community.”

There’s an abundance of admiration for Stump as well. Stump, who came to SLU in 1992, is editor in chief of the Yale Library of Medieval Philosophy. She also is the author or editor of 15 books and anthologies and has published widely on the philosophy of religion, metaphysics and medieval philosophy.

Last year she gained even more international prominence when she was selected to present the prestigious Gifford Lectures in Aberdeen, Scotland. Established as early as 1888, the Gifford Lectures have become one of the world’s foremost intellectual events of its kind. Past Gifford lecturers include Nobel Prize winners Henri Bergson, Niels Bohr, Sydney Brenner, John C. Eccles and Albert Schweitzer.

Stump presented two Gifford Lectures a week for three weeks. She’ll spend two years revising those lectures into one full-length manuscript that will be published in book form.

While she is a widely noted author, lecturer and researcher, Stump also is known as a successful educator. In February, Stump received Baylor University’s Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching. The $200,000 award is the largest of its kind given to an individual for teaching. In addition to the individual award, the philosophy department will receive $25,000.

The recognition — the latest among many accolades for Stump — came as little surprise to the chairman of the philosophy department, Theodore R. Vitali, C.P. (Grad ’74, ’76). “It not only reflects on Eleonore’s work as a teacher in the traditional sense in the classroom, but also her mentoring of faculty here and across the country,” he said.

Stump also is noted for her collaborative work, something she said only flourishes further in a Jesuit atmosphere. Stump partnered with John Foley, S.J., (Grad ’68, ’74) Distinguished Liturgical Scholar in the theology department and director of SLU’s Center for Liturgy, to develop the course “Beauty as a Road to God.” The first interdisciplinary seminar at the graduate level between the theology
and philosophy departments, the course explores the role that beauty, especially in art, can play in bringing a person closer to God.

“It has been my privilege to co-teach with Dr. Stump,” Foley said. “I have seen her interaction with students and her great ability to cooperate and interweave in co-teaching.

“The prizes and international acclaim are wonderful, but Eleonore Stump is even more important as a spiritual force on Saint Louis University’s campus.”

The course combines Stump’s well-known skill at philosophy and Foley’s excellence as a theologian and composer of liturgical music.

“The result has been a rich and creative course that has drawn not only grad students in both departments, but also other faculty members as participants,” Stump said. “It has been a particularly fruitful example of partnership between Jesuits and the lay people who share work and faith with them.”

An equally powerful example of this partnership at SLU is the Alexandrian Society, which Stump founded with John Kavanaugh, S.J., (A&S ’65, Grad ’66, ’71) professor of philosophy and director of the University’s Ethics Across the Curriculum program.

The society includes graduate students and faculty members who gather twice a month for a potluck dinner. Over the meal, they discuss faith and learning. Afterward, they pray and sing together.

“The group has been a wonderful thing for all of those involved, and it, too, has grown out of the partnership between a Jesuit and a layperson,” Stump said.

Together with Kavanaugh, Stump has been not only the driving force behind the Alexandrian Society, but also the creator of a monthly prayer group for faculty members and administrators from various departments and offices on campus. Kavanaugh said these are just two examples of how deeply Stump is grounded in Ignatian spirituality and the University’s mission.

“She’s had a transforming effect on the department and the University, not just through scholarship, but also through her companionship and faith,” Kavanaugh said. “She’s drawn wonderful new faculty and graduate students to the department and has been a source of encouragement for the University’s scholars in their work.”

For Stump, her Jesuit colleagues serve as a source of support and inspiration. She said the University’s Jesuit community has shown an overwhelming willingness to partner with lay people and share leadership with them.

“And I say so as a woman, not just as a layperson,” Stump added. “In my own experience, the Jesuit community has succeeded in making Saint Louis University a place where women can flourish at whatever they have a mind, and a heart, to do. Women here join in partnerships with the Jesuits and take their place in leadership with the Jesuits with a clear sense of the Jesuit blessing on their efforts. I am grateful to work here.”
Nine acres of Midtown St. Louis adjacent to the Saint Louis University Health Sciences Center will see a big change during the next few years.

Saint Louis University announced in late February that its largest-ever building project — $80 million in new and enhanced research facilities — will find a home near the intersection of Grand and Chouteau avenues, providing a new anchor for the Health Sciences Center and its growing research programs.

“Our Research Building project will further transform the Midtown area near our Health Sciences Center,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. “But more importantly, this building will house researchers who have the potential to transform our world through cutting-edge advances in science and monumental discoveries in medicine.”

Plans call for a 206,000-square-foot contemporary steel, brick and glass structure that is part of the $80 million investment in new research facilities. The project includes $64 million for construction of the new building and $16 million for renovation of existing space at the School of Medicine. The building’s design already is generating buzz for its forward-thinking, highly functional approach and exquisite look.

“This is going to be the most prominent building to rise in the city of St. Louis in a decade,” said Kent Turner, regional director of Cannon Design and project principal.

The new Research Building consists of a 10-story tower at the north end with the two lowest floors extending...
toward the south and connecting in a covered walkway to the School of Medicine, where additional research facilities and training space are located.

“This is a structure with a design that looks to our future rather than to the past,” added renowned architect George Nikolajevich, who is the design principal. “It will anchor the Saint Louis University Health Sciences Center.”

“The Campaign for Saint Louis University: Where Knowledge Touches Lives,” the University’s current $300 million comprehensive campaign, will help fund construction of the building. A combination of public and private support will make the building a reality.

“We are actively seeking donors for the new research building and are encouraged by the response so far from alumni and friends of the University,” said Don Whelan (Grad B&A ’03), vice president for development and University relations.

The need for a new facility became apparent during the last several years as Saint Louis University researchers attracted more funding for their research. SLU’s research funding from the National Institutes of Health increased 120 percent from 1998 to 2002.

“We have outstanding researchers who are landlocked and can’t expand,” said Dr. Robert Webster, associate provost for research. “We are essentially space poor for growing our research programs.”

SLU has several areas of emphasis on its research agenda, including infectious diseases/virology, cardiovascular diseases, cancer, liver disease and neurosciences.
With this major upgrade in facilities, Saint Louis University will have an advantage in retaining existing faculty, recruiting new researchers and seeking federal grants and other public and private funds.

“This will significantly enhance the University’s research and academic standing on a national scale,” said Dr. Patricia L. Monteleone (Med ’61, Pub Hlth, Grad B&A ’91), dean of the School of Medicine, said the new facilities will give the University an edge as it competes for research dollars and world-class researchers.

“The new research building, with its dedicated laboratory space, leading-edge technology and entrepreneurial environment, will be a powerful recruitment tool for continuing to attract world-class faculty,” she said.

For updates and more details, visit http://researchbuilding.slu.edu.

For information about making a gift to the Research Building, call Paul Schnabel, associate vice president of University development, at (314) 977-2499 or send an e-mail message to schnabep@slu.edu.
With plans for a Saint Louis University Research Building and Arena in the works — as well as the ambitious “Campaign for Saint Louis University: Where Knowledge Touches Lives” under way — support from alumni has become essential. But you may be wondering how $50 or even $5 can make a difference. The answer is quite a lot. Annual gifts, of any size, not only add up, they also affect the alumni participation rate. If 5,000 people gave $10, the result would be $50,000 in gifts and a 6.25 percent rise in the alumni participation rate.

When U.S. News & World Report ranks universities, one of the criteria is alumni participation. The higher the alumni participation rate, the better the ranking. It takes approximately 800 gifts to raise the alumni participation rate 1 percent. “Small gifts make a difference,” said annual giving director Dave Nolda (A&S ’95). “It is more important to U.S. News to have 5,000 people give $10 than one person giving $50,000 because that means 5,000 people believe in SLU’s mission.”

Alumni participation rates also send a message to corporations and foundations that alumni value a SLU education. “Basically corporations and foundations question whether they want to give their money to an institution whose alumni are not fully participating,” Nolda said. “If alumni do not believe in their alma mater, why should a company invest thousands, or even millions, of dollars in the University?”

Last year, SLU’s alumni participation was only 14 percent. The national average is 23 percent. An additional 5,000 donors in 2004 would raise the alumni participation rate by 6.25 percent, which would bring SLU’s alumni participation rate to 20.5 percent. “We have set an ambitious goal of 27 percent alumni participation by the end of our campaign in 2007 — the 27 by ’07 Challenge,” Nolda said.

Schools such as Harvard and Notre Dame enjoy exceptional alumni participation rates. At Harvard, 94 percent of alumni gave back last year, while Notre Dame enjoyed 48 percent alumni participation. “At those schools, it’s ingrained from day one that when you leave, you’ll be giving back,” Nolda said.

Although SLU does not have the legendary football program of Notre Dame or the legacy of Harvard, U.S. News & World Report has ranked SLU among the nation’s top four Catholic universities. U.S. News also named SLU its top best buy among all Jesuit institutions.

“SLU is making deliberate headway in realizing Father Biondi’s vision of becoming the finest Catholic university in the nation,” said Don Whelan (Grad B&A ’03), vice president for development and University relations. “And alumni support will play an important role in realizing that vision.”

Giving clubs have been established for different levels of donors. The Century Club, for example, is established for those who give between $100 and $1,499 per year. The benefits associated with this club include access to Pius XII Memorial Library and appearing in an honor roll of donors. Century Club donors also receive announcements of activities and are invited to special events.

Alumni can choose to give an unrestricted gift, which can be used at the University’s discretion, or alumni can restrict their giving to specific fund options. The fund options range from supporting particular schools to scholarships to campus beautification projects. There are still the traditional giving methods either by mail or telephone. But since October, alumni have been able to make donations online at giftform.slu.edu. Of course, all donations are tax deductible.

The outlook for 2004 is bright. As of March 19, the annual giving phone-a-thon had raised $1.034 million in gifts and pledges, a mark that SLU did not reach until May 28 last year en route to the program’s record $1.067 million raised.

“Our alumni are men and women for others,” Nolda said. “They like to give back, and they want to help out students who are here today.”

To make a gift to the 27 by ’07 Challenge use the enclosed envelope or visit giftform.slu.edu. —SM

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**Alumni Participation Comparison**

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or Dr. Joan Hrubetz, the Saint Louis University School of Nursing’s 75th anniversary is not a celebration of an institution. It is the celebration of a spirit.

“Seventy-five years ago, two of St. Louis’ most influential and visionary health care leaders signed an agreement that elevated the state of nursing education,” said Hrubetz (Nurs ’60, Grad ’72, ’95), the school’s longest reigning dean at 24 years. “Our anniversary celebrates their initial intent and mission, which was, and continues to be, dedication to the complete development of the nursing student.”

The idea for a school of nursing germinated in the 1920s when Saint Louis University was experiencing one of its growth periods. Research facilities were expanded. Areas of specialization swelled. And women enrolled on campus for the first time.

Dr. Hanau Loeb, dean of the School of Medicine from 1914-1924, saw this as an ideal time to establish a nursing school. He explored the idea with national nursing leaders who encouraged him to move forward.

“In the 1920s, nursing was an apprentice-type system,” said Helen DiCroce (Nurs ’58, Grad Nurs ’65), associate professor emerita and School of Nursing historian. “Students worked alongside experienced nurses in a learn-while-you-earn system. Dr. Loeb saw the value in adding an academic, theoretical soundness to their training. Unfortunately, he died before realizing his goal.”

But Loeb’s successor, Alphonse Schvitalla, S.J., shared Loeb’s vision. In 1928, he and Rev. Mother Mary Concordia Puppendahl, superior general of the congregation of the Sisters of Saint Mary of the Third Order of Saint Francis, now known as the Franciscan Sisters of St. Mary (F.S.M.), signed an agreement to establish the Saint Louis University School of Nursing.

“It was a collaboration that couldn’t fail,” DiCroce said. “You had the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, who’d been taking care of sick and poor people in St. Louis since their founding in 1872, and the Jesuits, whose emphasis on the moral and intellectual development of students was highly regarded. Their philosophies complemented one another perfectly.”

It was not the first time the Jesuits of Saint Louis University and the Franciscan Sisters of Mary worked
The school's first graduating class, 1931.

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The 1930s-1940s

During the 1930s and 1940s, academic offerings at the School of Nursing flourished. Career choices included general duty nursing, public health nursing, industrial nursing and hospital laboratory teaching.

In 1940, Sister Mary Geraldine Kulleck, F.S.M., became the first nurse to assume the position of dean. She saw the school through the upheaval in nursing education during World War II when there was a sudden need to prepare increased numbers of qualified health workers. Under her direction, the school provided refresher courses for inactive nurses and joined the national movement to form units in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, a program to prepare students to meet the health care needs of the nation during the war years. Through the cadet program, enrollment reached an all-time high, and the first lay faculty was hired.

The 1950s-1960s

Due to the talent of its leaders, the school became one of the nation's premier nursing schools, ranking in the top 10 percent. Male students were accepted to the basic program for the first time. Students from such states as Hawaii, West Virginia, Florida and Maine were enrolling. The school even drew students from Canada.

Dr. Joan Carter (Nurs ’58, Grad Nurs ’62) came from Ohio in 1956 as a 21-year-old service scholarship student, often referred to as a fellowship nurse. The University offered no housing for women at the time. She and the other 60 or so fellowship nurses lived on the eighth and 12th floors of Firmin Desloge Hospital, from which they could hear the clang of trolley cars below.

“I never worked so hard and had so much fun,” said Carter, now associate dean of the school. “I went to school three days a week and worked in the hospital three days a week for tuition and board. We were ready, willing and able to do what needed to be done, and the Jesuits held us in high esteem. We
of children, midwifery, gerontology and oncology were established. Under Noth’s guidance, the school became the first in the nation to offer an accelerated option in nursing, which allowed students with degrees from other disciplines to complete a nursing degree in one full calendar year. There are now 129 accelerated programs in the country, all patterned after the one developed at SLU’s School of Nursing.

At the undergraduate level, the school created an evening division to serve registered nurses seeking a baccalaureate degree in nursing. The school also began offering a weekend master’s option and initiated its continuing education program.

“It was a very exciting time for faculty, staff and students,” Noth (Nurs ’52, Grad Nurs ’57) said. “We were quick to respond to changing health care needs, and we were rewarded with healthy enrollment for all of our programs. As I reflect on it, I marvel at the incredible cooperation and innovation it took to achieve these changes.”

Research also expanded during this period. The school named an assistant dean of research and allocated office and laboratory space for research, which became an essential component of graduate and undergraduate education.

“We wanted to contribute to the theory and practice of nursing,” Noth said. “And because ideas cost money to implement, we went through a great grant-getting phase in the 1970s.”

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**The 1970s-1980s**

Graduate curriculum expanded during the 1970s and 1980s. Led by Sister Mary Teresa Noth, F.S.M., the school’s fifth dean, clinical specializations in nursing

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**School of Nursing Timeline**

1928
Alphonse Schwitalla, S.J., dean of the medical school, and Rev. Mother Mary Concordia Puppendahl, F.S.M., announce the opening of the School of Nursing. Schwitalla serves as dean while a nurse faculty member prepares academically for the position.

1929
The School of Nursing is accredited.

1932
Curriculum leading to a baccalaureate degree in nursing at Saint Louis University is developed.

1935
The Association of Collegiate Schools of Nursing is formally organized. SLU School of Nursing is an active member.

1937
Curriculum leading to a bachelor of science degree in public health nursing is offered.

1940
Sister Mary Geraldine Kulleck, F.S.M., becomes the first nurse to assume the position of dean.

1943
The school forms a unit in the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps to meet the health care needs of the nation during the war years. Enrollment reaches an all-time high.

1951
Curriculum is reorganized to allow students to complete program in four, rather than five, years. Male students accepted into the basic program for the first time.

1953
25th anniversary. Sister Mary Susanne Smith, F.S.M., succeeds Kulleck as dean. Smith begins developing plans for a school of nursing building.

1956
Sister Mary Agnita Claire Day, F.S.M., succeeds Smith.
the opening of the new School of Nursing building at the SLU Health Sciences Center in 1978, almost 50 years to the day that Schwitalla and Puppendahl signed an agreement to form a school.

In 1981, Noth announced her retirement, bringing an end to 54 years of leadership at the nursing school by the Franciscan Sisters of Mary.

In 1982, Hrubetz became the first lay dean. She steered the school through the tide of low enrollment resulting from both population contraction and the expansion of competing programs. She also is given credit for recruiting and retaining quality faculty. A majority of the faculty has been with the school 20 or more years. Her work was recognized when University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., established the first endowed chair in the school.

The 1990s-2000s
In 1990, the school continued to set the standard by becoming the first in Missouri to offer a doctorate in nursing. It is one of only a handful of accredited schools in the country to offer bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral nursing programs.

The school also continued to harness the power of technology by introducing a major curriculum design in the form of “distance learning” at the graduate level. The School of Nursing was the first school within the University to offer a course online.

In 1997, an online option for the master of science in nursing program was available. The program attracts students from more than 30 states and three countries. The school was the first in the country to have four nurse practitioner tracks available concurrently on the World Wide Web. And, in 2003, the School of Nursing became the first to offer the online course “Disaster Preparedness for Nurses.” Students taking courses online are required to visit campus several times a year to demonstrate their clinical skills.

“I’m almost humbled and amazed by what faculty, staff and students are doing today,” Noth said. “I’d like to think the avant-garde spirit at work today is the same that existed 75 years ago.”

The Gourman Report, a publication that ranks graduate degree programs, consistently ranks Saint Louis University School of Nursing in the top 3 percent of nursing schools in the United States.

“No one knows the extent of the contributions our pioneers made over the years in terms of leadership and personal influence on the school and on the profession,” Hrubetz said. “But because of their collective influence, our graduates continue to disseminate the ideals and philosophy learned at Saint Louis University School of Nursing. That influence is exponential.”

1961
Day retires and Kulleck again becomes dean.

1966
Sister Mary Teresa Noth, F.S.M., succeeds Kulleck as dean.

1967
The continuing nursing education program is formed with six states and 13 universities participating. The program was expanded in 1976 and continues today.

1971
The school becomes the first in the country to offer an accelerated option in nursing. An evening division is created for registered nurse students leading to a baccalaureate degree.

1972
The school forms a media center to enhance student learning and faculty teaching.

1976
Ground is broken for a school of nursing building. The school leads the way in establishing an annual Nursing Research Conference for university schools of nursing throughout the country.

1978
50th anniversary. The new building opens its doors.

1980
The Delta Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the honor society of nursing, is established at the school.

1981
Noth announces her retirement, marking the end of a long succession of sisters in the position of dean.

1982
Dr. Joan Hrubetz becomes the first lay dean.

1990
The school becomes the first in Missouri to offer a doctorate in nursing.

1997
The nursing school becomes the first school within the University to offer an online course.

2003
75th anniversary. The school becomes the first in the nation to offer online disaster preparedness course for nurses.
Reality TV has taken America by storm during the last several years—and two Saint Louis University grads recently have made a big impression on two of the genre’s most popular shows: *Survivor* on CBS and *American Idol* on Fox.

**Tijuana Bradley** (A&S ’00) appeared on last fall’s season of *Survivor: Pearl Islands Panama*. She was among the final seven contestants before being voted off the island by her fellow castaways. A pharmaceutical sales representative, Bradley was a member of the Billiken cheerleading squad during her days at SLU.

“It was phenomenal,” she said of her *Survivor* stay. “It was every emotion that I’ve experienced in a lifetime all in 30 days. It was the most rewarding thing I’ve ever done.”

Bradley, who majored in communication, did her homework before setting off on her adventure. “I took time to understand the environment,” she said. “And I took swimming lessons.”

But she could not have imagined the challenges that awaited her. “It was the best testament to willpower I’ve ever seen. It shows you what you can go through and still not break.”

The show also gave her some lifelong friends: fellow castaways Andrew, Darrah, Ryan O. and Osten, with whom she has traveled and who have become extended family.

Still sporting scars on her legs from sand mites, Bradley said she’d appear on *Survivor* again “in a heartbeat.”

If that second chance doesn’t come soon, she’s happy living in St. Louis, where in addition to her full-time job, she also appears on the local CBS affiliate every Friday morning to comment on the previous night’s *Survivor* episode. She also donates time to *Survivor*-themed charity events and will be back in California for the finale of the current season.

One day, she might like to pursue a career in entertainment journalism. “I would rather be the reporter than the interviewee,” she said.

**Eric Yoder** (Parks ’02) was one of 32 semi-finalists on *American Idol* and advanced to the “wild card” round. A native of Sullivan, Ill., Yoder was a member of SLU’s Bare Naked Statues a capella group, the Mastersingers and starred in the 2002 University Theatre production of *Godspell*.

“*American Idol* was an exciting and exhilarating experience for me,” he said. “There’s no class or life experience that can prepare you for it.”

Yoder, who majored in aviation science and trained to be a professional pilot, had never seen the show when he auditioned. So he was somewhat unprepared for the instant celebrity that it brought. He has been recognized and not always by the teen-agers you’d expect. He’s been stopped by children, businessmen and grandmothers. “The people you least think would watch the show are the craziest fans,” Yoder said. “Obviously it’s a great compliment.”

What did the end of *American Idol* competition mean for Yoder? “I was ready to come home. I’m not cut out for the Hollywood life,” he said. So Yoder is applying to dental schools and hopes one day to pursue an advanced degree in SLU’s noted Center for Advanced Dental Education. After speaking in front of millions of TV viewers and appearing on *Entertainment Tonight*, he feels well prepared for the professional school interview process. “I’m also a lot more confident in meeting new people” he said.

As for his brief stint on reality TV, Yoder remains philosophical. “It was a positive, overwhelming experience,” he said. “I don’t regret it, and I would do it again. It’s opened a lot of doors for me.” —LG
Saint Louis University is renowned for teaching, research, health care and service. It’s also becoming known as a vibrant arts community. Here’s a look at what is happening in SLU’s galleries and museums, as well as performances sponsored by the fine and performing arts department, throughout spring and summer.

Ongoing exhibitions

“Betwixt and Between” by Christina Shmigel
Saint Louis University Museum of Art
Through July 11
This exhibit is on display in the Contemporary Project Gallery, which provides space for contemporary artists to develop their ideas with the medium of their choice. In conceiving “Betwixt and Between,” Shmigel incorporated the gallery’s previous life as a set of adjoining utility closets.

“Rito, Espejo y Ojo/Ritual, Mirror and Eye” photography by Luis González Palma, María Magdalena Campos-Pons and Pablo Soria
Museum of Contemporary Religious Art
Through May 30

“Brick by Brick: Building St. Louis and the Nation”
Saint Louis University Museum of Art
Through July 31
Learn why St. Louis is “all about brick” and why this sturdy building material and the industry made a great impact on the city. The effect that the brick industry had on St. Louis commerce and architecture, as well as that of the United States, is explored with a diverse presentation of photographs, advertising, historical documents and maps, plus examples of finely designed gauged brick. Tours of the exhibition and St. Louis neighborhoods are planned. The exhibit is sponsored by Samuel Cupples House.

“Tools of a Mission”
Saint Louis University Museum of Art
Through July 31
This exhibition features a collection of Western Jesuit Missions tools that represent the lives of the novitiates at St. Stanislaus from 1823-1857. Areas highlighted include farm equipment, blacksmithing tools and tailor and shoemaker tools. The exhibit also includes photographs and videos.

Upcoming performance

Mastersingers, Fleur de Lis and University Chorale
May 2, 7 p.m.
All of the University’s choirs will perform in this event at St. Francis Xavier College Church. The featured work will be Felix Mendelssohn’s oratorio, “The Elijah,” which is considered by many to be the finest large choral work of the 19th century.

Upcoming exhibition

“Brilliant!: American and European Cut Glass in the Gilded Age”
Samuel Cupples House
Opening mid-June
From 1876 to 1910, clear European and American cut glass and richly colored blue, amber, ruby and green cut glass were symbolic of elegance in American homes. Experience a house-wide installation of cut glass from private collections.

For more details

The museums of Saint Louis University are generally open Tuesday through Sunday. For detailed hours, as well as admission costs (if any), contact each venue directly.

Museum of Contemporary Religious Art
Fusz Hall, 3700 West Pine Mall
(314) 977-7170
mocra.slu.edu

Saint Louis University Museum of Art
O’Donnell Hall, 3663 Lindell Blvd.
(314) 977-3399
sluma.slu.edu

Samuel Cupples House
3673 West Pine Mall
(314) 977-3025
www.slu.edu/the_arts/cupples

For more information about choral performances, times and ticket costs:
Department of Fine and Performing Arts
Xavier Hall, 3733 West Pine Mall
(314) 977-2410
www.slu.edu/departments/fpa

Decorative gauged brick from St. Louis Collection: St. Louis Arts Foundation.
**Class Notes**

**William Barnaby Faherty, S.J.** (Grad ’36, ’49, A&S ’75) chronicles the story of the Kennedy Space Center in his book: Florida’s Space Coast: The Impact of NASA on the Sunshine State. Faherty is a professor emeritus at SLU.

**Dr. Arthur Dietrick** (Dent) is retired and travels. He lives in La Habra, Calif. ... Mary Grindle (Parks) is retired and lives in Leesburg, Ind.

**Grace Grotano (Num)** and **Dr. Luke Grotano** (Dent ’50) live in Seal Beach, Calif., near the ocean community. They enjoy retirement and spend time with their children and grandchildren.

**Dr. Alvin L. Krasne** (Dent) is retired and lives in Boynton Beach, Fla. He is the curator of a dental museum.

**Jim Guihan** (B&A) managed the B&A bookstore/cafeteria from September 1940 until July 1943 and would like to hear from students from that era. He is lives in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**Dr. Robert Anderson** (Dent) and his wife, Eleanor, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They have lived in Sun City, Texas, since 1998 and keep very busy. ... Charles Zachritz (A&S) lives in Baldwin, Mo. He has made 51 consecutive contributions to the SLU annual fund and challenges other A&S alumni to match or beat his record.

**Perry Bunyar** (IT) helped develop the first Boeing Jet Bomber B-47, then helped IBM design the first digital computers. Perry is now 85 years old and a permanent deacon in Saugerties, N.Y. ... Marie Francica (Nurs) is retired and lives in Hamilton, N.J. ... James Williams (B&A) and his wife, Betty, have lived in Ocala, Fla., for the past 13 years. After three years in the U.S. Army, he was a U.S. postal inspector. He is an honorary member of the Ocala Silver Springs Rotary Club.

**Francis Catanzaro** (A&S) recently published With the 41st Division in the Southwest Pacific: A Foot Soldier’s Story. The novel is a firsthand account of jungle warfare in New Guinea and the Philippines during World War II. He and his wife, Janev, live in St. Louis.

**A. Jay Meier** (B&A) has earned his 41st year of membership in the Million Dollar Round Table, of which he is a life and qualifying member. He lives in St. Louis. ... Mary Agnes Mullaney (Nurs) lives in Milwaukee and volunteers at a nursing home. She is a “hands-on” grandmother of 17.

**Lawrence Sumner** (Law) and his wife, Marilyn, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in a ceremony at the cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. He continues his active law practice in St. Louis and has been in hotel development for the last 10 years. ... Frank Ziegler (B&A ’54, A&S ’56) continues as president of Midwest Bank Centre and has been promoted to chairman of the bank’s south region. He is chairman of the Affton Historical Society Endowment Board, president of the Lempay Development Corp., president of the Jefferson Barracks Heritage Foundation, and chairman of the South County YMCA.

**Harold Erbs** (A&S) is retired and lives in Houston. 

**Dr. Carl Boxzo** (Dent) retired in Corona del Mar, Calif. He is a volunteer pro- fessor at Cal-State Fullerton and a volunteer for SCORER, a non-profit association ded- icated to providing entrepre- neurs with free business counsel- ing. ... John Kobler, C.P., (Grad) lives in Chicago and has been named to the Marquis “Who’s Who” publications board.

**Richard Fuegner** (A&S ’79, Grad ’85) wrote a book, Beneath the Tyrant’s Yoke, Norwegian Resistance to the German Occupation of Norway 1940-1945, published by Beaver’s Pond Press. As a resistance historian, he focuses on the war’s impact on everyday people and their resistance to the Nazi occupation of Norway. ... Dr. Frank Miller (Dent) retired from an active ortho-dontic career in Washington, Mo. Rather than settle into retirement, he then completed his medical degree to better serve the poor of Central America on his mission trips.

**Ann Becker** (Nurs ’60, Grad Nurs ’71) was inducted into the National MS Society’s 2003 Volunteer Hall of Fame in November. She lives in St. Louis. ... Al Beletz (A&S) has published his book, God’s Gifts. Along with his two brothers, he took more than 700 photos for the book. He lives in Maplewood, Mo.

**Dr. Milton Greenberg** (Dent) retired from private practice and now volunteers his dental services. He splits his time between Boca Raton, Fla., and Scottsdale, Ariz. ... Stafford Poole (A&S) has written two books to be published in 2004 by the University of Oklahoma Press: Juan de Ovando: Governing Spain in the Reign of Philip II and Our Lady of Guadalupe in Nahautl Drama. He is working on a history of the Guadalupe controversies in Mexico. He lives in Los Angeles.

**Sharon Backlage** (A&S) manages the Cathedral Bookstore in St. Louis. ... Paul Kohr, C.P. (Exc ’58), and his wife moved back to St. Louis after he retired from Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials in September 2003. They lived in Quincy, Ill., for 25 years. He has two daughters and six grandchildren.

**Edward O’Boyle** (Grad ’66, ’72), an associate professor of economics and finance at Louisiana Tech University, was honored in January with the Thomas Dwayne Award, which recog- nized his lifetime contribu- tions to social economics and the social economy. ... Harriet St. Glaube (A&S) retired in January 2003 and moved to Grand Junction, Colo., where she is enjoying sunshine, scenery, hiking and winter sports.

**Dr. Peter Barcia** (Med) lives in Kailua, Hawaii. His son, Dr. John Barcia (Med ’90), and daughter-in-law, Dr. Kathleen Barcia (Med ’89), both graduated from Saint Louis University School of Medicine. John is a pediatric nephrologist in Virginia, and Kathleen is a pediatrics resident. ... Jean Munn (Nurs ’61, Grad Nurs ’78) traveled to Spain and Portugal in September 2003. She lives in St. Louis. ... John Kinworthy (Grad) and his wife, Judith, live in Nebraska, where he teaches geography and earth sciences at Concordia University. He was the 2002 recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award, presented by the National Council of Geography Education.

**Elizabeth Brennan** (A&S) is president of Big Sisters of Chicago, one of the oldest Catholic organizations in the city. Last spring, she visited her former SLU roommate, Bernadette Tucker Tasher (A&S) in Austin, Texas. ... Anderson Davie (Parks) lives in San Jose, Calif., with his wife of 30 years, Judi. He is a FAA navigation specialist at the flight standards international field office in San Francisco. ... Sr. Luke Hoschette (Parks) retired in June after 30 years in health care ministry in Ogden, Utah, and 53 years with the Sisters of St. Benedict. She plans to do volunteer work in the hospital and archival work for her monastery.

**Dr. Lynn Beckwith** (Grad ’67, ’83) is the interim E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor of Urban Education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. ... Eleanor Fonckoviak (Nurs) is a home health nurse and a coordinator of religions education for a small parish. She lives in Century City, Calif. ... Patrick Genest (Parks) is an FAA air traffic controller at the San Diego automated flight serv- ice station and has 35 years with the FAA. His previous assignment was in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he spent seven years. ... John Knoepfle (Grad) had his latest book, Prayer Against Famine and Other Irish Poems, published by the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He started the book as an attempt to regain his lost heritage.

**David Barbeau** (B&A ’68, Grad B&A ’72) is general director of sales and marketing for Delphi Product and Service Solutions. He lives in Troy, Mich. ... Charlene Spretnak (A&S) is the author of Missing Mary: The Queen of Heaven and Her Re-emergence in the Modern Church. She lives in Moss Beach, Calif.

**Felix Canny** (Parks) is retired in Fairview Heights, Ill. ... Gerald Worrick (A&S ’69, Pub Hlth ’73) is chairman of the Wisconsin Hospital Association for 2003. He is president and CEO of Door County Memorial Hospital.

**Leo Dressel** (A&S ’70, Grad ’71) is president and head of school at St. T.
Martin’s Episcopal School. He and his wife, Janet, live in New Orleans. ... T. Alan Hurwitz (Grad IT) is vice president of the Rochester Institute of Technology and CEO/dean of its internationally known National Technical Institute for the Deaf. He is active in a variety of professional and deafness-related organizations and serves on a number of boards of organizations serving deaf people. ... Richard Todd (B&A) lives in Phoenix, is married and has seven children and seven grandchildren. He founded Universal Background, which conducts employment background checks and drug testing for companies around the country. He recently sold the company, but continues working there.

Judith Burch (A&S) and her husband, Charles Burch (A&S ’68, Law ’71), live in Brussels, Ill. Charles has been the state’s attorney in Calhoun County, Ill., for 28 years, and they have three children, two of whom graduated from SLU. Judith is president of the Brussels Women’s Club. ... Mary Annson (Grad ‘90) received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her work in social justice from Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee. She founded Wellspring, an educational organization and retreat center, in 1982. ... Evaer Johnson (Grad ‘49) has worked as a social worker at Plaza West Health Care in Topeka, Kan., for six years. ... Diane LeDonne (Nurs. ’71, Grad Nurs ’74, Pub Hlth ’88) continues to work for SRA International Inc., an information technology consulting firm in the Washington, D.C., area. ... Debbie (Moeller) Peirick (A&S) was named 2003 women’s tennis “Coach of the Year” in the Mid-Continent Conference. Her team, the IUPUI Jaguars, set team records for wins (21) and winning percentage (.875).

John Corcoran (Grad) and his wife, Dolores, live in northern Michigan, where he works with migrant farm workers. ... Dr. Evelyn (Ford) Crayton (Grad) is the extension assistant director for family and community programs at Auburn University. She and her husband, John, have three children: Kareem, Eboni and MakKeith. ... Joanne Davey, O.P., (A&S) retired from 20 years of alternative high school teaching math, science and English. She is involved in Christian service, including jail ministry and music ministry with various choirs. She also took a sabbatical time to make a pilgrimage to Ireland. She lives in Sagamih, Mich. ... Jane Hanson (A&S) and her partner have created Partners for Women and Justice, a nonprofit organization that provides pro bono legal advice and representation for women who are going through divorce. She lives in Montclair, N.J. ... Robert Killoren (A&S) is associate vice president for research at Penn State University and retains his title as director of the office of sponsored programs in the office of the vice president for research. He also is president of the National Council of University Research Administrators, the institutional representative to the Federal Demonstration Partnership and a member of the Council on Governmental Relations. ... Charles King (Parks) is retired from the Air Force/Air National Guard. He is a project lead for LOGTEC in Dayton, Ohio, as a contractor in the F/A-22 system program office. ... Helen Schill, O.S.F., (Pub Hlth ’73) is returning to the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Charity in Triflin, Ohio, and remains an emeritus chaplain in the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

Making History
Lois Conley (A&S ’93) has molded her passion for black history into a success. Conley is the founder and president of St. Louis’ Black World History Museum. Incorporating wax sculptures of famous and not-so-famous African-American Missourians, the museum tells the story of the black experience from the earliest days of slavery through the 20th century.

“I never planned to start a museum,” Conley said. “I evolved out of a lot of experiences. I realized that there wasn’t a lot of attention or acknowledgment in St. Louis for the black people connected to this region.”

During the past seven years the museum has grown in size and popularity, attracting visitors not only from St. Louis but from out of town.

The YWCA of Metro St. Louis recognized Conley’s ambition and success. In 2002, the YWCA chose Conley, along with eight other businesswomen, to receive its Special Leader Award. “I am very proud and pleased that someone thinks so much of what we’re doing here that they would include us in such a prestigious honor,” Conley said. “It gives me encouragement to keep meeting challenges.”

She said that her interest in black history was fostered by her high school counselor and history teacher. “We didn’t have a formal class around black history, but they always made sure the topic was raised and we were reminded of struggles and of our responsibility.”

Years later, that interest grew.

“I got the idea to start a wax museum when I visited a wax museum in Baltimore,” Conley said. “There were three busloads of children at the museum, and they were so excited about seeing the wax sculptures. The sculptures encouraged them to ask questions, raise issues and become engaged. I thought to myself that this may be the way to get kids interested in learning about history.”

Because of the cost of wax sculptures, Conley created the museum’s first seven figures. She learned how to sculpt in an elective class at Saint Louis University. She also credits SLU for preparing her to succeed. “I learned how to write well, manage and run a business,” said Conley, who founded the museum in 1997.

Conley said that her biggest accomplishment has been lasting seven years. Operating without wide corporate and foundation support has made those years challenging, but she said grassroots support has been strong. And Conley said that the young museum visitors inspire and encourage her. “One benefit of being a small venue is that people know I’m here, and I get to interact with the public. The kids hug me and thank me,” Conley said. “It makes me think that I’m doing the right thing and need to keep going.”

Although many would measure the success of the museum by its growing popularity, Conley measures it differently.

“I was just responding to a need in the community,” she said. “Success is seeing young people come here and learn something that they didn’t know before and leave feeling good about themselves. That is success to me.” —SM
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His latest book is Enter the Players: New York Actors in the 20th Century (Scarecrow Press). ... George Walmsley (Soc Ser) completed 22 years working on social development projects for the United Nations in Asia and South America and retired with his wife, Rosa, to Lima, Peru, where he is involved in voluntary work with local non-government organizations. Their two children are studying in the United States and Canada.

Charles Malone (A&S) is chairman of university libraries at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill.

Dr. Pamela Beach-Reber (Med) has moved to Orlando, Fla., where she works for After Hours Pediatrics. She is triple-boarded in pediatrics, pediatric emergency medicine and neonatal-perinatal medicine and has traversed the country practicing each. In her free time, she acquired a health care administration MBA from the University of California-Irvine. ... Susan Block (Law) joined Paule, Camazine & Blumenthal law firm in St. Louis as a principal attorney. She served as an associate circuit judge in St. Louis County for 17 years and was an administrative judge of the family court of St. Louis County Circuit Court. She also has been an adjunct law professor at SLU, Washington University and Emory University. ... James Bretzke, S.J. (PCL) has published his fourth book, A Morally Complex World: Engaging Contemporary Moral Theology. He is a professor of theology at the University of San Francisco and a regular visiting professor of moral theology at the Loyola School of Theology in Manila. ... Dr. Dorothy Corrigan (A&S ’75, Nurs ’03) received the Sister Mary Therese North, F.S.M., Award for the Delta Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing in May 2003. She is a gerontological nurse with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and is posted to the Great Lakes Medical System as a charge nurse for a 62-bed sub-acute care unit. ... Dr. Kevin Groth (A&S) was inducted as a fellow of the International College of Dentists in October. He is immediate past president of the Missouri Academy of General Dentistry and is a partner at Dann Dental Associates in Brentwood, Mo. ... Albert King (Parks) is a project manager for the Boeing Co. in Chicago and has earned his project management professional certification from the Project Management Institute.

William Beatty (Law), of Beatty, Motil & Foster, James Gallen (BBA ’73, Law ’76), of Evans & Dixon, and Dennis Ruth (Law ’86), chairman of the Illinois Industrial Commission, participated in a panel discussion during a seminar sponsored by the Workers’ Compensation Claims Association in Collinsville, Ill. ... Timothy Crowley (Pub Hlth) is president and CEO of CMH Regional Health System in Wilmington, Ohio. ... Diane Ellenberger (Nurs) has been the owner and consultant for The Medical Legal Advantage in San Anselmo, Calif., since 1997. ... Mario Lustgarten (Parks) lives in Israel, is married and has three children. He is the captain of a 747-400. ... Rev. John Myler (A&S ’76, Grad ’79) is dean of the Catholic churches in Belleville, Ill., and is on sabatical in Rome at the North American College, Vatican City. ... Drs. Anne Perry (Grad Nurs) and Patricia Potter (Grad Nurs ’78, ’02) were co-recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the 3rd District Chapter of the Missouri Nurses Association in November.

Ellen Simmons (Law) is senior vice president and senior trust counsel for the Commerce Trust Co. She is a member of the board of directors for St. Louis Alzheimer’s Association and served on the SLU bequest and gift council.

Randy Johnston (A&S) in September welcomed his son, Sean, who joins siblings Patrick and Erin. They live in Flower Mound, Texas. Randy recently attended his 25-year SLU reunion with Dr. Andy Norton (A&S), his old roommate. Chuck Michel (A&S ’78,
Grad ‘81) is vice president of business development for Group 360 Inc. in St. Louis. He lives in Webster Groves, Mo. … Christine Poon (Grad) serves on the board of directors of the Fox Chase Cancer Center. She is a worldwide chairman of pharmaceuticals at Johnson & Johnson and responsible for the commercial businesses of the global pharmaceuticals group as well as strategic marketing and operations. She lives in Princeton, N.J. … John Wagner Jr. (A&S ’79, Law ’82) is an assistant counsel in the Office of Law Review Counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.

Diane DiTucci (Grad) is coordinator of electronic publishing specialist and Web development and administration programs in the business division of Southwestern Illinois College. She and her husband, Ralph, live in O’Fallon, Ill. … Sherilyn Hatilone (Nurs ’79, Grad Nurs ’87) is the CEO of Saint Francis Hospital in Evanston, Ill. … Dr. Lloyd Hunter (Grad) is professor of history at Franklin College, was named the 2003 Indiana Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Hunter was one of 44 recipients selected from more than 400 professors across the United States.

Douglas Copeland (Law) is vice president of the Missouri Bar for 2003-2004. He is a founding member and principal in the law firm of Copeland, Thompson & Farris. He lives in Kirkwood, Mo., with is wife and two children. … Dr. John Lasala (Grad Med) is the medical director of the cardiac catheterization laboratory and director of interventional cardiology at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. He is also an assistant professor of medicine in the School of Medicine at Washington University in St. Louis. He and his wife, Tanya, have three daughters: Stephanie, Erica and Olivia. … Joni Thanasaro (Nurs ’80, Grad Nurs ’82) received the Nurse of the Year Award from the 3rd District Chapter of the Missouri Nurses Association in November. … Marie Tighe, S.P. (Grad) is the vice postulator and promoter for the Cause of the Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin. She lives in West Terre Haute, Ind.

Joseph Filakovsky (Grad Nurs) is a doctoral student at the University of Pennsylvania College of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. … Gerard Geen (B&A ’81, Grad B&A ’84) is the south region president of Midwest Bank Centre. He lives in St. Louis.

Mary Beth Clary (Law) is a partner with the firm of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur and was elected to the membership of the American Law Institute. She lives in Naples, Fla. … Stuart Keck (Pub Ser) owns and operates Outdoor Logistics, a business that aids rural landowners with conservation and game management issues. He lives in Webster Groves, Mo., with his wife, Susan.

Dr. William Dannevik (Grad) is the leader of the atmospheric science division at the University of California Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He recently headed a team of scientists from academia and industry to simulate buoyancy-driven turbulent mixing, which won the prestigious Gordon Bell Prize. … John Krull (Grad) was hired by Franklin College to lead its Pullman School of Journalism. He is a former director of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union and a former journalist.

Kathleen Doyle (Soc Ser) has a private social work practice focusing on marriage and families. She also is an adjunct faculty member at the SLU School of Social Service teaching family practice classes.

Dr. Thomas Broderick (Grad) lives in Savannah, Ga., and has an orthodontic practice with satellite offices in the southern Georgia area.

John O’Toole (A&S ’87, Grad Soc Ser ’93) left it all behind in 1998 to become a homebuilder. He has two children and wife, Michelle. They had a third child in November, ensuring John’s job stability. They live in Manchester, Mo.

James O’Halloran (Grad) is president of the board of the St. Louis Society of Association Executives. He is a developer and COO of the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Dr. Robert E. Tanenbaum (A&S, Med) is a staff attorney for Capital Title Co. Inc. in St. Louis.

Christine De Anna (Soc Ser ’90, ’01) has returned to the United States after a two-year stay in Canada. She lives in Morgantown, W.V., and is a registered nurse for hospice care. … Angel Echel (B&A) and her husband, Greg, have two children, Jacob and Kathryn. They live in Fenton, Mo., and are active with full-time jobs, friends and church. … Scott Garrett (A&S) joined the law firm of Husch & Eppenberger in January. Scott practices in the general business litigation and franchise law practice groups in the Springfield, Mo., office. … Dr. Ted Lawson (Med ’92) and his brother, Dr. Stan Lawson (Med ’92), work together in the emergency room at Saint Charles County Memorial Hospital in Gillespie, Ky. When their conflicting work schedules permit, they enjoy flying and fly-fishing. … Edward Lott (B&A) is an area sales manager for Jones Co. Homes in Chesterfield, Mo. He also chairs the activities and events committee of the SLU John Cook School of Business alumni board. … Joseph Whyte (Law) is a partner in the firm of Edwardsville, Ill., office of Heise, Plante & Allen. Before joining the firm in 1998, he was assistant attorney general for the state of Missouri.

Dr. David Sander (A&S) was elected a fellow of the Royal Society for Rancho Cordova, Calif. He has also founded Sander and Associates, a consulting firm for microbiology and virology professionals.

Ferdinand Aquino (Parks) is a Boeing logistics engineer for the International Space Station Program in Missouri. … Art Higgins (A&S) and his wife, Katie, live in Orlando, Fla. He is an assistant state attorney for Seminole County and enjoys lobstering in the Keys, duck hunting in Cocoa Beach and sport fishing off Cape Canaveral. He runs a classic car restoration business part time. … Paul Przybylski (B&A ’92, Grad B&A ’96) and Teresa Przybylski (AHP ’93) have had their second child, Caitlin Elise, who joins older brother, William. Carter. Paul is an associate analyst for A.G. Edwards in St. Louis. … Tracy is a physical therapist at Shriners’ Hospital. … Dr. J. Kevin Rickey (Soc Ser) worked with Mother Teresa in the mid-1990s in Calcutta. She had a role in Mother Teresa’s funeral Mass and attended her beatification in October in Rome.

Maha (Hussein) Engesser (A&S) married Corey Engesser in October. The couple lives in Chicago. Maha is a speech pathologist at Rush University Medical Center. … Bruce Nolan (A&S) is chairman of the 24th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world. The games will be held in June in St. Louis. … John Richmond (A&S ’93, Law ’96) joins the firm of Husch & Eppenberger in January. He practices in the general business litigation and product liability and toxic tort practice groups in the St. Louis office. …

Paula (Ortiz) Vega (A&S) lives in Orlando, Fla., with her husband, Mike, and children Michael Alexander and Cristina Michele.

Lisa (Ives) Albers (A&S) lives in Lakewood, Wash., where she teaches English at Pierce College. She is working toward receiving tenure. … Kim Bradshaw (Pub Ser) has earned a new role as an operations officer for Rancho Cordova, Calif. … Southern Illinois University-Carbondale’s College of Engineering (A&S) welcomed their second child, Emma Lynn, in June. … Will Johnson (A&S) and Cheryl Johnson (A&S) welcomed their second child, Megan, in December. … St. Louis University (A&S) welcomed their son, Aidan James, who joins big sister, Meghan. Kim is a senior recruiter with the Chicago office of Ernst & Young. … Jay Davis (Parks) and his wife, Mandy, welcomed their first child, Lucille Madeline, Aug. 21. Jay works in the aerospace support division of Boeing in St. Louis. … Will Johnson (A&S) and Cheryl Johnson (A&S) welcomed their second child, Emma Lynn, in June. … Will continues to work at Solutta Chemical as an SAP programmer, and Christy left her veterinary sales manager position to stay with her daughters, and their two in St. Charles, Mo. … Dr. Maria-Rhodora T. Kabatay-Lee Ho (A&S) and her husband, Jeffrey, returned from the Southern Illinois University-Quincy Family Practice Program in 2003 and are in private practice as family physicians in Pekin, Ill. They have a son, Jeffrey. … Kent Mayes (A&S) is regional vice president of Home Health Financial in Dallas. He and his wife, Linda, welcomed their son, Maxwell Michael, Sept. 28. … Karen Steigman (Pub Ser) has been hired by North Broward Hospital District to develop a pediatrics autopsy registry in concert with the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review to study the causes of fetal and infant mortality in Broward County, Fla. … Pam (Meyer) Welker (B&A) and her husband, Scott, have two daughters, Anna Josephine and Grace Theresa. Pam is an IT manager for Astaris in St. Louis.

Rosalie Duvall (Grad) is in a private practice as a music therapist. She also is the coordinator of the music therapy program at Maryville University in St. Louis. … Dr. Udis Lord (Grad) published From Fieldhand to Ph.D., Mr. Asia International: Motivation for
Dr. Marian M. Holtgrewe (Grad ’81), named director of hematology, a post

Karen Berg (A&S) is a physical therapist and team leader of Rehab Services at St. Anthony’s Continuing Care Center in Rock Island, Ill. She is pursuing her transitional DPT degree. …

Tom Domino (AHP) and Andrea (Farmer) Domino (AHP) were married in August 1996. They live in Plano, Texas. Tom opened a private physical therapy practice in August, and Andrea stays home with their daughter, Avery Elizabeth, born Nov. 18. …

Dr. Richard J. Rydberg (Ent ’61) is director of the School of Medicine’s division of hematology and oncology. In 1986, he was named director of hematology, a post he held until 1991.

The list of deceased alumni that appears in each issue of UNIVERSITAS is compiled by SLU’s office of research and development services. If you have a question or would like more information about an “In Memoriam” listing, please send an e-mail message to rosenbc@slu.edu.
Laura Dobosz (AHP '99, Grad AHP '01) lives in Sacramento, Calif., works as a physical therapist at UC-Davis Medical Center and coaches field hockey at Davis High School. … T. Marcia Hendrix (Pub Hlth) presented “Imagining Neuronal Loss with MRI/MRS in Dementia of the Alzheimer’s Type and Controls” at the eighth International Alzheimer’s Conference in July 2002 in Stockholm, Sweden. She is a project manager at Washington University in St. Louis. … Amanda Hornberger (B&A) relocated to Tampa, Fla., and is an assistant treasurer in the general audit department for P.J. Morgan Chase. … Liza Karlin (A&S) recently moved from Washingtng Johnson D.C., to Alexandria, Va. … Mary Catherine Martin (A&S) and Joseph Hodes (A&S) were married Nov. 23 in St. Louis. … Josh Rogers (A&S) has joined Fleshman-Hillard St. Louis as a communications specialist. His background includes a two-year stint in the Peace Corps teaching English in West Africa. … Colin Wellenkamp (A&S) joined the Washington Linkage Group in Washington, D.C., as director of congressional affairs. … Jamie Welsch (Law) has been admitted to the Ohio Bar and practices in the Columbus office of Ulmer & Berne’s product liability group. … Benjamin Westhoff (B&A ‘99, Law ’03) joined the labor and employment department of BlackwellSanders Peper Martin in St. Louis. … Rebecca Young-Zickler (Soc Ser ’99, Grad ’02) and her husband, Mark, welcomed their second son, Alexander Joseph, Aug. 27. He joins big brother, Joshua. Rebecca lives in Florissant, Mo., and plans to begin a Ph.D. program in 2005.

Fred Bendaña (B&A) works for Soluta Inc. as a marketing manager. He married Jessica (Rudd) Bendaña (AHP ’01) Sept. 28, 2002, and they relocated to Sacramento, Calif., in March 2003. … Scott Hardgee (B&A) and Michelle (Gossman) Hardgee (Nurs ’00) were married in November 2002. Scott is a senior account manager for lock/line insurance in Kansas City. … Michelle is a neonatal intensive care nurse at Saint Joseph Health Center, also in Kansas City. … William Hof (B&A ’00, Law ’03) has joined the real estate department of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in St. Louis. … Katherine (Thompson) Holton (A&S) recently got a promotion and moved to Colorado. … Kara Lubischer (Soc Ser) lead community/youth organizer for Slavin Village Development Corp., organized the Teen Neighborhood Leaders Program more than two years ago in Cleveland. The civic activist team has designed a new park, pushed for more buses to run to their schools and organized neighborhood diversity talks. In June 2003, the group received the Cleveland N e i g h b o r h o o d Development Coalition's annual Outstanding Community Leadership Award. ... Anne Nativi (Pub Hlth) is the practice and project manager of the division of cardiology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. …

On New Year’s Eve, Fred Bendaña (B&A ’00), his wife, Jessica (Rudd) Bendaña (AHP ’01), Charlie Bendaña( B&A ’04) and Krista Mohrman (B&A ’03) rang in 2004 with Nicaraguan president Enrique Bolaños (IT ’62) (center) at the Hotel Intercontinental in Managua.

John Houlahan (A&S) is a Spanish teacher at DeNmet Jesuit High School in St. Louis. He lives in Chesterfield, Mo., with his wife, Loraine, who is pursuing her master’s degree in Spanish from SLU. …

Craig Moore (Law) is a member of Armstrong Teasdale’s litigation department, where he is engaged in the practice of appellate, antitrust and business litigation. … Amy Yeager (Pub Hlth) is the vice president of the Illinois Society for Public Health Education. She continues to serve on other state coalitions and committees in addition to her duties in Madison County, Ill.
Alumni Associations

- **Allied Health**  
  Laura Horn ('02)  
  This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Doisy School of Allied Health Professions and the 75th anniversary for the department of clinical laboratory science. A special event will be held to celebrate the anniversary of the school during Homecoming Weekend in October. Watch your mail for more information or call (314) 977-8616.

- **Arts and Sciences**  
  Dr. Jon Klaake ('76)  
  The College of Arts and Sciences alumni association has several exciting upcoming events. …

- **SLU Zoo**  
  Our most popular event of the year is our family event at the St. Louis Zoo Tuesday, June 8. Cost is $12 per adult and $5 per child under 12. …

- **Black Alumni Association**  
  Dr. George White (Grad '97)  
  To get involved, call the alumni office at (314) 977-2250.

- **Center for Advanced Dental Education**  
  Dr. Kevin T. Jarrell ('00)  
  An alumni weekend is being planned for Aug. 19-21 featuring lectures on Thursday, golf and casino activities on Friday and brunch and a Cardinals game on Saturday. Watch your mail for more information once plans are finalized. Call Becky Moscal at (314) 977-8366 for more details.

- **Business**  
  The Cook School of Business Campaign Kickoff will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, in John and Lucy Cook Hall. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be served. The business school campaign chairs are Patrick J. Slay (Grad B&A ’77) and Russell H. Isak (B&A ’64). Don’t miss your chance to visit campus, tour Cook and Davis-Shaughnessy halls, meet students, get reacquainted with faculty and friends and network with business and community leaders. For more information, call (314) 977-3145. …

- **Cook Cup Classic**  
  The Cook Cup Classic golf tournament is Monday, June 7, at Westborough Country Club. Alumni and friends are invited to compete for the coveted Cook Cup. The $95 golf package includes 18 holes, prizes and a barbecue lunch.

- **Medicine**  
  Dr. Thomas J. Olsen ('79)  
  Save the date for the 2004 School of Medicine Reunion for classes ending in four or nine. The reunion will be held the weekend of Oct. 21-23. …

- **Nursing**  
  Dr. Annie G. Perry ('76)  
  The school’s 75th Diamond Anniversary Celebration was held April 16-17. The weekend included an educational symposium featuring keynote speaker Diana Mason (Grad Nurs ’77) and a gala dinner. Thanks to all alumni and friends who participated.

- **Parks College of Engineering and Aviation**  
  Carrie Traven ('95)  
  The Parks College Alumni Board meets on …

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**Alumni Notes**

For more information or reservations for any of these events, contact:

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- Health Sciences Center alumni relations at (314) 977-8317

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The St. Louis Cardinals are coming to a city near you. Make plans to enjoy a pre-game party and a baseball game with fellow alumni.

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LEADER WEEKEND: Presidents of Saint Louis University’s national alumni clubs gathered in St. Louis the weekend of Feb. 20-22 to hear updates on the University, make plans for the coming year and participate in the Presidential Scholarship interviews. Pictured (l-r) front row: Peggy Espinda (Atlanta), Judy Redick (Springfield, Ill.), Jean Moore (Houston). Back row: Mark Winter (Kansas City), Tim Lohre (Milwaukee), Ron McCrummen (Minneapolis), Mark Flynn (Seattle), Tim Barry (Cincinnati), Joe Meister (Dallas), Brain Merriman (Los Angeles), Randy Johnson (Dallas), Heather Coffin (Atlanta), George Usher (Washington, D.C.), Brad Burwell (Omaha, Neb.), Joe Havel (Chicago) and Chris Espelin (Boston).
the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., and all are welcome. The board is experiencing a growth spurt and encourages new participants and ideas. Alumni should watch for the next Parks Today newsletter and vote on the constitutional amendment welcoming Institute of Technology members to Parks membership.

Professional Studies
Make plans to attend the Class of 2004 Happy Hour 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Humphrey’s. The SPS alumni board will provide appetizers and drinks. ... Join SPS alumni and SLU’s Race for a Cure team Saturday, June 12.

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

Young Alumni
Don’t miss the YAA First Friday happy hours at Humphrey’s, the first Friday of every month.

Club cities
Chicago
Join us at a Chicago Fire Major League Soccer game in early August at the new Soldier Field. Details are coming soon.

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Broadening My Horizons

By Patrick O’Malley

On March 11, I was at home for spring break when I heard about the attacks. Timed bombs on the commuter trains near the Atocha train station in Madrid, Spain, had killed 202 people and injured more than 1,800.

For me, these attacks hit too close to home. I had ridden those trains before. One year ago, I was in Madrid studying at Saint Louis University’s campus. I went there for a semester to learn more about other cultures. I figured it was time to go and see those places I had read about in high school history class.

When I left in January 2003, I knew a handful of acquaintances who would be studying in Spain. Imagine my surprise when I arrived to find that my host señora, Amparo Becerra, had taken 12 college men into her home. (Coming from a family with only two sisters, I always had my own space.) My roommates represented many different countries and states, and we became good friends and confidants, sharing stories, laughs and a fondness for McDonald’s.

My classes at SLU-Madrid were my number one priority, and two of my courses included class trips across Europe. For my communication class, 20 students visited the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) and MTV Europe studios in London. Our tours showed us the intricacies of production and included an interview with a BBC news editor. We also took in the sights of London — the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey and shows at Piccadilly Circus.

One week later, my astronomy class flew down to Tenerife of the Canary Islands, home of one of the three largest telescope sites in the world. The planetarium is at the top of the mountain to minimize atmospheric distortions in the viewing of stars. From there, we observed star constellations, planets and nebulas, and we toured the many different telescopes above the clouds. With our free time, we visited the black sandy beach formed by volcanic ash and stopped in some small street casinos. The class trips brought to life the lessons learned in the classroom.

Like most American students, the temptation to see the rest of Europe was too strong to resist, so I grabbed my backpack and hit the buses, planes and trains. My travels brought me to Paris, Belgium, Italy, London and Spain. I spent Easter weekend at the papal Masses in Rome and Valentine’s Day in Paris. I stayed in hostels with strangers sleeping only a few yards away and loved every minute of it. The history of each city came to life when I saw the coliseum in Rome, the changing of the guard in London, the Louvre in Paris, the European Union Parliament in Brussels and the canals of Venice.

But even with all my travels, my favorite European memories come from time spent with my friends in Madrid. We took advantage of the historic sites, the interesting culture and exhilarating nightlife. On a warm Saturday, a walking tour to the Plaza de España to see the Don Quijote statue was a perfect way to relieve the stress from piling schoolwork. (The schoolwork was just as tough as any class I had back in St. Louis.) On Sunday mornings, my roommates and I visited “El Rastro,” an open market, to barter for souvenirs. Many evenings, those of us who took the Latin dance class at SLU-Madrid would practice at the local Salsa clubs.

One year later, I miss Madrid — and Amparo (my señora), my roommates, the Metro and the low prices. I realize that Spain helped me appreciate the differences between cultures. Before my time there, a bombing in Madrid would not have fazed me, but now, I recognize the exact location of the pictures I see on CNN. The Prado Museum and the Kapital nightclub are right down the road from the explosion site. My McDonald’s is right across the street. I lived near that area only a year ago, and I still know people there.

Sometimes I think we forget that a world exists outside of the United States. I now recognize myself as more than a Texan and an American, but also as a citizen of the world. I cannot ignore the world’s tragedies, but must mourn for them as if they occurred within our own borders.

I never could have guessed how much the semester in Madrid would change my life, but now I know too well that people actually live and die in the countries we learn about in ninth-grade history class.

Patrick O’Malley, of Flower Mound, Texas, is a junior majoring in communication and English. This semester he is an intern in the publications and graphic design office.
Billikens in the Peace Corps:
A distinguished history

A small item in the fall 2003 Universitas caught my attention. It was the reference to Robert Burns (Parks ’59), the first Missourian to join the Peace Corps in 1961 (“40 Years Ago in Universitas”). Bob was with the first group of volunteers sent to South Asia. With Robert Burns, and serving in then East Pakistan, was another Billiken, Peter McDonough (A&S ’61).

Both of these Saint Louis University grads worked at the Comilla Academy for Rural Development in Bangladesh. Robert was involved with innovative small-scale engineering work that became the basis for nationwide rural public works program begun in 1963. After completing his Peace Corps service, he had a long and distinguished career in international development. Robert Burns passed away in 1995.

Peter McDonough was an audio-visual specialist and made instructional films for rural education. One film had to do with raising chickens. The lesson learned, Peter says today, was never to try to direct chickens. Peter’s training as an audio-visual specialist came from working at the St. Louis public TV station while an undergraduate at Saint Louis University.

After the Peace Corps, McDonough went to Georgetown University graduate school, then to the University of Michigan for his doctorate in political science. He has written several books, including Men Astutely Trained and Passionate Uncertainty.

Burns and McDonough were among the first 50 Americans to join the Peace Corps and since then, 265 Billikens have served in the Peace Corps, including six who are currently overseas. More than 178,000 Americans have worked in the Peace Corps in 126 countries since the government agency was founded by President John F. Kennedy in March 1961.

John Coyne (A&S ’59)
Pelham Manor, N.Y.

John Coyne was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia (1962-64). An authority on the history of the Peace Corps, he is editor of www.peacecorpswriters.org, a newsletter for and about Peace Corps writers.

Cover photo brings back a memory

I really appreciated the article on SLU/Midtown (spring/summer 2003), since when I attended SLU this was where “my campus” was located.

The following is an historical footnote to your article and the cover photo.

What you see just west (left) of the Continental Building in the cover photo is a parking garage. On this site stood the Saint Louis University Institute of Technology, which I attended from 1959-63. The building was obviously razed to accommodate construction of the parking garage. The Institute of Technology was in fact housed in what had formerly been a mortuary site, the name of which I don’t think I’ve ever known. The building had a very ornate exterior, and we had stained glass windows in some of our classrooms. It was a long hike from the third floor of the IT building to our other classes in DuBourg Hall and the other buildings on the “main campus.”

Immediately to the west of the mortuary was a two-story building that had been used as the garage and embalming facilities for the mortuary. There was just a narrow driveway between the two buildings. SLU used this building for our lab courses, including the strength of materials lab, the electrical lab, etc. It was a very functional-looking building and sat back from Olive Street quite a distance. This building was razed quite a while back.

Hope you find this info either useful or amusing. Keep up the good work.

Bob Wich (IT ’63, Grad B&A ’76)
St. Louis

Letter recalls reader’s husband

I am writing in regard to your last publication of Universitas (fall 2003) about “The Last Word” letter by Harry L. Lotte (B&A ’43) regarding the story “Grand Once More” (spring/summer 2003). In it he mentioned my husband Frank Kussman (B&A ’43), a ticket taker at the Fox Theatre who let him in with half a ticket.

I am Frank’s widow as of June 23, 2003. We were married 53 years. I met him after he returned from World War II at his first job at Industrial Bank. I knew he worked full time for the Fox while attending SLU full time. After our marriage, he took a post-graduate course in taxes at night and used it until the last, doing bookkeeping and tax work as a second job, which gave us our vacations and educated our two girls at Catholic universities.

I can’t tell you how uplifting it was to read his name — he did make a mark.

Thanks to Harry L. Lotte for remembering Frank.

Grand Avenue will be back — Saint Louis University has done a great job of it.

Rosemary Kussman
Flower Mound, Texas

Correction

In the “Class Notes” of the last issue of Universitas, we mistakenly referred to Mr. Allison Lindahl (A&S ’51) with the pronoun “she.” We apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.
Welcome Home Billikens!

Saint Louis University Homecoming
October 8-10

Want the most up-to-date information about Homecoming?
Visit www.slu.edu/alumni or call (314) 977-2250.