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This month, colleges and universities across the United States are honoring their graduates. All of whom are smart, accomplished people. I’m sure. But you are distinctive. You are a Saint Louis University graduate. You experienced the power of Catholic, Jesuit education. And, therefore, your future will be markedly different from those of your peers. What separates you from all these other graduates?

You do more than think — you feel. Your SLU education opened your minds, and it opened your hearts. For you, service is more than a resume builder. It is a way of life.

The true measure of Jesuit universities — of Saint Louis University in particular — is not simply what you have done. It is who you have become and what you will do with the rest of your life.

To the physicians, nurses, therapists and other health care professionals: Your SLU education has prepared you to do more than treat the illness. It has prepared you to treat the patient. You will not only take care of your patient’s pain. You will feel it.

To the engineers, scientists, and physicists: You are ready to use your God-given talents to help countless other men, women and children realize their success in their own lives.

To the creators, the communicators and the thinkers: You are more than the individual subjects you have studied — from history, to art, to ethics. You are the sum of all of your studies, allowing you to focus on the big picture. Indeed, you do more than see problems. You solve them.

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More than 5,000 family and friends packed into Chaifetz Arena to celebrate Saint Louis University’s 2010 commencement on May 15. University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., welcomed the class of 2010 and explained why SLU graduates are distinctive from their peers across the country.

“Your Catholic, Jesuit education has offered you something far greater than knowledge,” Biondi said. “It has given you wisdom. Thanks to your SLU experience, you have the ability to not only learn, but to discern.”

Before they were sent on their way, the new SLU alums heard from Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the apostolic nuncio (or Vatican ambassador) to the United States. During his commencement address, Sambi shared the message of peace he has brought to countries around the globe as a Vatican diplomat for more than 40 years. “With war, everybody loses, in the present and in future generations,” Sambi told the crowd. “Peace would be a victory for everyone.”

Sambi received an honorary degree during the ceremony, as did Boys Town executive director emeritus Father Valentine “Val” Peter Carlson, who delivered a benediction prayer to close the ceremony. Prior to the ceremony, Carlson said it was a fitting role for him because he had helped open the 2009-2010 academic year by presiding over the Mass of the Holy Spirit in September. “Bless our 2010 graduates as they complete their studies and move on to share their knowledge and learning with a world so in need,” Carlson prayed at commencement. “We pray for their success in finding gainful employment and a life full of happiness.”

More than 2,300 students graduated from Saint Louis University this year. — by Clayton Berry

In April, Saint Louis University announced a $5 million grant from the Alberici Foundation to establish the new Center for Sustainability — a first among the nation’s 28 Jesuit colleges and universities.

The center’s mission is to develop creative, collaborative solutions to today’s pressing environmental challenges. It also will have a special focus on sustainability issues in urban areas.

Starting in fall 2010, the center will offer a master’s degree in sustainability — the first of its kind in the Midwest. Students in the interdisciplinary two-year program will explore advanced green practices in business, engineering and urban planning to prepare for one of the fastest growing industries in the United States.

The Center for Sustainability also will focus on research. Of the $5 million Alberici grant, $1 million has been directed to create the Alberici Fund for Innovation in Sustainability, a seed grant program to grow green-related research projects.

Another priority for the Center for Sustainability is public education. Twice a year, the center will offer “Energy Matters,” a six-week lecture series for business professionals looking to advance their knowledge of energy efficiency and sustainability.

SLUMA’s ‘Urban Wanderers’ exhibit includes auction

In partnership with Stray Rescue of St. Louis, the Saint Louis University Museum of Art is presenting “Urban Wanderers” (formerly “Of Nouveau”) through Aug. 25. More than 40 area artists painted, photographed, illustrated, and sculpted their interpretations of abandoned or abused dogs or cats saved by Stray Rescue. The exhibited art is available for silent auction at www.blackedite-stlouis.com/auctions. In addition, the dogs and cats that were their paws, tails and/or noses to create “personalized” works of art that are also displayed and available for online auction. Actress Loretta Swit of M*A*S*H fame, a supporter of Stray Rescue, also created her own clay-inspired art for the auction. All proceeds will benefit Stray Rescue of St. Louis. SLUMA’s hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, visit sluma.slu.edu.

Center for Sustainability: A new initiative to address sustainability

Saint Louis University Theatre has unveiled its 2010-2011 season. It begins with John Cariani’s fanciful romantic comedy Almost, Maine, Oct. 1, 2, 8, 9, and 10. The season’s musical offering is the Tony Award-winning Cabaret, featuring music and lyrics by John Kander and Fred Ebb. It plays Nov. 12, 13, 19, 20, and 21. The season’s third show, Much-Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare, will be presented Feb. 19, 20, 26, 27, and 28. The season concludes with the new comedy Dead Man’s Cell Phone by Sarah Ruhl, April 29 and 30, and May 6, 7, and 8. All shows begin at 8 p.m., except Sunday performances, which begin at 2 p.m. For more details on the season or to purchase season tickets, call (314) 977-3327.

WORLDLY WORDS: Sam and Marilyn For Altus Week brought two noted speakers to campus in March. Raymond Joseph, the Vatican ambassador to the United States, told students that his nation needed their help in recovering from January’s catastrophic earthquake. In addition, Nigerian lawyer and women’s rights advocate Hauwa Ibrahim delivered the week’s keynote address on gender equality and empowerment.

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Cupples’ butler’s pantry dedicated in honor of donors

Last fall, the gallery known as the butler’s pantry of Samuel Cupples House was dedicated in recognition of the generosity of Warren L. Lorella and Dr. Jacob A. Kress (Dent’51). Lorella began collecting Staffordshire china in 1940. In 1995 he donated 19 pieces of Staffordshire to Maurice McNamara, S.J., then director emeritus of the historic mansion. Since then, Lorella and Kress have confided their gifts of the collectible English china. The extensive collection of English blue and white was produced around 1850, with much of it exported to America, often decorated with scenic views of U.S. landmarks. The collection is on display at Cupples House 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, visit cupples.slu.edu.

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PAUSING TO REMEMBER: Relay for Life participants gather for a moment of reflection in April at Robert Hermann Stadium, where luminarias honoring cancer survivors and those who lost their battle with cancer lit up the night. A record 1,800 participants raised more than $100,000 for the American Cancer Society’s ongoing research efforts and support for cancer patients. The annual event has raised more than $750,000 since participation began in 2004.

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The physicians offer basic episodic care, such as treating a sore throat or other minor injury or illness. Those treated at Casa de Salud are referred to other existing health care institutions that are designed to provide ongoing medical care.

BY THE NUMBERS: At SLU’s 2010 commencement

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SLU’S ROLE IN U.S. SOCCER HISTORY HIGHLIGHTED IN DOCUMENTARY

A new documentary from KETC-TV Ch. 9 highlights the legendary soccer player from St. Louis — and Saint Louis University — who helped make soccer a national pastime in the United States.

A Time for Champions premiered in June. The documentary charts the influence of St. Louis’ immigrant community, amateur leagues and college teams on the development and increased popularity of soccer in the United States. The story is told through archival footage, still photos and interviews with baseball legend Yogi Berra, NBC sports caster Bob Costas, U.S. Soccer Federation president Dan Flynn (Cook ’78), former SLU players and members of the 1950 World Cup U.S. team.

A special preview of A Time for Champions for Billiken soccer alumni took place on campus in May.

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McGinty, the sixth head coach in Billiken soccer history, began his stint at Virginia in 1999. A chief recruiter for the Cavaliers, he helped the team reach the NCAA Tournament every year. Previously, McGinty was the goalkeeper director for the FC Richmond club team. McGinty began his coaching career as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Wake Forest University, in 1995. An accomplished goalkeeper, he played four seasons there beginning in 1991. Following his collegiate years, he enjoyed an eight-year professional career.

The first project is a new Health Sciences Education Unit in the heart of the Medical Center. Renovation work already has begun in the building that formerly housed an orthopaedic facility owned by Tenet. It’s an exciting project that will include a large lecture hall, two student lounges, a café and the SLU Interprofessional Education Center. On the second floor will be a state-of-the-art patient simulation area for use by medical, nursing and other health sciences students. This facility will provide needed new academic space, while at the same time giving our students a place where they can relax and study. Both projects will enhance campus life at the Medical Center and provide more opportunities for interaction among all students, faculty and staff.

Can you describe the education-based initiative?

The second project will benefit not only the Medical Center, but also students across the entire SLU campus. It’s a new recreation complex that will be built directly east of the Hickory garages. It will contain a full-sized soccer field and an NCAA-regulation eight-lane running track. This complex meets a number of needs. First, there is a demand and need for additional recreation facilities for SLU students, faculty and staff. Right now, the majority of these facilities are on the Frost campus. Second, there is increased demand for recreation fields for our SLU intramural sports and club teams. This complex will bring more students to the Medical Center to use this facility. Third, the construction of this complex will allow SLU’s Division I track team to hold meets on campus, rather than at area high schools. The benefits of this facility to the campus and the surrounding area are dramatic. Along with the Doisy Research Center and other enhancements, the face of the Medical Center is changing in ways that will make it even more inviting to the whole SLU community.

How can alumni be a part of these initiatives?

To make a gift to support these projects or scholarships, use the envelope enclosed in this issue of Universitas, visit giving.slu.edu or call (314) 977-2849.

Is there support needed?

We are excited about all of the new things happening at the Medical Center. Father Blondi has committed financial resources to help move our School of Medicine, Doisy College of Health Sciences, School of Nursing and School of Public Health into the top tier of all universities in the country. But we also need continuing financial support from our alumni and other friends. While there are needs, assisting our medical school students with the cost of a premier education is always an important priority. Giving to one of our many scholarships or to the White Coat Society is a way our alumni can have a direct impact on the lives of our students.
Dr. Tim Randolph, associate professor of clinical laboratory science in the Dousie College of Health Sciences, worked around the clock to collect supplies and ship them to the 23 clinics his non-profit Randolph World Ministries Inc. supports in Haiti. Several other faculty members and students from SLU’s Medical Center began gathering pharmaceuticals and surgical equipment to take with them on missions to the country. Diana Rice, a Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology junior and a licensed pilot, took time off school to fly medical supplies to relief agencies in the Bahamas. Nearly every school, college, program and student group was involved in fundraising efforts. The Micah Program and the Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research raised $5,000 at a concert in January. Due to the high level of concern for Haiti, the University created the SLU Haiti Task Force to coordinate campus fundraising efforts. The task force hopes to raise $50,000. Working with Campus Ministry, the task force distributed 400 collection boxes during Lent so students could make donations; that campaign raised nearly $1,000. The task force has plans for several other events — not only to raise funds but also to keep Haiti in mind even as headlines fade.

Several SLU alumni also felt the call to serve after disaster struck. From his tent, Sullivan coordinated Haitian relief efforts. He helped people develop ideas for fundraisers and offered suggestions on where to send the money. He created the Live for Haiti campaign that helped support disabled children living under a sheet in Carrefour.

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MARSHALL (CONTINUED)

“All of the medical equipment companies had donated, and the supplies for the new lab were sitting in the mission’s driveway,” said Marshall. “As soon as we sent a load to the hospital, more donations would come in. We estimated that within the first week we moved five tons of equipment and supplies.”

Once Marshall, Ostapowicz and the team had supplies under control and a distribution system in place, she turned her attention toward other concerns.

Due to a lack of infrastructure, there was no trash pick up. Medical waste was burned above the ground behind the mission. When the fire cooled, Haitians would dig through the pile looking for salvage.

“There were needles and contaminants in the waste. It was frightening,” she said. “Even when we tried to bury the waste, people still dug through it. We had a problem protecting them, and that really weighed on me.”

Marshall was also concerned about the lack of potable water at the mission. When she and Ostapowicz went back to Haiti again in April, they began testing water in nearby wells and explained far-sighted water solutions.

“Once we were clogged with, you know,麻辣烫,” she said. “When we tried to put the supplies away before the earthquake, millions of dollars worth of equipment in the rain, in the mud, in the dirt, no one had time to put the supplies away.”

The team arrived in Haiti the first week of February after an exhausting journey that included a 15-hour flight and a 10-hour layover in Cancun. After a brief rest, they were taken to Immaculate Conception Hospital — the only fully functional hospital in Les Cayes, a small city about four hours south of Port-au-Prince. Les Cayes suffered little structural damage from the quake, but the city’s population of 200,000 nearly doubled with the influx of refugees from the capital city.

With encouragement from her husband and colleagues, Johnson and other members of the team hope to go back to Haiti to continue with the healing process.

“I’m very interested in the work that you do,” Johnson said. “I have to go back. It has been on my mind.”

For more information about the mission and how to help, visit www.slu.edu/uhp or send an e-mail message to Dr. Tim Rice at timrice@slu.edu.

ADDISON KILLEEN (AAS ’07)

On Jan. 12, Addison Killeen was driving from his home in Lincoln, Neb., to St. Louis for a visit when he received a text message from his brother:

“Haiti hit by earthquake. Not sure what this means for our trip. Stay tuned.”

“My first thought was that the earthquake was hit the worst place in the world for this disaster,” Killeen recalled. “A lot of the houses in Port-au-Prince are built with sticks and straw and concrete blocks that crumble with the slightest pressure. The people are so poor already, I just couldn’t imagine how much worse it could get.”

Killeen knew what conditions were like in Port-au-Prince because he and his brother, Marty Killeen, traveled through the city less than a year before on a dental mission. Marty Killeen, who also attended SLU, is a pediatric dentist. Addison Killeen is in his third year of studies at the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry. The Killeens were encouraged to go to Haiti by their father, an animal volunteer at the Kohomal Mission outside Hinche, a city approximately 80 miles north of Port-au-Prince. Hinche has one hospital with about 50,000 residents — who live on a paltry diet and snack on sugar cane.

Sponsored by St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Lincoln, the Killeens and their team worked from morning until night for six days treating every person in line. They ran out of dental chairs, they laid patients on picnic tables. They saw more than 700 men, women and children and pulled more than 1,500 teeth.

“Even though I worked incredibly long days, I came home each night refreshed,” Killeen said. “I’ve always considered myself a low-maintenance person, but seeing how something as simple as a path before you can get a stretcher through.”

For more information about the Killeens’ dental mission, send an e-mail message to addison.killeen@gmail.com.

HOPE FOR HAITI

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DRS. KERI JOHNSON (MED ’00), LEAH SWARTWOUT (MED ’03) AND JESSICA BOWERS (MED ’00)

Drs. Keri Johnson and Leah Swartwout were part of a team of dental professionals that went to Haiti to provide medical care to the affected population. Johnson and Swartwout were among the first responders on the scene.

“It was incredibly frustrating to see these well-trained Haitian doctors who wanted to do well by their patients but were lacking in basic resources,” Johnson said. “In so many ways their hands were tied.”

“I watched a child die from typhoid who would have been fine in the United States,” Swartwout said. “It was a horrible feeling.”

Swartwout also told the story of a man from Port-au-Prince who had gone to three hospitals in three cities trying to get treatment for his broken leg. One hospital had orthopaedic surgeons but no devices to fix the bilateral fractures. Another hospital had the devices but no surgeons. He made it to Immaculate Conception where they had the devices and an orthopaedic surgeon with the next team of volunteers, which gave Swartwout hope.

“You take it for granted that if someone needs medical care, they’ll get it,” Swartwout said. “They make no such assumptions in Haiti.”

At the beginning of the long days in the hospital, team members stayed in a guest house run by El Shaddai Ministries. The orphanage normally cares for 200 children, but the number increased to 300 after the quake.

“Afer spending all day with patients, it was therapeutic to be able to hold a child for a little while,” Johnson said. “It really brings home how something as simple as a path before you can get a stretcher through.”

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The early years

One hundred years ago, a semester’s tuition for an incoming freshman at Saint Louis University was $80. Though SLU students had been earning certificates for the basic study of commerce since 1862, they were doing so as part of a regular collegiate department and had no opportunity to pursue advanced courses in business. The idea of establishing a discrete school for the study of business was, in fact, still very much an unproven concept that had not been attempted at any university west of the Mississippi River.

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That’s how Joseph L. Davis, S.J., the first rector of SLU’s School of Commerce and Finance, writing in Saint Louis University in Business Life, described the misgivings being relayed to him about the potential success of such an enterprise. Meanwhile, many of SLU’s Jesuit faculty members expressed strong reservations about moving beyond the core curriculum of theology and arts and sciences.

Undaunted, Davis, along with SLU President John Frieden, S.J., and George W. Wilson, a vice president of Mercantile Trust Co. and the first dean of the School of Commerce and Finance, forged ahead with this commercial undertaking. When it opened in 1910, SLU’s School of Commerce and Finance became the country’s 15th business school. Together, Davis and Wilson would preside over the school for the next three decades.

In addition to practical training in disciplines such as accounting and economics, Davis believed that the modern businessman needed a liberal arts education, particularly in literature and grammar. He emphasized research as a way for the school to contribute to true economic progress. He also knew in his heart that the school was critical to the success of the University as a whole.
Classes begin Oct. 3, 1910. School of Commerce and Finance, offering a three-year course leading to a bachelor of commercial science degree.

In 1931, the school grew out of DuBourg and into its permanent home, Davis-Shaughnessy Hall. This building was named in honor of Davis and Martin Shaughnessy, a prominent St. Louis businessman and SLU alumnus who was the primary donor.

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Looking to the future, Dr. Ellen Harshman (Grad '78, Law '92), who has served SLU in several leadership roles since 1972 and took over as dean of the John Cook School of Business in 2003, said, "We've seen a lot of change in the last 100 years, but one thing remains constant: the importance of giving back and serving the community."

"Part of our vision for the past 100 years has been that the business school should make an impact on the region and embody the Jesuit philosophy of making our world a better place," said Dr. Ellen Harshman (Grad '78, Law '92), who has served SLU in several leadership roles since 1972 and took over as dean of the John Cook School of Business in 2003. "This sets us apart from other major universities and truly is part of who we are."

The notion of globalization has become critically important to anybody thinking about business, Harshman added. "The John Cook School of Business responded to that trend by becoming a leader in integrating global concepts into business education," she said. "We see much more of that in the future — it is becoming a very small world."

Today, nearly one-third of the John Cook School of Business’ full-time faculty members hail from countries outside North America. One out of every five of the school’s current 1,937 undergraduate and graduate-level courses are taught in English by students representing 20 countries.

Dr. Bidish Chakrabarty is an associate professor in the finance department and a member of the diversity task force at the John Cook School of Business. She earned her doctorate in economics at the University of Delhi in India before earning her doctorate at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

"We would be praising the choice if we told our business students that diversity is important," Chakrabarty said. "A diverse student and faculty population is something our students already want and expect the school to provide. And in the relatively short time that I have been here, the school has made tremendous strides toward diversity."

"The international perspective is a huge advantage for our business students," said Dr. Paul Bouglion (Grad Cook ’73, ’81), a retired faculty member who served as a professor in the marketing department for 24 years. "Students have an opportunity to work with and get acquainted with people from many different cultures. The school really has gone from local to global."

Chakrabarty, who came to the John Cook School of Business in 2003 and earned tenure last year, sees many more positive changes. "Dean Harshman is doing a terrific job emphasizing all the right things, including high-quality teaching, research and scholarship," she said. "The school is going places, and I am happy to be here."

"This is a much stronger business school than when I started," agreed Bouglion. "U.S. News & World Report magazine has ranked SLU’s part-time MBA program 14th in the country. And the 12-month MBA program has evolved into a terrific educational experience staffed by many of the best faculty members. All this would have been unimaginable 25 years ago. You can feel the difference in terms of professionalism and dedication to quality, with a Jesuit-infused emphasis on business ethics and serving others."

Indeed, the addition is a fitting expression of the history and future of the school. And beyond bricks and mortar, Harshman and the school’s other leaders have a clear vision for that future. "They want to ensure that the John Cook School of Business is known for five characteristics."

"We want to provide an unparalleled undergraduate experience, high-quality and agile professional master’s programs, thought leadership and practice in values-based business education, a faculty of scholars who pride teaching, and to be known for making an impact on our region’s economy," Harshman said.

"The hallmark of the school is graduates who are exemplary business leaders with steadfast commitment to the betterment of the communities in which they live and work."

That sentence comes directly from the business school’s new mission statement for its second century. That sentence also likely describes the nearly 26,000 SLU business school graduates who during the past 100 years have left their imprint in business and society in St. Louis and, increasingly, points far beyond.

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FROM THE FRONT LINES TO THE FRONT ROW

From his desk at the Pentagon, a SLU alumnus makes an impact in Hollywood.

When Michael Bay found himself up against the ruthless Decepticons, a race of alien robots bent on galactic conquest, he turned to Philip M. Strub (A&S ’68) for help. Strub is not an expert on battling Transformers, but he is an expert on military might. And as director of entertainment media for the U.S. Department of Defense, he and his team decide which films, television shows, video games and music videos get the green light to feature U.S. military equipment and installations.

The DOD gave director Bay access to military bases and equipment for Transformers and its sequel, Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen.

“Even in an era when you can create almost anything you want on the computer, there’s something tangible — even intangible — when you use real service members and real military hardware,” Strub said. “Hollywood wants access to our stuff, and we have some pretty neat stuff.”

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After reviewing the script, the DOD granted military assistance, and Scott was able to make the film he wanted.

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Critics accuse the Pentagon’s entertainment media office of being too jingoistic when deciding which projects to greenlight. They say the office uses a narrow filter that strains out worthy stories and lets through only those with pro-military messages. It said “no” to M*A*S*H, Do, Strange-love, Catch-22, Apocalypse Now, An Officer and a Gentleman, Three Kings and The Peacemaker.

But Strub points out that his office said “yes” to Men of Honor and HBO’s The Trojan War. These two films, which portrayed institutional racism within the military, his office also has said “yes” to episodes of JAG, a TV show about naval officers trained as lawyers who investigate and prosecute military crimes, and NCIS, a television drama about special agents who investigate crimes with Navy or Marine Corps ties.

“We recognized that the military represents a cross section of society,” he said. “We’re not so naive to think that there’s no wrongdoing, but how the command handles that wrongdoing is our concern. To portray the command as indifferent or complicit would not be OK.”

Strub said he does not review all scripts through the same lens. He approaches different genres in different ways. Major Dad, a late 1980s sitcom starring Gerald McRaney as a by-the-book Marine married to a pacifist, and Transformers are more lighthearted and are given greater artistic license than a movie such as HBO’s Taking Chance, a historical drama about a lieutenant colonel escorting home the body of a young Marine killed in Iraq.

Still, there are some things on which the DOD never compromises. In Transformers, caskets containing the remains of soldiers were being offloaded from a transport plane in the background of one scene. Strub explained to Michael Bay that caskets never would be offloaded so unceremoniously. Each casket is received with a solemn, dignified honor ceremony. Strub said Bay took his input seriously and the scene was rewritten.

“The military has his own rules and culture,” Strub said. “Respecting that adds reality to a project.”

**PERFECT FOR THE PART**

Strub is uniquely qualified for his job, although he took a circuitous route to get there.

His father, Dr. Giles J. Strub (Med ’39), was an Army general surgeon during World War II. By the time Philip Strub arrived at SLU, he had spent more time out of the United States than in. Strub considered going to law school after completing his undergraduate studies, but in 1968, if you were physically qualified, you were eligible for the draft. Rather than wait to be called up, Strub enrolled in the U.S. Navy’s Officer Candidate School, where he trained to pilot Navy ships during the Vietnam War.

Once released from the service, Strub decided to pursue a career in something he always enjoyed — feature films. He earned his master’s degree in film from the University of Southern California, after which he worked as a documentary filmmaker, a production assistant, a location scout and an apprentice film editor. When he decided he wanted to eat and pay rent on a more regular basis, he worked at an advertising agency, supervising production of television commercials for such products as Log Cabin syrup, Excedrin and Gallo wines.

He left advertising to make medical films for the State University of New York’s Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse before being lured back to the military as a civilian employee producing training and informational films for the Army and Navy.

Strub had just started to get restless in that job when he learned that the man who led the defense department’s film review unit for 40 years was retiring. Strub got the job and has held it since 1989. The first film he worked on was The Hunt for Red October.

Although Strub meets his share of celebrities, he stresses the job contains as much gristle as glamour. He spends much of his time in his small office near the Pentagon press corps reviewing scripts, legal contracts and insurance policies. Yet, he said, there is gratification in helping filmmakers realize their vision and knowing service men and women enjoy it.

“I watched Transformers in a theater with a group of service members a few years ago,” he said. “I lingered afterward, and without identifying myself, I asked what they thought of the movie. Overall they really seemed to enjoy it. They were able to overlook the far-fetched aspects and appreciate the patriotism. If they’re happy, I’m satisfied.”
Saint Louis University’s Midtown neighborhood was never a dining destination.

But during the last five years, the area just north and east of SLU’s St. Louis campus has carved out a place on St. Louis’ culinary scene, welcoming a number of new eateries to the area since the University broke ground on Chaifetz Arena in 2006.

The Midtown renaissance is particularly pleasing to Steve Smith, president and CEO of the Lawrence Group. In the 1970s he was a runner for a St. Louis auto parts business and routinely drove down Locust Street in Midtown, stopping at rundown warehouses that defined the neighborhood for decades.

But 10 years ago, the successful developer and architect came back to Midtown looking for a place to house his classic motorcycle collection. Although most of the warehouses were boarded up, he realized the neighborhood was stable because SLU was just a few blocks away.

In the years that followed, Smith’s interest — and investment — in Midtown grew. After opening his motorcycle collection to the public in 2006 (the Moto Museum), Smith opened two restaurants and is collaborating with SLU on a boutique hotel (see page 22).

“We are looking forward to 10 years from now when this northeastern part of campus will be a very dynamic dining retail, entertainment area that’s a great complement to the University,” Smith said. “Everyone knows what’s been done to revitalize the SLU campus during the last 20 years. In 10 years we will be saying the same thing about the areas around the campus.”

Divine Dishes

_Clockwise from top left:_

**THE FOUNTAIN ON LOCUST**

The “World’s Smallest Hot Fudge Sundae,” which comes topped with a homemade candied orange peel.

**THE GOOD PIE**

The restaurant’s namesake pizza, which features tomato sauce, buffalo mozzarella, cherry tomatoes and basil.

**KOTA WOOD FIRE GRILL**

Jerk-painted salmon grilled with mango salsa, black bean rice, sweet plantains and coconut-creamed spinach.

**TRIUMPH GRILL**

Grilled pork tenderloin glazed with chipotle-molasses sauce, spiced oven potato gratin and sautéed spinach.

**PAPPY’S SMOKEHOUSE**

Dry rubbed and slow smoked ribs, fried corn on the cob and sweet potato fries.

Midtown Menus

_by NICK SARGENT_

3037 Locust St. | www.fountainonlocust.com

O pened in 2008, The Fountain on Locust is a throwback to the 1930s, when soda shops were destinations for young women. At the time, it was considered unladylike to drink with men in saloons, so soda fountains catered to female clientele, offering ice cream treats and light meals.

That soda fountain tradition meets the modern era at The Fountain on Locust, located in a meticulously restored 94-year-old building that once was the showroom for the Stutz Blackhawk and Bearcat, top-of-the-line cars of their time.

Today the food at the Fountain is the high performance vehicle. The made-from-scratch menu attracts a bustling lunch crowd. And the signature ice cream martinis, retro cocktails and champagne floats keep the restaurant hopping late into the evening.

Owner Joy Christensen first moved to the area when she was looking for a building for her radio syndication company, Allstar Radio Network. But that wasn’t the only draw.

“We had SLU students in mind when we opened,” she said. “We’ve been very successful. It’s a good product at a good price. What’s not to like?”

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Midtown Mainstays

In addition to the restaurants profiled, there are plenty of other Midtown eateries keeping diners happy.

THE BEST STEAK HOUSE
316 N. Grand Blvd.
A classic eatery, the Midtown institution has been serving up steaks since 1964.

BUFFALO BREWING CO.
3100 Olive St.
This brew pub features several specialty ales brewed on site.

CAFÉ VENTANA
3701 Lindell Blvd.
Opened in 2008 and inspired by the French Quarter, the café is known for its beignets.

CHUY’S ADOZADA’S
3711 Lindell Blvd.
This renovation of the original Downhome Tex-Mex restaurant opened in the Coro-
nrado in 2002.

HUMPHREY’S RESTAURANT AND TAVERN
3735 Market St.
This near-campus landmark has grown with SLU, nearly doubling in size since its founding in 1976.

NADOO EURO BAKERY AND CAFÉ
3515 Lindell Blvd.
Opened in 2008, this family-owned restaurant was founded at the Coro-
nrado in 2009.

VIETO’S SICILIAN PIZZERIA & RISTORANTE
3515 Lindell Blvd.
This traditional trattoria-style menu, this family-owned restaurant was founded in 1996.

PAPPY’S SMOKEHOUSE
3106 Olive St.
Locals stopping by to sample the restaurant’s ribs, brisket and pulled pork.

The Good Pie
2137 Olive St. | www.thegoodpie.com

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Though known for pizza, the restaurant is also popular with beer lovers. Randolph regularly rotates new craft beers onto the menu, giving diners a chance to sample suds from across the country.

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In addition to dishes like frutitas and Ahi tuna tostadas, the menu has a South Coast feel, featuring ingredients like sweet plantains, key limes and mango salsa. Kota also showcases signature milkshakes.

Smith said he sees a critical mass taking hold in Midtown. “If you think of areas in the region that are dynamic — places you might go at night like the Loop, South Grand and the Central West End — they are places that have a collection of restaur-

ants like we’re building here.”

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INTRODUCING HOTEL IGNACIO

The boutique-style, 51-room hotel will be upscale and modern, with a special focus on fine and performing arts – in fact, part of the ground floor will feature a gallery space.

The hotel also will include a business center, as well as a spa and fitness center. Triumph Grill will provide food service, including room service. Hotel space will be available on the ground floor.

"There’s nothing like Hotel Ignacio in St. Louis," said Smith, who expects the hotel to spur a new era of investment within Midtown. "I imagine in the next year you will start seeing retail space up on Olive Street. Once you start attracting a lot of customers with a hotel and restaurants, retailers want to take advantage of that."
Mary (Wheeler) Beck (Nurs '68) was named an “American Legend” by America's Leading Lawyers for Business and traveled to Washington, D.C., to accept the award. She lives in Columbus, Mo.

Mary E. (Chenoweth) Gurney (Ph.D. ‘69) is a consultant to the program of the Catholic Workers for Peace and Nonviolence and works for the New Britain (Conn.) peace center. Her many travels have included a 2008 trip to India and a 2012 trip to Mexico.

Mary H. (McGinnis) Mundell (Ph.D. ‘73) is professor of anthropology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She has spent 20 years studying the indigenous people of New Guinea, and was named a fellow in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2010.

Zula Matthews (Nurs ‘68) was named 2010 Awardee of the St. Louis County Economic Council, is executive director of the St. Louis County Development Authority and CEO of the community and mental health agency St. Louis County Behavioral Health. She works for the city of Creve Coeur, Mo.

Mary (Wright) Hollister (IT ‘71, Law ‘74) won the Purcell Professionalism Award from the 2009 Missouri Bar/ Eye On The Sparrow: The World Within St. Louis Judicial Conference. He lives in St. Louis.

Raymond Mahalick (A&S ‘71, Grad ‘73) is a senior executive with the Mexican National Guard and is a captain with Southcom. He lives in Mexico City.

Richard Mathis (A&S) is the North American regional chairman of Husch Blackwell Sanders and chairman of the firm in St. Louis.

Karen Martines (A&S), a Cleveland Public Library trustee, is a member of the Ohio Foundation for Culture and Arts and Inspectors. He works for the city of Ellsworth, Maine.

James Virtel (A&S) is executive director of a New York City schools speech pathologist in New York City schools. She has two engaged daughters and lives in Manchester, N.H.

Gail (Hojas) Alexandra (A&S ‘68, Grad ‘69) lives near Chicago and has eight grandchildren.

George Crump (IT) is president of the Print Foundation and Distribution and of St. Louis Printers. He lives in St. Louis.

Geoffrey Conner (Grad), auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, received an award from Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School for exemplifying the school’s mission.

Edward Dowd (A&S ‘62, Grad ‘67) have been married for 42 years.

James Lavey (A&S ‘64, Grad ‘66) retired as a classroom teacher at St. Thomas More Catholic High School in Crestwood, Mo. He lives in Woodbridge, Va.

Edward F. (Dr. Dean Eitel) yowell (IT ‘71, Law ‘74) is president of the St. Louis-based law firm in St. Louis and produced the original series for the 2007 PBS documentary Sisters of St. Louis.

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James M. Galen (Cook ’73, Law ’76) of Evans & Drew in St. Louis, is a fellow of the College of Work- er Compensation Lawyers.

Thomas Hischak (A&S) has received two honors for his most recent books. His Oxford Companion to the American Musical: Theatre, Film and Television was cited as one of the top 10 reference books of 2008 by the New York Public Library system. His Broadway Plays and Musicals was cited as one of the top 10 reference books of 2009 by the American Library Association. He is the au- thor of 20 books on theater, film and popular music and the author and editor of more than 150 publications. He teaches at the State University of New York at Cortland.

Mary Murphy (Dent) received the Florence B. Kindle Award in Physical Therapy last year. She lives in Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. William Boyce Jr. (Grad ‘76, Med ’78) has aided in medical work in Haiti. He lives in Evansville, Ind.

James Coles (Law) is a partner with the law firm of Todd Stainton & Hellering, co-ownering the intellectual property group. He lives in Carmel, Ind.

Jack Frenken (Grad ’74, ’77) is a senior research scientist at the NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va. He pioneered the use of satellite obser- vations to provide a perspective on global pollution.

Shawn Powers (Law), a labor and employment law lawyer with Kushner, Kusio, Wiss, Proofah, Prater, a fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation. He lives in Germantown, Tenn.

Edward McCarthy (Cook) is the owner of McCarthy & Co. in St. Louis.

Dr. Lawrence J. Nelson (A&S, Grad ’76, Med ’79) is an associate professor of philosophy at Saint Louis University.

Francis O’Connor (Law), a solo practitioner in Great Falls, Mont., is an experienced practitioner of the Montana Bar Association.

Brian O’Malley (SW) is president of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Michelle (Matthes) Steltz (Law) and her husband James Steltz (Grad SW ’75) are from-grandparents. They live in Jacksonville, Calif.

Dr. Thomas Applethine (A&S, Med ’76) is professor emeritus of St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society.

Debra (Little) Arnold (Dent) is a psychiatric surgeon, a fellow of the American Academy of Pain Management. She lives in Springfield, Mo.

Matthew Boecker (Parks) is a fuel and hydraulic engi- neer for the U.S. Army in Huntsville, Ala. He plans to relocate to St. Louis County and open a wineery.

Dr. Terry Davis (Med) is chairman of the National Board of Public Health Examiners. He lives in Greensboro, N.C.

Dr. James Henfert (Med) was a finalist for the St. Louis Business Journal’s Healthcare Heroes award last year.

George Marfilian (Grad ’79, Law ’80) was listed in Illiniois’ “Leading Lawyers.” He lives in Belleville, Ill.

Elaine (Martin) Myers (Grad) lives in Rochester, N.Y. and is a community volunteer,もうなわち、科学と仮想的な乗り換えを助ける。

Dr. Christopher Tanturri (Med) is a team member of the Nevada Nursing Association. She lives in Las Vegas.

Donna (Bloom) Staszak (Grad ’79, Law ’80) has been named one of “America’s Top Doctors” in the March issue of St. Louis Magazine. She lives in Jamison, Mo.

Victor Cohen (Cook) is the owner of Victor Cohen Productions, a real estate firm in St. Louis. He lives in Plainsboro, N.J.

Hon. Jeff Birdwood (A&S, Grad ’85, Law ’87), chief judge court of the City of St. Louis, serves on the board of directors for Gateway Industries. He has also received an award from Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School for exemplifying the school’s mission.

Dr. Jan Gregoraski (A&S, Med ’80, Law ’82) was recognized by Lindbergh High School as a Distinguished Alumnus. She lives in Winter Springs, Fla.

Nathan Hasboun (Grad ’79, Law ’85) lives in St. Louis and serves on the board of directors of Ready Readers.

Jan (Applegate) Longman (Grad) is a member of the National Ministry of Listening Presence. She lives in Blue Springs, Mo.

Christine Poon (Grad A&S, ’76) is an assistant professor at the University of Illinois University’s Fisher College of Business and holds the John W. Berry Jr. Chair in Business.

Erin Swarz (A&S, Grad ’78, Law ’80) serves on the Missouri Governor’s Council on Disability. He lives in St. Louis.

Dr. David Nielson (Med), a gynecologist, has joined the University of Missouri. He lives in Plano, Texas.

Dr. Gordon Schultcher (Cook ’78, Grad ’88) is a senior vice president for investments at Stifel Nicolaus. He lives in St. Louis with his wife, Barbara.

Milton Aran (Grad) edited a book, Gynaecology Teachers. He lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Paul Arterton (Med) is in the direction of the MGH Care about Pain Habit” and a clinical nurse specialist, for the pain relief program of the General Hospital, New York. He has written a book, Clinical Guide for Effective Pain Management.

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“I told everyone that I could not see climbing into bed, pulling up the covers and sucking my thumb,” he said. Then, in 2005, Dahm decided to go back to school. Some of his family and friends wondered why. Dahm remarked, “Twenty years ago I could not have imagined doing this. But, in January 2005 Dahm enrolled in the graduate program in the department of counseling and family therapy. He was not working at the time of all of his classes, he was also older than any of the faculty and staff in the department. The septuagenarian didn’t mind that. Nor did he mind the homework and papers. “They are much easier than they used to be,” he said. “The computer helps a lot.”

Some health issues, including open-heart surgery, required Dahm to take a couple of semesters off, but he finally finished his studies in May. On May 15, Dahm — who turns 79 in August — walked in commencement for the first time since 2005. At that time he was a member of the academic procession; this time he was a graduate.

John Burns (PhD, Law ’82) has returned to the Oasis Women’s Center in Alton, Ill. He lives in Alton, Ill., and is an adult nurse practitioner in a multi-specialty practice.

Dr. Lawrence Weber (Law) is a physician at the St. Louis Cancer and Breast Institute. He lives in St. Louis.

Dr. William O’Grady (Grad Cook) is president of Busch Gardens and Adventure Island in Tampa, Fla. He lives in St. Louis.

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Business (A&S) is managing editor and oversees Business (Law) was included in the 2010 edition (A&S ’90, Law ’93) formed the St. Joseph’s Heart Care-St. Louis. He and his wife, Christine, live in Carlyle, Ill.

Joseph Medley (Grad) was named a 2010 Five Star Wealth Manager by St. Louis Magazine. Sharon (Sanderzon) Pyatter (Grad NUR) is a psychiatric clinical specialist at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. Mike Schaller (Cook) is a senior manager of audit services at Grant Thornton. Erika (Coats) Schenk (Law) was named an “Up and Coming Lawyer” by Missouri Lawyers Weekly. She lives in Ladue, Mo.

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Audra Stropko (Grad ’91, Grad ’95) is a senior director of GNP and CTP Media Convergence. She lives in St. Louis with her children, Emma, Jack and Evan.

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Brian Behrens (Grad) is a partner at the law firm of Barnes & Thackston.

Jessica Sippy (Grad PHD) is a professor of psychology at the University of Dayton.

Matthew Ettler (Law) has joined the St. Louis law firm Green, Eovan, Keidan, Ettler & Ruder.

Scott Ettler (PH) is director of information technology at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital. He lives in Edwardsville, Ill.

Karrie Irkipoto (Grad) is the coordinator for Missouri Southern College of Nursing’s translational research initiative. She lives in Effingham, Ill.

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Jennifer (Marrelli) Ludwig (NUR) has a daughter and lives in Ballwin, Mo.

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Kevin Ertl (Law) started the St. Louis firm Ertl & Co., and she works in commercial litigation at the Simon Law Firm. She was listed in the 2010 edition of Missouri’s Five Star Lawyer.

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NOTES ON CLASS NOTES
Do you have news to share with your fellow Law School students through our Class Notes column? Please read our basic Class Notes guidelines. That means that we often stop compiling notes for an issue almost two months (or more) after the event has occurred. Unfortunately, we don’t have the space to run photos, so please don’t send them.

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So if you’ve sent us some news and don’t see it in the very next issue, please don’t send it again. That means that we hope to have your news ready for the next issue.

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Make a Difference Day: October 23

In the fourth Saturday in October, communities all across America participate in Make a Difference Day, an annual day to give back through service projects. It’s also a strong tradition at Saint Louis University. In fact, more than 2,500 SLU students, alumni, faculty and staff participate in Make a Difference Day each year. In 2009, the University is challenging alumni around the country to do the same. Turned to the Service and Spirituality website (www.alu.edu/alumni/assoc/students/serve) for Make a Difference Day ideas, stories, pictures and inspiration. Each year’s event will benefit scholarship programs.

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THESE TRIPS AND HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE, VISIT THE TRAVEL PROGRAM WEBSITE AT www.slu.edu/SLUuAlumniTravel/ OR CALL (314) 977-2225 AND Ask to be placed on the travel mailing list.

Billiken Bound Summer Send-Offs

Help welcome incoming Billikens to the Saint Louis University family this summer by attending a reception in your area. Details about locations will be sent out soon.

ATLANTA

Cardinals vs. Braves

Friday, Aug. 6, 6-8 p.m.
Pre-game party, Turner Field
Cost: $30 per person. Includes party and game ticket
alumni.slu.edu/bb10

New York

Cardinals vs. Mets

Thursday, Aug. 5, 7-9 p.m.
Pre-game party, Citi Field
Cost: $65 per person. Includes dinner and game ticket
alumni.slu.edu/cmets10

School of Medicine

President: Dr. Edward J. O’Brien, Jr. (’67)

2010 Reunion

Saturday, Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m.
Afternoon reception, dinner in the EAA Hospitality Tent.
Cost: $70 per person. Includes reception and orchestra-level seat
alumni.slu.edu/cbowl10

Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology

President: Andy Thurmond (’75)

Women of Parks Luncheon

Friday, July 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
McKinney Douglas Hall
Join your fellow alumnae, network and listen to speaker Elizabeth (“Betty”) Carroll Smith, Parks ’62 woman graduate. Smith experienced many firsts in aviation, and she will share some of her stories. Cost: $10 per person
alumni.slu.edu/parks10

School of Social Work

80th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, Oct. 2, 10-11 a.m.
Hotel Milwaukee
Make plans to attend "Social Practice: Just Change," a special 80th anniversary celebration educational event that also provides up to 6 CE credits. Cost: $20 per person
alumni.slu.edu/ssw10

School of Dentistry

President: Dr. Eugene Heydt (’66, Grad ’76)

2010 Reunion

Thursday, Sept. 30, 20-1 West Ballroom, Busch Student Center
All graduates are invited to return to campus to reconnect with old classmates and celebrate the 2010 Alumni Merit awardees. This year’s events will be held on campus during opening week, so please stay for all the activities.

Los Angeles

Cardinals vs. Dodgers

Saturday, Aug. 8, 5-7 p.m.
Pre-game party, Dodger Stadium
Cost: $30 per person. Includes party and game ticket
alumni.slu.edu/dodgers10

Cincinnati Cardinals vs. Reds

Monday, Aug. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Pre-game party, Great American Ball Park
Cost: $35 per person. Includes appetizers and game ticket
alumni.slu.edu/braves10

Alumni events

Sunday, Aug. 8, 6-8 p.m.
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Chicago

Cardinals vs. Reds

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 4-7 p.m.
Pre-game party, Wrigley Field
Cost: $30 per person. Includes appetizers and game ticket
alumni.slu.edu/reds10

Milwaukee

Cardinals vs. Brewers

Thursday, Aug. 13, 5-7 p.m.
Pre-game party, Miller Park
Cost: $30 per person. Includes appetizers and game ticket
alumni.slu.edu/brewers10

Minutes of meetings of the Alumni Club Council

The Alumni Club Council met on May 17, 2010 and approved the following:

- Hosting a networking event for area alumni, students and faculty in late August.
- Approval of funding for the School of Social Work to host a 80th anniversary celebration event.
- Approval of funding for the School of Dentistry to host a 2010 Reunion event.

The Alumni Club Council will meet again on Sept. 10, 2010.
Peter & Paul’s staff includes occupational therapists, substance abuse counselors, nurses, social workers and case managers. In addition to maintaining three transitional housing programs, an emergency shelter and meals program, staff members help players find housing, register for classes, receive counseling, resolve longstanding legal matters and reconnect with family. Although soccer as a catalyst for social change is having an impact, it’s not for everyone. Players continue to address the many challenges that first caused them to become homeless.

More than half of our team members live with mental illness. The fortunate ones receive housing and supportive services, have been diagnosed and are adapting to a medical regimen that will bring stability to their lives. Others are hesitant to explore their mental health or resist the idea altogether. Some continue to abuse alcohol and drugs. Others still deep in unimaginable weather, preferring to make it on their own. That said it’s rare for a Roadie to miss a practice.

They are there for different reasons. Labon will tell you he plays to remain “centred.” Doug highlights the friendships he’s made. Danelius believes only a fool would pass up a chance to build self-confidence. For Jason, the Roadies are a good time and a lot of laughs. Sahab plays to reconnect with a game he’s loved since childhood. For Willy, the Roadies offer a chance to travel. Chris plays to lose weight. Kurt plays to distract himself from an intolerable situation. And for Josh, soccer is the one constant in his life that makes sense.

Then there’s Vincent. As I try a little further into the details surrounding his adventurous weekend, he tells me he’s “in with a new group of friends, the kind you’re not able to walk away from.”

I try to convince him that healthier choices he can make. But he’s made up his mind. The money he’s making as a result of his newfound “friends” is too good to pass up. He adds that he doesn’t think he’ll survive the summer. A week later Vincent stops by to tell me that he’s leaving St. Louis and won’t be back. The news is hard on players and coaches alike. He will be missed terribly.

At the next practice the team talks it over. Vincent’s decision provides an opportunity to discuss the reality of our choices and the influence we all have upon one another. A spontaneous and collective decision is made.

One by one, players pledge never to compromise what they believe in. Labon makes a prediction: “He’ll be back.”

Team captain Daniel adds, “And we’ll be here waiting for him.”

FROM BEHIND BARS
Editor’s note: For our spring 2010 issue, Dr. Ronald Modras wrote the “Perspective” essay and shared his reflections on teaching theology at a Bonnie Terre, Mo., prison. Modras shared this article with the prisoners from his class, and many of them wrote to offer their reactions to his essay. What follows is the response from one incarcerated student.

I would like to deeply thank Universitas for publishing Dr. Modras’ article about our pilot prison program on theology here at Bonnie Terre, not out of a personal desire to express that I love my life to Saint Louis University, its faculty and programs. For it was also their “Students for Life” group that rallied behind the cause of banning the juvenile death penalty that my case (and great shame) centered around.

Although it is now through the remarkable compassion and initiative of faculty that I am again being sent from the adversities of my own ignorance, doubt and guilt. Because every instructor that has visited this prison over the last two years has indeed helped me see the ever-increasing reasons and hopes for why my life can be salvaged. I have been incarcerated for almost 17 years and never has there been a similar program in prison that has more fully helped me realize that I can still be capable of offering the restitution that I would like to see myself contributing.

I know that my story is hard for many to relate to, but I was an abused and very scared 17-year-old that committed a horrible crime. However, by the grace of God and a Jesuit university, I confidently know that I am and can be so much more. There truly are so many similar stories that can be used for their valuable lessons over crime prevention and the need for more restorative initiatives. In truth it should never be considered strange for even the most unlikely person to make consequential use of good mentors. And to be honest, I find myself ever more sincerely obliged to never disappoint those who have so generously helped me believe in myself, firstly by believing in me.

In gratitude,

Ben J. Richardson (A&S ’70) | Decatur, Ga.

PRAISE FOR THE PROFILE
Just a note to tell you how wonderful the 2010 Profile is (mailed with the spring 2010 [Universitas]). It is loaded with salient information about every aspect of our school.


Kudos for Universitas received a week ago! Especially the professional and stunningly well-done Profile document that slipped out. I was almost blown away. To think I graduated from an institution putting together first-class documents like these. Admittedly, I have only skimmed both, but the appearance and highlighted content is outstanding. Congratulations and keep it up.

Ben J. Richardson (A&S ’70) | Decatur, Ga.

“Avoid the illusion that there is any political correctness in the last word” by Keith Deisner

Photograph by Chad Williams

—from Behind Bars

30 years ago in Universitas

The cover of the summer 1980 issue of the Universitas featured a man wearing a baseball cap, bleached white, and a medal. The accompanying story told the story of fundraising at SLU, which didn’t have a permanent development office until 1962.

The magazine announced the launch of official alumni clubs across the country. It also included articles about an alum who taught stage fighting and a look back at the class of 1930 and how those alumni faced the Great Depression.

Another story focused on the revital of Midtown. Accompanying the article was a rendering of the then-proposed State Office Building on Lindell Boulevard, which is now owned by SLU and is home to the divisions of business and finance, human resources and information technology. The story also mentioned early plans to re-open the Fox Theatre and to restore the Sheldon.

“You live in one country, and the people there think God is on their side. Then you move somewhere else, where they believe the very same thing. Finally you realize that the world is full of wonderful people of every nationality, religion and color. And God is on everybody’s side!”

— Dr. Jean-Robert Legaye-Fellows, political science professor, in a story about the United Nations

Correction: In our last issue, we described Loyola Academy as a charter school. This is incorrect. Loyola Academy is a Jesuit, Roman Catholic, Nobility-middle school/charter school. We apologize for the error.

FROM BEHIND BARS
Come back to campus for Homecoming Weekend to enjoy all of the traditional fun:

- Catching up with classmates
- Campus tours
- The golf cart parade
- Soccer
- Fireworks

Mark your calendar now and make plans to come home to SLU this September.

www.slu.edu/alumni/homecoming.html