Aside from the traditional pomp and circumstance we can expect at a graduation ceremony, I know there are certain Saint Louis University traditions I can count on. For example, it is a given that a fleet of paper airplanes will fly through Savvis Center during commencement. (Their launch can be traced to Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology students who are ready to leave the hangar, so to speak.) In addition, students from the School of Medicine and School of Nursing will stand to applaud each other in a sign of mutual respect. A few mortarboards will display messages such as “Hire Me” or “Hi Mom”! Pictures will pop at an unprecedented rate. And, of course, I will experience a wide range of emotions — quite as I imagine a parent does — because our graduating seniors are set to begin a new, exciting chapter in their lives.

I have had the privilege of chatting with many of our students during their time here, and I recently sat down with one of our graduates. I was happy to hear that his experiences at SLU prepared him well for what was ahead. He had learned much in our classrooms, performed well in his various academic endeavors and gleaned much knowledge from countless hours spent in study.

What he had learned outside of the classroom was equally impressive. He had participated in several internships, working with the St. Louis Police Department and SLU’s own marketing and communications team.

Yet knowledge was only a part of the SLU experience that had transformed him during his time here. Indeed, the majority of our conversation revolved around service, outreach and social justice. This student had committed much time to these activities, volunteering every week at St. Matthew’s parish. He was a member of Alpha Phi Omega, the co-ed service fraternity. Every year, he spent spring breaks participating in Saint Louis University Christian Action Program (SLUCAP) mission trips, taking him to places such as Texas and El Salvador.

In speaking with this student, and in conversations with others like him, I am always reassured of the value and meaning of a Saint Louis University education: In the process of taking advantage of numerous opportunities to better themselves, our students are continually encouraged to make a positive difference in the lives of others. The thought of our students taking their place in our world is one of my greatest joys as president. Indeed, we know that in addition to their academic degrees or disciplines, our students will bring compassion, ethics and spirituality to their new paths by looking at the world with a holistic point of view. Why? Because our students are motivated to respect each person with care and compassion.

Each year, as I declare our recent graduates “sons and daughters of Saint Louis University forever,” I, along with the rest of the SLU family, celebrate with the many families who beam with pride over what their sons and daughters have accomplished. We rejoice because the work and influence of our faculty and staff has paid tangible dividends. We celebrate because this is the culmination of four or five years of hard work for our students. Last but not least, we feel immense pride because these students soon will join their predecessors — the thousands upon thousands of SLU alumni who dedicate their personal and professional lives to transforming our communities, our nation and our world in the spirit of the Gospels.

Of course, it’s true that some uncertainty comes with graduation. The student I mentioned earlier had not yet made up his mind what path he would take. A job perhaps? Graduate studies at SLU? But I can say with utmost confidence that — no matter what path he or his peers choose — our graduates will go on to make a difference. That, to me, is one of the most special and meaningful SLU traditions I can count on each and every year.
On the Cover: A few of SLU’s thousands of flowers beautify the area near the clock tower. For details about gardening at SLU, see the story on page 14.

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Service, outreach at record high

Members of the Saint Louis University community continue to live the institution’s mission as 13,341 students, faculty and staff contributed 776,417 hours of service and outreach during 2003. The numbers — which were taken from a recently released University report — are up considerably from 2002, when 11,591 participants contributed 617,911 hours of service.

The reported number of students participating in community service and outreach increased dramatically during the past year from 5,079 in 2002 to 8,397 in 2003, an upsurge of 65 percent. In addition, the reported number of hours students devoted to service and outreach grew 44 percent from 63,146 to 91,207.

Service learning, which is defined as students being required to perform community service to meet objectives of a course, also expanded significantly from 17,339 hours in 2002 to 63,228 hours in 2003.

The number of faculty and staff who reported that they participate in service activities decreased, but service hours for employees still grew from 59,204 to 68,743, a 16 percent boost.

Several changes coming to Parks

A new name and its first doctoral program are just a couple of the advancements and changes Parks College is making as it eyes its future. Recently approved by SLU’s board of trustees, the school’s new name is Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology. Dr. Bjong “Wolf” Yeigh, Parks dean, said the change recognizes the course that the college is charting. “Technology touches everything we do, from our top-notch and personalized teaching to our cutting-edge research,” Yeigh said. “We feel the new name will better represent the state-of-the-art programs we provide to our students.”

Along with the name change, the trustees also approved the addition of a doctoral program in biomedical engineering. Two depart-

University names new vice president

Bob Woodruff has been named the University’s vice president and chief financial officer. He had served as interim chief financial officer since replacing Rob Altholz in October 2003. Woodruff is responsible for all finance and business operations of the University, including management of SLU’s endowment, which is valued at more than $700 million. Woodruff joined Saint Louis University in November 1999 as associate vice president of University marketing and communications. Prior to his arrival at SLU, Woodruff spent the majority of his 22-year corporate career in the financial services industry. He worked for St. Louis-based Deutsche Financial Services for almost 14 years, including a stop in Atlanta, where he managed a $300 million commercial finance business. He earned his MBA from Washington University in St. Louis in 1988. Woodruff’s appointment follows an extensive search that included the review of more than 100 candidates.

SLU programs garner kudos

In the U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools 2005 issue, the School of Law Center for Health Law Studies is ranked as the top health care law program in the country. The division of geriatrics in the department of internal medicine also received high marks from U.S. News, ranking 10th in the country. The entrepreneurship program in the John Cook School of Business was ranked 24th in the graduate school rankings.

Many other SLU programs also received recognition, including the occupational therapy (34th) and physical therapy (52nd) programs in the Doisy School of Allied Health Professions; the master of social work (46th) program in the School of Social Service; the speech-language pathology (50th) program in the College of Public Service; and the graduate program in clinical psychology (100th) in the College of Arts and Sciences. The School of Law also garnered national recognition, ranking 82nd in the U.S. News listing of the country’s top 173 law schools, a significant rise in the law school’s rankings.
Dr. Bernhard “Ben” Asen, associate professor in the department of theological studies, has received the 2004 Ring Award. Presented annually since 1966, the award recognizes an outstanding faculty member as chosen by members of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit honor society. The award is the only student-sponsored teaching award that encompasses all schools of the University. The award was established to honor Nancy McNeir Ring, the University’s first dean of women, who was known for her devotion to the welfare of students. Recipients demonstrate a special dedication to students both inside and outside the classroom. The co-editor of Theology Digest, Asen’s area of expertise is the Old Testament. He has taught at Saint Louis University for 25 years.

Biochem now an undergrad program

The department of chemistry will bring an undergraduate program in biochemistry to Saint Louis University starting next fall. The bulk of the courses will be in chemistry taught by existing SLU faculty in the areas of analytical, inorganic, physical and organic chemistries. The program also will require two years of biology courses taught by existing SLU biology faculty, a year of calculus and a year of physics with lab.

Chemistry department chairman Dr. Steve Buckner said the department would build up the program as student demand warrants. The department already has hired Dr. Brent Znosko to help shoulder the course load. Znosko, who received his doctorate from the University of Rochester, will teach biochemistry courses. The program requires one year of these classes with lab work.

New director for Billiken athletics

Cheryl L. Levick is the Billikens’ new director of athletics. She spent the last four years as director of athletics at Santa Clara University, a Jesuit institution in northern California. “I am truly thrilled and absolutely honored to be named director of athletics at Saint Louis University,” Levick said. “As a native St. Louisan, this is a tailor-made position for me. I am eagerly looking forward to shaping an exciting new chapter in Billiken history.”

“Cheryl brings an impressively wide range of experience as an athletic administrator to Saint Louis University,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. “We are in one of the most exciting times in the history of Billiken athletics with our impending move to the Atlantic 10 Conference and with the plans in place for a new on-campus arena. Cheryl has the vision, energy and skill necessary to successfully guide our University through this era.”

Former AD Doug Woolard resigned May 12 to become athletic director at the University of South Florida.
SPS moves to Public Service

Saint Louis University’s School for Professional Studies has joined the College of Public Service. During a national search for a School for Professional Studies dean, it was decided that the school would be better served by being repositioned within the College of Public Service. The reorganization was effective beginning July 1. The merger will allow the School for Professional Studies to explore the possibilities of developing career and professional development courses in areas such as urban planning, real estate development and education. In addition, the College of Public Service will benefit from the opportunity to develop a strong undergraduate base as a feeder to its graduate programs. The creation of joint undergraduate and graduate programs also is being explored.

Both the College of Public Service and the School for Professional Studies offer an interdisciplinary curriculum and maintain relationships with other on-campus academic units as well as outside professional associations and organizations. The combination of resources will strengthen their outreach efforts and allow for a sharing of established partnerships.

“By coordinating the two units in a single structure, the opportunities for faculty collaboration, student career development and community outreach will increase significantly,” said Dr. James Gilsinan, dean of the College of Public Service and chairman of the SPS dean search.

Large grant tackles AIDS prevention

During the next five years, Saint Louis University will receive $3.5 million from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to address the growing crisis of AIDS in the African-American community. With initial funding of $600,000 this year, SLU will begin working to enhance HIV prevention programs for African-Americans who are being affected by the disease in nearly epidemic rates.

The project is being directed by Dr. Karla Scott (A&S ’81), director of African-American studies and associate professor of communication. “It’s critical that we understand the role culture plays in HIV prevention and education in communities of color,” she said. “Our ultimate goal is to decrease the high rate of HIV/AIDS infection among African-Americans.”

Saint Louis University is one of 27 organizations nationwide funded by the CDC to provide prevention services for racial and ethnic minority populations. The SLU-led program will serve community organizations and health departments providing HIV prevention for African-Americans in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Utah.

Program ranked among best

In a recent issue, Entrepreneur magazine again ranks Saint Louis University’s entrepreneurship program among the best in the country. In the magazine’s “2004 Top 100 Entrepreneurial Colleges and Universities” issue, SLU’s program is ranked in the top tier of major regional universities. In the same issue, alumni and faculty from around the country gave high marks to SLU, with alumni ranking the program second in the nation and other entrepreneurship program directors and faculty placing it third.

SLU research is eye-opening

Saint Louis University researchers have discovered the cause of one form of retinitis pigmentosa, a type of genetically inherited blindness. The research opens the door to the development of new treatments. The research began when a “gene hunt” involving five large families led South African scientists to discover a genetic mutation not previously known to be involved in retinitis pigmentosa. The discovery was unusual because this gene was expressed only in the kidney and in micro-capillaries such as the capillaries beneath the eye and not in the retina itself; typically, genes involved in retinal diseases are expressed only in the retina.

After making the discovery, the South African researchers contacted the laboratory of Dr. William Sly, chairman of the department of biochemistry at the School of Medicine. Sly’s group set out to discover how the mutation could cause blindness. They discovered it interferes with a process necessary for healthy cell development. Other Saint Louis University researchers participating in the study included Drs. Giuseppe Bonapace, Abdul Waheed and Gul N. Shah.
The summer 1984 issue of Universitas featured a cover story on the fifth year in office for University President Thomas R. Fitzgerald, S.J. The article was reprinted from a lengthy interview with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and highlighted Fitzgerald’s approach to his SLU presidency, which included turning deficits into surpluses and streamlining the administration. The article also detailed Fitzgerald’s plans for a capital campaign, the goal of which was a then-record $75 million.

The issue also featured news about a $625,000 cleaning and restoration project for St. Francis Xavier College Church that included sandblasting, tuck pointing and roof repairs. In addition, the issue unveiled final architectural designs for the $4 million expansion of Pius XII Memorial Library.

Universitas provided an update on SLU’s orthodontics program, which at the time, was the largest in the world. And diversity was a major theme of the issue, which contained stories on the creative and scientific advances made during the ninth to 11th centuries in Islamic countries.

Quotable U TAS:

“Due to the Herculean efforts (Father Fitzgerald) has made to straighten things out and shake them up, there should now be a change from the almost crisis management situation of the early years when Fitzgerald was here to a more long-range planning.” — James B. Riles, professor of mathematics and then-president of SLU’s Faculty Senate.

Sign of the times:

“Our country has a backlog of unmet social needs, such as those for the elderly and of neglected and abused children. There’s a shortage of social work professionals trained to address these needs, and we have the programs and personnel to educate them.” — Bill Hutchison, S.J., then-dean of the School of Social Service, in a story about a shortage of scholarships.

In April, Saint Louis University reached a major milestone for “The Campaign for Saint Louis University: Where Knowledge Touches Lives” by surpassing the $200 million mark. The campaign is now more than two-thirds of the way toward achieving the overall goal of $300 million.

“With three years still remaining in the campaign, we have made substantial progress thanks to our alumni, faculty, staff and friends,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. “I’m very grateful for the generosity and support of the many individuals who have committed time or resources to the campaign.”

Goals for the campaign include $100 million for students; $75 million for faculty; $50 million for science and technology; $30 million for centers of excellence; $20 million for campus life enrichment; and $25 million for annual support.

Some of those goals already have been surpassed, including a whopping $129 million raised for student scholarships and $23.3 million for campus life enrichment.

Fund-raising progress continues on the health sciences Research Building, Biondi’s top priority for SLU. To date, $25.6 million has been secured for the Research Building. This includes $9.8 million in charitable gift commitments toward a goal of $13 million.

Total: $203,386,877
(as of May 31, 2004)
I’ve received two degrees from Saint Louis University, and I’ve worked in the University’s marketing and communications office for nearly 11 years. Almost every workday, I write or edit text that extols SLU’s success at forming women and men for others in the Jesuit tradition. (Of course, I’ve always known it to be true. Heck, I am one of those women!) But one early April weekend, I lived it firsthand.

For more than 48 hours, I was surrounded by students who were seeking more in their lives, and their search had led them to a “SLU Encounter with Christ” retreat. They came from different states, had different majors and most didn’t know each other. But they had one thing in common — they wanted to develop their relationship with God.

That desire was enough to get 30 SLU students to travel by bus to a retreat center in Eureka, Mo., and turn themselves over to the SLU Encounter experience.

We started slowly, learning names, comparing lives, talking about why we came. We ate a lot of chocolate Easter eggs, laughed and began figuring out what we had in common. It wasn’t long before I realized that the students assigned to my group were tangible examples of those SLU virtues I’m always writing about.
Held each semester, the “SLU Encounter with Christ” retreat is an intense weekend of prayer, personal talks led by adult leaders and students, group discussion, individual reflection and liturgies. Retreatants are called to examine their relationship with God and to live as Christians in the world.

At the beginning of the weekend, each participant is assigned to a group identified by a color. Besides giving the students an easily identifiable group of peers, the color-coded teams bond the retreatants together in a way that allows them to freely share their thoughts and feelings. We talked about knowing ourselves, valuing our friends and loving our families. There were tears, hugs and lots of laughs.

There is a lot of spontaneity and even some surprises. And to ensure that the retreatants have the most meaningful experience, the events of the weekend are meticulously planned and kept under wraps.

Long before the retreat begins, a leadership team is recruited. Student leaders are interviewed and selected by the Encounter board. Faculty, staff and graduate students from across the University are invited to serve. The team begins meeting weekly almost two months before the retreat itself.

A student is responsible for the entire process. Our student coordinator for SLU’s 26th Encounter, Kate Oland, had been on two previous Encounters — once as a retreatant and once as a member of the leadership team. Despite the responsibility of organizing an entire weekend of activities for 50 people, she was eager to step into the coordinator role.

“The reason I kept returning to the Encounter program was because of the people,” said Oland (AHP ’03), a physical therapy graduate student. “I have met truly amazing people on Encounter, and then after the retreat, they have always been a reminder to me of the purpose of Christian action.

“I decided to go on Encounter the first two times because I realized that I needed spiritual reminders for myself,” she said. “The third time around, I went into the experience as student coordinator knowing that I was going to provide a service to others: the Encounter board, the leadership team, and the members of the SLU community who decided to join us that weekend.”

As the leadership team plans the weekend, the team members begin to bond, investing themselves in the details and goals of the weekend — picking a theme (Ours was “We are the body. We are the light.”), praying together, even playing board games.

Among the leadership team’s chief responsibilities is that each member prepares a talk on a specific theme. The talks, which focus on topics such as “Know Yourself,” “Gifts of God’s Friendship” and “Living in God’s Friendship,” are strategically ordered to build on one another. The speakers follow a structured outline and share personal examples of the struggles or joys they have encountered to help make the themes tangible.

As the weekend progresses, the talks evolve. Participants move from asking “Who am I?” to exploring faith amid a Christian community of believers to seeing that their community and concern must extend beyond the Encounter weekend. At the end, they receive practical ideas on how to live a faith that does justice.

“Encounter provides the opportunity for students, faculty and staff to share their deepest faith, to come to experience what a community gathered in Christ might mean, and to experience being sent in service of others,” said Bob Phillips, S.J., retreat coordinator for campus ministry and a seven-time Encounter participant. “It is a truly Ignatian experience.”

While the leadership team is preparing talks and planning the spiritual dimension of the weekend, a “support team” of four students is organizing, gathering and producing all of the necessary materials: photocopies, nametags, participant packets, snacks and decorations.

As involved as the process is, the Encounter team members seem undaunted by the extracurricular workload. “I wanted to give back what was given to me on my Encounter,” said Paul Grant (Pub Ser ’04), a member of the leadership team and an education and Spanish major. “I wanted to show the retreatants that God is out there and...
that even though everyone struggles with a relationship with God, it is a struggle we can be in together."

His fellow team members echo his comments. “Encounter has meant a lot to me,” said Maria Blandon, another member of the leadership team and a biology major. “The retreat showed me that amid the craziness of school and being a young adult dealing with pressures, we are not alone. We can find comfort and support among our peers — who are going through the same things — while sharing in our faith.”

No matter when my fellow team leaders first experienced Encounter, the memories of their first retreat resonated. Teresa Clancy (A&S ’99), a SLU alumna, current graduate student in English and one of the adult leaders this spring, has been connected to SLU Encounter for more than eight years. Why does she keep coming back for more? “My first SLU Encounter, No. 10, helped me gain confidence in myself, and it is where I really began my friendship with God,” she said. “It is also where I met a number of my best friends. So, it is special to me for many reasons.”

And it has changed her life. “People leave Encounter changed — and those changes last beyond the retreat,” Clancy said. “I look at where I am now, living in an intentional faith community in North St. Louis, and I can honestly say that because of SLU Encounter, I got more involved in campus ministry, and it is part of why I am who I am today.”

With testimonials like that, it’s no wonder that SLU Encounter endures. The retreat debuted at the University in the fall of 1991. The previous April, six SLU students and four SLU campus ministers traveled to the University of Notre Dame to experience the “ND Encounter.”

Mary Flick (Grad ’93), assistant vice president for mission and ministry, was on that trip to Notre Dame and was on the leadership team for the first SLU Encounter.

“A campus minister who was here at the time had worked at Notre Dame and thought the Encounter retreat experience would work well at SLU,” Flick said. “When I experienced it at Notre Dame, it reminded me of a retreat I made during my college years that had a tremendous, life-changing impact on me. I thought that offering that experience to our students would be a great gift.”

Flick credits the SLU Encounter with giving students a spiritual focus at a very important time in their lives. Grant agrees. “There is a need for the Encounter retreat within the SLU community,” he said. “Students want a way in which they can share themselves on a more spiritual level, and Encounter provides them with such an opportunity.”

Phillips attributes Encounter’s endurance to its message and structure. “It has lasted as long as it has because its format is solid and time-tested and because it has the backing of the students,” he said. “The basic format is that of Cursillo and its many offspring, such as TEC, Search, Kairos and the like.”

Flick added, “I think one of the great things about SLU Encounter is that it is the same retreat every time, and yet the mix of people makes each retreat vastly different.”

And that’s why, after 13 years, the retreat has not worn out its welcome. “Encounter is a great learning, bonding and nurturing experience that really touches people every time, driving them to continue it and do it again,” Blandon said.

Each SLU Encounter ends with a liturgy and the distribution of Encounter medallions. While I was busy tying them around the necks of my group members, someone came up from behind and tied one around my neck. Suddenly I wasn’t an Encounter newbie anymore — I was a veteran, surrounded by old and new Encounter alumni who truly are “women and men for others.” I was proud to know them — and even prouder that they were part of the SLU family.”

**Why Encounter?**

Encounter changes the lives of those who take part. So what is the best thing about it?

“I think the best thing is the ‘encounter’ with Christ. That is what the retreat is geared toward, and, if it is achieved, it is amazing the fulfillment and joy one feels while there.”

— Maria Blandon

“I think the best aspect of SLU Encounter is how it is the only retreat that really seems to mix members of the campus community. Students from any grade go on it; graduate students, staff and professors can serve on the team with campus ministers. I think that dynamic makes it unique.”

— Teresa Clancy

“As an adult leader, I receive a lot by hearing what the students share in the small groups. Their faith sharing offers powerful witness and instills a sense of community that we need as Christians today. I really believe our students possess a strong maturity and a great sensitivity to the value of spirituality.”

— Mary Flick

“Encounter is a great way to listen and learn about other peoples’ faith lives and learn ways they find God. It allows all who attend the retreat to reflect and acknowledge their strengths and weaknesses and also gives them the opportunities to hear others’ experiences. It is also an amazing community of faith gathered to experience God’s presence.”

— Paul Grant

“Encounter embodies so many of the SLU principles: service, spirituality, examination of conscience, as well as community and leadership. And it does so in a way that is fun and exciting for SLU students.”

— Kate Oland

“The best thing about Encounter is that it helps students become comfortable with themselves and with being people of faith, finding others of similar hopes and dreams.”

— Bob Phillips, S.J.
Meet Him in St. Louis

Mayor Francis Slay offers a candid assessment of the city, his alma mater and the future of both.
This year, St. Louis is celebrating the centennial of the 1904 Olympiad and World’s Fair — events that brought visitors from around the globe to the “Gateway to the West.” Now, 100 years later, does St. Louis still hold the allure that it once did? Encouraged by recent advancements and development, Mayor Francis Slay (Law ’80) is sure that the excitement that surrounded St. Louis a century ago is springing to new life in 2004. In an interview with UNIVERSITAS, the Saint Louis University alumnus toutsthe resurgence of St. Louis, recalls his days at Saint Louis University and praises his alma mater for its contributions to a city that Slay says offers quite a few pleasant surprises, especially for alumni who have not visited in recent years.

UTAS: 2004 is a big year for St. Louis as we celebrate the history of the city. But what does the future hold for St. Louis?

SLAY: We do have a very rich history. And if we don’t take the future for granted, I believe our best days are yet to come. We have great assets here. St. Louis is centrally located — not only in the Midwest, but the country as a whole. We have a very good transportation infrastructure with several major highways coming through. We’re expanding our light rail system. We’re close to an airport, and we have the second largest employment district in the Midwest next to Chicago. Approximately 100,000 people come downtown every day to work.

We have a lot of historic buildings, neighborhoods and architecture. We also have a wonderful amount of cultural and entertainment events and facilities. We have Forest Park, which is the most beautiful urban park in America and 500 acres larger than New York’s Central Park. With the art and history museums, the zoo, the Jewel Box, the walking paths, bike trails and the ball fields, we have a lot of treasures here in St. Louis. We have the Pulitzer Foundation, Grand Center, the symphony and several great universities such as Saint Louis University.

All of this is important for workforce development — for keeping, retaining and drawing businesses here. We have an outstanding health care system with some of the best hospitals and health care professionals in the country. We have the infrastructure, we have the people, and we have the entertainment and cultural attractions that other cities around the country try to emulate.

Crime is down dramatically, while investment in our neighborhoods and downtown construction is up significantly. We’re seeing a great amount of momentum, and I have every expectation that this momentum will continue. I think that if we build teamwork and believe in the city and its future, and if we can celebrate our diversity, then we will be the great city I know we can be.

UTAS: What recent developments should the city be proud of?

SLAY: One particular development, although significant, won’t by itself create momentum, but it can be an anchor for more development. An example would be the ballpark village. (The ballpark village is planned commercial and residential space that is part of the overall construction of a new downtown baseball stadium.)

One project you won’t probably hear about on the news is the old Homer G. Phillips Hospital that was closed in the mid-’70s. It is a $40 million renovation project, which is one of the largest single developments in the city, and it is serving as an anchor for more developments in northside St. Louis, which has been depressed, unutilized and lacking investment for decades.

Forest Park is a big development that has regional implications with tourists visiting the attractions in and around the park. It is something we can be proud of. But what I think is the most significant development is the rehabilitation of older buildings in the city of St. Louis. A lot of this rehabilitation is
going on in neighborhoods such as Soulard, Tower Grove East, Lafayette Square, Gaslight Square and Hyde Park. We have a lot of county contractors showcasing their homes in areas that have been troubled.

Grand Center (the arts and entertainment district in Midtown adjacent to SLU) has really come alive — thanks in part, to SLU; its influence has been huge. I graduated in the ’80s, and the atmosphere was nothing like it is now.

Today, SLU is a true urban campus, one of the most beautiful urban campuses anywhere in the country. Under the leadership of Father Biondi, the University is improving property it is buying. It is serving as an anchor for future development and exuding a certain amount of confidence in the Midtown and Grand Center neighborhoods, which will attract more businesses and investors. SLU’s planned on-campus arena will create another recreational/sports facility that will attract a lot of people. Plus, it will provide a nice home for teams at SLU and make it easier for students to attend games. It will also draw people into the city and around the Grand Center-Midtown area. SLU’s Research Building also will be a future step in creating a better environment for life science and biotech research in St. Louis. This will help us achieve the city’s goal of being a bigger player on the national level, in terms of biotech and life science research fields.

UTAS: You mentioned being a student at Saint Louis University. Discuss your time at SLU.
SLAY: I have very fond memories of my years at SLU. I am proud to have been a student “a couple of years ago.” The faculty and administration were highly competent; they cared about the students individually and collectively and had their hearts into what the students were doing. I also met a lot of friends who are still a part of my life, people I’m dealing with both professionally and on a personal basis. I received a great education there, and that is the most important thing I could have received. The skills I learned have helped me in my law practice and in my public life, especially in terms of ethics and the ability to handle and juggle a lot of very difficult projects at once.

Of course, we didn’t have religious courses at the law school, but there was definitely a religious component there. I often went to church at St. Francis Xavier College Church, and there was the Jesuit influence throughout.

When people ask me where to go to law school, I tell them, “You can never go wrong at SLU.” There are a lot of SLU graduates who are in town and providing a lot of leadership and making a positive difference in the city and region in general.

UTAS: Do any SLU faculty stick out?
SLAY: Vince Immel. I had him for two contract courses, and one of the most important classes I had at law school was his remedies class. He was a big believer in the Socratic method, so he drilled the students. I can remember being asked about a case when someone was killed, and I said, “The person passed away.” I don’t know why I said it that way, but he said, “You mean he died, right? You don’t say passed away, you say died.” He tried to be really direct and specific, and that kind of teaching was helpful.

UTAS: How important is Saint Louis University to the city of St. Louis?
SLAY: SLU is extremely important in a lot of areas. It is a quality educational institution, important for the image of the city. The improvement of the campus is a catalyst for development. It plays a huge part in helping with civic and community service. I was talking to the dean of the business school, Dr. Ellen Harshman, and other faculty members, and they want to be involved in the city’s issues. And that’s a good thing. SLU is more than just an educational institution, it’s a vital part of this community in terms of development and civic issues.

UTAS: We have a lot of alumni who don’t live in the city. What would your message be to SLU graduates who once called St. Louis home?
SLAY: I would invite them back to visit SLU and the city. Both have dramatically changed for the better. As I’ve said, there are a lot of things going on in the city. It is a different city than when I graduated 24 years ago. I’ve lived in the city all my life, so I’ve seen a lot, but I’ve never seen anything like what I’m seeing now.

UTAS: What is your biggest challenge as mayor?
SLAY: My biggest challenge is fiscal constraints — managing the budget and trying to accomplish all of our objectives. I am constantly going outside the city and trying to bring more resources in, whether it’s getting grants from the state or federal government or whether it’s the private sector to help fund different efforts we’re undertaking.

One of the big reasons for that is that the city is not within a county; in fact, our boundaries were set in 1876, and as jobs and people moved out of the city, we lost that tax base, so we have a much lower tax rate. We’ve lost 500,000 people in the last 50 years. But we’re getting to a point where we’re starting to turn the city around, and by the time I leave this job, we’ll see the population climb within the city.

UTAS: St. Louis is a metropolitan area that has many municipalities. Is there enough cooperation?
SLAY: There could be more cooperation, but there is a lot. Even with all the cooperation that you want to have, there’s the aspect of internal competition with our county versus St. Charles County or Clayton versus Richmond Heights, and so on. They’re all vying for development and jobs, and there’s an inherent competition. But we do have unprecedented cooperation in the region.

But having said that, we do have the problem with inherent competition. With the different tax districts, law
enforcement districts, school districts, we have the second highest ratio of governmental agencies per capita, only second to Philadelphia, and because of that, there is inefficiency in the use of tax dollars. To combat this, we are undertaking a study to quantify to what extent this inefficiency exists.

UTAS: What is the best part of your job?
SLAY: When you’re able to see a positive impact on people’s lives. Making lasting changes.

I like people. I like dealing with people. I like going into our neighborhoods and listening to what our citizens have to say. I enjoy seeing the positive things that occur and trying to improve the quality of life. I get to see the city from a very different standpoint, not only in terms of the physical city itself, but through interaction with various organizations and institutions. That’s a lot of fun. To see what other people’s perspectives are on the city is a daily learning process from which I get great satisfaction.

UTAS: Was being the mayor of St. Louis something you always dreamed of?
SLAY: Until about six months before I announced my candidacy, I would have said no. Right out of law school, I had a chance to get into government. I initially said no, then I thought about it and decided to give it a shot. But this was not my lifelong dream, and frankly, I haven’t sat down and planned what I’m going to do politically. I’m only planning to run for another term as mayor; this is where my heart is. St. Louis is where my life is.

Sworn in as the 45th mayor of the City of St. Louis in 2001, Francis Slay began his public service in 1985, representing the 23rd Ward on the St. Louis Board of Aldermen. He was elected president of the board in 1995 and re-elected in 1999. Prior to his time on the Board of Aldermen, he was an attorney with the law firm of Guilfoil, Petzall and Shoemake. Residing in the same south city neighborhood where he grew up, Slay lives with his wife, Kim, and their children, Francis Jr. and Katherine.

Meet SLU at the Fair

St. Louis is marking the 100-year anniversary of the 1904 World’s Fair with several celebrations, exhibits and commemorative publications. Although Saint Louis University doesn’t have any special events planned, it sure could. That’s because SLU was part of the fair. And the University’s role has even been a topic of exploration for an American studies class.

Students in Dr. Shawn Smith’s “Investigating America” class have compiled a display at Pius XII Memorial Library that provides some interesting insights into Saint Louis University’s presence during the 1904 World’s Fair in St. Louis.

According to the display, SLU enjoyed some notoriety during the 1904 World’s Fair — thanks to an elaborate fair exhibit that looked like a cross between a small, well-organized library and a museum of oddities, medicine and science.

An ornate wooden façade of carved and varnished cypress welcomed visitors to the exhibit. On it were the words “St. Louis University: Oldest University in the Louisiana Purchase.”

The SLU fair exhibit, located in the Palace of Education, was assembled and installed by John Burke, S.J., a SLU professor and former student. The exhibit was divided into historical and educational sections, and items included displays of student work, anatomical blueprints, preserved fetal cross-sections, portraits of prominent Jesuits and various documents of historical significance to the Society of Jesus.

With extreme attention to detail, the exhibit featured typewritten copies of stenographic reprints of dialogue from SLU classes. Every spoken word was written down, accurately recorded with no changes or corrections.

SLU won eight medals for its fair booth, including grand prizes for excellence of general exhibit, special exhibit of topographical anatomy, special exhibit of embryological drawings; silver medals for a collection of mounted pathological specimens, a cabinet of chemical crystallography, a book of odes in Greek, Latin and English (that also featured 16 original illustrations in water color) and a collaboration of the exhibit of St. Mary’s College archives; and a bronze medal for its stenographic reports of lectures and recitation. —CW

Some information for this article was taken from The Memorial Volume of the Diamond Jubilee of Saint Louis University.
Jeff Macko can describe campus green space in vivid detail, right down to the number of flowers planted in the combination beds near DuBourg Hall. He even knows which trees are in bloom and the colors of their blossoms.

But he can enjoy little of it from where he sits in his office on the lower level of Fitzgerald Hall. From his small rectangular window, all he can see, if he stands on his tiptoes, is a patch of grass and some wrought iron fencing. This is probably why Macko, Saint Louis University’s director of grounds and material management, spends as little time as possible in his office. The bottle of sunblock on his desk should have been a clue.

“When I attended school here in the mid 1980s, campus was a hodgepodge of buildings and a smattering of green,” Macko said. “Now, we have an urban oasis that’s become one of the trademarks of the campus. It’s a beautiful, well-defined environment. I’ve even come here with my family on the weekends.”

Maintaining this urban oasis, however, is a challenge for Macko, even with his more than 25 years of landscaping experience and his team of 12 groundskeepers. The primary challenge, said Macko, is foot traffic. Every 50 minutes during the academic year 4,000 people pour out of buildings and onto the grounds, making it difficult for his crew to mow grass, plant flowers, fertilize and get from one side of the campus to the other. Plus, students in a hurry — usually in winter — take short cuts creating what Macko called “cow paths.” These paths require constant re-sodding.

Then there are the environmental stressors, including litter, pollution from nearby busy streets and highways, and the usual disease and insect pressure every landscaper faces. Groundskeepers are assigned specific sections of campus that they inspect and maintain. They weed, spray, trim, prune and pluck to perfection.

Charles Smith, associate vice presi-
dent of facilities services, likened SLU’s landscape maintenance program to that of Disney theme parks. If a flower begins to fade, it is uprooted or “dead-headed” and replaced immediately.

“How the campus looks provides a level of comfort to prospective parents and students as they evaluate the University,” Smith said. “It’s very difficult to quantify because we can’t look at what we do and say it equates to the enrollment of 12.2 students a semester. But if you ask people what they think about campus, most will tell you they feel good about it. Our green space affects the mood of the campus. That’s the value.”

Getting Even Greener
Another challenge is keeping SLU’s green space lush. Macko relies on 22 miles of irrigation piping for that. The trick, he said, is keeping the ground from getting too wet. Damp soil is an invitation to disease.

About 30 percent of SLU’s irrigation system is computerized. Macko can shut it down quickly when it rains. But the other 70 percent of the system has to be turned off manually. “It takes about an hour and a half to turn it off, so you can imagine how soggy things get,” he said.

Macko plans to have the entire system computerized soon, saving both plants and water. A few years down the road, he expects the department will install a sophisticated weather station that will tell the computer when to water based on temperature, humidity and wind.

Because soil management is critical to healthy growth, Macko and his crew are looking constantly to improve the quality of SLU’s soil. As part of that, they have begun experimenting with organic fertilizers and pesticides. The grounds crew uses organic fertilizers on all four athletic fields: two soccer fields, a softball field and a baseball field.

“These fields probably are the most pampered spaces on the entire campus,” Macko said. Each field has a separate maintenance and fertilization program.

Instead of spraying insecticides during mosquito season, Macko’s crew disperses bacterial larvicide in ponds and fountains to eat the mosquito larvae. And last year, groundskeepers switched from chemicals to a bacterial algaeicide to stifle algae growth in the lakes in Laclede Park.

The department also recycles its bulbs. Because the University does not want to take the chance that half a flower bed won’t come up next season, groundskeepers dig up every one of the thousands of bulbs they plant annually. The bulbs are then donated to employees or area conservation and garden groups.

Growth Spurt
When Homer Jordan started as a groundskeeper 40 years ago, the crew needed only a single push lawnmower to cut the small patches of grass on campus. The job took about an hour. Now groundskeepers need two riding mowers, four walk-behinds and five push

### Tips From SLU’s Pros

If you are unsure about when to water, take a pencil and insert it five inches into the soil. If the pencil comes out clean, it’s time to water. If it comes out with bits of soil attached to it, wait another day or two. This works on indoor and outdoor plants.

Irrigate less frequently but for longer periods of time. If you let the water soak in, it will drive the root system deeper, so when it is really hot, plants have the moisture down below.

Do your watering in the early morning hours. If you water at midday, you lose half your water to evaporation. If you water at night, the grass and plants don’t have time to dry out, which can encourage disease.

When planting a tree, plant it high. Keep the root ball slightly above the ground and bring the soil to it. St. Louis-area soil contains significant amounts of clay. Leaving a bit of the root ball above the ground keeps it from getting mired in the clay and improves the tree’s chance of survival.

Do not over mulch. Roots need air. If you pile too much mulch around trees or plants, it will pack down and block that air transfer.

Keep lawn mower blades sharpened, and keep blade height at 3 to 3.5 inches. Cut frequently so clippings are less than one-third of the height of the grass.

Tree and shrub pruning should cease when leaves are expanding. Serious pruning should be finished by June.

Fertilize everything.
mowers to cut the grass. The job takes four days. “It’s like night and day,” said Jordan, who routinely receives compliments on his shrubbery pruning. “We’ve gone from weed-covered parking lots and open streets to fountains and malls. I think Father Biondi has succeeded in making this a remarkable campus. It certainly gives me more to do, but I enjoy the challenge.”

SLU has approximately 315 acres spread out over the St. Louis campus (including the Health Sciences Center), the Madrid campus and Parks Airport in Cahokia, Ill. Plus it has another 300 acres at its Lay Center for Education and the Arts in Louisiana, Mo. Nearly half of SLU’s acreage is green space.

Before Macko arrived four years ago, campus planting usually followed a theme. Several flowers were highlighted and planted uniformly in beds throughout campus. Macko tries to shake things up so that no two beds look alike. He denied having a master plan — just a simple mission.

“For me its about the first 70 degree day when you walk around Walsh Plaza or through the quad and you see kids lying on the grass reading or studying,” Macko said. “That’s what it’s about — providing a nice comfortable place in the heart of the city where people feel invited to stay.”

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**By the Numbers: SLU Greenspace Edition**

- 2,500 Pounds of grass seed sewn annually
- 3,000 Square yards of sod planted annually
- 2,600 Trees on campus
- 95 Species of trees on campus
- 24,000 Annuals planted in 2003
- 48,000 Bulbs planted in 2003
- 6,000 Coy swimming in the ponds of Laclede Park
- 22 Miles of irrigation pipe
- 5,000 Sprinkler heads
- 10,878 Feet of wrought iron fencing
- 7 Varieties of cactus in the Laclede Park cactus garden
- 216 Campus acres in 1984
- 315 Campus acres in 2004
- 4 Days it takes to mow the campus
- 15 Fountains on campus

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*Left: Jordan at work.*
n the 1970s, Polish native Janusz Stanczyk (Law ’91) visited the United Nations while on a tour of New York. He vividly remembers walking through the halls of the U.N. building. At the time, it was just a visit to a tourist attraction — not a career plan.

Times sure have changed.

Stanczyk, ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations since 2000, knows he is blessed to have his job. “It never dawned on me that I would ever return to the U.N. as an ambassador,” he said. “With Poland being communist, I felt outside the system — no official careers in front of me. I wouldn’t have this career with the old system. I was lucky that the system came to an end while I was still in my prime.”

His prime, indeed. “I am a link between Poland and the United Nations,” Stanczyk said. “I represent my country at a plethora of different meetings, conferences and commissions taking place in New York. I also organize the stays of many delegations that are coming over from my country to represent Poland at these meetings. One permanent point in my schedule is political debate within the General Assembly, which brings together most foreign ministers of the world.”

It’s a long way from that visit to New York and even from his student days at Saint Louis University, where Stanczyk received an LL.M. degree in American law for foreign lawyers from the School of Law.

“The dream of every Polish scholar is to have a connection with a U.S. university, to get a degree or do some research,” he said. “I was accepted into several universities, but with the currency conflict between the United States and Communist Poland, I needed to have a full scholarship, and that required a strong recommendation. Thanks to SLU law professor Stanislaw Frankowski, I was presented as a credible and strong candidate. Thankfully the dean accepted me.

“Everyone who studies law in Europe should have the wonderful opportunity to study law in the United States,” Stanczyk said. “SLU offered me direct access to faculty, and I was astonished how accessible they were and that they knew me by name.”

After completing his dissertation at the University of Michigan, he returned to Poland and embarked on a career in service to his country. From 1992-1995, Stanczyk served as the director of Poland’s legal treaties department. In 1995, he assumed the role of Poland’s director general for legal affairs and held the position until 1996. From 1997-1999, Stanczyk was the under-secretary of state in the foreign ministry responsible for Poland’s legal and economic affairs and relations with international organizations. He also was responsible for maintaining contacts of the foreign
The reading may be overwhelming, but it’s nothing compared to his daily schedule. To keep abreast of activities in Poland, Stanczyk rises early, allowing him time to contact his colleagues back home as their day ends and his begins. “I have to be very active in the morning to be able to connect with Warsaw,” he said. “They send me materials during their hours of work, which are ready for me when I get to work. Occasionally I disrupt the peace and quiet in their afternoon or evening because I call back for instructions if something comes up on an emergency basis.”

Stanczyk works through lunch, usually with other ambassadors or guests. “U.N. ambassadors are an attraction,” he said. “Many people want to get to know them and get their opinion on certain issues.” Then the afternoon session at the U.N. headquarters begins, running from 3-6 p.m.

But his day doesn’t end there. Another important part of his work is attending the receptions and dinners that fill many of his evenings. They may sound like fun, but the social situations are work. “It is my duty,” Stanczyk said. “I engage in many formal and informal discussions. My wife is with me, and she enjoys it, but sometimes I have to pull on her sleeve and whisper, ‘It’s time to go.’”

Balancing that personal time with professional demands is all part of the job. “I think my biggest challenge is to properly represent my country and give other people within the U.N. a good perception of Poland,” he said. “So I am trying to be a serious, honest, confident, diplomat to convey the same view of my country through my person.

“All of the time I have to remember I am not acting as a private person but representing my state. At times, this is difficult; it limits me from engaging other people on an informal basis as much as I would like to. It is a heavy burden sometimes.”

Still, the rewards are worth it. “I think that the biggest compliment I have received was when one of the ambassadors told me, ‘You’re probably too decent to be a diplomat,’” Stanczyk said. “Then he added, ‘But probably the Poles are like that.’ I took that as a strong compliment because we need more honesty in diplomatic relations. When you are decent and honest, sometimes people will act with shock, but over the long run, it adds to your personal status and the status of your country.”
An innovative SLU program gives teen-agers unprecedented access to the workings of the human body.

**hands-on learning**

It doesn’t matter how interested students are in science and medicine. Until they enter college or medical school, most of them aren’t likely to get any closer to the inner workings of the human body than the brightly colored pictures in their anatomy textbooks.

However, 16-year-old Jonathan Anderson spent a couple of weeks in 2003 examining human cadavers to learn how the cardiovascular and nervous systems work. He took guided “tours” of a human body, with physicians pointing out everything from the gastrointestinal system to nerve endings in the feet. He cut open a pig’s heart, and sat in a darkened auditorium wearing 3-D glasses as a lecturer dissected a human heart on the screen in front of him.

Anderson, who will be a senior at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central High School next year, was one of 64 students chosen to participate in a one-of-a-kind community summer program at Saint Louis University’s Practical Anatomy Workshop. Part of the larger Adventures in Medicine and Science (AIMS) outreach program, the summer workshop gives high school students an opportunity to participate in hands-on anatomy sessions using human specimens.

At the beginning of the 2003 AIMS summer workshop, UNIVERSITAS caught up with Anderson as he was beginning a lab session. He was one of 32 high school students, in pairs, sitting at lab tables with pig hearts on trays in front of them.

A graduate student at the head of the dimly lit room explained to the students what they should be looking for. A camera was trained on the graduate student’s specimen; the high school students followed along on LCD monitors mounted at their stations.

“I’ve had this love of science since I was a little kid, and I know whatever I do in my life will have something to do with this,” said Anderson, preparing to make the first incision. “This, to me, is fun. Way better than anything else I could be doing this summer.

“I can learn through lecture but prefer hands-on experience like this. Then I really know and understand what I’m supposed to know.”

There are few such places that provide this kind of hands-on experience. But for years, Saint Louis University’s Practical Anatomy Workshop, a state-of-the-art facility, has lured surgeon participants from every continent and almost every country in the world.

Founded in 1984 as a training facility for medical professionals, the workshop pioneered the use of three-dimensional video images as part of surgical demonstrations. This allows participants seated...
in an auditorium to feel as if they themselves are gazing through an operating room microscope. The workshop also is equipped with a 26-workstation laboratory — each station supplied with suction, irrigation, electrical power and video monitors — making it ideal for training doctors in new procedures.

The Practical Anatomy Workshop has both a national and international reputation for sponsoring unique hands-on continuing medical education programs for physicians and allied health professionals. Medical instrumentation and equipment companies participate in workshops by contributing educational grants, use of instrumentation and/or equipment and also have opportunities to rent the lab for training purposes.

Here, orthopedic surgeons can practice performing a new kind of total hip replacement before trying it on a patient.

Here, neurosurgeons can watch a new procedure in 3-D before trying it on specimens at a workstation.

And here, students can get a feel for what it’s like to be a doctor years before they’re old enough to don white coats of their own.

The Adventures in Medicine and Science program began in 1991, as a way to open the doors of the Practical Anatomy Workshop to the community.

“AIMS gives people a chance to put gloves on and handle hearts and brains and spinal cords,” said Karen Montgomery, the AIMS education coordinator at Saint Louis University. “It’s very exciting, not only for students who are already interested in science but also for everyone who comes here. It’s an experience they can’t get anywhere else.”

AIMS provides health and science education to middle and high school students throughout the year. All programs are taught by volunteer physicians, medical students or graduate students in the sciences. Offerings include half-day courses on topics such as the human brain, the human heart, the bones and joints of the human body, organ transplants and many more. There also is a sports medicine and athletic training workshop that includes 3-D demonstrations of the shoulder, knee and ankle.
Through a combination of hands-on learning opportunities and 3-D demonstrations, these programs introduce students to human anatomy, provide information about injury prevention and stimulate their awareness of good health practices. They also lead to a better understanding of career choices in medicine.

The program is not limited to teenagers. Montgomery said other partici-pants include teachers looking to sharpen their own science skills by attending summer anatomy and physiology workshops. And students and teachers alike may attend a cadaver demonstration, which is a 1 1/2 hour tour of the human body.

In all, about 8,000 to 10,000 people attend some kind of AIMS workshop every year.

The main event for students at AIMS is the two-week summer workshop. This year, more than 100 students, incoming juniors or seniors, applied for the 64 summer workshop slots. The program draws students from all over the United States and recently included students from Missouri, Illinois, Connecticut, Indiana, Nebraska, South Dakota, even Puerto Rico.

To qualify, students need at least a B+ average. They also need to fill out an application, obtain two letters of recommendation (one from a science teacher) and write a two-page essay on why they want to attend. Because admission to the program is tough and cuts into summer vacation, the students tend to be highly motivated.

“These are bright kids,” Montgomery said. “They could be spending their summer doing a hundred different things, but they’re here. Nobody gives up two weeks in July to sit in a room looking at organs unless they’re really fascinated by science and biology.”

As a result, most of the students who attend the workshop go on to study science in college, and many go on to become doctors, scientists or other health care professionals.

Seventeen-year-old Chelsea Maletz, who graduated this year from East Lyme (Conn.) High School, attended the workshop last summer. She learned about the summer workshop from her father, an orthopedic surgeon who had attended SLU’s Practical Anatomy Workshop training sessions for practicing physicians.

“This is an amazing experience,” said Maletz, who used to flip through her father’s medical books for fun. “Learning about the body and the people who take care of the body is a great way to get a feel for what I might want to do someday.”

Eileen DuFaux, an AIMS alumna who graduated this year from Cor Jesu Academy in St. Louis, has been named a Presidential Scholar at Saint Louis University, where she will study biochemistry this fall. She spent a lot of time researching summer science programs on the Internet before deciding to attend AIMS in 2002. She found the workshop so valuable she decided to attend again in 2003.

“By far, this is the best hands-on program I found,” she said during an interview in 2003. “I got so much out of it last year, and I’m finding it just as fascinating this year. Yesterday I was in surgery watching a valve replacement. Today I’m dissecting a pig’s heart. Tomorrow I’ll be shadowing a doctor. I feel like I’ll have an edge when I get to college because I haven’t just read about the human body, I’ve explored it.”

That certainly was the case for Dr. Lori Roberts (A&S ’99, Med ’03). Now a resident in pediatrics at SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital, she got her start in the AIMS summer workshop.

Roberts said her experiences there gave her an invaluable head start over peers who didn’t get any practical anatomy experience until they began their medical training. It also was a way for her to prove to herself that she had what it takes to become a doctor.

“I come from a pretty rural high school, with just 180 people in our graduating class,” she said. “There wasn’t a lot of exposure to more advanced topics in biology, so this played a pretty big role in my decision to become a doctor. It confirmed that this was what I wanted to do.”

Roberts studied pre-med at SLU, and went on to become an AIMS instructor while she was in medical school. Montgomery said Roberts’ path is pretty typical: Many AIMS students wind up at Saint Louis University, both as undergraduates and graduate students. Last year, about 40 AIMS students were admitted to the University.

During the past few years, the program has expanded to reach even more students through distance learning.

Students hundreds of miles away can follow along as an instructor dissects a sheep brain, mimicking the instructor’s cuts with their own specimen via video conferencing technology.

“This is a way for us to reach more people,” Montgomery said. “As the word about the program gets out, we’ve been getting more calls from teachers around the country who want take advantage of the unique AIMS curriculum. This is a way they can have access.”

Marie Dilg contributed to this story.
St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order, is one of a handful of individuals who permanently changed the way we understand God. In his latest book, Saint Louis University theological studies professor Dr. Ronald Modras examines why Ignatian spirituality remains so relevant today, nearly 500 years after Ignatius’ death. Vividly written and meticulously researched, *Ignatian Humanism* also explores how Jesuit spirituality and culture has evolved during the last five centuries.

“At its heart, Ignatian spirituality is a humanism that defends human rights, prizes learning from other cultures, seeks common ground between science and religion, struggles for justice and honors a God who is actively at work in creation,” Modras said.

To bring the towering achievements of the Jesuits to life, Modras offers compelling accounts of Ignatius and five other Jesuit heroes and humanists. Matteo Ricci was the first Westerner at the court of the Chinese emperor. Friederich Spee defended women accused of witchcraft. Karl Rahner is considered by many to be the greatest Catholic theologian of the 20th century. Pierre Theilhard de Chardin was a scientist-mystic. Pedro Arrupe was the charismatic leader of the Jesuits in the years following Vatican II.

John Padberg, S.J., (A&S ’49, Ph.L. ’51, Grad ’54, St.L. ’59) director of the Institute of Jesuit Sources, said *Ignatian Humanism* is a very successful attempt to demonstrate how Ignatian spirituality has ramifications beyond the spiritual world.

“The book makes clear that the best of Jesuit education helps give people a way to talk to others — even non-believers — about God and the search that all of us have for responses to ultimate questions,” Padberg said.

In addition to detailing the accomplishments of six diverse Jesuits, the book also focuses on the timing of the order’s founding during the Renaissance. Modras argues that the effect that Renaissance humanism had on Ignatian spirituality and the Society of Jesus has not diminished over many decades.

“The Renaissance is an apt model for our troubling and transitional times,” Modras said. “Ignatian humanism truly is a dynamic spirituality for the 21st century.”

Modras was on a mission of sorts when he penned *Ignatian Humanism*. The noted theologian has spent several years attempting to explain the Jesuit mission and vision to others, and the new book is the culmination of that calling.

The journey began seven years ago, when Modras helped develop the video series *Shared Vision*, which details the foundations of Jesuit spirituality and how it still inspires and guides those who teach and work in Jesuit schools today. The videos became hugely popular at Jesuit colleges and schools across the country, including SLU.

Modras then wrote an article about Jesuit spirituality for *America* magazine. After that, Jesuits and other scholars started sending letters to see if he was planning to write a book on the subject. The thought really hadn’t occurred to him until he spent nine month completing Ignatius’ Spiritual Exercises, which offer ways of making contact with God through meditation, contemplation and prayer.

“It was during the course of that experience that I decided to research and write this book for anyone, like myself, drawn to or interested in Ignatian spirituality,” Modras said. “This wonderful spirituality is the reason that even those who are not Catholic feel so engaged, connected and comfortable in a Jesuit institution.”

Modras has taught at Saint Louis University since 1979. He has been involved in ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue for more than 30 years. For many years, he served on the advisory committee to the National Council of Catholic Bishops’ Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations.
Ongoing exhibitions

“Brilliant!: American Cut Glass in the Gilded Age”
Samuel Cupples House
Through Sept. 30
Presented by Cupples House in cooperation with the American Cut Glass Association, this exhibition includes functional and decorative cut glass objects, both clear and colored, that were created during the Brilliant period (late 19th century). During this era, cut glass became a symbol of elegance and leisure, and demand for beautiful glass products spurred intense competition and creativity within the industry. The exhibit will be displayed throughout three floors of historic Cupples House.

Upcoming exhibitions

“Beyond the Material: Suspension of the Spirit”
Saint Louis University Museum of Art, SLU’s Museum of Contemporary Religious Art, along with the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts, Saint Louis Art Museum and Sheldon Art Galleries
Aug. 16- Feb. 13
“Beyond the Material” is a collaborative effort by several St. Louis museums and galleries, including two at SLU. It attempts to fathom the potential of individual exhibitions and ask questions about how spirituality translates in an exhibition space that has an aesthetic but not a religious function. The works will be taken from different contexts — profane and religious, Western and non-Western, contemporary and historical — and will try to achieve equilibrium between what Walter Benjamin called the “exhibition” and the “cult” value. “Suspension of the Spirit” addresses items from the Collection of Western Jesuit Missions, which are used within religious rituals and functions and allow the believer to attain a spiritual level.

University Theatre
The Saint Louis University Theatre has announced its season for the 2004-2005 school year.
• Far Away by Caryl Churchill: Oct. 1-3 and 8-9
• Rumors by Neil Simon: Nov. 12-14 and 19-20

• My Fair Lady by Lerner and Lowe: Feb. 18-20 and 25-26
• Trojan Women by Seneca: April 15-17 and 22-23

The University Theatre is located in Xavier Hall. All shows begin at 8 p.m. except on Sundays, which feature a 2 p.m. matinee. Season tickets packages for all four productions are $30 for general adults and $25 for senior citizens. Single tickets for individual shows also are available.

If you are not on the University Theatre mailing list and would like to receive the season brochure, call the box office at (314) 977-3327 and leave your mailing information.

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

University Theatre
Department of Fine and Performing Arts
Xavier Hall, 3733 West Pine Mall
For more information about season tickets packages, single tickets or group rates:
(314) 977-2998
www.slu.edu/departments/utheatre

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Dr. Walker M. Turner (Med) and his wife, Mary, are celebrating his 91st birthday and their 66th wedding anniversary. They enjoy life together at a retirement complex in Englewood, Colo.

Dr. Malvin E. Ring (Dent) will receive the Outstanding Service Award from the American College of Dentists in September. He will be recognized for his work as one of the nation's premier dental historians. His work, Dentistry: An Illustrated History, has been published in six languages. He lives in Rochester, N.Y.

Dr. David A. Bensinger (Dent) is retired as dean and professor at the Washington University School of Dental Medicine and lives in San Francisco. He is a trustee at Notre Dame De Nemur, and has served as chairman of the International Education (western section).

Gene Eschbacher (IT) creates one of the Midwest's most extravagant Christmas light displays every year. Across 2.5 acres of land in Lebanon, Ill., it has more than 60,000 lights. He started thinking about Christmas in July, so it's about time he starts on this year's light show. He is president of Aladdin Steel Co.

Jean Duxer (Nurs) lives in Kansas City, Mo.

Thomas Arri (A&S) is retired and lives in Pacific, Mo. He now works as an athletic director at Laclede Groves in Webster Groves, Mo.

John Francis Kobler, C.P., (Grad) celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination May 27. He will pen an introduction for Pauline Press' 40th anniversary reissue of the Second Vatican Council documents. He lives in Chicago.

Peter A. Ruscitto (Parks) is a retired corporate pilot and wants to hear from his fellow Parks friends. He lives in Montana City, Mont.

Rosemarie J. Hennes (Soc Sci) lives in Palm Springs, Calif. She has retired and volunteers. ... Dr. Dominick Sorge (Med) has earned the Greater Bridgeport (Conn.) Medical Association's 2004 Physician of the Year Award. The award acknowledges a doctor with a long history of service to the community. He is retired from St. Vincent's Medical Center, where he still volunteers, and serves as a volunteer medical director of the Bridgeport AmeriCares Free Clinic. ... Dave Spitznagel (B&A/99, Law '65) practices law and lives in Key Largo, Fla.

John Batastini (Parks) retired from Johnson & Johnson after 27 years. He lives with his wife, June, in Sierra Vista, Ariz., and plays a lot of golf.

Philip Dacey (A&S) has published his eighth book, which celebrates the life and work of 19th century American painter Thomas Eakins through a book-length sequence of poems. Turning Point Press will publish The Mystery of Max Schmitt in October. ... Diane Hoelzelman (Nurs) retired from nursing in 1996 and is involved in numerous activities, including volunteering for Birthright.

Judy (Maher) Redick (A&S) was inducted into the Samuel K. Govy Illinois Legislative Internship Hall of Fame Oct. 27. The hall of fame honors former legislative interns whose careers have exemplified distinguished public service. She was administrator of Adolescent and School Health programs from 1992 until retiring in January 2003. She served as president of the Saint Louis University Springfield/Decatur (Ill.) alumni club for many years.

Ronald J. Pavone (Grad) presented a lecture on the life of St. Therese of Lisieux. He lives in Cranford, N.J.

Judy (Eigenbrodt) Claes (AHP) and her husband, Joe, reunited with several of the “sweet girl graduates” of the physical therapy class of '64 and their husbands for a Caribbean cruise in April to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their graduation. Among those who set sail were Kathy (Krodeling) Torokie of Dews, Dave Spitznagel (B&A/99, Law '65) practices law and lives in Key Largo, Fla.

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Dr. Marilyn Fitzgerald (Grad) is the chairwoman of the social studies department at Visitation Academy in St. Louis. ... Richard Linneberger (A&S) received a doctor of ministry degree in May from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He is employed at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Virginia Beach, Va.

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Molly Lawrence Coughlin (Nurs) works with infants and toddlers for California Early Start, an
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early intervention program for high-risk infants. She lives in Rancho Bernardo, Calif. ... Robert Lewis (Grad ’74, ’77) is a clinical psychologist in private practice in St. Louis.

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Trash to Treasure

Entrepreneur Angela Haas (A&S ’99) draws no salary. Her fledging organization generates little revenue; in fact, it lacks operating cash. And just last year, she held a psychology research job that provided handsome pay and benefits, allowed her to set her hours and tapped into her passion and talent.

Still, she has never been more successful. With priorities that do not compute for a typical capitalist, Haas does not measure success by the bottom line. Instead, the president of Web Innovations and Technology Services (WITS) aims to serve the marginalized, protect the environment and provide a service to the community.

Her organization, which began operations in July 2002, collects unwanted computers — regardless of condition. Last year, it recycled and refurbished 3,000 machines while 35 families received free quality computers — all of which contained a Pentium II processor or better.

“Serving the community is our top priority,” she said. “We are a non-profit organization and not a regular recycling company. Instead of making money our motivation, we really focus on the 45 percent of Missouri families who have no computers at home.”

To qualify for a computer, recipients must volunteer at the organization for at least 25 hours. Media exposure has meant a surge in families seeking to participate in the program and has captured the allegiance of service-minded individuals. Now, 50 volunteers — twice the amount Haas had last year — provide everything from public relations consulting to IT services to office assistance.

“We have grown by leaps and bounds,” she said. “Popularity and support have just gone through the roof. Many things that I didn’t expect to attain for another year have happened within the last six months.”

Just this year, Haas has given away 140 computers to families and refurbished another 1,500 for re-use. The St. Louis-based organization also has begun taking items from other states, including Texas and Colorado. It has expanded its services to include consumer electronics with 8,000-9,000 units already collected. Within two to three months, Haas plans to accept appliances. Having reached many of her early goals, Haas now has taken up a mission to educate business owners about the dangers of throwing away electronics, especially TVs and monitors, many of which are not biodegradable and contain hazardous materials such as lead.

“It is illegal for businesses to throw electronics away, but only 10 percent of them are aware of it,” Haas said. “By using us, businesses receive a tax deduction, someone else can use what is being thrown away, and the environment is better off.”

Haas said that formula has attracted an explosion of community support, and grants have been pouring in at a steady pace. WITS soon will move into new accommodations partially constructed by Habitat for Humanity. In return, she will provide free computers to families being served by Habitat. And despite spending $28,000 to get her vision off the ground and not yet receiving any money in return, Haas remains committed.

“I really don’t have to worry about money because I moved back home to take care of my dad after he had a heart attack,” Haas said. “I pretty much have everything taken care of by living with him.”

Haas said her education at Saint Louis University awakened a new way of looking at the world that has not dissipated.

“I attended a private, all-girls high school in an affluent St. Louis suburb, so when I arrived at SLU, it was a culture shock,” she said. “But the education and interaction at SLU changed how I thought about our culture and made me truly appreciate the concepts of community and living for others.” —CW
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Dr. Charles A. James Sr. (Grad B&A ’67, ’71), professor emeritus of finance at the John Cook School of Business, died March 28. Dr. James had given 31 years of service to the University. Dr. James worked on establishing an Institute of Finance for the school with financial companies in the St. Louis area as supporting members. He was also appointed by Gov. Mel Carnahan as chairman of Missouri’s fiscal policy committee and served as a special consultant to the Missouri state treasurer to develop a cash management system for the state.

Ms. Helen Wohlert (Grad Nurs ’68), associate professor emerita for the School of Nursing, died May 7. She had given 24 years to the University.

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Dr. Paul J. Kemper (Soc Ser ’73)
Mr. Larry E. Leonard (Parks ’73)
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Mr. Robert J. Dacey (Parks ’75)
Mrs. Judith (More) Hackman (AHP ’75)
Dr. Edward F. Morrissey (Grad Med ’75)
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Mrs. Rebecca S. (Unser) Patane (Parks ’75)
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Mrs. Sylvia (Allen) Palmer (Nurs ’78)
Mr. Brian E. Boeger (A&S ’79)
Mr. John L. Mertz (B&A ’80)
Dr. Helen (Waggoner) Benzerger (Grad ’81)
Miss Bemiec Schneider (PS ’81)
Mrs. Mary K. Vaporean (B&A ’82)
Mr. Ryan King (A&S ’95)
Mr. Sandra O. Ennis (B&A ’82)
Mr. Alan E. Loney (Pub Hlth ’82)
Mr. Mark L. Freesmeier (PS ’85)
Mrs. Heidi (Salisch) Hoehn (Soc Ser ’86)
Mr. Joe D. Mannbeck (Parks ’86)
Mr. Richard E. Pollock (Grad Med ’86)
Mr. Troy S. Siade (A&S ’87)
Ms. Peggy (Swaim) Tissier (PS ’87)
Ms. Linda J. Monte (Grad ’93)
Mrs. Mary K. Vaporean (Pub Hlth ’90)
Ms. Debbie R. Christian (Grad Nurs ’01)

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trophology. Katherine (Stratton) Prange (B&A) married Steve Prange in 1998 and has two boys, Sam and Ben. In 1998, she earned her teaching certificate and works as a high school teacher in Breese, Ill. She is pursuing her master's degree in secondary education and English. ... Kevin Shen (B&A) and Alicia Oeth were married April 30 in Phoenix. They live in St. Louis.

Dr. Michael Banitt (A&S '96, Pub Hlth '98) graduated from medical school at Wayne State University in Detroit in June 2003. He is starting his ophthalmology residency at New York Eye and Ear Infirmary in New York City. He married Jessica William July 8.

Dr. Kathryn Miles (A&S) is an assistant professor of English and chairwoman of the environmental writing program at Unity College. She and her husband, Greg Winston, live in Troy, Maine. ... Stuart Rosenkranz (A&S) and Germaine (Schwind) Rosenkranz (AHP '97), welcomed their second son, Maxwell, in October. Their older son, Jacob, is 3. Germaine is an occupational therapist with Kindred Hospital, and Stuart is a senior benefits analyst with Waste Management Inc. They live in Houston. ... Noel (Howard) Schiber (A&S) and her husband, Dave, welcomed their first child, Marlo Jolie, Jan. 31. Noel is a fund-raiser for Children's Hospital, and Dave is a software engineer. Margaret White (Grad) is the director of student services at McKendree College in Lebanon, Ill., and is a charter member and secretary/treasurer of the college's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

Mary Borjas (Grad Nurs) lives in St. Peters, Mo., with her husband, Tony, and works at the VA Medical Center. They are building a home in St. Charles, Mo. ... Dr. Steven P. Cajigal (A&S) married Dr. Summer Watanabe Oct. 25, Steven is a clinical assistant professor at Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine and maintains a private practice in St. Louis. ... Christopher Coulter (B&A) married Alison Webster (Pub Ser '98) Oct. 24. They live in St. Louis.

Dale Allen (PS) has been promoted to electronic publishing coordinator for Sigma-Aldrich Fine Chemicals in St. Louis. His responsibilities include advertising, marketing and maintaining the fine chemicals Web pages and virtual tours. ... Kevin G. Daniel (A&S) and Cynthia T. Curry (A&S '98, B&A '00) will be married in fall 2005. Cynthia lives in St. Louis.

Fernando Abilleira (Parks) works at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., in the navigation and mission design section. He is directly involved with the Mars program. ... Sarah (Hubbard) Abilleira (AHP '02, Grad AHP '04), were married at St. Francis Xavier College Church in July 2003. Sarah works at a rehabilitation center that serves Los Angeles and Ventura counties. They live in Simi Valley, Calif. ... Annie Denny (Nurs) is a development associate at the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis. She has moved back to the area from Pittsburgh. ... Mark Lucas (B&A) and Jennifer Lia (AHP '00, Grad AHP '02) are engaged and planning an April 2005 wedding at St. Francis Xavier College Church. Mark is a technical contractor, and Jennifer is a physical therapist at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. ... Kira Minney (Pub Hlth '99, Grad AHP '02) is the director of community health for the St. Louis Regional Health Commission. She provides staff support for the RHC’s work to improve community health services in St. Louis city and county.

Sascha C. (Caban) Thein (AHP) married Timothy A. Thein on Feb. 14. They live in Melbourne, Fla., where Sascha is a senior occupational therapist at Sea Pines Rehabilitation Hospital.

Barbara Bentrup (Grad B&A) is the CFO of the Missouri market for United Healthcare. She lives in St. Louis. ... Dr. Laura Viero-Dothage (Med) has finished her residency in Chicago and has moved back to St. Louis to work as an emergency physician at DePaul Health Center.

Elizabeth Cralley (Pub Ser) received her master's degree in speech language pathology from the University of Memphis. She works at SSM Rehab in Hazelwood, Mo.

Julie Hagen (A&S) is an account executive for Job News and lives in St. Ann, Mo. ... Ann Horner (Law) is an attorney for Sullivan & Associates in St. Louis. ... Tracy Jessen (Grad Nurs) is a nurse practitioner and program coordinator at SIU School of Medicine Breast Center. ... Frank Spreng (Law) is a professor of economics at McKendree College in Lebanon, Ill., and is a member of the college's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.
ALUMNI NOTES

Alumni Associations

Allied Health
Laura Horn ('02)
This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Dossy School of Allied Health Professions. A special event will celebrate the anniversary during Saint Louis University’s 2004 Homecoming Weekend in October. Watch your mail for more information or call (314) 977-8317.

Center for Advanced Dental Education
Dr. Kevin J. Jarrell ('00)
An alumni weekend is being planned for Aug. 19-21 featuring lectures on Thursday, a golf tournament on Friday and a picnic and casino night on Saturday. Watch your mail for more details. Call Becky Moscal at (314) 977-8366 for more information.

Medicine
Dr. Thomas J. Olsen ('79)
The 2004 School of Medicine Reunion for classes ending in four or nine will be held Oct. 21-23. The weekend will include private class parties for each reunion class, a dean’s reception, a tour of the School of Medicine and many other exciting and informative events. Watch your mail for more details or visit med-school.slu.edu/alumni.

Nursing
Dr. Anne G. Perry ('76)
Helen Wohlert (Grad Nurs ’68), former faculty member at the school, died May 7. Many alumni and friends of the school remember her as an inspired leader and educator. Memorial gifts may be made to the School of Nursing, Room 534, 3525 Caroline Mall, St. Louis, MO 63104.

Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology
Carrie Traven ('95)
Join us for the annual Oshkosh Fly-In Dinner from 6-10 p.m. Friday, July 30, at Parnell’s Place in Oshkosh, Wis. Meet fellow alumni as well as the dean, students, faculty and staff of Parks College. Dinner includes your choice of ribs or chicken, complete with all the fixin’s, including beer, wine and soda. Tickets are $25.

Parks alumni also will receive a special invitation to an exclusive Homecoming Weekend Park's event. Set for Friday, Oct. 8, the event will showcase Parks College today and outline exciting plans for the future. For more details, call (314) 977-8431.

Social Service
Cathy Ammons ('94, '96)
Congratulations to Dr. William Padburg ('62), recipient of this year’s Jack and Julie Lally Alumni Merit Award. And welcome to the new School of Social Service alumni board officers: Cathy Ammons ('94, '96), president, and Lisa Motolla ('98, '00).

Young Alumni
Interested in becoming a part of the fastest growing group on campus? Join us for our monthly board meetings at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Verhaegen Hall, Room 219, to find out how you can get involved. … Be sure to mix and mingle with fellow young alumni after 5 p.m. at the First Friday happy hour each month at Humphreys. Appetizers are provided, and drink specials are offered.

Club Cities

Atlanta
Join us for SLU Day at the ballpark Saturday, Aug. 14. The pre-game party begins at 11:30 a.m., and the Atlanta Braves versus St. Louis Cardinals game starts at 1:20 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person.

Boston
Mark your calendar for Saturday, Aug. 7, as we meet Boston-area members of SLU’s new freshman class at the annual Summer Send-Off. Alumni, friends and families are welcome to attend.

Chicago
Join us for a great night of soccer Saturday, Aug. 14, as the SLU Chicago Alumni Club enjoys a Chicago Fire MLS game at the newly renovated Soldier Field. Great tickets are only $20 per person and include access to the Stadium Club. This event is also a great chance to welcome the incoming freshmen from the Chicago area. Tickets are limited; reserve yours soon.

Cincinnati
Watch two of the National League Central’s best square off when the Reds take on the Cardinals at 7:10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26. … Welcome the incoming freshman class from Cincinnati on Sunday, Aug. 8, at the home of John Lange (B&A ’93). Watch your e-mail for more details about both events.

Cleveland
Mark your calendar for Sunday, Aug. 1, as we meet Cleveland-area members of SLU’s new freshman class at the annual Summer Send-Off. Alumni, friends and families are welcome to attend.

Dallas
Welcome the incoming freshman class from Dallas on Sunday, Aug. 8, at the annual Summer Send-Off. Alumni, friends and families are welcome to attend this SLU tradition. Look for more information to arrive via e-mail.

Denver
Interested in planning alumni events, recruiting students and promoting SLU in the Denver area? Join us for a meeting of the Denver alumni advisory board at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, location TBA. Register at (314) 977-3980. … Join us for SLU Day at the ballpark Saturday, Sept. 25. The pre-game party begins at 11 a.m., and the Colorado Rockies versus St. Louis Cardinals game starts at 1:05 p.m.

Kansas City
Mark your calendar for Sunday, Aug. 15, as we meet Kansas City-area members of SLU’s new freshman class at the Summer Send-Off. Alumni, friends and families are welcome to attend. Contact Mark Winter, club president, for more information.

Los Angeles
Join us for SLU Day at the ballpark Sunday, Sept. 12. The Los Angeles Dodgers versus St. Louis Cardinals game begins at 1:10 p.m., and tickets cost $15 each. Enjoy the game from seats within the reserved section of the stadium. … Come taste and learn about several select wines from some of Napa and Sonoma’s finest vineyards at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20. Enjoy mingling with SLU alumni and friends at the famed Wine House in Beverly Hills for an evening wine tasting sure to lift everyone’s spirits. The cost per person is $25. Several alumni dinners are scheduled for Southern California. We’re looking for excited individuals to work on planning events and activities all over LA. Join us for dinner at the following restaurants: July 21, South Bay, Il Fornaio; Aug. 11, Valley, Café Bizou; Aug. 25, Pasadena, Five Sixty One; Sept. 9, Los Angeles, Café Pinot; and Sept. 23, Riverside/Chino, Honolulu Harry’s. Wine and dessert are complimentary. All dinners will be at 7:30 p.m.

EGG HUNT: More than 2,000 people — the largest crowd ever — attended this year’s annual Easter Egg Hunt April 10. Next year’s hunt will be Saturday, March 26.

For more information or reservations for any of these events, contact:
• The office of alumni relations at (314) 977-2250, alumni@slu.edu or www.slu.edu/alumni
• Health Sciences Center alumni relations at (314) 977-8317
Travel Program: SLU Tours

Alumni College in Tuscany-Cortona
Sept. 8-16

Classic Italy, Historic Greece and Dalmatian Coast
Sept. 22-Oct. 2

Rome Escape
Nov 7-14

Andalusia at a Spanish Parador
May 23-June 1, 2005

Passage of Peter the Great
May 27-June 8, 2005

Provence
May 31-June 8, 2005

Cruise the British Isles
June 30-July 11, 2005

Chianti, Italy
July 10-18, 2005

Ireland, Kinsale
July 24-Aug. 1, 2005

Germany’s Legendary Holiday Markets
Nov. 28-Dec. 6, 2005

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

Milwaukee
Welcome the incoming freshman class from Milwaukee on Sunday, Aug. 8, at the annual Summer Send-Off. Alumni, friends and families are welcome to attend this SLU tradition. Look for more information to arrive via e-mail.

New York
Watch the nationally ranked SLU men’s soccer team in New York as they travel to the St. John’s Nike Tournament the weekend of Sept. 17-18. Pre-game event details will be mailed soon.

Omaha
Join Omaha alumni, parents and students at a hospitality tent at Jazz on the Green from 3-9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, on the Joslyn Art Museum lawn. Gather in the blue and white SLU tent on the grassy knoll for refreshments and light snacks. You are welcome to bring a picnic dinner. … The next Omaha Alumni Club advisory board meeting will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at the home of Brad Burwell, club president, 16531 L St. … Welcome the incoming freshman class from Omaha from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Burwells’ home. Alumni, friends and families are welcome to attend this annual Summer Send-Off. R.S.V.P. to either event at (402) 431-2160.

Philadelphia
SLU’s newest alumni club is planned for the Philadelphia metro area, and we are looking for your ideas and input. If you want to be involved, call Meg Connolly at (314) 977-2250 or e-mail burnesmm@slu.edu.

San Francisco
Join other SLU alumni for a San Francisco Giants/St. Louis Cardinals game Sunday, Aug. 1. There will be a pre-game tailgate party. The cost is $38 per person for game ticket and tailgate; $15 for tailgate only. Watch your mail for more information.

Seattle
The club’s annual outing to Safeco Field will be for a great AL West match between the Mariners and the Anaheim Angels. Join us Sunday, July 25, for lunch and the game at $25 per person. … Want to get more involved with the Seattle alumni? Contact president Mark Flynn at mflynn@wsbfc.org.
Building Peace, Two Teens at a Time

By Tamera Drozd (A&S ’83)

Each July, the excitement builds as my family and I make final preparations for summer guests at our house outside Washington, D.C. The visitors are not the usual family or friends who come to see the museums and monuments. For four weeks during the summer, we open our home to a Catholic and a Protestant teen-ager from Northern Ireland.

These young people are part of the Children’s Friendship Project for Northern Ireland, an organization founded in 1987 to promote friendship and understanding between Catholic and Protestant teen-agers and, through them, to work for lasting peace and reconciliation in their divided country. In an effort to break the cycle of fear and mistrust, teen-agers in Northern Ireland are selected and paired in cross-cultural teams. They spend four weeks together during the summer in an American home — where they can become friends in a neutral environment and can focus on their commonalities rather than their differences.

Cross-cultural solutions for living harmoniously are crucial for a generation that has only known a couple years of relative peace. With a fragile cease-fire, violence always threatens to envelop Northern Ireland. The program’s focus on preparing a new generation of leaders is essential for a future of lasting peace.

My initial interest in CFPNI was driven by my passion to learn about other cultures and their history and my desire to make a contribution to peace in the world — both of which were first ignited during my years as a student at Saint Louis University. My involvement in the modern languages department and witnessing the many diverse community outreach programs on campus left a distinct impression on my psyche and on the person I have become.

This will be the fourth year we have hosted teens in our home. Our first year as host parents in 2001 was a magical experience. Awaking in the middle of the night to hear two teen-age girls giggling in their beds is priceless when you realize they would not have the opportunity to forge such a relationship at home. Shortly after that magical year, I decided to become more involved in the program and became a host family coordinator/mentor for my local area.

The emotional rewards for participating in the program were an unexpected bonus; we continue to have a close relationship not only with the teens but also their parents. We now have lots of “extended family” in Northern Ireland. During a vacation to Northern Ireland this winter, we witnessed the success of this vision. While there, we received overwhelming hospitality and enjoyed countless laughs. Many of our evenings were spent in cross-cultural social settings with the families. We also obtained a deeper understanding of “The Troubles,” the term used to describe the violence that has occupied Northern Ireland for more than 30 years.

We saw the peace wall in Belfast that physically separates the Protestant from the Catholic neighborhoods. Throughout our trip, we often knew when we were in a Loyalist (typically Protestant) area or a Republican (typically Catholic) area. Curb sides were painted red, white and blue for Loyalist neighborhoods or green, white and orange for Republican; the Union Jack or the Ireland flag were also flown to “mark” a territory. Despite these visuals we learned the majority of those living in Northern Ireland desire a lasting peace; it is the minority hard-liners that drive the violence.

It is my hope that in providing two teens a chance for a cross-cultural relationship, one day they might take a stand for peace in the face of the hard-liners; peace for themselves and their country.

For more information about the Children’s Friendship Project for Northern Ireland, visit www.cfpni.org.
Father Fitz remembered

In the spring 2004 issue of Universitas, I read the article “Remembering Father Fitzgerald.” I was, of course, immediately saddened to read of his death. As a 1988 graduate, I was welcomed to SLU by Father Fitzgerald and was proud to be a student under his presidency. Although your article does justice to the major financial and planning contributions Father Fitzgerald made to SLU, nowhere does it make reference to the incredibly gracious and friendly person we students knew. “Fitz,” as he was warmly called, often sat down with students along the concrete walls in the quad just to chat. He could also be found early in the morning, swimming his laps in the Rec Center pool. He always had a kind word and a moment to chat with students.

In actuality, I wasn’t really aware of all the amazing ways he improved SLU’s finances and future. I remember him for his presence on campus and his attention to the lives of students. There are few college presidents who have such connections, and I hope that part of Fitz’s impact on SLU is not forgotten.

When I tell people of my years at SLU, besides my pride in the Jesuit education, my fond experiences with friends and the development of my faith, I tell them about Father Fitzgerald and how his presence on campus and his attention to the lives of students. There are few college presidents who have such connections, and I hope that part of Fitz’s impact on SLU is not forgotten.

Parks doubled the fun

I read the article “Sporting a Passion” in the spring 2004 Universitas. SLU should be proud that, for a while, it had not one but two hockey teams, as well as two baseball and two basketball teams. The “bonus” teams played in Cahokia, Ill., as the Parks College Hawks. No tickets needed for front-row action.

Sheila Doyle (Parks ’81)
Arlington, Texas

Half of photo now ID’d

I enjoy reading Universitas very much. The item asking for “Class Notes” submissions on page 29 in the most recent edition (spring 2004) has a picture of Karen Toman (A&S ’61) from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, sitting with a guy whom I don’t recognize.

I was her roommate for four years. She was a beautiful girl and was crowned the first Miss Saint Louis University. Did I give you more information than you needed?

Carol Schmidt Kelly (A&S ’61)
Greensboro, N.C.

Editor’s note: No, we love to put names with the faces in our photos. Now who can tell us name of the guy? If you know, send an e-mail message to utas@slu.edu.

Quonset huts before beauty

I had to smile at Jordan Janes’ remark that “The school was beautiful, and I fell in love with it …” (“Sporting a Passion,” spring 2004).

When I attended, we looked out over a bleak, asphalt quadrangle. Occasionally there were a few scholastics playing handball. When the World War II vets swamped us, Quonset huts took over the space.

Warm memories? Yes. But beautiful? Not then.

Emily Ann (O’Nei) Bott
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More Madrid reflections

I read with interest the “Perspective” in the spring 2004 issue. On the day after the terrorist bombings in Madrid, I found myself flying across the Atlantic, bound for that very place. My daughter, Teresa, was studying at Saint Louis University’s Madrid campus. This spring break trip had been planned for several months, but it suddenly seemed like more than a vacation.

Madrid was a city in shock and mourning, not unlike our own cities in the days and weeks following Sept. 11. Sidewalk memorials with flowers, candles, photos and letters to the dead concretized the grief of Madrid. The memorials were centers of protest as well, with signs proclaiming: “Blood is on the hands of Bush, Blair and Aznar” and “U.S. War — Our Deaths.”

My daughter has had an incredible education at SLU Madrid. An important part of that learning has involved conversations with people in the community who worry about the consequences of U.S. foreign policy, who cannot reconcile the intelligence of these young, American students with the short-sightedness of their government.

One day we traveled to Avila, the ancient walled city and the site of the Carmelite monastery of St. Teresa, my daughter’s patron. In that quiet place, we were reminded of the mystic’s words: “Christ has no body now on Earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ’s compassion is to look out to the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which Christ is to bless all people now.”

Back in Madrid, we visited the museum of modern art, La Reina Sofia, which houses Picasso’s “Guernica,” perhaps the most ambitious anti-war mural of the modern age. As we walked out of the museum, the Atocha train station was in clear view, and a protest march of thousands of people was in progress. It was as if the Picasso had come to life of the modern age. As we walked out of the museum, the Atocha train station was in clear view, and a protest march of thousands of people was in progress. It was as if the Picasso had come to life of the modern age. As we walked out of the museum, the Atocha train station was in clear view, and a protest march of thousands of people was in progress.

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