President’s Message

At this year’s commencement, we recognized a man who may well be Saint Louis University’s oldest graduate ever. His name is Stanley Mills, and he is 84 years old. (You can read his whole story on page 24 of this issue.)

Stanley started his master’s degree in philosophy in 1950 and took classes throughout the 1950s. But when he was just one project shy of finishing his degree, circumstances forced him to leave SLU. For decades, he had regretted not completing his master’s.

In January, Stanley was on a retreat and met a woman, Carol Servino, with whom he shared his story. After the retreat, Carol did something extraordinary — something I don’t think many of us would take the time to do. Although she had just met Stanley and had nothing to gain, she wrote us a letter, unbeknownst to him, hoping that someone at SLU could help Stanley fulfill his dream.

Our administrators got together, examined his transcripts, contacted Stanley, assigned him a project and hoped he could finish what he started 55 years ago. Stanley did not disappoint us. He even turned in his paper early. Stanley’s story is no doubt inspiring. His determination shows that, indeed, dreams can come true.

But what I like most about Stanley’s story is the part that Carol played. Her seemingly small effort literally changed his life. By taking the time to write a letter, Carol proved that one person really can make a difference. Let us all take inspiration from Carol and do something nice, something unexpected.

Being kind isn’t just a good idea. It’s the very fabric of our faith and the best expression of our love of God and of humankind. One of my favorite quotes from St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, puts this most eloquently: “Love consists in putting this most eloquently: “Love consists in sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves. Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words.”

Let us all take inspiration from Carol and do something nice, something unexpected, for the people we will meet today. We may not be able to change their lives, but I’ll bet you that we’ll make them a tad happier.

LAWRENCE BIONDI, S.J.
Nobel Peace Prize winner recognized with SLU’s highest honor

Saint Louis University bestowed its highest honor on a Nobel Peace Prize winner who worked tirelessly to end violent civil wars in Central America. On April 7, the University awarded the Sword of Ignatius Loyola to Dr. Oscar Arias Sánchez, who also delivered the keynote address for SLU’s fifth annual Atlas Week, which recognizes the global dimensions of SLU’s academic programs.

Arias was elected president of Costa Rica in 1986 during a time of great regional turmoil. In 1987, he drafted a peace plan that culminated in the signing of the Esquipulas II Accords by all five Central American presidents and earned him the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize. In 1988, Arias used the monies he received from the prize to establish the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress. President of Costa Rica until 1990, he recently announced his intention to run for president again.

The Sword of Ignatius Loyola is named for the founder of the Society of Jesus, Inigo Lopez de Loyola, and is awarded to those who have given themselves to humankind for the greater glory of God.

SLU named a ‘Great Place to Work’

Saint Louis University is among 23 area employers on the 2005 “Great Places to Work” list put together by St. Louis magazine. SLU was recognized for the benefits it offers to employees. Among many benefits, the writers highlighted the University’s holidays/vacation, tuition reimbursement program, contributions to 403(b) retirement plans, adoption assistance and housing programs that feature $5,000 forgivable loans. The University also stood out to magazine editors because of employees’ sense of contributing to a worthy mission.

SLU is one of the area’s leading employers with 7,131 employees, including 3,591 full-time workers. The average length of service for a SLU employer is more than nine years.

SLU remembers Pope John Paul II

On March 25, Raymond H. Reis, S.J., (A&S ’29, Grad ’31, 40, Nurs ’74) marked his 100th birthday. Reis, who began teaching in 1940, joined SLU’s biology faculty in 1961. After he retired from teaching in 1973, Reis completed SLU’s accelerated nursing program so he could care for the other Jesuits in the community. “It was something that was needed,” he said. “No one had any knowledge in nursing.”

The University’s biological station on the Huzzah River in southern Missouri sits on land originally owned by Reis’ father and was a gift to the Jesuits. It is named in his family’s honor. “I have had an enjoyable life, and I have done a lot that I wanted to do,” he said. “I used to like to travel, but now I have no plans. I just let things happen.”

When asked if he had any advice for reaching 100 years, he chuckled and said, “That’s something that’s a gift from God.”

Relay for Life raises cancer awareness and funds

Members of the Saint Louis University community took to the track for the second annual SLU Relay for Life. April 2-3. More than 1,300 participants in the 12-hour overnight event raised more than $137,000, surpassing last year’s totals of $80 participants and $85,000 raised. Relay for Life is a fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society that aims to give hope to thousands of cancer patients, survivors and their families. During the relay, participants from 110 teams had at least one member from their team walking, jogging or running around the track at Robert R. Hermann Stadium. Other activities included a silent auction, musical performances and a luminaries ceremony, which honored cancer survivors and those who have lost the battle with cancer.

Research Building update

Clayco Construction Co. has been selected as the general contractor for construction of the University’s new state-of-the-art medical Research Building. The $67 million Research Building is part of an $80.5 million project that also includes renovation of existing laboratory space, which will take place after the new building opens in 2007. To date, more than $28 million from donations, grants and other sources has been committed to fund construction and renovation of the research center. The University’s board of trustees has given approval for the University to proceed with financing of the project. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

Health law is first in U.S. News rankings

For the second consecutive year, U.S.News & World Report has named Saint Louis University’s health law program the best in the nation. Since the rankings for the health law specialty began more than a decade ago, SLU has never been out of the top three. The University’s Center for Health Law Studies routinely places graduates in the nation’s leading health law firms, hospitals and health care systems, as well as on legislative staffs and in agencies that regulate the health care and pharmaceutical industries. U.S.New & World Report America’s Best Graduate Schools 2006 issue also ranks SLU’s genetics program No. 10 in the country. Overall, the School of Law rose nine spots to No. 73 on the listing of the nation’s leading law schools. And the School of Medicine continues to move up in the rankings, rising No. 62 among leading research-intensive medical schools surveyed by the magazine.

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Members of the Saint Louis University community joined at St. Francis Xavier College Church April 4 for a memorial Mass for Pope John Paul II. Students also prayed a nine-day novena. In addition, campus ministry collected messages and prayers from the SLU community in a memorial book that was sent for Pope John Paul II. Inigo Lopez de Loyola, and is awarded to those who have given themselves to humankind for the greater glory of God.
Egg-cellent hunt

A gray sky and chilly morning didn’t keep the children of Saint Louis University alumni from searching for Easter eggs at SLU. More than 2,300 people visited campus March 26 for SLU’s fifth annual Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the office of alumni relations. Approximately 1,000 children ages 1 to 10 hunted for more than 7,000 eggs that were filled with 25,000 pieces of candy and prize coupons.

SLU celebrates anniversary of TRIO programs

In February, Saint Louis University joined a national celebration to honor the students who succeeded in college with the support of TRIO programs, which include Talent Search, Upward Bound, Forward Bound Math/Science, Veterans Upward Bound, Student Support Services, the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program and the Educational Opportunity Centers. Since 1965, more than 10.5 million Americans — 67 percent from poor and working families — have benefited from the services of the TRIO precollege and college programs. TRIO programs are designed to identify promising students, prepare them for college-level work, strengthen math and science skills, provide tutoring and support services to students once they reach campus and offer information on academic and financial aid opportunities.

Entrepreneurship program among best in nation

For the third consecutive year, the Jefferson Smurfit Center for Entrepreneurial Studies in the John Cook School of Business has been named one of the best in the nation by Entrepreneur magazine. In the magazine’s “2005 Top 100 Entrepreneurial Colleges and Universities” the entrepreneurship program is ranked in the top tier of major regional universities. Entrepreneur analyzed more than 75 criteria at more than 500 colleges.

New book for nurses guides care during a disaster

A new book by two Saint Louis University nursing faculty members prepares nurses to do what the public expects — take the lead in caring for them when disaster strikes. Dr. Joanne Langan, assistant professor of nursing, and Dr. Shelly Minteer, associate professor of nursing, collaborated on Preparing Nurses for Disaster Management with Dr. Doris James. (Nurs ’71, Grad Nurs ’74, ’97) associate professor of nursing. They say they wrote the book because there was not one place nurses could find comprehensive information about what to do during a disaster. The book addresses the issues nurses face in caring for patients — from newborns to the elderly — during any natural or man-made disaster.

National Ignatian spirituality conference to be held at SLU

A national conference to educate and encourage those who practice Ignatian spirituality will be held July 28-31 at Saint Louis University. The conference is sponsored by SLU; the Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus and the St. Louis Center for Ignatian Spirituality. This is the third time that SLU has hosted a national conference on Ignatian spirituality. Approximately 500 lay people, Jesuits, clergy and other religious men and women are expected to attend. The conference, “Sharing God: The Ignatian Way,” will feature keynote presentations that address Eastern and Western ways of finding God in Ignatian spirituality, living the essential practices of this spirituality and discerning the Ignatian lifestyle that serves God’s presence in all things. For registration information, call (314) 977-8888 or visit www.slu.edu/conferences/ioa.

New image of St. Ignatius appearing on campus

A new image of St. Ignatius of Loyola is showing up in numerous buildings at Saint Louis University, and Father Nick Smith, Grad ’87, is responsible. Smith, an archdiocesan priest, has been an adjunct faculty member in SLU’s departments of English and theology for 10 years, and donating religious arts to the University is nothing new for him. In 2010, he was one of the donors responsible for the bronze St. Ignatius statue, “The Pilgrim,” located in the DuBourg Hall quadrangle.

Smith believes in promoting SLU’s Jesuit identity through the use of religious art and images. So far, he has funded Ignatian portraits in 13 buildings. “This idea came to me one day as I flipped through a monastic icons catalog,” Smith said. “With there being crucifixes in every classroom on campus, I felt that more images of St. Ignatius were needed to demonstrate the importance of Jesuit identity at SLU.”

Locations for the portraits range from classroom build- ings to the Simon Recreation Center. The portraits are strategically placed in high-traffic areas. “I believe that it is important to make these religious images as visible as possible,” Smith said.

News Briefs

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Art struck at SLUMA

Through July 17, the Saint Louis University Museum of Art is featuring “Art Struck: The William D. Merwin Collection of Contemporary Art,” the first exhibit in a series featuring St. Louis’ most prominent art collections. The Merwin Collection includes lithographic prints, etchings, woodcuts, works in oil, watercolor and ink, as well as sculptures in wood, bronze, glass and lead. The exhibit features the work of Chuck Close, Jim Dine, Jasper Johns, Robert Motherwell, Claes Oldenburg, R. Smith and many others. It is free and open to the public. SLUMA is open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, visit sluma.slu.edu.

MOCRA features Chodos exhibit

The exhibit “Junko Chodos: The Breath of Contem- porary Art” on display at the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art through July 31, is Japanese artist Chodos’ first Midwest exhibition. Her studies and unusual personal history have given her work a global perspective. Chodos has an appreciation for world religions, including Buddhism, Shinto, Christianity and Judaism, complemented by an interest in technology, biology and the natural environment. The exhibit is free and open to the public. MOCRA is open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, visit moca.slu.edu.

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Since the Billiken Bricks program and fund-raising challenge grant were announced in the last issue of Universitas, hundreds of new donations have been made to the project, including a $1 million pledge. Construction of the Arena will begin when the campaign reaches its goal of $35 million in gifts and pledges.

The $1 million contribution came from the Jones Family Foundation, given by St. Louis University President Lawrence B. Biondi, S.J. “I know this gift will help us one step closer to breaking ground on the new Arena,” said University President Lawrence B. Biondi, S.J. “These new gifts help generate even more enthusiasm for the Arena project because supporters can see we are getting closer to our fund-raising goal.”

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One donor who signed up for a $300,000 contribution through the challenge issued by an anonymous donor, the Jones Family Foundation, said, “I know this gift will help us one step closer to breaking ground on the new Arena.”

The University also announced that nearly $500,000 has been contributed through the their gifts will continue to be matched dollar for dollar.”

“Some of these new gifts also will be matched, as will all donations that are given in response to a fund-raising challenge issued by an anonymous donor,” said Stephen Peters, vice president for development and University relations. “It’s important that our alumni and other supporters know that their gifts will continue to be matched dollar for dollar.”

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Basic Ingredients

SLU’s Campus Kitchen was a pilot program initiated in 2001 by DC Central Kitchen, a national non-profit community kitchen program based in Washington, D.C. Founded on the premise that waste of any kind is wrong, DC Central Kitchen re-prepares up to two tons of surplus food a day from area food service businesses to provide meals to community agencies throughout the Washington metropolitan area.

Karen Borchert was a development associate with DC Central Kitchen when the idea was born to extend the hunger relief program to a university campus. “As a non-profit, one of our jobs is to find untapped existing resources, and a campus kitchen is exactly that,” says Borchert, who brainstormed on the project with her former college roommate, Jessica Jackson. “Dining hall kitchens are idle in the evenings and on weekends, and you can usually count on leftovers. Another resource is the energy and good will among college students. All we needed was a campus willing to give us a try.”

Borchert said Saint Louis University topped the list of candidates because of its strong commitment to service. In addition, its dining facilities at the time were handled by Sodexho, a leading food service management company and a major supporter of DC Central Kitchen.

“We got an incredibly warm reception when we called SLU,” recalls Borchert, now co-director of the Campus Kitchens Project. The Saint Louis University Campus Kitchen Project has a recipe for service.

Betty Jackson likes to talk, which is a good thing because Paul Lemon likes to listen. “You know, I went on a cruise and lost two pounds,” says Jackson, a 67-year-old widow in north St. Louis. “I actually lost weight. That just doesn’t seem right, does it? I’m thinking about asking for my money back. And don’t get me started on what it costs for a soda – a warm one at that!”

For more than a half hour, Jackson’s colorful, train-of-thought conversational style takes Lemon, a sophomore at Saint Louis University’s Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology, through her travels, her ailments and her recipes for the perfect cup of cappuccino, bran muffins and oatmeal cookies. Jackson talks a lot about food, but she has trouble preparing it. She has arthritis in her hands and feet. After hip surgery two years ago, it became hard for her to stand at the stove. When she expressed concern about being able to cook for herself, a neighbor suggested she call the Saint Louis University Campus Kitchen.

“Next thing I know, there’s a student at my door delivering meals,” Jackson says. “But to tell you the truth, I don’t know what I like more — the food or the company.”
The first order of business is turning on the boom box. “She’s a Maniac” bounces off the concrete walls as students put on their hairnets and browse the pantry.

Of the five universities involved in the CKP, only the SLU students have their own kitchen.

**On the Menu**

It’s about six o’clock Monday night. The kitchen is cool and quiet until the student volunteers begin filing in. Before students can work in the kitchen, they must be trained in food sanitation and health-code approved transportation.

On most Mondays, 10 to 12 volunteers cook, prep and package meals. But Christmas break just ended, so only a handful show. The first order of business is turning on the boom box. “She’s a Maniac” bounces off the concrete walls as students put on their hairnets and browse the pantry.

Luckily, the kitchen’s cupboard rarely is bare. SLU’s Campus Kitchen gets surplus food from the Chartwells cafeterias in Reinert and Grisdaleck halls. Chartwells catering service and its on-campus café, Au Bon Pain. SLU’s department of nutrition and dietetics also donates produce from its garden and food from its cafeterias to the Edward and Margaret Doisy College of Health Sciences. Volunteers visit the St. Louis Area Food Bank weekly, and the kitchen receives a monthly allotment from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Students have a great deal of latitude in deciding how to transform the perishable and non-perishable goods into 100-plus meals to be delivered the next evening. Except for a donated jar of tender young-cactus students had no clue how to prepare, there is nothing the students won’t try.

“Once, we had a surplus of canned beets, which aren’t very popular on their own,” says Alisa Hebert (BBA ’04), SLU’s Campus Kitchen coordinator. “I decided to search the Internet and found a recipe for chocolate beet cake. It may not sound appetizing, but it was a big hit.”

“We don’t mind experiments. In fact, we encourage them,” Hebert says. “But it’s important to us that students make something for our community.”

Hebert instructs student volunteers on the art of making ramen noodle salad.

Flourishes indeed. The 60 or so SLU student volunteers re-prepare more than 500 pounds of food each week. They cook and deliver more than 2,100 nutritionally balanced dinners to various social service agencies and individuals each month. The program, which Borchert and Jackson have helped launch on four other campuses throughout the country, has been recognized nationally for its contribution to hunger relief. SLU’s program continues to be the largest.

Each summer, the kitchen offers a culinary job-training program for unemployed or underemployed men and women. The program is designed both to teach skills and instill confidence. Kevin Smith’s job counselor at the Covenant House thought Smith should give it a try. The 19-year-old high school graduate was smart enough, but he lacked direction.

“It was the best thing that could have happened to me,” Smith says. “I cooked some at home for my little sister, but I never realized how much I liked it.”

Smith and his 10 or so classmates spent eight weeks learning basic culinary skills and preparing meals for Campus Kitchen delivery routes. They helped pick up the slack when student volunteers were scarce in the summer. The trainees also earned a SanSafe® certificate that states they have met the food safety standards set forth by the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation. A SanSafe® certificate can give applicants an edge during the hiring process.

Smith says Monday classes were his favorite because chefs from popular local restaurants, such as the Bluewater Grill, would teach and cook side-by-side with the students.

“It was fun going home and trying to impress my family with some of the dishes we tried,” Smith says. “I cooked some at home for my little sister, but I never realized how much I liked it.”

Since SLU’s Campus Kitchen began offering the training program three years ago, 24 students have graduated.

Within a week of his graduation in 2004, Chartwells hired Smith as a gourmet sandwich maker at its on-campus café, Au Bon Pain. His favorite sandwich is chicken with cheddar cheese, bacon strips and mayonnaise on whole wheat bread.

Smith hopes to enroll in the culinary arts program at Forest Park Community College in the fall.

**Culinary Artist at Work**

**KEVIN SMITH**

**GOT MORE THAN A MEAL FROM SLU’S CAMPUS KITCHEN. HE GOT A JOB.**

GOT A JOB.
Students combine ingredients to make the next day’s lunch, pasta in cream sauce with vegetables.

Cathy Misterka blends the Alfredo sauce.

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Tonight, the students settle on sausage gumbo, mixed vegetables, a thick slice of bread donated by the St. Louis Bread Co. and puddling pie with Heath Bar crumbles. They scoop super-sized portions into the dozen of Styrofoam containers covering every tabletop in the kitchen. Clients on strict diets — low sugar, low salt — receive special meals.

Once the containers are full, students place them in insulated bags and store them in one of two walk-in coolers, where delivery volunteers will pick them up tomorrow. Students cook on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. They deliver on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. During the summer and during breaks when students are scarce, Hebert recruits volunteers from various University departments and area businesses to cook and deliver. Even Girl Scout troops have pitched in.

“I get calls all the time from students who say they want to volunteer but can’t cook,” says Hebert, who started as a volunteer and enjoyed it so much she decided to postpone graduate school to run the kitchen. Other than a part-time intern, Hebert holds the only paid position in the kitchen. “I tell them you don’t have to cook, you just have to care. The meal isn’t the answer to everything. It’s just a way to get in the door.”

### A Community Table

Students deliver meals to seven congregate sites, including the YWCA’s transitional housing program for women and the Salvation Army’s Adult Recovery Center. Once a week, students bring huge pans of barbecued pork, pasta in cream sauce or enchiladas to the shelters to have dinner with residents. The students also deliver nutritionally balanced snacks to youngsters in the Northside Community Center after-school tutoring program on SLU’s campus and the Hosea House Guardian Angel Learning Center on St. Louis’ south side. The students do not eat and run. They stay and help kids with their homework.

The rest of the meals are delivered to people referred by the Missouri Division of Aging or by area social workers. Most are homebound seniors, disabled persons or families. A majority of the clients live in the Council Towers subsidized apartment complex across the street from campus on Grand Boulevard. It can take two students up to two hours to deliver nine meals because they take the time to visit with their clients.

“We encourage students to interact with clients, to venture out of their comfort zones,” Hebert says. “Students who sit down and talk with their clients find they share more than they think. This relationship creates a feeling of social responsibility. It creates a feeling of social justice.”

Sometimes students find they need to advocate for their clients with housing authorities or service providers. In one case, a visually impaired client simply needed a student to read aloud the letters her husband sent from prison.

SLU’s Campus Kitchen has a 10-member student leadership team that meets bi-weekly to discuss what programs should be added, how funds should be raised or how to increase awareness. This past semester, the team decided to begin breakfast and lunch deliveries, which is a first in the Campus Kitchen network. To further empower students and give them more say in the direction of the program, the CKP national office recently turned over budget control to the local kitchens.

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### Student Empowerment

Beyond hunger relief and community outreach, the Campus Kitchens Project has another goal: leadership development. Students are encouraged to take ownership in their kitchen.

“At most organizations you’re welcomed as a volunteer, but you’re an outsider,” Hebert says. “You donate your time, and the organization continues on the same as when you leave. The CKP expects and relies on students to become invested in the kitchen, to make it better than it was when they walked in.”

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“The Campus Kitchens Project is doing everything it set out to do and then some,” Scharf says. “The program has helped thousands of people and sparked an energy on campus that is unmatched. The leadership continues to think about its next step, and each step is more visionary than the previous. So while the program has exceeded expectations, I’m not surprised.”

For more information about the Campus Kitchens Project, go to www.campuskitchens.org.

### Recipe for Success

(2004 figures)

- **2,175** Average meals served per month
- **37,628** Total pounds of food recycled
- **50,466** Total meals served since October 2001 inception
- **13,446** Total volunteer hours logged since October 2001 inception
A group of freshman leaders took cameras in hand to capture their view of campus life. These are their photos and their thoughts.

Along the Quad: The quad is a great place to sit with all your friends and say hi to all the people walking by. No matter what time of day it is, you'll always find students sharing laughs and having fun.
When members of Saint Louis University’s freshman leadership program Quest were asked to design and take on a project that would impact the SLU community, the last thing we wanted was to underplay the incredible way that this University has become our new home. Approaching it, we were certain of only a few things — the need for our project to capture who we are as individuals and how intrinsic that is to the very breath of such a living campus and what we place value in as students and as the leaders of tomorrow. Mostly, we wanted to show how proud we are to be the Class of 2008 at Saint Louis University.

Quest is a student-founded organization for freshmen, established and mediated by Mike Herman (A&S ’05). The objectives of Quest are to instill the importance of community, build skills for campus leadership, serve as a voice for the freshman class and, ultimately, complete one project to improve the SLU community. That project bears fruit in what you now see before you.

After much deliberation and countless great ideas, we settled on something accessible to Billikens of all ages. Through cooperation with Universitas, we bring you a photo essay featuring our very own unique “SLU view.” Rest assured, what lies on these pages are not butterflies pegged into submission for the scrutiny of the idle tourist, but living scenes of what we see every day. No one photo is contained to its page; one walk down SLU’s mall would assure you of that. Past the tulips, off the quad, beyond the Billiken, we’re there. We are the landscape, the sprawling acres of heads in books, laughter on the steps by the clock tower, idle chatter in the hallways before an exam, volunteers on the side of the road, the closed eyes in the College Church. We are Saint Louis University.

— Jaime L. Burt (Class of ’08)
In 1999, an attack at a Colorado high school forever changed the way parents, students and administrators think about school safety. The March 2005 attack at a Minnesota school was a disturbing reminder to everyone that violence can happen anywhere at any time. As principals and teachers across the country work to prevent school violence, a group at Saint Louis University is working to make sure that if a school shooting or similar crisis should happen again, first responders are much more prepared.

Hidden away off Lindell Boulevard on the second floor of McGannon Hall in the College of Public Service is the Norman J. Stupp Geographic Information Systems Lab. About 15 students at a time can quietly tap away on keyboards, sew together photos into seamless images and gather satellite imagery in the computer lab. Whether they’re tracking mosquitoes for the city of St. Louis or mapping local schools, the faculty, students and staff in the University’s GIS lab are making a big impact.

“GIS allows the user to take a map or blueprints and add levels of information not available on a piece of paper. The computer technology enables students or staffers working on a project to go far beyond the maps that hang on the wall and add visual information to enhance a point. After the GIS lab is finished with a blueprint, the user not only sees a blue-and-white outline of a building, but also aerial photos of the site, 360-degree images of each room and even points of view from another location.”

“Urban planning and real estate development student Tara Vansell describes GIS as "taking what, up to this point, has only been on paper and giving it spatial qualities." The tools of the trade for GIS seem relatively standard — a computer and a camera. The high-tech digital images are captured with a fairly normal-looking digital camera, the only difference is that this camera features a "fish-eye lens" with the ability to capture 180-degree views around the room.

And the computers in the GIS lab are distant cousins to the Dell or Gateway PC you may use; these computers are specially built for the image-heavy GIS mapping process.

Making Its Mark on Students

The Norman J. Stupp GIS Lab was started in 2000 with just five students in the department of public policy. “The GIS lab was conceived of originally as being the facility in which the urban planning and real estate development students practiced their design activities,” Higgs explained.

The GIS lab’s scope quickly expanded to include projects from many different disciplines, not just real estate. Now each semester three classes are offered for a total of 25 students, and the department of public policy even offers a GIS certificate program. In fact, it has become so popular that a second lab is being opened in the School for Professional Studies building, which is also a part of the College of Public Service, that will be used strictly for teaching.

What makes SLU’s program unique is that the University’s lab is housed in the public policy department. Higgs sees this as a huge strength for his program.
"In the Stupp GIS Lab, compared to other schools that may have a GIS lab in their geography or geology or biology department, we have public health students sitting next to law students sitting next to meteorology students," Higgs said. "I think we have a much more eclectic student population.

"No single discipline can solve a problem, whether that problem is crime or disease or flooding or urban sprawl," he continued. "You have to have all disciplines bringing their best capability to the table. Loca-
tion is the table that they can bring it to."

Another aspect that sets SLU’s program apart is the practical experience each student acquires while taking classes. Every student has the opportunity to be involved in a research project while in the program. We organize all of our activities in the lab so that all of our students are organically involved. They’ll work on projects, and they’ll manage projects," Higgs explained. "That way, when they graduate, they not only have a degree, they may have a couple hundred thousand dollars worth of practical experience."

Bundy was a student and a graduate assistant in the GIS lab before being hired as the project coordinator for the lab.

"All of the other schools I looked at were in a suburban setting," Bundy explained. "I chose SLU because of the opportunity to work with GIS in an urban environment and the projects that come along with that setting."

Connecting the Dots

Every year Norman J. Stupp GIS Lab users work on 25-30 projects with local, regional, national and international impact. One-third of these projects are funded through grants or other monies, one-third of the projects are student and faculty research, and the final third of the projects are pro-
to work for members of the community who otherwise couldn’t afford such research.

“The lab’s mission is training, research and service,” Higgs said. “So we teach the students all these things. We do research and develop new ways of putting things together. And when we apply these teaching and research practices together, we give away, as a service, the result.”

Bundy has the same mindset as she secures projects for the lab.

“It’s part of being a good neighbor,” she said. “We donate our time to work for members of the community. From the moment we heard about this project at Saint Louis University it was clear it would be a great partnership,” said Paul Seibert, director of development at Govern-
or French Academy.

The CIRA program continues to grow. Higgs recently was contacted by the Secret Service and the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Illi-
sios about expanding the program. Local administrators who saw media coverage about the mapping also contacted Higgs to get their schools involved.

The Only Thing the Lab Can’t Map

...The Future

Where does the Norman J. Stupp GIS Lab go from here? For right now the faculty, students and staff are working on a variety of projects that plot attitudes about breast cancer in the St. Louis area, plot population and membership of a local Catholic church and identify critical infras-
tructure for safety and security.

“Anything that exists, any place, is fair game for the GIS lab,” Higgs said. “So I know we’ll keep finding new uses for this tool.”

Members of the lab are also working with the International Organiza-
tion for Standards, the group responsible for regulating everything from the circumference of a Styrofoam coffee cup to the widths of railroad tracks. Higgs is a part of ISO/TC 211, the subcommittee that is estab-
lishing the standards for GIS.

He also is encouraged by students’ interest in the lab and is amaz-
ously waiting to expand into the second lab in the School for Professional Studies. For students like Tara Vansell, it’s an exciting time to be part of the GIS lab.

“GIS is a technology that’s taking off more now,” Vansell said. “Mapping is the next big tool students need when they graduate, and SLU is providing the opportunity for its graduates to be a step ahead.”

“...the story of an extraordinary alumna’s life...”
completed in 1961, was part of a larger self-study that Maher was overseeing. That study, initiated by the American Jewish Committee, encouraged Catholics, Jews and Protestants to research their own curricular materials to note if any materials were prejudicial. Maher asked for her help in researching how Catholics present themselves in textbooks, as well as how they present other religions. Thering was intrigued, so she ordered all of the most-used Catholic teaching materials and read through them. 

What she found filled her with sorrow. The books contained very ugly terms that were "frightening," she said. "I almost got ill studying these books.

Thering uncovered overwhelming evidence that many of the Catholic texts used in classrooms stated that Jews were responsible for Jesus’ death. Some even insinuated that God does not love Jews enough to enter heaven. Children learning from these textbooks were sure to believe what they read, thus propagating prejudice toward the Jewish people.

It was shocking research that needed to be heard, but the world was not ready to listen. When given the opportunity to present her findings at a SLU conference with religious leaders of parochial schools, Thering knew that she would be "touted and feared.

The comments following her presentation brought the strong resistance she expected. But on Thursday, reciting the bishop of Kansas City stood and said, "I hear a lot of prejudice in this room, and this is research that needs to be done and we will support it." Another bishop said, "If it is in our books, then we have to look into Sister Rose’s research."

Although there were voices of support, overall Thering found the meeting disheartening. After the conference, she left and did not return to SLU for two weeks. Maher called her and convinced her to continue her research and complete her dissertation.

"I'm extremely thankful to Saint Louis University and in particular to Father Maher because of their support," said Thering, who received the William C. Stauder Alumni Merit Award from SLU’s Grad School in 1983. "They allowed me to do my dissertation and encouraged me to continue my studies and take them to where I am today."

Very few dissertations have had such a dramatic impact. Thering believes that hers helped with the passing of Nostra Aetate, a declaration on the relation of the Church to non-Christian religions issued by Pope Paul VI in 1965.

In part, the document stated, "What happened in His Passion cannot be charged against all the Jews, without distinction, then alive, nor against the Jews of today. Although the Church is the new people of God, the Jews should not be presented as rejected or accused by God, as if this followed from the Holy Scriptures. Furthermore, in her rejection of every persecution against any man, the Church, mindful of the parabola she shares with the Jews and moved not by political reasons but by the Gospel’s spiritual love, decries hatred, persecution, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone."

The declaration was groundbreaking. "It changed our opinion of Jesus," Thering said. "Never again can Christians and Catholics refer to Jews as committing the sin ofdecide.

The film also features Thering’s ongoing work to ensure that the sins of the past are not repeated. Since 1982, Thering has served on the New Jersey Committee for Holocaust Education.

In fact, her devotion to that cause almost prevented her from participating in the movie. "When I was first approached about doing the documentary, I said ‘no way,’" Thering said. She had other priorities that she felt were more important, such as raising money for the ‘Sister Rose Endowment,’ which helps teachers offset the costs for a three-credit hour course on the Holocaust at Saint Louis University. Study of the Holocaust is required in all New Jersey schools.

Thering was intrigued by an understanding of what anti-Semitism did in the Holocaust...we will care about other people and be courageous and try to do the right thing and be ready to speak up," Thering said in the documentary. "I guess that’s my reason for protesting, for speaking. We need to do this. We are called to do this."

Such devotion to her cause comes as no surprise to those who know Thering well. “Sister Rose is a heroine,” said Oren Jacoby, the Oscar-nominated director of Sister Rose Passion. "What she has accomplished in her life is a wonderful story of empowerment. She has had such an impact on the world and has demonstrated how a woman can work and make a difference in a typically male-dominated world."

Although she took vows of obedience and humility, it didn’t mean that she couldn’t fight convictions that she saw as morally wrong. Not only did she want to do something about it, she felt like she needed to do something about it — she couldn’t be kept quiet.

And she still does not keep quiet. It is Thering’s goal to help build bridges and break down the barriers and stereotypes of hate and animosity. "It is so basic," Thering said. "If we love Jesus, who was Jewish, why don’t we love his people, the Jews? Mary was Jewish, Jesus was the Apostles. Jesus was lived a Jew, died a Jew. So how is it possible for us Catholics not to love His people?"

She points to the Gospel story of the Apostles hiding themselves ‘for fear of the Jews.’ The phrase still troubles her. "The Apostles were all Jews, so why does it read ‘for fear of the Jews?’ Who really had control in Jerusalem? The Romans were feared; they were the authority, not the Jews," Thering said. "So the Apostles feared the authority."

She continued: "Why must we say the Jews were responsible for the death of Jesus? It is important that all of us know that Jesus died for all of our sins."

"Sister Rose has always taken a prophetic stance when it came to Church issues," said Carla Mae Streeter, O.P., associate professor of systematic theology at the Aquinas Institute, a school of theology located on the SLU campus. “This means that she said what needed to be said, even if that meant raising a few eyebrows.”

Streeter’s relationship with Thering began in 1975, when Streeter entered the Dominican order. At that time, Thering was in charge of all of the newcomers. The friendship was renewed later when Thering invited Streeter to join her on a trip to Israel in 1975. "That trip was significant in that it really opened my eyes and made me truly believe that we are part of and need to act as a global community," Streeter said. "Sister Rose has helped many communities become authentic and truly understand and live the Gospel. She is a Dominican proclaimer of truth by her sweat, blood, tears and prayer."

Jacoby agrees. "It has been incredible getting to know Sister Rose,” she said. "Her spirit, humor and toughness are really admirable characteristics."

The admission is mutual. Thering appreciates all that Jacoby did to help spread her message. “He is an excellent director, cinematographer and editor. He did an excellent piece of work."

"I was sorry that the film didn’t win the Oscar because everyone who worked on the documentary worked very hard,” she said. Still, the glow from the Academy Award nomination is drawing attention to the film. The documentary, which first was screened at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York, already has been translated into Polish, French, German and Dutch. The film has been purchased by HBO and is beginning to air on Cinemax in May. Airings will continue throughout the summer.

While she is enjoying the film’s success and the opportunity to get her word out, Thering struggles with health issues. She has cancer and has diabetes. She also suffers from pulmonary hypertension, and it is hard for her to breathe, so she depends on an oxygen tank and requires the use of a wheelchair. But she promises to change anti-Semitic texts within the Catholic Church and promote Holocaust remembrance “until I am physically unable to do so,” she said.

"Raising eyebrows on Church issues is a necessary holy violence that helps the community to grow and move beyond its comfort zone," Streeter said. "Some people want people like Sister Rose to be silenced, but it is people like Sister Rose who help us move beyond myopia, remove our blinders and become wise."
55 years after he started his master’s degree, Stanley Mills is one little in common. Soon, however, she realized that she was wrong. “Each time we spoke, we discovered a new connection between us,” Servino said. “Stanley introduced himself as being from New York, and I was raised in New Jersey. He mentioned that he was Polish, and I’m Polish as well. He said he was thinking about getting a number in place in Irvine, Calif., and one of my sons just moved there.” In a bookstore, Mills picked up a text about St. Thomas Aquinas and mentioned that he had been in a master’s degree program at SLU but had to drop out around 1953. Servino was speechless, as that was the year she was born. “There were so many moments of providence, or ‘God moments,’” Servino said. “I had learned so much from Stanley that I had to take to the retreat priest about this. I felt it was my duty to help Stan.”

With the priest’s encouragement and without Mills’ knowledge, Servino drafted a heartfelt letter to Dr. Steve Petersen, interim vice president for development and University relations, wondering if arrangements could be made for Mills to earn his master’s degree. Petersen, also moved by the story, then worked with the philosophy department and the Graduate School, which determined that if Mills could write an acceptable thesis, he could receive his degree. “When Steve presented Carol’s letter, we said we’d see what we could do,” said Dr. Donald Brennan, dean of the Graduate School. “We don’t just give away degrees. But Stanley ended up doing a darn good job.”

Mills wrote a paper about Aquinas’ “Thesis of the Human Mortal Act,” the topic he had chosen 50 years ago. He even consulted his old notes to complete the project. “He hasn’t done scholarly work in 50 years, and he did a great job,” Vitali said. “I’m reassured that after many years away from formal studies, a person can pick up a difficult text and write an analytical paper.”

Mills returned to SLU in May to participate in commencement ceremonies. Servino flew from Oregon to cheer him on. “We are proud to have Stanley join us today and be inspired by his example of determination,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., during commencement.

Mills was a bit humbled by all the attention. “Fathers Biondi talked about me and asked me to stand up,” Mills said. “Then, everyone else stood up. It was a standing ovation! I just had to laugh.” — A.B.R.

**Paul A. Probst (Parks)** was featured in April for receiving a new master’s degree in social work and was honored at the dedication of the new Dr. Thomas M. Carele Center. “I was here to accept the degree,” Probst said. “I’m a social worker and I was here to accept the degree.”

**Dr. James Hitchcock (A&S)** is a professor of history at Saint Louis University. Princeton University Press has published his books, _The Supreme Court and Religion in American Life, Volume 1 and 2_.

**Mark Boudin (A&S)** is a corporate account manager for Russell Reynolds. “It’s a great honor to have been selected for this award,” Boudin said. “I’m proud to have been selected.”

**John Goenlich (A&S) was named an executive of the 20th Judicial Circuit, Belleville, Ill. He served on the bench for 16 years and plans to teach and return to a limited law practice.**

**Mary Beth Buraas Smith (A&S) was named a new board member of the March 3 St. Louis Pax Pacem Foundation section as a model auditor. She is the administrator for Bethany Counseling Center in Clayton, Mo.**

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**Dr. Donald Brennan (A&S ’78)** is the director of the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. He is married to Joyce Santoro. (A&S ’78, Law ’79), who is director of academic affairs at SLU’s Student Alumni Club.

**Robert Doer (A&S ’60, Law ’62) and Virana (Bak) Doer welcomed their first grandchild, Mrs. Kanaoui Hoon. Bob still edits the Missouri State Geological Association Journal, writes a weekly newspaper column and volunteers for the Missouri State Archives.**

**Marianne Muellerleile (A&S) has been named as one of the National Finance and Investment Officers of the Missouri State Medical Society.**

**Paul E. Preul (Parks) has been elected to the Missouri Political Science Association’s executive board. He is also a member of the Missouri Psychological Association.**

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**Joyce Savio (Nurs ’75, Grad Nurs ’81) is writing her next “Monika Ever” mystery novel and lives in St. Louis.**

**John Akscin (A&S) is vice president of the Alumni Association of the University of St. Louis.**

**Marianne Muellerleile (A&S) received rave reviews for her recent work in “Los Angeles, The Silver Screen.”**

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**Dr. Joseph Schmitz (A&S) has joined the Mission Doctors Association, www.mission doctors.org.**

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Tom Everson

In today's world of rising highway speeds and faster cars, one Saint Louis University alumni is trying to drive down the problem.

That alumni is Tom Everson (A&S '94), Tom Everson that "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25," you can thank Tom Everson, A&S '94, and is the creator of the campaign.

Seven years ago, he developed the concept of the "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25" campaign.

Everson created the first "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25" signs to promote the children's safety. He lives in St. Louis.

"Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25" message to serve as a reminder from a friendly neighbor, so that the people of the community can develop a safer, more satisfying place to live.

The "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25" campaign focuses upon the importance of driving safely in residential areas. While driving on his own street, Everson noticed a 15-month-old child waddling out into traffic. Realizing the child could not make it to the sidewalk, Everson crawled over the curb and brought the baby to his mother, who had not noticed that the baby had left the backyard. Everson said, "They are the people that should have watched her child more closely, but also he knows that the motorists have a responsibility to watch their own actions. The driver can certainly stop, but the child's safety is only enhanced by being aware, paying attention and responding to the situation," he said.

"When I first started," Everson said. "I learned that the crime prevention department of the Omaha Police department is constantly bombed with communications. It is the most common complaint."
in memoriam

John Maas (Parks '52) 
Vernon Mishof (Med '35) 
Ferd Drummond (B&A '37) 
Jerome Padgett (A&S '37) 
Leann (Vestage) Herber (B&A '58) 
John Rin (B&A '38) 
Carl Rieisel (B&A '42) 
William McGinn (Dent '43) 
Mary Dray (B&A '44) 
Archibald Fincher (Med '47) 
Henry Paradowski (B&A '47) 
George Bochcian (Med '48) 
Carrie Drosnaren (S.S.N.D. '48) 
Stanley Drosnaren (Med '48) 
Mary (McIlhara) McBlane (B&A '48) 
Andrew Connerfield (A&S '49) 
Virocent McCarthy (B&A '49) 
Richard Marsenig (B&A '49) 
David Knox (B&A '49) 
Charles Faust (F '50) 
William Holkerson (A&S '50) 

Dr. Bellur L. Nagabhushan, professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering at Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology, died March 3. He came to SLU in 1994, and his research interests included all types of flight vehicles, associated flight mechanics and control technologies.

Frederic C. Schneeberger III, associate professor of engineering technology at Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology, died Feb. 22. He came to SLU in 1996 and taught rugged testing equipment, avionics and electronic systems.

Richard Mersinger (B&A '49) 
Daniel Chance (Pub Ser '66) 
Raymond Jablonski (Med '65) 
Sandra LeBlanc Dec. 4. They met on the basketball court at Saint Louis University in St. Louis. She is the U.S. headquar- ters for his rules if he wants to stay alive. Originally from Surrey, England, author Hunt practices law in Oklahoma City.

The Murder of Max Schmitz
Phlip Dacey (A&S '61)

Turn Point
The author of seven previous full-length books of poems, Dacey’s newest work is a sequence of poems that unfail as a biography of the 19th-century American painter Thomas Eakins. Dacey constructs both a narrative of Eakins’ world and a meditation on the relationships between art and life, between teachers and students and the quest to live a fully engaged existence. Co-editor with David Juaas of Strong Measures: Contemporary American Poetry in Traditional Forms, Dacey has presented his poetry across the country.

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Maitland
James Patrick Hunt (Parks ’86)

Five Star
A mystery novel, Maitland tells the story of Evan Maitland, co-owner and operator of Collette’s An- tuque, an upscale furniture store in Chi- cago. He’s also a bail enforcement agent/ bounty hunter. When he’s hired to find lawyer Barry McDermott, what appears to be a simple arrest turns into something far more complicated. With assassins on all sides and only a determined Chicago police detective in hot pursuit, Maitland has to play this new game by his rules if he wants to stay alive. Originally from Surrey, England, author Hunt practices law in Oklahoma City.

Prayer Against Famine and Other Irish Poems
John Knopele (Grad '67)

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
President: John Kleine ('76)
- Join us on Friday, July 22, for the second annual A&S Night at the Power Alley in Busch Stadium as the Cardinals take on the rival Chicago Cubs. Reservations are $60 per person and include a game ticket and food and drinks for the evening. Tickets are limited.
- Interested in helping to plan events for your fellow A&S alumni? Contact the office of alumni relations.

JOURNAL OF THE COLLEGE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
President: Todd Bass ('94, '91)
- Make plans to attend the fifth annual Cup Cook Classic Monday, July 25. Lunch is at 12:15 p.m., followed by a barbeque at 7 p.m. at Busch Stadium. Tickets are $25 per person.

KANSAS CITY
President: Joe Hame ('81)
- Join your fellow alumni for a summer send-off at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27. Tickets are $25 per person.

MINNESOTA / ST. PAUL
President: Jim Klenke ('76)
- Join us for a farewell barbeque at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27. Mailings list. Call (314) 977-2250. For more information, visit www.slu.edu/alumni.

PARKS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, AVIATION AND TECHNOLOGY
President: Kevin McGuire ('88)
- Are you a recent alum who wants to keep in touch with friends from SLU? The Young Alumni Association is for you. Membership is free, and you can participate in several on- and off-campus programming events. For more information, contact the office of alumni relations at (314) 977-2250 or alumni@slu.edu.

PARKS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, AVIATION AND TECHNOLOGY
President: Tadd Buss ('94, '01)
- Interested in helping to plan events for your fellow A&S alumni? Contact the office of alumni relations.

Reunion Weekend 2005
Visit medschool.slu.edu/alumni/form/msmerit_awardform.doc. For more information, visit www.slu.edu/alumni.

The School of Medicine
Join us for the alumni association's "meet and greet" event Friday, July 22, for the second annual Alumni Association's "meet and greet" event. Tickets are $25 per person.

The winning teams. R.S.V.P. by July 8.

In addition, there is a chance to win a game ticket. The cost is $95 per golfer, or $350 if you want to play as a team of four. All proceeds benefit the Student Alumni Association and career services, the Billikens Encounter Alumni Mentor (BEAM) program, and scholarship assistance.

For more information, visit www.slu.edu/alumni.

Travel Program: SLU Tours
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- B through the tours for your fellow alumni, pride, tradition, and the annual Homecoming Fireworks display. Special reunions are planned for the classes of 1955 and 1980. For more information, visit www.slu.edu/alumni or call (314) 977-2250 to get involved.

Alum mentors needed
LSU has re-launched a program that calls on local alumni to enrich the undergraduate experience by serving as mentors for students. Sponsored by the Student Alumni Association and career services, the Billikens Encounter Alumni Mentor (BEAM) program establishes relationships between students and mentors by exposing students to job responsibilities and challenges. To learn more, visit www.slu.edu/alumni/beam, or call (314) 977-2250 or e-mail alumni@slu.edu.
Remembering War

By Robert D. Vieth

In January 2004, I was on a pheasant-hunting trip in Nebraska with my son, John, and other members of our family. One evening, two of my older brothers, Phil and Jack, started talking about their experiences in the Marine Corps. Phil then pointed out that I was the only family member who had faced actual combat. I had been drafted into the U.S. Army in April 1968 and served in a light weapons infantry unit in the Republic of South Vietnam from October 1968 until October 1969. As we talked into the night, I told them about my tour of duty.

Afterward, John asked me to record my experiences in Vietnam for our family and future generations. I told him I would, if he would help me. (At this point neither of us realized how much time and effort it would take.) Although I had agreed, I had nagging questions. Was I capable of doing this? How much of my inner self would be exposed? Would any psychological problems surface? How would my four kids respond to hearing about this year of my life? Would my family appreciate the effort? Most importantly, how could I accurately report events that occurred 35 years ago in the spirit of honoring those who served with me? How could I talk about my friends and fellow soldiers who were killed and wounded in action?

To help stimulate my memory, I pulled out photographs from my tour of duty. I had carried an instant camera in my backpack and sent two to my parents for developing. The pictures were small and partly faded, but they helped me get started. Eventually, I sat down at my computer and began typing. Some evenings I added to the front of the narrative, and other evenings I added to the end. Many times I played the same folk music that I listened to during that time of my life. The KingTrio was, and still is, a favorite of mine.

I wrote about the clothes we wore, the equipment we carried, and the mail we received. I wrote about my first ambush and coning. Some evenings I added to the text and encouraged me during the project. John, a graphic designer, designed the booklet and arranged for printing. After 11 months of work, I was truly proud of the final version, which was 75 pages and included more than 40 photographs.

At Christmas, I gave a printed memoir to each of our children and to my brothers and sister. After keeping these stories buried deep down for years, I was happy to share them. I had shared some stories with my family, so they could learn about my time in Vietnam. But as I finished, I realized that I wrote for myself as well. The process was much more than putting memories on paper; it was a way to honor long-loss friends, to connect with my children and to count my blessings.

I suppose the old adage is true—everyone does have a story to tell. I’m so glad I took the time to tell mine.

Photo brought back memories

I just received my copy of the winter 2005 Universitas. On page 28 of the class notes section is a picture (‘ ‘Made a good point!’), and in it are three actors. You don’t list their names, but you suspect that you have their names, but in case you don’t, you can look through the captions. The magazine is excellent.

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30 years ago in UNIVERSITAS

The July 1975 issue of Universitas featured a story on SLU preparing to join a new athletic conference, SLU and five other universities (Cincinnati, Louisville, Memphis State, Georgia Tech and Tulane) formed a new athletic conference named the Metropolitan Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC), and this new league’s main sport was basketball. The league’s headquarters operated out of St. Louis, and SLU Athletic Director Larry Albus served as conference commissioner for the first year.

The magazine also reported that that spring SLU had welcomed a variety of speakers to campus, including media theorist Marshall McLuhan, former Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and author Norman Mailer.

In addition, the issue included news of the groundbreaking for the Doctor’s Office Building and parking structure at the Health Sciences Center. It is also noteworthy that this issue of Universitas was the first. SLU’s former publication, the Missouri Collegian, continued in its place.

The Sign of the Times

“As the class begins, the lecturer periodically asks questions of the students. They respond by pressing the appropriate button on control boxes in front of them. A computer system automatically tabulates the response, and the lecturer knows immediately if his message is understood.”

— From a story headlined, “Super Center Taking Form On Medical Campus” which described the new student facility of the School of Medicine funded through the capabilities of the new Learning Resource Center.

Quotable UTAS:

“It’s like the Marine Corps on the intellectual level. You think you’re an accomplished student... And then all of a sudden you’re in basic training, running obstacle courses and jumping hurdles.” — Larry Burnett (Law ’73), a student describing the rigors of the SLU School of Law.
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