By Lawrence Biondi, SJ
Saint Louis University President

As you can read on pages 6 to 10 of this magazine, I recently took a trip to Columbus, Ga., to join the protest of the School of the Americas, a government-run program that trains Latin American soldiers, some of whom have been implicated in severe human rights abuses. The following is an excerpt from my remarks before the main vigil of 10,000 people at the gates of Fort Benning.


We live in an interesting time. The economy is soaring, yet the divide between the haves and the have-nots grows deeper and wider every day. The explosion of technology is changing every facet of our culture. The American people are a divided populace who are increasingly cynical and apathetic about our leaders and the bitter partisan nature of governance.

Do we respond by closing in, or do we open up? Do we hide and ignore, or do we seek and act? Do we shut our minds and our hearts and leave it to others to live, speak and profess the truth?

It is always easier to ignore or to turn away. It is simpler to resort to what has been done before, to go along with the majority, to let someone else fix the problem. It is safe to resort to prejudices and beliefs that have kept us comfortable and secure. But there is a price for this.

If you define yourself by what you are not, the negative implication will grow to dangerous and destructive ends. When you care about what you are not, you start pointing out that you are not poor. You start saying that you are not black or Hispanic. You remind people that you do not live in the inner city, and that you do not talk differently, you do not walk differently, that you do not wear those kinds of clothes. Suddenly your life is, literally, nots. And with each new layer of what you are not, your world and your life gets smaller and smaller and smaller.

So small, in fact, that you may find yourself wearing white sheets and burning crosses. So small, in fact, that you may find yourself ignorant of the homeless on the streets of our cities. So small, in fact, that you cannot be shocked at murder in the name of national security or ethnic identity.

As individuals, as a people of faith, we are in and of the world, smack in the midst of its many problems and injustices. And we must find the answers.

We cannot rely on “them” to fix it. A myopic, close-minded approach will not work. This kind of thinking directly contradicts Christ’s Gospel message to us. Injustice is a spiritual challenge, and its solution requires a spiritual transformation of ourselves and a cultural transformation of our global society.

It is our responsibility to be a part of the solution, to work to abolish injustice. So how can we do this? What will it take from each of us to create a new world of justice and peace for all our sisters and brothers? As current and future leaders, blessed with the many gifts our God has given us, what can we do?

We must open up. We must respect and celebrate our differences. We must be willing to challenge the assumptions by which we live, and we must fight our unconscious fears and prejudices to change our world. Human history has proven time and again that when one suffers, we all suffer.

My brother Jesuit Juan Ramon Moreno (P&L ’66) and our Jesuit brothers who were viciously murdered by Salvadoran troops at the Jesuit University of Central America in El Salvador, committed their lives to the struggle for justice and the transformation of society.

Ignacio Ellacuria, SJ, who also was martyred in the El Salvadoran massacre, wrote, “In the context of social oppression, Christian inspiration cannot doubt whose side it must take; it must side with those who are unjustly dehumanized. Those who refuse to undertake an analysis of this reality and who ignore its structural roots are deliberately closing their eyes for self-serving reasons.”

We are challenged to live a faith that does justice. The lesson of the Gospels teaches us that we must commit ourselves and our institutions to help the outcasts of society if we are to follow Jesus. Jesus himself was very clear on this: “Come inherit the kingdom of God, for when I was hungry, or thirsty, naked or without a place to live, when I was sick or imprisoned, you took care of me. Whenever you did this for the least of those among you, you did this for me.” There is nothing in Christ’s message about rules or regulations. To become one with Jesus, to become one with our God, we must care for those who need us.

Each and every time that we act for justice, every day that we live a faith that does justice, we transform who we are and what we believe. We become a part of the solution. We help to change the world. No effort is too small, and every step is important. For together, we can and do make a difference.
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Saint Louis University made its presence felt at the School of the Americas protest.

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A look back at the life of Chancellor J. Barry McGannon, SJ.

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Take a tour of the University's new conference and retreat facility.

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University experts explain the rising costs of a SLU education.
Saint Louis University has bestowed its highest honor for individual achievement — the Sword of Ignatius Loyola — on former U.S. Sen. Thomas Eagleton. The award was presented to Eagleton at the University’s DuBourg Society Recognition Dinner, held Dec. 3 at the Ritz-Carlton St. Louis. “Senator Eagleton is more than a politician, he is statesman, and he has exemplified the Ignatian ideals and spirit of service,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ. “Throughout his illustrious career, Senator Eagleton has displayed a deep commitment to the people of Missouri and the entire nation. It is an honor to present him with the Sword of Ignatius Loyola.” The sword is named for the founder of the Society of Jesus, Inigo Lopez de Loyola. Symbolic of the Ignatian vision of service, the sword is awarded to those who have given themselves to humankind for the greater glory of God.

Sword Awarded To Sen. Eagleton

Saint Louis University has created seven new faculty positions. Six departments received the new faculty positions through the University’s Project SLU 2000 initiative. New positions will be added in the departments of earth and atmospheric sciences, economics, English, fine and performing arts, theological studies and the Boeing Institute of International Business. “Because this initiative will help lower class sizes and improve already excellent interaction between faculty and students, it will help the University continue to attract the best and brightest students in the country,” said University Provost Sandra Johnson. Eight new faculty positions already have been created under the Project SLU 2000 plan, and the University has added innovative, new inquiry classes in a wide variety of disciplines.

7 New Faculty Positions Added

At the sword presentation (from left) Biondi, Eagleton and J. Joseph Adorjan, chairman of SLU’s board of trustees.

SLU Purchases Closed Hospital

A closed hospital in south St. Louis is getting new life thanks to a recent transaction between Saint Louis University and Tenet Healthcare Corp. SLU has closed on the purchase of Compton Heights Hospital, known for most of its history as Incarnate Word Hospital, located at 3545 Lafayette Ave. The University purchased the building from Tenet. SLU will renovate the building for office and classroom space. The building will not be used as a hospital. Compton Heights Hospital had been vacant since it was closed on May 31, 2000. The building and surrounding property give Saint Louis University an additional 304,000 square feet.

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Johnson Named To Tenet Chair

Provost Sandra H. Johnson has been named the inaugural chairholder of the Tenet Endowed Chair in Health Law and Ethics. Johnson is a tenured professor at the School of Law and also holds faculty appointments at the School of Medicine and School of Public Health. In her role as provost, she serves as the University’s chief academic officer. “Professor Johnson is a nationally recognized scholar in the field of health law and ethics with a remarkably prominent reputation in graduate teaching, in scholarly research and in professional service,” said Dr. Gerard Magill, director of the Center for Health Care Ethics at SLU. The chair was made possible through the generosity of Tenet Healthcare Corp. “We are confident that the endowment will enhance substantially our research scholarship in this interdisciplinary field, and we are honored to receive such a generous gift from Tenet Healthcare,” Johnson said.
Donigan

Men’s Soccer Has New Coach

Dan Donigan is the new head coach of the Billikens’ men’s soccer program. Only the fifth head coach in the Billikens’ 42-year-old program, Donigan succeeds Bob Warming, who resigned to take over similar duties at Creighton University.

“I’m excited and proud to take over the reins of this program,” Donigan said. “We have an outstanding team in place, and this ensures a smooth transition for our student-athletes. I’ve been involved in both recruiting and coaching all of our players, so I anticipate that we will continue to move forward in a fashion consistent with the great history of this program.”

Donigan joined the Billiken coaching staff in 1997 after three seasons as the top assistant at his alma mater, the University of Connecticut. He was one of the most heralded collegiate soccer players in the nation during his four-year career at UConn. He received the adidas Daxstar Award as the nation’s “Most Outstanding Senior Soccer Player” in 1988 and was named Big East Player of the Decade in 1991.

Donigan has played professionally for several teams, including the Milwaukee Wave and St. Louis’ Steamers, Ambush and Storm.

CANCER CENTER: Plans are moving forward on the creation of Saint Louis University Cancer Center, a facility sponsored by Saint Louis University and Tenet Healthcare Corp. that will offer comprehensive services linking clinical research, education, prevention and treatment. Pictured above is an artist’s rendering of the Cancer Center lobby, which will be housed in the former Bethesda General Hospital, 3655 Vista Ave., adjacent to Tenet’s Saint Louis University Hospital.

Public Health Joins Network

A new federal initiative puts SLU at the forefront of education and research in fighting bioterrorism and emerging infections. The School of Public Health has been designated as one of 10 Centers for Public Health Preparedness, a new national network formed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Of the 10 centers, SLU is one of three “specialty centers” that will provide specialized expertise in one focus area. SLU’s area of expertise is the study of bioterrorism and emerging infections — the only center of the 10 to focus solely on this issue. The University’s main task will be to prepare emergency response teams, physicians, nurses, health administrators and public health and community officials to respond effectively to emerging health threats.

In January, the St. Louis Ambassadors presented University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ, with the Leon R. Strauss Urban Pioneer Award. The award is given to outstanding individuals in the St. Louis community who have contributed greatly to the development, restoration or improvement of St. Louis. … Dr. John E. Morley, Dammert Professor of gerontology and director of the division of geriatric medicine at the School of Medicine, was recognized as one of 47 physicians nationwide selected by medical students for the 2000 Association of American Medical Colleges Humanism in Medicine Award. … Universitas recently was recognized in a competition sponsored by District VI of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. The magazine won silver awards for overall excellence and for the Winter 2000 “President’s Message.” … Michael Garanzini, SJ, (A&S ’71) will be the next president of Loyola University Chicago. From 1994 to 1998, Garanzini was academic vice president at SLU. Prior to that, he held a number of administrative roles at SLU, including acting vice president for student development. He was student body president while an undergraduate at SLU. … University faculty and staff are gathering information as part of a new strategic planning process to determine the direction of the institution. The vision is for SLU to become the finest Catholic university in the United States. … In early February, the University held a six-day conference called “On the 10th Anniversary of the Gulf War: The Sanctions and the Suffering.” The conference brought together a number of nationally recognized experts to examine a decade of sanctions against Iraq. It was sponsored by the Mev Puleo Lectureship Fund.

By the Numbers

35 Years since the founding of SLU’s English as a second language program, also known as Orientation USA. It is the oldest program of its kind in St. Louis, serving not only college students but also those in the community who want to increase their English ability.

36 Pounds of meat sold every day in the deli section of the Marketplace cafeteria in Busch Memorial Center.

800 Applications for admission for the fall 2001 semester received on one day (Dec. 4) by the University’s office of undergraduate admission.

6,000 Visitors each week to the Billikens Club, the cafeteria on the lower level of Busch Memorial Center. In addition, each week 5,000 people dine at the Marketplace (on the main level), and 3,000 visit The Daily Grind, a coffee shop on the lower level.

Home Sweet Home: The School for Professional Studies has moved from DuBourg Hall into new offices at 3322 Olive Blvd., next to the Olive Garage. The building includes six classrooms, two computer classrooms, a student lounge, a conference room and administrative offices.
Community Outreach Rises

A new report indicates that Saint Louis University students, faculty and staff are reaching out to the community in record numbers. According to figures released by SLU’s Community Outreach Center and the office of enrollment and academic research, members from the University community contributed 439,480 community service and volunteer hours in 1999-2000, a more than 110,000-hour increase from the previous academic year. The average hours for each participant per academic year also increased to 72 from 54 last year. Members of the SLU community also raised $776,849 for causes such as homeless outreach programs and cancer research. “Serving and meeting the needs of the community is part of Saint Louis University’s mission,” said Bernie Schaefer, director of the Community Outreach Center. “We see these opportunities as an institutional responsibility.” Schaefer said total hours have increased by approximately 200,000 from two years ago, but he insists SLU always has had a significant presence in the community. “People have just gotten better at reporting their contributions and hours,” he said.

WINNING SEASON: The 16th-ranked men’s soccer team rallied with two goals in the final 16 minutes to top South Florida 4-3 and capture the Conference USA men’s soccer regular-season title. With the win, the Billikens earned the right to host C-U SA’s postseason tournament. The Billikens then earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament by beating UAB for the C-U SA postseason tournament title. They lost, however, in the first round of the tourney. Pictured above is freshman midfielder Brad Davis.

Geologist Makes a Major Discovery

A University researcher has made a discovery that could change the science of plate tectonics and provide some clues into how life might have developed on Earth.

It has been widely held that plate tectonics, or the motion of plates and continents, dates back 1.5 billion years. Dr. Tim Kusky, a professor of geology, is part of a group of geologists who believe the plates began moving billions of years before.

Kusky now believes he has the findings to prove it. Last summer, Kusky discovered the oldest complete section of oceanic sea floor on the planet, which is more than a billion years older than previously known findings. During fieldwork in a mountain belt in the Eastern Hebei Province, Kusky and his colleague, Dr. Jiang-Hai Li of Peking University in Beijing, found the 2.7-billion-year-old piece of oceanic crust.

The rocks date back to Earth’s earliest geologic time period known as the Archean. The rocks are remarkably similar to much younger volcanic rocks that erupted on the sea floor in the process of sea floor spreading.

For decades, geologists have debated whether plate tectonics operated in the Archean period. Those who have argued against that theory have cited the lack of any Archean ophiolites as their main line of evidence that plate tectonics did not occur on the early Earth. Ophiolites are rock structures formed on the sea floor when continents collide.

“This discovery shows that the plate tectonic forces that created oceanic crust on the Earth today were in operation more than 2.7 billion years ago,” Kusky said.

Kusky said the findings could have a more far-reaching effect on theories related to the development of life on the planet. During the Archean period, scientists believe life on Earth consisted mainly of single-celled organisms in the oceans. Just when they evolved into more complex organisms has been contested for years.

“This discovery also has implications for how life may have originated and diversified on Earth, as hot volcanic vents on the sea floor may have provided the nutrients and temperatures needed for life to flourish and develop,” Kusky said. “It is possible that life developed and diversified around volcanic vents on the sea floor related to sea-floor spreading.”

Geochemical analyses and additional dating of the rock samples are under way at Saint Louis University, Washington University and Peking University. Kusky discussed his findings last November at the annual Geological Society of America meeting in Reno, Nev. His discovery also has been chronicled by Science magazine.
The winter 1981 issue of Saint Louis University Magazine featured the 1980 President’s Report. SLU President Thomas R. Fitzgerald, SJ, recapped the past year’s highlights, including new facilities for the School of Nursing and the one-year anniversary of the School of Allied Health Professions. He also announced plans for the renovation of Davis-Shaughnessy Hall and the construction of the Simon Recreation Center.

The issue featured a story about a controversy caused by Dr. Robert E. Olson, then chairman of SLU’s department of biochemistry. Olson said that the amount of cholesterol consumed is not detrimental to one’s health, which many groups, including the U.S. Senate Select Committee, contested. Olson wrote an accompanying article, in which he defended his claim and discussed how scientific issues have been politicized.

The magazine also included a photo tour of Morrissey Hall, which had just opened as the new home of the School of Law.

Quotable UTAS: “May the conclusion of that decade 10 years from now find Saint Louis University embodying to an even greater degree its commitment to serious academic activity, religious dimension and involvement with greater St. Louis.” — Thomas R. Fitzgerald, SJ, in the President’s Report.

Sign of the Times: An article by William H.T. Bush, one of the University’s trustees, described what makes his brother, George Bush, “tick” in the article “My Brother, the Vice President.” William Bush described his brother’s business ventures, his political career and his sense of humor.
"I believe the miracle of prayer is not in the answer, it's in the very asking — the fact that we bring forth our humanity, every broken part of it, with all of its burdens, darkness, fear and anger, all of its justice and injustice, all of its shortcomings. We also call forth everything human in this protest. And that's where God lives. That's where God chooses to live — through each one of us."
— Martin Sheen

It has become an event that kindles hope for the future, outrage at the past and spans every emotion in the present. An annual ritual both reviled and revered, the charge to close the U.S. Army's School of the Americas attracts thousands of demonstrators every fall to southern Georgia's Fort Benning, home of the SOA. The SOA is a training program for members of the Latin American military funded by U.S. taxpayers. SOA graduates have been implicated in several human rights abuses and massacres in Latin America.

Accompanied by frigid temperatures and constant rain, the fall 2000 protest drew an estimated 10,000 people, 2,000 fewer than in 1999. But the weather did not dampen the resolve of nearly 200 students, faculty, staff and alumni from Saint Louis University, who immersed themselves in a communal weekend filled with speeches, music, dancing, reflection and prayer. Sometimes joyous, often somber, the experience bombarded participants with reminders that in some areas, citizens wallow in death, suffering and poverty.

"This protest is an unfortunate homecoming," said Sr. Kelin Bethea, OP, a first-year student in SLU's master of social work program. "I look forward to seeing the same people every year united in this cause, but at the same time, it’s horrible that I have to come at all, that this institution is still open."

In the protest's largest activity, 3,600 people entered the fort in an act of civil disobedience as part of a solemn mock funeral procession. Led by masked figures cloaked in black and carrying coffins, most crossed the line with small crosses representing alleged victims of SOA graduates. "Crossing the line" into the fort, when done as an act of civil disobedience, can carry a $5,000 fine and up to six months in jail for first-time offenders. Most of the SLU contingent did not cross, but some...
considered it a means to show solidarity with the oppressed in Latin America. “I think it’s necessary to break the law in certain cases if the law is wrong or forgoes justice,” said SLU student Matt Schmidt, one of 13 from the University who crossed the line. “We’re showing we believe in something so strongly, we’re willing to break the law and face the penalties.”

Although University officials urged peaceful participation in the protest, they strongly discouraged SLU students from marching into Fort Benning. “We just wanted people to take away a deepened sense of commitment and appreciation for what closing the school would mean,” said Dr. John Slosar, a School of Social Service professor and a trip facilitator. “I think people will have an enthusiasm for spreading the message of social justice and closing the school once they return.”

Nearly 2,100 protestors received an order banning them from the military base for five years after being arrested, processed and released. Among them were actor Martin Sheen, Slosar and Saint Louis University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ.

Top: Biondi and Sheen (center) were among 3,600 protesters who entered the fort as an act of civil disobedience. Above left: Officials keep the roads clear on Saturday. Above right: Protestors flood the street for the procession into Fort Benning.
The president takes a stand

Only the second president of a Jesuit college or university to attend an SOA protest, Biondi added more visibility to SLU's already impressive presence. A featured speaker at the protest's main vigil, Biondi encouraged making a difference through action. "We are challenged to live a faith that does justice," Biondi said. "The lesson of the Gospels teaches us that we must commit ourselves and our institutions to help the outcasts of society if we are to follow Jesus."

Biondi then joined the funeral procession into the fort alongside Sheen, another speaker at the vigil. "The deaths of the Jesuit martyrs and of countless disenfranchised children, men and women compelled me to attend," said Biondi, who was released without incident. "My involvement was a moving, personal spiritual experience."

For the past two years, Biondi has allocated approximately $15,000 for the trip so students, faculty staff and alumni can participate at minimal cost. This year's trip, which included a bus ride to Columbus, Ga., and two nights in a hotel, cost only $25 per person. "Many in the SLU community have a passion for this cause," Biondi said. "But the enthusiasm and commitment of current and former students really impresses and inspires me."

SLU in the lead

Campus minister and trip facilitator O'Rourke insists those on the trip attend Ignatian family teach-ins, a Mass and both days at the larger protest outside the gates of Fort Benning. Beleaguered by 30-degree temperatures and numbing drizzle, O'Rourke kept the weather in perspective for his group. "Those who were murdered, raped and tortured at the hands of SOA death squads knew much greater suffering," he said.

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Harry O'Rourke began taking groups to the protest in 1996, while Slosar brought a group of 19 down in 1998. At a chance meeting during the 1998 protest, the two men agreed to combine their efforts. Carried by numbers that continue to grow, SLU has brought the largest group from the 28 U.S. Jesuit colleges and universities to the protest for the past two years.

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Located in Columbus, Ga., Fort Benning houses the School of the Americas.
A local connection

The annual demonstration, held Nov. 18 to 19 last fall, coincides with the murder of six Jesuits, their housekeeper and her 15-year-old daughter by members of the El Salvadoran military. A United Nations truth commission found that 19 of the 26 soldiers implicated in the massacre graduated from the SOA. Juan Ramon Moreno, SJ, one of the victims, received a degree from SLU in 1966. SOA graduates also have been linked to other atrocities, including the assassination of Catholic Archbishop Oscar Romero in 1980 and the massacre at El Mazote, which resulted in approximately 900 casualties.

“I think to call the SOA a school of assassins is an understatement,” said Maj. Joe Blair, a former trainer at the school and a speaker at one of the teach-ins. “I think it would be more appropriate to call it the school of mass murderers.”

SoA also has come under scrutiny for allegedly providing torture manuals to its students, a fact the U.S. Army vehemently disputes.

“If you’ve read the newspapers you’ve read denials by (SOA commander) Col. Glen Weidner that the SOA ever taught torture techniques,” Blair said. “That statement is an outright lie. ... Even Weidner himself was taught official Army doctrine that torture, or in Army terms ‘physical abuse,’ was an approved, sanctioned method of treating civilian personnel in Latin American countries.”

From humble beginnings

After Saturday’s Mass, everyone had gotten their fill of “stargazing” and sought refuge from the late night chill. Several requests for West Wing stories, pictures and autographs had been granted with amazing enthusiasm and patience, and the tent that sheltered the worshipers more than 90 minutes earlier fell silent. Only Martin Sheen remained, and he had been swamped, literally and figuratively.

Trying to avoid the puddles and mud, Sheen turned to go to, but not before answering a final question: What compels him attend the School of the Americas protest? “In two words,” Sheen smiled, “Roy Bourgeois.” The founder of the SOA Watch, Bourgeois began the protest in 1990, hoping to educate the public about what has become his personal crusade. His grassroots movement has garnered the attention of Buddhist monks, concerned veterans, renowned actors and legendary folk singers.

Biondi was a featured speaker at the protest’s main vigil. (To read his remarks, see the inside front cover of this issue.)
Alumni speak out

Several SLU alumni agreed that Bourgeois’ message corresponds with what they learned from their alma mater and said the protest provides an excellent opportunity to return to their roots.

“After graduating, I thought about what I was most proud of at SLU,” said Matt Jacobson (A&S ’00), who was processed. “The University always made great efforts to provide opportunities for its students to actively participate in a faith that does justice. That’s what I miss the most.”

“I’ve heard several personal stories from people affected by the SOA,” said Debbie Adams (Soc Ser ’99). “When the opportunity arose to become involved, I felt it was my duty to do so. I plan on coming every year, and I’ll cross the line each time.”

“I am concerned as a citizen that taxpayer money is contributing to the deaths of others,” said Myrna Fichtenbaum (A&S ’74). “I need to say, ‘No, not in my name.’ ”

“It’s important to live deliberately,” said Jenny Wiley (Soc Ser ’00), who has attended the SOA protest three times. “I wanted to send a message that I am part of this ongoing struggle for justice, and I am willing to sacrifice to do this because it has to be done.”

“We are here to say profits are not nearly as important as people,” said Stephanie Schmidt (AHP ’99), who crossed the line but was not processed. “U.S. foreign policy in Latin America is a joke. The interventions the U.S. government carry out in the name of capitalism are tragic.”

What now?

Weidner, the SOA commander, admits the protests have yielded results. The 2001 Defense Authorization Bill closed the SOA and reopened it on Jan. 17 under a new name, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. The school plans to feature more human rights courses and set up an oversight committee.

One former SOA official, however, simply hopes the courses have improved. “I attended a four-hour lecture in human rights in 1987,” Blair said. “The reason I attended as an SOA faculty member was because I was in shock that the teacher was a lieutenant colonel from Chile who had been involved in a career-long series of human rights violations against his own people.”

Slosar urged others to further the cause by educating their friends about the school and contacting their representatives in Congress. “That’s where we really can make a difference,” he said. And despite the reopening of the SOA, Sheen insists protestors have gained something for their participation.

“I really don’t know if any of us will have any effect at all on the closing of the School of the Americas,” Sheen said. “But I am absolutely certain that we will have a profound and lasting effect on each other.”
mid the joy of the holiday season, Saint Louis University lost one of the most revered members of its community. Chancellor J. Barry McGannon, SJ, died Dec. 24 at Jesuit Hall of a brain tumor. He was 76.

With the exception of 1973 to 1977, Fr. McGannon served as an administrator of the University from 1957 until his death. One of the most successful fund-raisers in University history, Fr. McGannon headed a capital campaign between 1982 and 1988 that raised more than $100 million.

"Fr. McGannon's memory will always be alive at Saint Louis University," said University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ. "His commitment to the University's mission and its students and his devotion to Jesuit education forever will be an inspiration. I am honored to have worked with him in ensuring the continued success of Saint Louis University."

Fr. McGannon began working for SLU as administrative assistant to the president. In 1963, he was appointed dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and taught courses in administration in higher education. In 1973, he left SLU to become the executive vice president of Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Mo., a position he held until 1977. That year, Fr. McGannon
He helped bring Saint Louis University into the ‘modern age’ of fund raising, and we owe him so much for that.”

Fr. Barry McGannon was indeed a truly good person. He was forthright and honest. He spoke his mind and stood his ground. He was thoughtful and sincere. Barry was very determined — some would say driven — and he was committed and willing to serve others. He was a man of great faith. When his physician told Barry that his brain tumor was a virulent form of cancer, and that he only had a few months to live, Barry accepted this fact with serenity. There were no tears, no bitterness, no despair. He was certain that God would never abandon him, and he was at peace and content to place himself in God’s loving hands. Barry had a strong faith in God’s providence and the belief that all of us are always in God’s care.”

— University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ, from the homily at the Mass of the Resurrection for Fr. J. Barry McGannon, SJ, Dec. 28 at St. Francis Xavier College Church

“Many are not aware that Fr. McGannon was a real outdoorsman. He loved heading to the country and tooling around in the small skiff the Jesuits owned. When you rode in his car, the seats and carpet were frequently covered with sand and pebbles. These remnants of his most recent adventure always struck me because these activities he enjoyed were so very different from his formal appearance in his daily dress of black clerics and cufflinks.”

— Beth (Becker) Albes (A&S ’87), major gifts officer, University development

Fr. McGannon (in a 1999 photo) in front of the hall named in his honor.

“Through all the advice, ideas, suggestions and ever-gentle proddings that Father was famous for, I was always most inspired by the clear and loving vision that he had for Saint Louis University. His spiritual commitment to the past, present and future of this place served as the strongest reminder of why we do what we do.”

— Meg (Burnes) Connolly (A&S ’90, Grad ’92), interim director, alumni relations

Fr. McGannon knew hundreds of students, continued to correspond with them years after they left campus, recalled them on sight and happily celebrated significant events in their lives.

“Fr. McGannon treated everyone with respect and viewed relationships as long-term,” Whelan said. “Making friends came naturally to him.”

In 1992, SLU recognized Fr. McGannon’s many contributions by dedicating the former ITT Building at 3750 Lindell Blvd. in his honor. McGannon Hall now houses the College of Public Service.

Fr. McGannon earned his bachelor’s and master of arts degree and a doctor of philosophy degree from Saint Louis University. He also earned licentiate degrees in philosophy and sacred theology.

Born in Humboldt, Kan., Fr. McGannon entered the Society of Jesus in 1942 in Florissant, Mo. He was ordained to the priesthood at Saint Mary’s in 1955.

Fr. McGannon served as the president of the Jesuit Advancement Administrators, which named its highest honor after...
The J. Barry McGannon, SJ, Award is presented to an individual who makes a distinguished contribution to Jesuit higher education and to Jesuit advancement. Fr. McGannon also served as vice president of the St. Louis Regional Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, which honored him in 1990 as the Outstanding Fund-Raising Executive of the Year.

He had been a trustee of Saint Louis University, Rockhurst College, Regis University, Wheeling Jesuit College, Loyola University New Orleans, the University of San Francisco and Saint Peter’s College. He also served as secretary and chairman of the American Conference of Academic Deans and as a member of the executive committee and as chairman of the board of the Center for Research Libraries in Chicago.

Fr. McGannon was a member of the Commission on Leadership Development of the American Council on Education for six years, and he stayed active in the Rotary Club.

Contributions may be made to the J. Barry McGannon, SJ, Endowed Scholarship at Saint Louis University. For more information, call (314) 977-2883.
Close to home but just far enough away for a little peace and quiet. That's one way to describe Manresa Center, the University's "new" conference and retreat facility located in the Grand Center neighborhood just north of campus. Purchased by the University last year, Manresa Center is named for the town in Spain where St. Ignatius Loyola laid down his sword and began the spiritual journey that led him to establish the Society of Jesus.

Although newly renovated as a thoroughly modern facility, Manresa Center boasts a proud history. Built in the mid 1800s, the McPherson Mansion was one of the largest homes in St. Louis' "West End." With the encouragement of Archbishop Peter Richard Kenrick in 1887, the house was purchased by the Sisters of Visitation and turned into a day school for area children. In 1906, the house was bought by the Sisters of the Helpers of the Souls and named "Marydale." The sisters made several improvements to the house, including the addition of the extension that now houses the auditorium and the cafeteria, as well as the adjacent buildings. In the early 1920s, the sisters added the chapel, which they modeled after their mother house in Paris.

In 1965, Marydale was purchased by the Conventual Franciscan Friars. The newly renamed St. Bonaventure Friary served as their center for religious formation. Today, the renovated, accessible facility is available for daylong conferences or weekend retreats for both internal and external groups. Here's a look inside.
The auditorium provides seating for up to 150 people.

One of the center’s five conference rooms.

A typical bedroom. Manresa Center can accommodate 52 overnight guests in its 35 bedrooms.

The dining room has been thoroughly updated.

The auditorium provides seating for up to 150 people.

One of the center’s four sitting rooms.

The dining room has been thoroughly updated.
The Higher Cost of Higher Ed

Costs are climbing at colleges across the country — and at Saint Louis University. Here’s a frank explanation of why a college education costs as much as it does.
Universities exist for education. But philosophies don’t pay for heat. Theories don’t fund technology. And ideals don’t literally fill library shelves.

Balancing ivory tower principles and practicality is a struggle for almost every college in the country. How does a school maintain — much less expand and improve — strong programs while keeping costs low? It isn’t easy.

College tuition has been increasing faster than the rate of inflation for more than 30 years, and there is no indication this trend will abate. Over the past decade, for example, the Consumer Price Index grew by 3.5 percent per year, while, according to a report issued by The College Board, tuition and fees at four-year, private colleges and universities increased by 5.7 percent annually.

Saint Louis University is no exception to this nationwide trend. For years, University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ, has promoted his vision to “establish and maintain Saint Louis University as the finest Catholic university in the United States.” But getting there takes a considerable investment of time, talent and, of course, money. Over the past 10 years, the average annual increase for tuition and fees at SLU has been 8 percent. A year’s undergraduate tuition and fees increased from $8,518 in the 1990-91 academic year to $18,438 this academic year. In the coming school year, undergraduate tuition and fees will cost $19,708, an increase of 6.9 percent.

On the other hand, the tuition increases at SLU have not harmed the University’s reputation as one of the nation’s premier educational values. In 2000, U.S. News and World Report ranked Saint Louis University 24th on its list of the 50 “Schools that Offer the Best Value.” Last year, SLU ranked 30th, and in 1998, it ranked 49th. SLU and the University of Notre Dame tied as the top-ranked Catholic uni-

By Laura Geiser
versities on the 2000 list. But university administrators admit these facts do little to ease the sacrifice and pain when parents and students write tuition checks.

"I'm extremely sensitive to their concerns," said Provost Sandra Johnson (A&S '73), who paid her way through Saint Louis University from 1969 to 1973 by working as a secretary and grocery store clerk. "Tuition increased by 28 percent during the four years I attended school here, and it was a struggle," she remembered. "I can clearly understand parents and students having questions about the upward trend."

The University is doing its best to ease the strain. In fact, Saint Louis University's current tuition ($18,400) is far from the high end of the scale for private colleges and universities. Washington University's undergraduate tuition for the current year is $24,745, Northwestern University charges $24,648, and the University of Notre Dame costs $23,780. Saint Louis University falls in the middle of the group of Jesuit universities, well below Fordham University ($23,270), Santa Clara University ($20,577), and Chicago's Northwestern University ($20,200).

Institutional financial aid also has increased dramatically in the last decade. Overall, the University's undergraduate financial aid budget jumped from $6.7 million in 1990 to $39.2 million in 2000. During the same period, the percentage of students receiving aid has increased from 76.8 percent to 85.5 percent.

The Fixed Costs

The upward trend in costs may be more understandable by examining how inflation rates are determined. The Consumer Price Index measures the inflation consumers experience in day-to-day living, while universities pay for a very different "basket of goods." The costs for faculty, technology services, construction, library acquisitions and scientific equipment all increase at annual rates higher than bread, eggs and milk.

Faculty and staff salaries and benefits account for about 66 percent of each tuition dollar, and this percentage continues to grow as the number of faculty grows. In 1990-91, the University had 1,034 full-time faculty members. During the past decade, there has been a 20 percent increase, which brought the total to 1,244 full-timers in 2000. Not only has the number of faculty members increased, but also their pay and benefits have been enhanced in an attempt to attract the faculty a top-tier academic institution requires.

In 1990-91, a typical associate professor at SLU earned an average of $40,294. In 2000, an associate professor made $57,000. It's a vast improvement, but still below the American Association of University Professors' average salary for associate professors, which is $61,700. However, progress has been steady. In general, SLU's faculty salaries have grown at an average annual increase of 3.8 percent.

"While our salaries definitely have improved, and we continue to emphasize fair wages, the real growth has been on the benefits side," said Kathy Hagedorn (A&S '73, Grad '75), vice president of human resources. "The University is contributing significantly more to employee retirement funds as a recruitment tool, and health care costs have increased unbelievably."

In 1992, for example, the University paid $150 monthly per person for health benefits. Now, it's closer to $300 a month per person. But Hagedorn said the improved pay and benefits are paying off.

"In the early '80s, we tried to hold down tuition with a vengeance, and I think that held down our programs. We were doing a good job with what we had, but we couldn't offer the quality of the programs we needed to be competitive."

"SLU was always a good place to work, but now we offer a better quality of work life," Hagedorn said. "And people have bought into the vision of being the finest Catholic university in the nation, so when we're hiring for key positions, the quality level and experience level of the candidates are significantly higher."

Today's best faculty members also bring higher expectations about office space, laboratories and research assistants than an earlier generation of faculty. Johnson was hired as an assistant law professor at the University in 1978. Back then, she recalled, all 24 faculty members in the law school shared one secretary and a few phone lines. Faculty had no long distance phone access. City streets ran straight through campus, and security was an issue, especially for those who taught at night.

"In the early '80s," Johnson said, "we tried to hold down tuition with a vengeance, and I think that held down our programs. We were doing a good job with what we had, but we couldn't offer the quality of the programs we needed to be competitive. Today you have to be competitive to survive. When Fr. Biondi arrived, the decision was made to let the tuition get a little higher to provide improved resources to meet the expectations of incoming students and their parents and of our faculty."

The number of support staff positions also has risen to meet the demands of today's high-caliber students and faculty. Full-time staff grew from 1,994 in January 1990 to 2,378 in January 2000, a 19 percent increase. The University has needed the additional staff to accommodate changes on campus. Ten years ago, only one-third of undergraduate students lived in University housing, but now more than half do. The rise in residential students called for an increase in housing units available to students. In 1996, the University had approximately 1,100 housing units for residential students. By the fall of 2000, the number of units had grown to 3,200. More students living on campus also required more staff and programs in the division of student development and brought about the need for a student health center, counseling services and a recreation center. These facilities not only require more staff, but they also add to the University's general maintenance and utility bills."
“A sign of a healthy institution is the ability to maintain its physical plant,” said Dan Hitchell, director of financial planning and budgets for the University. “Heating, cooling, housekeeping, minor repairs, maintaining the grounds and security are included in these costs. And this cost sector almost has doubled since fiscal year 1991, growing from $14.5 million to $26.1 million for fiscal year 2001.”

This sizeable increase is due in part to the new buildings and major renovations that the University has built or undertaken since fiscal year 1991. New construction projects have included McDonnell Douglas Hall, the Student Village apartments, the School of Allied Health Professions building, and John and Lucy Cook Hall. Renovation projects have given new life to the Humanities Building, the School of Law complex, Verhaegen Hall, Hopewell Hall and the Biomedical Sciences building on Lindell Boulevard.

Another significant portion of each tuition dollar pays for academic support, the bulk of which is spent on libraries and information technology, two areas essential to the teaching and learning process. Both have undergone growth spurts and an infusion of fiscal and personnel resources in the past decade.

The University’s overall library expenses have increased $2.4 million from 1990 to 1999, growing at an average annual rate of 8.9 percent. And SLU’s total library holdings, which include books, monographs, serials, microforms, government documents, cartographic materials and electronic titles, have increased from 2.2 million in 1990-91 to 4.1 million in 1999-2000.

“The growth in both costs and holdings is now in electronic journals,” Hitchell said. “These new journals are expensive to acquire, and the required technology to utilize them is expensive to maintain. However, both are necessary for an engaging learning environment.”

As for information technology, Saint Louis University faces the constant and expensive, but necessary, challenge of keeping up. “Funding and managing technology and information systems costs is a growing burden on all higher education institutions,” Hitchell said. “Providing students with cutting-edge technology while managing the administrative systems required for this institution is an expensive proposition. The spending devoted to our information technology division is an example of this challenge. Spending grew from $2.3 million in fiscal year 1991, which was inadequate, to an estimated $7.6 million for fiscal year 2002.”

The Endowment Factor

Tuition pays for only two-thirds of the cost of a SLU education. The remainder comes primarily from gifts and earnings from the University’s endowment.

On Dec. 31, 2000, Saint Louis University’s endowment had a market value of $910 million. The National Association of College and University Business Offices ranks the University’s endowment 38th among all colleges and universities nationwide as of June 30, 1999, the last date on which this information was available. The relative size of the endowment improved substantially in 1998 with the addition of approximately $250 million of proceeds from the sale of the Saint Louis University Hospital.

So why not pull more money from the endowment to defray tuition increases? “It’s easy to look at any University with a large endowment and speculate about spending substantially more for the current generation of students, faculty and staff. However, this is usually not good long-term policy,” said Jerry Woodham, University treasurer and associate vice president.

Woodham points out that about three-quarters of the endowment is unrestricted, meaning that donors specify how they want the money to be used, and it cannot be diverted to other needs. Campus artwork serves as a good example. A common misconception is that tuition dollars pay for statues around campus, but that is not the case. Private benefactors who view art as an integral part of a university education have paid for it. The same goes for a majority of beautification efforts, such as fountains and landscaping.

The other quarter of the endowment is unrestricted money that can be used to fund anything from scholarships to the gas bill.

“It is important to maintain or increase the real purchasing power of the endowment,” Woodham said. “If inflation is 3.5 percent and we spend 5 percent, a return of 8.5 percent is necessary just to provide the same purchasing power in the future as we enjoy today. We could spend more in the short run, but if the increase is excessive and permanent, it will negatively impact future generations. Those constituencies could reasonably question our wisdom if we spend and manage unwisely.”

On average, the University spends approximately 5.25 percent of its endowment annually. Last year, that came to about $51 million. As part of the Project SLU 2000 initiative, however, the board of trustees has authorized spending from $7 million to $8 million more during each of the next five years to improve facilities, academic programs and information technology, so the University can position itself better in the marketplace.

Belt Tightening

A report by the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education said that public anxiety about college prices is rising along with tuition costs. The report noted that if this public concern continues, and colleges and universities do not take steps to reduce their costs, policymakers at the federal and state levels will intervene and take up the task for them.

Although the University cannot con-
control budgetary factors, such as rising fuel prices and the ever-escalating information technology race, it is instituting cost-cutting measures in areas where it does have some control. Saint Louis University has established a faculty-staff committee to study how to make health care benefits more affordable for the University and its employees. To conserve energy, SLU has decentralized the central boiler plant, providing, for example, energy-efficient boilers for clusters of buildings rather than one system for the entire campus. In addition, all new buildings are fitted with the most efficient appliances, such as automatic faucets and toilets and energy-efficient lighting systems. Older buildings are being retrofitted with new energy-saving windows and heating/cooling units. When possible, services are outsourced to save revenue.

Another money-saver was moving Parks College of Engineering and Aviation from Cahokia, Ill., to the St. Louis campus in 1998. Parks College had its own academic and administrative offices in Cahokia, but when it moved across the river, duplicate services were eliminated, saving the University more than $1 million in fiscal year 1998. In addition, the quantity and quality of applicants seeking admission to Parks have shot up dramatically since construction of McDonnell Douglas Hall, home of the new, state-of-the-art college facilities.

There are other cost savings to consider as well. "As a not-for-profit organization, Saint Louis University, like all other universities, has considerable financial benefits that accrue to our students that 'for-profit' corporations do not enjoy," said Rob Altholz, vice president for business and finance. "First, the University is tax-exempt. We do not pay real estate taxes on property we own, we do not pay sales tax on goods and services we purchase, we are able to borrow money for capital projects at tax-exempt rates, and we are not subject to income taxes. If we were not tax-exempt, those additional costs would need to be passed along to students in the form of higher tuition rates.

"Secondly," Altholz continued, "as a not-for-profit corporation, all revenue received from tuition and other fees is used to support the direct and indirect expenses associated with the academic programs and auxiliary activities of the University. We do not, for instance, have a cash drain resulting from the payment of shareholder dividends that 'for-profit' corporations need to offer to entice the flow of capital to them. The avoidance of these payments, of course, is also a direct benefit to our students."

A More Positive Outlook

When the American Council on Education asked parents to rate their fears, first on the list was drug-use among their children. Second was not being able to pay for their son or daughter's college education. The survey found parents worried more about college tuition than they worried about their children becoming victims of crime or receiving proper health care.

However, such doom and gloom may be overstated. "Many families see a university's published cost and immediately eliminate that institution from consideration," said Hal Deuser (Grad B&A '81), SLU's director of scholarship and financial aid programs. In reality, this published cost is reduced for most families with awards from different financial aid programs.

"Parents' concerns regarding college affordability can be misguided," Deuser said. "Any college education can be affordable when one considers the wealth of college financing assistance available. Much of this assistance is in the form of loans, as it always has been, but a large percentage is also scholarships and grants."

"Every college in this country wants to help you afford its cost of attendance," he continued. "You simply have to apply for the financial aid programs that the school has to offer."

Such advice may not meet every family's need, but it can, and does, make a university education affordable for most families.

Even with a possible investment of more than $100,000, most parents and students still consider a college education a must. In 2000, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that the average annual household income for a family where the primary breadwinner had a bachelor's degree was $85,423, about $34,000 more than the household income of a high school graduate and more than double that of a high school dropout. If one adds to this the quality of the degree, the opportunity to interact with great faculty and students and the lifelong benefits of an influential alumni network, the price of higher education seems worth the sacrifice. "When you add the economic benefits to the intangible benefits that come with a college degree — increased cultural, intellectual, emotional and social awareness — higher education is priceless," Deuser said.

Of course, that doesn't mean that anyone at Saint Louis University has forgotten the costs. "We realize that tuition is a delicate subject," said University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ. "We are not insensitive to the needs of parents and students, and we don't raise tuition cavalierly. We take a lot of time to look at the big picture and determine what's best for our students."

"Throughout our budget process, our goal is to give Saint Louis University students the very best education possible while keeping the University financially sound for the future."

Biondi said. "We know that education is an investment, and we are humbled by the faith of countless SLU families who have selected us as the stewards of their future. It's a sacred trust."
enjoys retired living in homes in both Los Angeles and Pennsylvania. Dr. Philip M. Eggiot (Dent) lives in Winter Springs, Fla. John B. Gray (Law) still practices law in Florissant, Mo.

Dr. Frank J. Fedor (A&S ’50, Med ’54) has had a private practice since 1961 and also trains post-grads at Georgetown University Hospital. Joseph W. Fusso (IT) is retired after 35 years as a Chevron geologist.

Dr. George A. Gureece (B&A ’52, Med ’56) lives in Martindale, Iowa. Dr. Richard Menke (Med) is a retired orthopedic surgeon living near the Ohio River. John M. Ryan (A&S) is a manufacturer representative and still resides in St. Louis.

Dr. Gloria H. Broun (Nurs ’54, Grad ’81) retired from teaching and remains active in the Missouri Nurses Association. She is a board member of the MONA Foundation. Dr. Charles T. Smallwood Jr. (A&S ’56, Med ’60) is also a retired ophthalmology practice but continues to be active in the Massachusetts Medical Society and its Plymouth District.

Dr. Robert J. Gauer (Med) is retired in Kansas City, Mo.

William D. Beck Jr. (IT) is a retired engineer and professor. He enjoys painting, writing, tennis and bridge.

Elizabeth L. Moore (Nurs) is a retired nursing professor living in St. Louis. Mary A. Mullaney (Nurs) is a grandmother of 15, and she volunteers in a nursing home and a school. Regina A. Reddington (Nurs) is happily retired and is enjoying life in Youngstown, Ohio. Marilyn A. Rukening (A&S) has been an elementary school teacher for 41 years in Palm Springs, Calif.

Opal H. Aldrich (Grad Nurs) is retired but stays active with her husband, church and sorority. Bob Browning (Parks) retired from active duty in the Air Force and from a director position for Rockwell International. He spends his retirement touring the country in his RV.

Dr. Leo O. Furr (Med) lives in Bird Island, Minn., where he practiced medicine for 37 years. He enjoys hunting, fishing and traveling. Dr. H.B. Helling (Med) is retired and lives in Fort Madison, Iowa. Dr. Richard Menke (Med) is a retired orthopedic surgeon living near the Ohio River.

Dr. Thomas F. Shields (Med) retired from an orthopedic surgery practice in 1998 and was elected to the Maine House of Representatives.

Dr. Charles T. Smallwood Jr. (A&S ’56, Med ’60) is a retired ophthalmology practice but continues to be active in the Massachusetts Medical Society and its Plymouth District.

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Charles E. Adolpf (Parks) works for Science Applications International in Albuquerque, N.M. Alton Frye (Pub Ser) is still with the Council on Foreign Relations as a senior fellow and director. Dr. James B. Kilwein (Med) has been appointed to a two-year term on the Michigan Doctors’ Political Action Committee’s board of directors. Lt. Col. Rodney T. Meyer (A&S) retired from the Tucson School District and works for Yellstone National Park in Wyoming during the summers.

Br. Leo V. Ryan, CSV (Grad), a professor of management and emeritus at De Paul University, received the first Vincentian Universities National Insight Award during the seventh International Conference Promoting Business Ethics in New York City.

Mary M. White (AHP) retired from home health therapy and stays active in her parish by playing the organ, while her husband of 45 years sings. Jim Erlinger (A&S) is a fishing guide in Colorado, where he also builds custom fishing rods. William P. Gilmore (Soc Ser) retired from Catholic Social Services in Cleveland. Dr. Peter E. Kane (Med) is a clinical professor of radiology at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Dan Kozlowski (IT) was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, also in Ohio. He was honored for his work as a senior vice president of McDouall Douglas.

James Yick C. Leong (IT) retired from Lockheed Martin in 1987 and lives with his wife in Florissant, Mo. He reports that “he takes each day as it comes.” Darrell L. Lynn (Parks) retired from Lebanon Martin’s law department as assistant general counsel. He lives in Bloomington, Minn. Thomas R. Pozsgay (IT) is a contract engineer for Cmpaq. He lives in Seaford, Del. Patrick W. Shaffer (IT) is retired in Sun City West, Ariz. Dr. Dominick V. Sorge (Med) received the Vincent de Paul Award for outstanding service in exemplifying the philosophy and values of Saint Vincent’s Medical Center in Bridgeport, Conn.
Elaine F. Scott (AHP) is retired but still active politically for the APTA and the local school board in Capet, Wyo.

David G. Anderson (Soc Ser) works part time as a therapist in St. Louis. ... Barbara J. Chronister (IT) is retired from State Farm Insurance. She lives in Corpus Christi, Texas. ... Dennis G. Coleman (A&S) is the vice president of the 75th annual meeting of the American Urological Association. He lives in Poland, Ohio, with his wife, Ruth Ann, Mo. ...
Manassas, Va., to head the promoted and transferred to S.A. Reiser (Parks) was Batavia, Ill. …

Bruce Babb (Parks) is a senior project engineer on the AES1107c engine program, which is used on the V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft. He is happy to be a grandfather for the third time. …

Patrick Joseph Burke (A&S) passed the International Code Council certification test to acquire the Certified Building Official designation. He lives in St. Louis with his wife and children. …

Dr. Thomas H. Auer (Med) retired from the Army after 23 years active duty in 1998. He is the medical director and chief operations officer of Community Care Physicians in Albany, N.Y. …

Dr. Virginia A. Wohltmann (MD) is board certified in general psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry and geriatric psychiatry. He has a private practice in East Rochester, N.Y.

Linda Murphy Marshall (Grad ’74) is a multilingual worker for the federal government. She lives in Columbia, Md. …

James A. Pfisterer (A&S ’77) is a school social worker for St. Louis County Special School District. …

Dr. Elizabeth Bookser Barkley (Grad) was named the Ohio Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement and Support of Education. This award recognizes extraordinary dedication to teaching, commitment to students and innovative teaching methods. …

Dr. David Cruvant (Med) has a private practice in general pediatrics in Long Island, N.Y. …

John W. Cullen (A&S) joined the management con–
A mong those honored at the hall of fame dinner were (from left): Linda Giel-Sigman, a representative of the 1977 women's swim team; O'Brien; Kit Molyo-Conclus, a representative of the 1977 women's swim team; Hoffmann; Hadicen; Caggelt; Matt Hyland, son of honoree Robert Hyland; Serkin; Anne Stolwyk-Jones, a representative of the 1977 women's swim team; and Highmark.

**Hall of Fame Honors Greats**

In January, nine new members and one team were inducted into the Billiken Hall of Fame. The honorees follow by category:

**Billiken Great (Pioneer):** Al Serkin (men’s basketball 1955-57), a strong-rebounding center who helped the Billikens to appearances in both the postseason NIT and NCAA Tournaments in his career.

**Billiken Great (Contemporary):** Ervin Caggelt (men’s basketball 1992-95), whose 1,910 career points make him not only the second-leading scorer in Billiken history, but also the all-time leading in the Great Midwest Conference. He helped the Billikens to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 1994 and ’95. ... Dennis Hadican (men’s soccer 1970-73), who appeared in four national championship games during his four-year career, scoring at least one point in each of those games, which led to the three national championships for SLU. ... Scott Highmark (men’s basketball 1992-95), another valuable cog in the Billiken basketball machine that went to the NCAA Tournament in back-to-back years, who poured in 1,663 points during his career, making him the fifth-best scorer in the history of the program. ... H Waldman (men’s basketball 1994-95), who played only two years with the Billikens but put his stamp on the basketball program in the 1993-94 and ’94-95 NCAA Tournament seasons.

**Distinguished Alum (Pioneer):** Robert Hyland (baseball 1938-40), who, prior to his passing in 1992, was among St. Louis’ most influential people. As senior vice president of CBS Radio and general manager of the network-owned KMOX, Hyland helped build KMOX into “The Voice of St. Louis.”

**Bauman Sportmanship Award: Jack Buck,** who has been the play-by-play announcer for the St. Louis Cardinals since 1954, has called Monday Night Football on the CBS Radio Network and NFL football on CBS Television, has anchored the CBS Radio Network broadcasts of the World Series since 1983 and was a commentator for Super Bowl games on radio from 1978 through 1995. A member of the National Radio Hall of Fame, he has received the Ford C. Frick award from the Baseball Hall of Fame and the Pete Rozelle Award from the Pro Football Hall of Fame. ... George Hoffmann, a longtime supporter of Billiken Athletics as president of the Tip Off Club and as an active member of the Billiken Club. He was president of Koncen Meat Co. ... John O’Brien, who was not the Billikens’ first women’s basketball coach, but many credit him with the continuation of the program. Coaching from the 1976-77 season through the 1988-89 campaign, he accumulated a 177-146 record at Saint Louis.

**Bob Bumers Award: The 1977 Women’s Swim Team,** which was the first Billiken women’s program to compete at the national level by qualifying in four places in nationals.
Twin Falls, Idaho, where he lives with his wife, Marilyn, and five children. He just completed his first season in NASCAR, racing grand American late models.

Gordon Kempe (Nurs) is the president of the New Hampshire Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Kevin Leaby Keenan (A&S) and Christine (Leaby) Keenan (A&S ’81) live in Sherman, Conn., with their children, Joseph, Ryan and Meredith. Chris is a physician’s assistant at Danbury Hospital. Kevin owns Southview Builders.

Rosemarie Warren LeMoine (Law) received the Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono Award. Thomas Meirink (Pub Hlth) reports that he is “enjoying life in Chicago …”

Donald E. Brown (Grad B&A) is a partner at Arthur Andersen & Co. as well as a partner at Mass Mutual and MML Investors Services Inc. in Greensboro, N.C. … Roger Cauley (Nurs) is the owner of Guam Nursing Services, a Medicare-certified home care agency. He, his wife, Elizabeth, and son, Bryan, live in Tamuning, Guam.

Joseph T. Eckelkamp (A&S ’80, Grad ’93) retired from the nursing administration and has opened a flower shop in St. Louis.

Seven students have been selected to evaluate the strategies, techniques: Leading Therapists. …

Louise B. Bradshaw (A&S) is the director of education at the St. Louis Zoo, where she works to improve scientific and educational education locally and nationally. She and her husband, Bob, live in Kirkwood, Mo., with their son, Ben. … Michael T. Dorsky (B&A) is the general counsel for Knight Trading Group, the largest Nasdaq market maker. He lives in Chatham, N.J. … Maryellen C. Estes (Soc Ser) works part time at the Vancouvee, Massachusetts General Hospital, an orthopedic and neurologic clinic, primarily for geriatric patients. …

Muriel A.S. Grimmett (Grad) is the university director of student academic support and achievement at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Andrew Haas (AHP) is executive vice president of the Airline Pilots Association International. He and his wife, Lori, live in Peoria, Ariz., with their three children, Christopher, Justin and Amber. … Janet C. Loida (AHP) works part time with Beverly Rehab at Camelot Nursing Center in Farmington, Mo. She also is self-employed part time, contracting with Ability Network to service pediatric clients. …

Cindy Proctor (A&S, Nurs ’81, Grad ’91) presented a paper at the World Congress on Vaccines and Immunization in Liege, Belgium. She and her husband and three children welcomed their third son, John, on Dec. 6. They live in Defiance, Mo., Helen Rosenthal, RSCV (Grad ’81, ’86) is on sabbatical from full-time teaching. For five years, she chaired the religious studies and history departments at St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla. …

She plans to retire. … Dr. Howard Rosenthal (Grad) is the editor of his seventh book Favorite Counseling and Therapy Techniques. …

Dr. Kahi A. Vosevich (A&S ’80, Grad ’83) is the director of management and process for Sprint ENS at Houstoun area after the merger of Exxon and Mobil. …

He has been working in the cause of promoting the arts. … When her husband, Lea, report they “enjoy living in The Woodlands, Texas.”

Mary D. Cernik (A&S) works at State Farm’s corporate office in Bloomington, Ill., in facilities management services. …

Cathy (Conran) Gilmore (A&S) spends her time home schooling her children, coaching band and Park baseball. She is active in their schools and in community service in Chicago.

Richard D. Arnold (Parks) lives in Seguin, Texas, where he is a “Mr. Mom” raising a son and daughter. … George Brill (Parks) is the president of a company he started, Aerotech Service Group Inc. The St. Louis-based company specializes in deploying secure gateways for large intransits. …

Lisa DeMauro (Nurs) is a nurse manager for CNIC Raillroad Sisterhood. She and her two daughters live in Tinley Park, III. …

Jane (Kuenstling) Frank (B&A) lives in Arleigh, N.C., with her husband, Richard, and daughters, Maggie and Emily. She is a senior teacher at St. Mary’s School in Lake Charles, La. …

Julie (Steinman) King (A&S ‘84). Julie and her husband, Mike, live in St. Louis. …

She is a member of the American Association of Animal Keepers. …

She is a mother of four children, Elizabeth, John, Michael and Mary. She is active in their schools and in community service in Chicago.

Dr. Laura Hofling (B&A) is the senior vice president of CB Technologies, and Traci Savage (Frazza) (A&S ‘89) is a registered nurse with the company he started, Aerotech Service Group Inc. The St. Louis-based company specializes in deploying secure gateways for large intransits. …
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planning and marketing at St. John's Health System in Springfield, Mo. He and his wife, Dawn, have three sons, John, Andrew and Will. ... John Kuest II (Parks) lives in Alaska and is self-employed as an automation consultant. Paul O'Connor (AHP) works at Eastern Maine Medical Center in emergency medicine. He and his wife, Caroline, have two children, Savannah and Simon. G. Stephen Peranteau (Par) is a R&M Engineering manager for Naval Air Systems Command in North Island, Calif. He is enjoying life playing with his kids and cars while working on his MBA in technology management. ... Stephen Peranteau (Par) works for St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center in Granite City, Ill. ... Dr. Kelli R. Arntzen (Med) practices dermatology in a multiplicity group. She and her children, Blake and Clara, live in Seattle. Leigh Joy Carson (Law) is starting Community Education Resources, a not-for-profit group that will hold education programs on domestic violence, children and violence and other social issues. She is practicing law with her firm, The Carson Law Firm, in Clayton, Mo. ... Karen Despiegelaere (A&S) and her husband, Bob, have a daughter, Emily Marie, on Dec. 6. ... Rose A. Serra (Med) is an assistant professor in the department of molecular and cellular physiology at the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine. ... Dr. Scott Werner (A&S '86, Med '90) and Jennifer Weber (A&S '88) live in Troy, Ohio, with their children, Gretchen and Ben. Paul is practicing pediatrics, and Jenny has gone back to school to study interior design. ... Dr. Steve Astuto (Grad) has a private practice at the University of California at San Diego. Joe D'Cruz (B&A) was promoted to senior vice president in charge of worldwide sales and marketing for a telecommunications software company. He and his wife, Lynly, have been married for five years and have two sons, Alec and Nicholas. They live in Dallas. Gary M. Gaertner Jr. (A&S '87) is a Circuit Judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit in St. Louis County. ... Andrew W. Ganey (B&A) is a substitute teacher at a computer help desk technician for Peak Internet Access in Belleville, Ill. ... Carleen M. Hilty (Med) lives with her husband, Dave, and her sons, Connor and Jacob, in Okona, Ill. She is a Midwes ... Felicia D. Isbell (A&S '87, Nurs '93) is a clinical educator for St. Mary's Health Center. She lives in St. Louis with her husband, C. C. Lamczyk (Par) works on the space shuttle and international space station as an environmental systems flight controller at NASA's Johnson Space Center. ... Linda J. LoScalzo (AHP) lives in St. Louis. She reports that she is working as a wife, mother of one and part-time physical therapist. ... Dr. Michael Roach (Med) has a family medicine private practice in Caldwell, Idaho. He and his wife, Robin Cruz, have one son, Paul. ... Nick Barbieri (B&A) and his wife, Beth (Steffen) Barbieri, (A&S '89, Grad '91), live in Woodbury, Minn., with their sons Joseph and Jack. Nick is a regional sales manager for a company in Nashua, N.H. ... Dr. David Blume (Med) is an internal medicine physician at Missouri Baptist Medical Center in St. Louis. ... Yvette Goforth (Parks) is the director of training for Tharaldson Cos. She lives in Ponta, Ill., with her husband, Todd, and two children, Wesley and Brianna. ... Barbara H. Jacobsmeier (AHP) is the director of physical therapy and rehabilitation at Des Peres Hospital. She, her husband and three children live in Florissant, Mo. ... Dr. Charlene Jones (Grad) is the assistant to the superintendent of St. Louis Public Schools. Deborah E. Koehler (A&S) is a media advisor for the University of Florida in Pensacola, Fla., with her husband, Paul, and children, Shannon, Allison, Bridget and William. ... Dr. M. Keller Jr. (Med) has moved his medical practice and lives in Omaha, Neb. He and his wife, Karen, live in Webster Groves, Mo. ... Dr. Matthew Koehler (A&S) lives in Upper Bucks, Pa. ... Robert Merz (A&S) has been named the zoological manager for invertebrates at the St. Louis Zoo. ... Joe Muehlenkamp (A&S, B&A '89, Grad '98) is the associate director for media relations at SLU's Health Sciences Center. ... Kanishkan Sathasivam (Parks) is an assistant professor of political science at Missouri Baptist University in Northfield, Minn. ... Valerie H. Siemer (Nurs, A&S '89, Grad '93) and her husband, David, have two children. David, He joins siblings Greg, Sheila and Hannah in St. Louis. Valerie works part time at Barnes-Jewish County Hospital. ... Karen (Giebel) Shea (AHP) works part time as a physical therapist and teaches cardio-kickboxing. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Mason, Ohio, with their sons, Kasey and Ben. ... Edward J. Wetzel (Parks) is a flight instructor and lieutenant commander. He was married in August in Langley, Wash. ... Christine M. Geile (AHP) is the director of Planning and P.T. and Quality Rehab Services Inc. She and her husband, Brent, live with their children, Amanda and Nathon, in St. Genevieve, Mo. ... Robert Langrell (A&S) and his wife, Tina, live “under the sunny skies” in Las Vegas with their children, Megan, Katie and Connor. ... John Muehlenkamp (A&S) was promoted to federal investigator with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He also completed training at the U.S. Enforcement Training Center in Glencyo, Ga. Phil and his wife, Nola, and their daughter, Anna, live near Jefferson City, Mo. ... Dr. Mark Littlehale (Med) and his wife, Tracy, welcomed their second child, Sarah. She joins a brother, Zachary. ... K. Scott Wester (A&S) is the CEO of St. Elizabeth Hospital in Maryville, La. He and his wife, Nicole, have one daughter, Grace. ... Nancy J. Bickel (Grad) is a　　tural teacher at Holy Names High School in Oakland, Calif. ... Dr. Robert Buchanan (Med) married Jeana Gerace on Oct. 19. He is a pediatrician professor in the department of psychiatry and a resident surgeon in the department of neurology at the University of California, San Diego. ... Allen Chan (B&A) works for a Dutch-based ISV as the general manager for north A/S. He lives in Hong Kong. ... Graham Day (A&S) has joined the litigation department of Suelhaus & Walsch, where he will concentrate his practice on commercial litigation matters. He lives in Webster Groves, Mo. ... Matthew J. MacK (B&A) works for Roxbury Capital Management, a private firm managing more than $1 billion in assets for high net-worth individuals and corporations. He lives in Culver City, Calif. ... Mary Jo McNeely (A&S) is the director of investor relations at Charter Communications. She lives in University City, Mo. ... Dr. Brian M. Morrissey (Med) is on the faculty at the
Frederick Roever Sr., former dean at Parks Air College in Cahokia, Ill., died Oct. 11. He was 92. Mr. Roever came to the college in 1932 as a ground school instructor. Six years later, he was named dean of the college, a position he held until 1945.

Dr. Bernard Rice, professor emeritus in chemistry, died Dec. 1. He was 85. Dr. Rice enjoyed a distinguished 35-year career at Saint Louis University until his retirement in 1984.

Thomas C. Stanton (A&S ’26), a former coach at the University, died Dec. 10 at the age of 96. Mr. Stanton was synonymous with Billiken basketball, first as a player and six years later, as dean of the college, a position he held until 1945.

Dr. Charles Paterson, professor emeritus in communication, died Jan. 7. Dr. Paterson spent 35 years with the University until his retirement in 1983.

Despite their appearances in the “In Memoriam” sections of past issues of Universitas, we are pleased to report that Dr. Dan B. Cotner (Dent ’49) and Dr. Mary Jane Ruoff, CSJ (Grad ’57) are alive and well. We apologize for the errors and wish them all the best.

Dr. Robert L. Fitzsimmons (B&A ’51)
Dr. Seymour J. Freedman (Dent ’51)
Mr. Richard S. Gabryis (B&A ’51)
Mr. Herbert H. Luecke (Law ’51)
Dr. William J. Roche Jr. (A&S ’51)
Dr. William A. Barker II (Grad ’52)
Mr. Granville E. Collins (Law ’52)
Sr. Catherine S. Mossinghoff, SSND (Grad ’52)
Mr. LaVerne R. Plowman (AHP ’52)
Mr. Paul Bowman (Parks ’53)
Deacon Michael H. Dalton Jr. (Soc Ser ’53)
Mr. Lewis H. Fichthorn (Parks ’53)
Dr. David H. Foulke (Med ’53)
Mr. E. Keith Pickett (B&A ’54)
Dr. Richard J. Shelley (Med ’54)
Dr. Joseph B. Vaccaro (Med ’54)
Mr. Walter L. Vail (A&S ’54)
Rev. Ralph Weisshaar, OFM (Grad ’54)
Dr. Thomas P. Connelly (Med ’55)
Mrs. Dorothy (Endacott) Fleener (Nurs ’55)
Mr. Wayne L. Millsap (Med ’55)
Mr. Paul A. Petre (Parks ’55)
Mr. William R. Williams (B&A ’55)
Mr. John J. Curry (Parks ’56)
Mr. William H. Hennessy Jr. (Soc Ser ’56)
Mr. Peter J. Maniscalco (Law ’56)
Msgr. Russell J. O’brien (Grad ’56)
Dr. James R. Hooley (Dent ’57)
Dr. Richard E. Parrotte (Parks ’57)
Mr. Thomas J. Robertson (Grad B&A ’57)
Mr. Ralph R. Wood (Parks ’57)
Dr. H. Anthony Engelbrecht (A&S ’58)
Sr. Marcelline Falk, CPS (A&S ’58)
Mr. Edgar S. Hickey Jr. (IT ’58)
Dr. Ross D. Blades (Med ’59)
Mr. Henry A. Oldani (A&S ’59)
Mr. Robert F. Voss (IT ’59)
Mrs. Carol P. (Marlo) Buster (Nurs ’60)
Ms. Nina M. Klarich (A&S ’60)
Sr. Bertille Rascher, CPPS (Soc Ser ’60)
Sr. Mary Sabine DeCros, RGS (Grad ’61)
Mrs. Myrna M. Glines (A&S ’61)
Rev. Lewis B. O’Neill, SJ (Grad ’61)

Mrs. Juanita (Cunningham) Evans (Soc Ser ’62)
Mr. Frederick M. Lapan (Parks ’62)
Mr. Alan L. Lane (Law ’63)
Dr. James C. Blalock (Med ’64)
Dr. Eve (Spinney) Hale (Soc Ser ’64)
Dr. Joseph G. Koncen (Grad ’64)
Mr. James J. Otto (IT ’64)
Ms. Elizabeth M. Windham (Grad ’64)
Mr. Primo Contreas (Grad ’65)
Mrs. Mary Ann (Schwetschenau) Craven (Pub Ser ’67)
Mrs. Joan C. Moss (Grad ’67)
Mr. Warren T. Brickworth (A&S ’68)
Mrs. Ruth B. (Lukett) Weaver (Grad ’68)
Mr. Brian M. Lynch (Parks ’69)
Miss Mary Claire Degnan (A&S ’70)
Mrs. Geraldine M. (Galli) O’herin (A&S ’70)
Mr. Wayne D. Werth (Parks ’72)
Mr. Thomas J. Nold (Law ’74)
Mr. Henry C. Lee Jr. (Pub Ser ’75)
Ms. Dorothy M. (Dambacher) Brauegmann (Nurs ’78)
Mr. Dennis C. Cronin (Grad B&A ’78)
Mr. Marvin L. Nelson (Soc Ser ’78)
Mr. James E. Walls (Law ’78)
Mr. John W. Calvert III (A&S ’82)
Mrs. Sally (Slough) Elliott (Nurs ’87)
Mrs. Linda (Imm) Marconi (Grad ’87)
Ms. Melissa A. (Mauer) Toigo (Grad ’90)
Mr. Mark R. Trump (Parks ’91)
Dr. Mark C. Kelsey (Med ’94)
Bro. Thomas J. Naughton (Soc Ser ’94)
Mr. Douglas H. Rosenmayer (AHP ’98)

University of California-Davis School of Medicine. He completed a pulmonary-critical care fellowship at the University of Colorado. ... Michael Rendzenkis (A&S) and his wife, Lori, welcomed their first child, Adam Trevor, on June 24 in Chicago. ... Brian J. Ricken (Parks) is a pilot for American Airlines. He welcomed his son, Jacob, in May to Lake Dallas, Texas. ... Tara A. Wright (B&A) markets index mutual funds online and via call centers for German and French markets.

Jud Ankom (A&S ’94, Law ’97) and Shannon Flanagan (Law ’97) live in Troy, Ill. Jud works as a lawyer in the real estate area of residential and commercial real estate. ... Anita (Pletcher) Davis (Soc Ser) lives in Stillwater, Minn., with her husband, Eric, and their daughters, Jayna and Camryn. ... Karen (O’Connor) Duke (A&S) and her husband, Michael, welcomed their second son, Cooper. He joins big brother, Connor. Karen owns Circle of Life Kids Resale Shop in Springfield, Ill. ... John R. Headrick (Grad) received his master’s degree in political science from Western Illinois University on Dec. 16. He is the director of governmental affairs for the Illinois Department of Central Management Services in Springfield, Ill. John was inducted into the Samuel K. Grove Legislative Staff Intern Hall of Fame in 1999. ... Will Johnson (A&S) and Christy (Gloster) Johnson (A&S) welcomed their first child, Caroline Grace, in September. Will is a programmer/analyst with Solutia Inc. Christy is a territory manager for The Butler Company, which sells veterinary pharmaceutical, surgical equipment and supplies. They live in St. Charles, Mo. ... Ignacio Ladero (B&A) founded a World Wide Web-based real estate company and is a senior consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Madrid, Spain. ... John M. Levy (Law) is a partner at the law firm of Mortenson and Pomeroy in Springfield, N.J. He and his wife, Jackie, have two children, Phillip and Rachel. ... Miguel Armando Palacios (B&A) married Elizabeth Whalen in Seattle. Michael J. Doody, SJ,
of SLU campus ministry performed the ceremony. Miguel has a fellowship in geriatrics at the University of Washington. ... Michael Pruitt (B&A) and Anna Evansville, Ind., with his wife, Betty, and three daughters. He is a financial consultant with Hillard Lyons. ... Jeanne Hallidt (347-9199) plans to pursue a master's degree in health science. She lives in Cincinnati. ... Gregory Stansbury (Pub Ser) is a senior consultant with Hilliard Lyons. ... She lives in Denver. ... Hayes on Sept. 16. Colleen (Pub Ser) married Doug Colleen (Linehan) Hayes in Vero Beach, Fla. ... They live in Kansas City, Mo. ... Michael M. Cox (Parks) is director of marketing and research at Albert Einstein Medical Centers. ... Hayes is a physical therapist for the Institute for Athletic Medicine, specializing in treating patients with running injuries.

Dr. Algis V. Babusis (Med) is an attending radiologist with Bellevue Radiology at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis. ... Eric Burdge (A&S) and Nicole Smith (Nurs '96) were married on Aug. 19. They both work at Stanford University. Nicole is a nurse in the cardiac cath lab, and Eric teaches at the Children's Center of the Stanford community. ... Lt. Stephen M. Cox (Parks) is attending undergraduate navigator training at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida. Cox received his commission in the Air Force in August 2000. ... Carrie (Scheuermann) Madden (A&S) and her husband welcomed their first daughter, Molly Rouse, on July 20. They live in Kansas City, Mo. ... Scott F. Sears (Parks) is a structures engineer at Piper Aircraft in Vero Beach, Fla.

Colleen (Linehan) Hayes (Pub Ser) married Doug Hayes on Sept. 16. Colleen is pursuing her master's degree in education at the University of Colorado at Denver. ... David R. Frye (Pub Ser) is an associate with Lathrop & Gage in Overland Park, Kan. He specializes in civil litigation. ... Robert Martin (AHP) is a physical therapist in a pain management clinic and runs a satellite clinic in Milwaukee. ... Tim Rozk (Parks) is a first officer with Mesa Airlines (Northwest Airlink) based in Denver. Rozk (347-9199) plans to pursue a master's degree in education from the University of Colorado at Denver. She teaches middle school science.

Allan Cacanindin (A&S) is in medical school at Washington University. He was chosen to join and represent an international consortium team of human genetics from the United States, Europe and Glaxo Wellcome for the examination of the genes believed to cause unipolar depression. ... Bill Flanagan (A&S) is the headkeeper at the National Amphibian Conservation Center at the Detroit Zoo. ... Florence H. Frey (B&A) works at KPMG in Louisville, Ky. She recently married Matthew Frey. ... Heather Hales (A&S) works for the United Soybean Board of the United States doing archived, researching and writing the history of the board. ... Michael Hug (B&A) is on the tax compliance staff of Ernst & Young in St. Louis. ... Michael J. Mahler Jr. (Grad) is the chaplain to the School of Education at Loyola University Chicago. ... Perard C. Monestime, SJ (Grad) is teaching religion and is the director of diversity at Boston College High School in Dorchester, Mass. ... Megan Oakey (Nurs) is a traveling nurse living in Chicago. ... Amy (Miller) Oliver (A&S) married Thomas J. Oliver (B&A) at the St. Francis Xavier College Church. Amy will graduate from Logan College of Chiropractic in April. ... Lisa K. Olson (Grad) runs a children's elementary program at a church midweek program. She lives in Dublin, Calif. ... D. Darren Opel (Pub Ser) is a senior consultant with the business consulting health care practice at Arthur Andersen. ... Cynthia Hamilton Stevens (Law) is an associate at Robbitt, Pitzer, & Snodgrass. She concentrates on medical and other professional liability cases. ... William Strub (A&S) was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. He plans to graduate from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in May. ... Michael Joseph Sudekum (A&S) is an associate with the law firm of Davidson, Schluter, Mandel & Mandel. He concentrates on personal injury, workers' compensation and bad faith insurance claims. ... Tracy Wacker (Grad B&A) is a contracts marketing manager at B/E Aerospace in Jacksonville, Fla.

Denise Marie Delaney (A&S) is a professor for a book composition company and is the director of domestic operations with S&S. ... Suzanne Geiger (Nurs) were married on Oct. 6 in Maryville, Ill. ... They live in Evanston, Ill., where Doug is administrative director of the Treadport Professional Golf Tour, and Suzanne is an ICU nurse at Evanston Northwestern Hospital. ... Robyn E. Lahlein (A&S) is an account executive at the Wacker Thompson Advertising Agency in New York. ... Craig M. Leinauer (Law) has joined the law firm of Campbell & Coyne. He is also a member of The Missouri Bar and The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. ... Pat Lindsey (Grad) is a program director at the SLU School of Public Health, coordinating anti-tobacco programs. ... Maggie McCormick (A&S) is completing her master's degree in education at SLU. ... Cynthia N. Hold (A&S) earned her master's degree in clinical-adult psychology from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She is working on her doctorate at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Fla. ... Jeremy Sax (A&S) is the director of domestic operations with S&S Products in Miami.

Mindy Baird (A&S) and her husband, Clint Baird (A&S '97), have welcomed their first child, Lea. ... They live in Richmond Heights, Mo. ... Jaron R. Wedding (A&S) is in his second year at the Indiana University School of Dentistry in Indianapolis. ... Jessica S. Yant (AHP) is an occupational therapist at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, Ill.

Stacy Gelman (Som Ser) received the Myrtle Blanche Larson Memorial Scholarship in Health Care from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University. ... Michelle Sunshine Hankins (Som Ser) received the Danforth Fellowship from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University. ... Julia M. Stoten (A&S) received the Dorothy Day Scholarship from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University.
**Alumni Associations**

**Allied Health Professions**
President: Kevin Bouse ('96)

- In honor of the upcoming 30th anniversary of the physician assistant program, the department has established a campaign goal of raising $25,000 for the David Wagner Memorial Scholarship Fund. The campaign kickoff was during the department’s continuing education program on Oct. 13. For more information about the campaign and related alumni events, call Sheila Manion at (314) 577-8675.

  - Join local alumni, students, faculty and staff for the American Heart Association Heart Walk on Saturday, May 5, at Forest Park. There is a $10 registration fee to participate. Register early to receive a SLU School of Allied Health Professions T-shirt. Call Joy Short at (314) 577-8523 to register.

**School of Business**
President: Peter K. Laucis ('74, '75)

- The annual Scholarship Poker Tournament at 6 p.m. Monday, April 30, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. The alumni reception at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists meeting will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 23, at the St. Louis Renaissance Hotel. … The alumni reception at the American Heart Association Medical Society will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel. … The alumni reception at the American College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons meeting will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel. … The alumni reception at the Missouri State Medical Association meeting will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel. … The alumni reception at the American College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons meeting will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel. … The alumni reception at the American College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons meeting will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel.
Professional Studies

- The School for Professional Studies is forming an alumni association for all SPS, Arts and Sciences, and Metropolitan College alumni. To be a part of the advisory committee for this new group, call (314) 977-2250 or e-mail paglusle@slu.edu.

Public Health

President: Maureen Dunn ('86)

- The School of Public Health’s 29th annual Rev. John J. Flanagan, SJ, Lecture will be 6 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at St. Francis Xavier College Church. The guest speaker will be Gov. Richard Lamm (Colorado 1975-87), director of the Center for Public Policy and Contemporary Issues and professor at the University of Denver. The topic of the presentation will be “Rebuilding the House of Health Care.” There will be a cocktail reception following in the church balcony. Please RSVP to Lisa Fox at (314) 977-3240 or foxlr@slu.edu.

The alumni reception at the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE) Congress will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. For more details, call Lisa Fox at (314) 977-3240.

School of Public Health alumni gather for a happy hour on the last Thursday of April and August of each year. The April alumni happy hour will be 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at Almonds Restaurant in Clayton. Mark your calendars and watch for an invitation. For more information, call (314) 577-8118.

Social Service

President: Tamitha R. Price ('98)

- “New Faces of Social Work” is the topic of the continuing education program for social work professionals from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday. Participants will receive 2.25 contact hours. James Toner (’66), dean of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, University of Nevada-Reno, will be the keynote speaker. Toner will receive the Jack and Julie Lally Alumni Merit Award at a luncheon following the program.

Join the Black Alumni Association for their annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 28. Author Eleanor Jacobs (Soc Ser ’74, ’75) will be the main speaker. Proceeds benefit the University’s Ernest A. Calloway Scholarship Program for African-American students.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the association’s board of directors or would like to participate in the speakers’ bureau, please call (314) 977-2250.

Young Alumni

University Liaison: Colleen O’Neill (A&S ‘97), assistant director of alumni relations.

- Just because your time here at SLU is behind you doesn’t mean the learning doesn’t mean the learning here at SLU is behind you. To be a part of this new group, call (314) 977-2250 or e-mail paglusle@slu.edu.
Facing the End of Life

By Dr. Douglas K. Miller

“"In the depth of his heart he knew he was dying, but not only was he not accustomed to the thought, he simply did not and could not grasp it.”

— From Leo Tolstoy's The Death of Ivan Ilych

A hundred years ago, death was a more frequent visitor to everyday life than it is today. Think about it: For most of human existence, life expectancy barely exceeded age 40. Now it's close to 80. Modern science has brought about the change.

But one thing has not changed. Death remains one of the inscrutable mysteries of existence. Science has given us more time to ponder it but has not necessarily provided us with deeper emotional or spiritual understanding.

Two fallacies cloud our outlook on the end of life. The first is that if we give up our fear of death, we will surrender to it. The second is that medical science can predict when people will die. The first embraces denial, while the second puts faith in something that is usually impossible.

Spiritual wisdom teaches us that we live more fully when free of a fear of death. As for the precision of science, recent studies have shown that doctors have a very difficult time saying with any certainty when the end will come — even when they know the patient has a terminal disease.

The lesson: We cannot know when we will die, but to live fully until death, we must free ourselves from the fear of it.

It has become clear in recent years that we do a poor job of helping people die with dignity in physical, psychological and spiritual comfort. Both academic studies and anecdotal evidence confirm that patients with life-threatening illness want to live fully through their illnesses, but too often cannot.

Our medical system is too disease-centered, care is too fragmented, and not enough attention is paid to controlling pain and to the emotional and spiritual needs of patients.

"What tormented Ivan Ilych most was the deception, the lie, which for some reason they all accepted, that he was not dying but was simply ill, and that he only need keep quiet and undergo a treatment and then something very good would result."

Tolstoy wrote The Death of Ivan Ilych in 1884. But the lament of his hero still resonates. Ilych wanted an open channel of communication with those around him — especially with the physicians who treated him. His triumph was that he came to terms with his death in spite of a death-denying culture. But apparently it’s easier for a tragic literary figure to confront the meaning of death than it is for the rest of us.

Research at the School of Medicine is looking for ways to help patients live well until they die. Our goal is to find a model of care that breaks away from today’s death-denying approach. We want to promote spiritual, emotional and relational healing in the presence of a life-threatening illness and to help patients live a full life until death comes at its uncertain time. An important part of this effort is to improve communications between physicians and patients.

It is not a simple task. Our work focuses on physicians and finding ways to change the way they think.

But physicians come to the problem from varied experience. Some are deeply religious, some are not. Some are frank, yet gentle, about the coming finality; others “shelter” their patients “from the terrible truth.” We know this much: Too often patients enter the last days of life without the adequate preparation to face such a difficult passage.

Can a good doctor make a difference? Our research says that one can, although we have been unable to identify a secret recipe. By proving that an emphasis on relational, spiritual and emotional components makes a difference, however, we are confident that more physicians can learn to embrace this new approach.

But patients and families must change their thinking as well. They must face difficult realities, join support groups and draw on the affection and support of their loved ones and their communities. They, too, must reject a death-denying culture.

Perhaps we will never unravel the mysteries that Tolstoy explored with such perceptive clarity. But change is possible, and it must begin within our hearts to the mutual benefit of us all.

Dr. Douglas K. Miller is a professor of internal medicine at the School of Medicine and co-director of the life-threatening illness program.
Research Issue Garners Praise

I have to tell you how wonderful the spring/summer 2000 issue, “Research at Saint Louis University,” was. I’ve always wondered about research at Saint Louis U. Could it be a university and not have any? This issue informed me and made me even more proud of my alma mater.

Thank you! Even though it took me a long time to read, it was worth every minute. I just can’t thank you enough for this issue. It’s absolutely wonderful to learn of the worthwhile research going on at my alma mater.

Marie Tucker, CSJ (Grad ’49) Kansas City, Mo.

Congratulations on the spring/summer edition. After reading, putting down, picking up, again and again, I just had to write this letter.

There is more in this issue than I can fathom during spring/summer 2000.

Carl H. Anderson (Grad B&A ’39) St. Louis

Your “research” issue is a mini college education in magazine format. A definite keeper. Kudos for conception and execution.

Phil Dacey (A&S ’61) Lynd, Minn.

The spring/summer 2000 issue of Universitas is definitely the most stimulating issue I have ever received.

Steve Manning (Grad ’90) Beebe, Ark.

As life and years march on, and the farther I journey away from SLU, your Universitas always treats my mind to a delightful escape into a very meaningful time in my life. Through mere pictures and prose, your staff so effectively recaptures for me the sights and sounds, faces and names of a place that has always held, and continues to hold, and integral place in my heart and in the life of Catholic Americana. A typical example of how you continue to do this lies in the spring/summer 2000 issue.

Vincent B. Liberto (A&S, P&L ’90) New Orleans

Walk Through Campus Is Better than Photos

On Aug. 21, 2000, my wife and I took a one-hour walk along “West Pine Boulevard” from Spring Street, near the new bookstore and its cool coffee bar, to the newly grassed soccer field.

We were astounded at the success of the beautification of the campus since the days we were students. The pictures in the magazine have been wonderful, but the real thing was so much more. The grass, the flowers, the fountains, the statues, the new buildings and open spaces all were so beautiful.

Many amazing sights abound, such as the Billiken statue by Cupples House. The College Church is so magnificent. The arch over Grand Boulevard proclaiming the location of SLU is quite dramatic. The grass on the new soccer field was the most beautiful I have ever seen. The dolphin pond, the “casual” statue and so many other things are worth seeing.

Surely a teenager would need only to walk from Spring Street to the soccer field to know that he or she would really want to go to Saint Louis University.

If you have not seen the campus in a few years, do go for a stroll down the old “West Pine Boulevard.”

David J. Busse (Pub Ser ’70, Grad ’71)

Mary Ann (Shadid) Busse (Pub Ser ’70, Grad ’71)

Wheaton, Md.

From the Editor: Notes on Class Notes

Thanks to e-mail, the World Wide Web and the success of our alumni, we’ve been receiving more Class Notes than ever before. We love hearing from you and sharing your news.

If you’d like to send us an update about yourself, here are some basic guidelines:

- The Class Notes section is one of the first items we finish for each issue because its length determines the page count for our feature stories. That means that we often stop compiling notes for an issue almost two months before you receive it. But we do include every note we get. So if you’ve sent us some news and don’t see it in the very next issue, don’t despair. We’re holding onto it and will run it next time.
- We do not run information about upcoming marriages, births or other occasions. Because things don’t always work out as planned (and because we have such a long time between issues), we prefer to share your happy news after the event has occurred.
- Unfortunately, we don’t have the space to run photos, so please don’t send them.
- In general, we only run one Class Note per alumnus per year. Although it’s great to hear from you often, space constraints limit us to annual updates.
- We accept Class Notes only in written form (via mail, fax or e-mail — see addresses below). No items are accepted over the phone.
- As always, thanks for writing. I look forward to hearing from you.

—Laura

We Want to Hear from You

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

By standard mail:
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Sept. 28 to 30

- Special gatherings for the classes of '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91 and '96
- Young Alumni Reunion for classes of 1990 to today
- 3K fun run/walk race
- Campus tram tours
- School-based receptions and dinners
- Billiken men’s soccer game
- Outdoor concert
- Fireworks display
- Special children’s activities
- Alumni Mass and brunch

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

Your input as members of a reunion committee is always welcome. For more information on volunteering, events, hotel and airfare discounts, or specific class celebrations, call 1-800-SLU-FOR-U, or visit the University’s Web site at www.slu.edu. A detailed invitation and registration form will be mailed to alumni this summer.

Please note that the following schools will gather for reunion on different weekends:
School of Dentistry: Sept. 14 to 16
School of Medicine: Oct. 11 to 13