By Lawrence Biondi, SJ
Saint Louis University President

I recently returned from a two-week trip to Asia, where I visited our alumni and benefactors in South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. It was a wonderful journey full of unforgettable expressions of Saint Louis University pride and enthusiasm. Beginning with the Taipei alumni who greeted me at the airport, I was overwhelmed by the passion, warmth, and hospitality of our Asian alumni and benefactors.

The day after I got back from the trip, I arrived in my office and was confronted by the largest stack of mail I’d ever seen. So, there, in the early hours of a blustery Tuesday, I sat quietly at my desk, sorting the mail into “action” piles—invitations, requests, reports, etc. It was beginning to feel like a daunting task, but then an unexpected gem rose to the top of the stack. Nestled between the memos and magazines was a Christmas card, sent early by an overseas family member who wanted to make sure it arrived in time for the holidays.

I receive a lot of Christmas cards. Some are funny. Some are beautiful. Some are ornate. Most, however, arrive closer to Christmas. Maybe that’s why I was so taken with this card that came before Thanksgiving. It was a simple greeting and one I’d heard before, but its eloquence struck me. The card read: “During this Christmas season and throughout the New Year, may you be blessed with peace, joy and love.”

Many Christmas card verses feature similar verses or variations of the same theme. Perhaps it was the timing, or perhaps it was my own frame of mind, but I was inspired by the sentiment.

Blessed. Yes, that’s what we are— not just at Christmas, but always. Life itself is a blessing! Sure, sometimes it’s hard to see the divine in our day-to-day existence, but the fact is that the Lord’s blessings are with us even on our worst days. Having the fortitude to make it through a rough patch of personal difficulties is a blessing. Learning a lesson from a mistake is a blessing. Waking up to face a new day is a blessing.

It seems that all too often we wait until the holiday season—be it Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa or New Year’s Day—to reflect on our gifts from the Lord. We only think to send glad tidings and recognize our good fortune when the calendar reminds us to celebrate a particular feast day.

But as that mid-November Christmas card reminded me, blessings come throughout the year. I am blessed to have traveled to and from Asia safely and to have met so many wonderful SLU alumni and benefactors there. I am blessed to have fully recovered from the knee surgery that marked my last holiday season. And, as I say time and time again, I am blessed every single day to be a part of our Saint Louis University family.

Years ago, I heard a song by Irving Berlin that isn’t part of his popular catalog but whose memorable lyrics have stuck with me to this day. The song closes with this advice: “If you’re worried and you can’t sleep, just count your blessings instead of sheep, and you’ll fall asleep counting your blessings.”

This Christmas and throughout the New Year, may you not only be blessed, but may you recognize all the blessings as they come. May you be a blessing to everyone you meet. And may you always find blessings when you need them most.

May you and all of your loved ones be truly blessed with lasting peace of mind and heart, an unbounded joy that makes you appreciate how you are loved by others, and a love that is founded on genuine compassion. God love you!
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compassionate priest and SLU treasure.

On Campus

After the Fall
A SLU alumnus introduces readers
to the lives of Bosnian immigrants.
**SLU Named A Best Value**

*U.S. News & World Report’s 2001 “America’s Best Colleges” has ranked Saint Louis University 24th on its list of “Schools that Offer the Best Value” among national universities. U.S. News measures value by relating a school’s quality ranking with the net cost to a student who receives the average level of financial aid. Saint Louis University ranked 30th on last year’s list of best values.*

**Kimmey to Head Health Institute**

Dr. James R. Kimmey has stepped down from his position as Saint Louis University’s executive vice president and chief operating officer to head a new initiative at the University to address critical urban health problems in the metropolitan area. Kimmey now directs the Institute for Urban Health Policy at the School of Public Health. The new institute will coordinate University research, policy analysis and education in the field of urban health.

Before being named executive vice president and chief operating officer, Kimmey served as SLU’s vice president for health sciences. He also has held positions as director of the University’s Center for Health Services Education and Research and was the founding dean of the School of Public Health. To streamline operations, the University has eliminated the position of executive vice president and chief operating officer.

**Freshman Class Sets Records**

The Saint Louis University class of 2004 is setting records for test scores and size. The freshman class average ACT score rose a half point to 26.2, and the grade point average (3.47) has never been greater. “These academic achievements are even more remarkable given that this year’s freshman class is nearly 12 percent larger than last year’s class,” said University Provost Sandra Johnson (A&S ’63). An estimated 1,400 freshmen began classes Aug. 28 — the University’s largest freshman class ever. In addition, the class is geographically diverse. The freshmen hail from 37 states and a number of foreign countries, including China, India, Pakistan, the United Kingdom and Venezuela. While more than half of this year’s freshmen, for the first time, are from outside the St. Louis metropolitan area, Johnson said Saint Louis University remains steadfast in its commitment to serving local students.

**SLU Launches a Cancer Center**

Saint Louis University and Tenet Healthcare Corp. have announced the creation of the Saint Louis University Cancer Center. The facility will offer comprehensive services that link clinical research, education, prevention and treatment. An entire floor of the center will be devoted to the latest in cancer research. The main site of the Cancer Center will be located in the new Saint Louis University Cancer Center. The Freshman square dancing during Welcome Week activities in August.
Center will be the former Bethesda General Hospital, 3655 Vista Ave., located adjacent to Tenet’s Saint Louis University Hospital. Tenet purchased Bethesda General Hospital from Bethesda Health Group Inc. and will renovate the structure and lease part of it to Saint Louis University. University and Tenet officials said that a thorough market analysis indicated the St. Louis area is underserved in cancer care. “While the development of a comprehensive cancer center is a major plus for Saint Louis University and our partners at Tenet, the greatest benefit will be to the St. Louis community,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. “Currently, one in three St. Louisans dies of cancer or cancer-related illnesses. With increased oncology expertise and continued focused research, we will better fulfill our mission to serve our metropolitan and regional communities and their ever-increasing health care needs.”

Center’s Grant Is Largest in History

The Center for Vaccine Development has received a five-year $8.45 million award, the largest grant ever awarded to Saint Louis University. The center is one of nine U.S. clinical units to receive funding as part of the newly formed HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN), established by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The grant will bring the University $5.9 million in direct costs and $2.55 million in indirect costs. The HVTN provides a comprehensive, clinically based network to develop and test preventive HIV vaccines. In addition to units based in the United States, participating sites will be located in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. The network’s web of U.S.-based units integrated with sites around the globe will allow the HVTN to expand rapidly to carry out larger-scale studies of suitable vaccines.
Log On for SLU News

If you'd like to learn about the most up-to-date news and happenings at Saint Louis University, visit the SLU News site on the World Wide Web (www.slu.edu/news.html). You can subscribe to a daily e-mail message that highlights the top SLU news of the day, previews upcoming events and notifies the University community of announcements and services.

Buy Billiken Items Online

The athletic department, in conjunction with the FanSonly Network and Barnes & Noble Bookstore, has announced the launch of its online merchandise and apparel store through the University's official athletic World Wide Web site at www.slu.edu/mens.html. The online store includes hats, polo shirts, shorts, shirts, gifts and much more from several leading manufacturers. Although it is in its infancy, the variety of merchandise available at the online store is expected to grow during the upcoming months.

WEEKEND WORK: Students, faculty and staff have donated their time, talents and construction skills to the University’s Habitat for Humanity project, located in the Hamilton Heights neighborhood of North St. Louis City. Construction, which began July 15, takes place every Saturday with several different schools, colleges and administrative departments participating in the project. Leaders hope to finish the project Dec. 9 and dedicate the house on Dec. 16.

Humphrey is New Vice President

Kathy Wilson Humphrey is the University’s new vice president for student development. She had served as interim vice provost since August 1999. As vice provost, Humphrey promotes student formation in non-academic areas of student life. She oversees career services, the health and counseling center, campus recreation, the community outreach center, residence life, student life programs, student facilities and contracted services, such as the bookstore and dining services. Humphrey, who joined the University in 1994 as director of residence life, was selected after an extensive national search.

“Making a positive impact on the lives of our students will continue to be the goal of the division of student development,” she said.

Docs Honored In U.S. Rankings

The faculty physicians in the School of Medicine were recognized in U.S. News & World Report’s 2000 edition of “America’s Best Hospitals,” which places Saint Louis University Hospital among the top 50 medical centers in 12 specialties, up from nine specialties that made the list last year. Following are the specialties that made the top 50, their department names within the School of Medicine (if different), and their rankings according to U.S. News:

- Cancer (oncology), 46
- Digestive (gastroenterology and hepatology), 40
- Ear, nose and throat (otolaryngology), 19
- Geriatrics (geriatric medicine), 7
- Heart (cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery), 22
- Hormonal (endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism), 16
- Kidney (nephrology and abdominal transplant surgery), 30
- Neurology and neurosurgery, 23
- Orthopedics (orthopedic surgery), 27
- Respiratory (pulmonary, allergy and immunology), 17
- Rheumatology, 23
- Urology, 33

SLU Athletes Top C-USA Again

Conference USA has named Saint Louis University as its recipient of the Institutional Excellence Award for the fifth-consecutive year. The award is given to the school with the highest grade point average (GPA) during the current academic year for all student-athletes in conference-sponsored sports. Saint Louis University posted a 3.09 GPA for all student-athletes. The Sport Academic Award is given to the team in each conference-sponsored sport with the highest GPA for the current academic year. The Billikens won the award in baseball (2.94) and men’s soccer (2.99).

Plan Now for Reunion 2001

Reunion 2001 planning already is underway. It’s not too early to make plans to be back on campus Sept. 21 to 23 for a weekend of fun. If your class year ends in a one or a six, this will be a special celebration. Reunion committees are being formed for the classes of 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 1996. If you want to help out, call the office of alumni relations at (314) 977-2250 or 1-800-SLU-FOR-U.

Please note that the following schools will gather for reunion on different weekends: School of Dentistry, Sept. 13 to 15, and School of Medicine, Oct. 19 to 21.
Two Deans on the Move

After six years as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Shirley Dowdy has announced her intention to retire next year. Her resignation is effective June 30. A search process already has begun. “This was a very difficult decision to make, especially because of all the wonderful experiences I’ve had working with the faculty and staff at Saint Louis University,” Dowdy said. “I have decided to retire because I want to spend more time with my family, my church and my many creative pursuits.”

The College of Arts and Sciences is SLU’s largest school, with 15 departments and 12 centers and programs. Under Dowdy’s guidance, the college has taken great strides, including the addition of several new academic programs, improved facilities and a new governance structure.

Dr. Frances L. Horvath (Med ’67), who spent the last 20 years as dean of the School of Allied Health Professions, also announced her resignation earlier this summer. She was the first (and only) dean in the school’s history. Her last day on the job was Aug. 1. “It is not an easy decision to leave a familiar role and the daily interactions with caring friends,” Horvath said. “Nonetheless, after careful consideration of my own personal needs as well as those of the school, I decided to relinquish my position as dean.” She said she is grateful for having had the opportunity to see her school move into a new building in 1998 and is glad to have had the chance to work with “so many conscientious, talented, humorous and genuinely likeable people.”

Hall of Fame Nominees Sought

Although selection of this January’s honorees already has taken place, the Billiken Club is seeking nominations for future inductees into the Billiken Athletic Hall of Fame. The inductees will be selected from the following categories:

- **Billiken Great.** Former student-athletes who brought recognition and prominence to the University and themselves through outstanding athletic achievements as undergraduates.

- **Distinguished Alum Award.** Former undergraduate student-athletes who have made major contributions to the University athletic program through personal time, effort, interest and through many years of service, and/or those who have distinguished themselves as exceptional in their chosen fields or endeavors.

- **Bauman Sportsmanship Award.** Individuals, not necessarily former student-athletes or alumni, who have made outstanding contributions to Billiken athletics through the demonstration of the highest principles of integrity, honesty and fair play without consideration for self gain. (Emphasis should be placed on continued service.)

- **The Bob Burnes Award.** Former Billiken athletic teams that have brought recognition and prominence to the University and themselves through athletic accomplishment.

Within each category there are two subcategories: pioneer, for alumni who graduated 30 or more years ago; and contemporary, for alumni who graduated during the past 30 years.

To be eligible for induction as former student-athletes, alumni must have graduated at least five years ago. Coaches and administrators must have served the University for at least five years and have had five years elapse since their last date of University employment.

Please mail your nominations to the Billiken Club, Saint Louis University, 3762 West Pine Mall, St. Louis MO 63108 or call (314) 977-8180.
Saint Louis University business students have a lot to get used to — a new state-of-the-art building and a new name for their school. But both the building and the name have one thing in common — the generosity of alumnus John Cook (B&A ’64).

Cook (pictured above right), who paved the way for the business school’s expansion project, is just the second person in University history to have a SLU school or college named in his honor. (Oliver Parks was the first.) The John Cook School of Business formally was dedicated on Oct. 20.

John and Lucy Cook Hall, the $15 million expansion to Davis-Shaughnessy Hall, welcomed its first students this fall. Already garnering attention for excellence in architecture and construction, Cook Hall has become yet another SLU landmark. The 60,000-square-foot addition doubled the size of the business school and boasts a three-story atrium, a 320-seat auditorium, a café, six smart classrooms and breakout rooms for student use.

Here’s your chance to take a photographic tour.

Saint Louis University

honored one of the most significant donors

in its 182-year history when it christened

the John Cook School of Business.
The south face of John and Lucy Cook Hall and Davis-Shaughnessy Hall as photographed from the new landscaped waterfall and pond.

The three-story atrium.

A typical state-of-the-art classroom.

The Anheuser-Busch Auditorium.
The Ameren Café.

The waterfall just south of the new building.

Stained glass windows highlighting all of the business majors are displayed in the atrium. Pictured here is the marketing window.

The atrium stairway.

The waterfall just south of the new building.
A view from the third floor of John and Lucy Cook Hall looking south toward the clock tower.

A student on the “front lawn” of John and Lucy Cook Hall.

A student studies on a bench nestled between two breakout rooms. The rooms were designed for small group meetings or study sessions.
Nancy*, 68, suffers from severe mental illness. She often has delusions and maintains her distance from other people. She is also homeless and for several years, has relied on St. Patrick Partnership Center in downtown St. Louis for food and shelter. Last winter, Nancy became sick, with a deep cough and difficulty breathing. Like many of those who are homeless, Nancy was suspicious and distrustful of the health care system. She had not seen a doctor in decades.

But Nancy had heard others at the Partnership Center talking about the new health clinic upstairs. She also had seen the nurse who runs the clinic, Pam, around a lot. She sometimes saw Pam eating lunch and talking with other people at the center. Feeling increasingly worse and worse, Nancy finally allowed Pam to do something about that cough.

"Nancy let me take her temperature, blood pressure and heartbeat, which was remarkable progress for a woman who usually wouldn’t let anyone within three feet of her," said Pam Storey (Nurs ’81, Grad Nurs ’99), a family nurse practitioner and clinical instructor at Saint Louis University School of Nursing. Storey has been the only staff member of this one-room clinic at St. Patrick’s since it opened in February 1999. “After giving Nancy an antibiotic for several days, she was feeling much better. Now when she sees me, she actually waves me over to talk to her.”

Most likely, Nancy would not have sought treatment for her bronchitis if Storey and the clinic had not been at the center. But because the clinic was within the Partnership Center and because Storey was a familiar face, Nancy trusted the nurse practitioner to help her.

Every year, more than 10,000 homeless people obtain food, clothing, education, counseling, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, employment training and placement, housing assistance and skill training at St. Patrick Partnership Center.
Center. As it grew, the staff at the Partnership Center saw an overwhelming need to better serve the health concerns of their clients. “Previously, a public health nurse from a nearby clinic visited on a weekly basis,” remembered Joan Rice, coordinator of grants and publications at St. Patrick Partnership Center. “She did a great job, but clients were not keeping their appointments and did not get the follow-up they needed. We needed something on-site to encourage clients to get regular treatment or assessment before their situations required hospitalization.”

Dr. Ruth Murray, professor of nursing at the School of Nursing, serves on the board of directors at the Partnership Center. She went to the School of Nursing with the idea of creating a nurse-managed clinic and enlisted Dr. Joan Carter (Nurs ’58, Grad Nurs ’62), associate professor of nursing, for help. With some funding for a family nurse practitioner (a nurse with advanced training, including the ability to write prescriptions) and a handful of volunteers, the Health Education Assessment Linkage (HEAL) clinic was born.

Since its opening less than two years ago, there have been about 1,000 visits to the HEAL clinic. But what’s really remarkable is the return rate for clients — an amazing 87 percent who required follow-up returned to the clinic for it. “This rate has not been duplicated in any other model of care for the homeless,” Carter said.

To meet their basic daily needs, such as food, shelter, clothing, school, health care and transportation, indigent people need to visit between 13 and 16 different agencies or centers. Lack of transportation makes it practically impossible to reach all these places between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. “Homeless individuals tend to seek health care where they also have access to food and shelter,” Carter said. “St. Patrick Partnership Center is their gathering place, and, thus, ease of access to an on-site health clinic is key.
A former substance abuser, Donna*, 45, has several chronic conditions, including asthma, arthritis and mental illness. Before the HEAL clinic opened, Donna averaged 43 visits to the emergency room every year. But in the year she began receiving assessment and treatment at the clinic, Donna only visited the emergency room four times. Donna continues to go to the clinic for treatment and routine physical exams.

If the clinic’s philosophy could be summed up in one word, it would probably be prevention. “We are promoting health, not medical care,” Storey said. “We try to intervene before a health problem becomes a critical situation. We hope to change clients’ thinking, so they make the connection between taking care of themselves and enhancing their quality of life. Typically, they may only seek health care if they have severe pain or are in need of urgent care. Our goal is to reverse this trend for as many people as we can.”

And the clinic’s model of prevention is working. So far, Storey only has had to send three clients to the emergency room. “The clinic helps the clients realize that small health problems, when left untreated, can become big health problems,” Rice said. “Pam teaches them what they need to do to get healthy and remain healthy.”

During a client’s first visit to the clinic, Storey takes a detailed health history so that she and the client can discuss the client’s risk factors. “For example, I told one client that since a close relative of his died of heart failure at age 40, he needed to get checked out regularly to take preventive measures.” And because many of Storey’s clients have mental illness and are or have been substance abusers, there is a high risk for a multitude of health problems.

After the initial visit, appointments are shorter, but frequent. Brief, regular visits help build the relationship and develop some structure — Storey encourages the clients to make and keep appointments — in their lives. Short visits also are more realistic because some of the patients with mental illness may not be able to focus for extended periods of time.

Storey can handle about 85 percent of the cases that come through the clinic. For those who require more follow-up, Storey relies on the nearby Cochran Clinic, one of the federally funded Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers. Storey has a collaborative agreement and strong relationship with Dr. Thomas Kernan (Med ’86), a physician at Cochran Clinic.

This connection with Grace Hill gives Storey a place to send clients for procedures, such as X-rays and mammograms, that she is not equipped to handle at the HEAL clinic. “Clients will go to see Dr. Kernan because they know of my relationship with him and know that they won’t get bogged down in paperwork,” Storey said. “I fill out the referral form for them, and they take it to Grace Hill and know they will be seen. They don’t have to fight the bureaucracy that comes into play with some of the other established health care systems in St. Louis.”

Tom*, 50, had been feeling bad for months but could not figure out exactly why. He first met Storey when she did a blood sugar screening at the Shamrock Club, a place at the Partnership Center for clients to rest, relax and take refuge from inclement weather. At the screening, Tom found out that his blood sugar levels were high. Storey encouraged him to make a clinic appointment. But he didn’t see him again until several weeks later when Tom came to a blood pressure screening. After finding out he also had extremely elevated blood pressure, Tom finally made an appointment at the clinic. At his clinic visit, Tom found out he wasn’t feeling well because of uncontrolled diabetes and hypertension. Now Tom never misses his follow-up appointments, always takes his medication and is one of Storey’s most loyal customers. If Tom hadn’t had these problems checked and treated, he probably would have suffered a hypertensive crisis, stroke, heart attack or diabetic coma.

Storey also conducts screenings for cholesterol and anemia, and she teaches health education classes dealing with issues such as diabetes or hepatitis. “The classes are in an informal group setting, and the clients decide what we will talk about,” she said. “In addition to being helpful information for the clients, it’s a great way for me to introduce myself and to encourage them to pay me a visit at the clinic.”

Tom’s experience at the HEAL clinic also demonstrates how the clinic fills some very large cracks in the health care system. Like 78 percent of the people who come to the clinic, Tom has no health insurance. Without the screenings and clinic visit, Tom would have needed emergency care and hospitalization. But by visiting the clinic and getting the medications he needed in time, Tom avoided a hospital stay. “It’s hard to measure, but I wish we had the statistics on how many visits to the emergency room have been avoided by our efforts at the clinic,” Storey said. “Sometimes people don’t realize the importance of what you’re doing until you can put a dollar amount on it. But by catching and diagnosing some illnesses and conditions here, we are helping avert huge expenses to the taxpayer and health care system.”

But there are some clients who need more acute care than the HEAL clinic or Cochran Clinic can provide. In these cases, Storey and Kernan may refer clients to the Veterans Administration medical system, ConnectCare, the city health department and various other clinics. Sometimes when sending the
clients to get more acute care, Storey and Kernan find themselves in the role of patient advocate. "M any clients don’t have the wherewithal or the knowledge that they can stick up for themselves," Storey said. "It’s a burgeoning system, and these clients are often labeled as non-compliant. Some of them are, but often it’s that people may not be able to keep up with the paper trail, or they can’t physically get to their appointments, or they’ve had negative experiences at these places and don’t want to go back. We can’t solve all these problems, but we try to help them get a foot in the door in a more timely manner."

George* is a 43-year-old man with severe paranoid schizophrenia. Like Tom, Storey met George when she conducted a blood sugar screening at the Shamrock Club and at the Partnership Center. Several months later, after seeing Storey several times, George finally submitted to a full physical exam. During the exam, George held out his arm to Storey and said, "Draw all the blood you want, this may be the only chance you get!" Storey was struck by how funny and lucid George was, especially in his state of extreme paranoia. After George visited Kernan at the Cochran Clinic, Storey worked with George to keep him on a practical regimen of medication. He eventually left St. Louis but called Storey to let her know he was still taking the medication he had been given for his diabetes.

"George really could have used an additional medication, but it wasn’t realistic to expect him to take more than one," Storey said. "I try to give clients a regimen they can handle. So I negotiated with George, and even his taking that one medication has done a great deal to control his diabetes. Though his mental illness was an obstacle to getting treatment, he eventually came to seek regular care here."

Storey’s low-key approach is one reason she has been so successful with the clients at the Partnership Center. “It’s important that people feel I’m approachable, and I found that wearing a lab coat created a barrier,” she said. “Dr. Kernan doesn’t wear one either, and the clients seem more at ease that way. It helps us maintain our goal of providing non-threatening, non-traditional health and medical care.”

If George returns to St. Louis and the HEAL Clinic, he will find a different place than the one he left. The original clinic was one small room that Storey dubbed “the closet clinic.” Recently, St. Patrick Partnership Center moved into a new space at 800 North Tucker Blvd., a building donated by Svedrup Corp. The new clinic is three times the size of the previous space, with a separate office to store medical records and equipment and two examination rooms, all ensuring more privacy for the clients.

In the future, Storey hopes the clinic will offer dental services, which the indigent community desperately needs, and serve children. “Though we are very busy with our current client base, we need to show growth and continue to offer new programs, to have a better chance of receiving ongoing funding,” Storey said. “But we need more financial help to offer these programs, so it’s a bit of a Catch-22.”

Funding now comes from The Group Health Foundation, the Junior League of St. Louis, Lutheran Charities Foundation of St. Louis and the Daughters of Charity West Central Region Foundation.

In addition to the funding, Storey emphasized that the clinic would not be possible without the volunteer nurses and physicians who donate their time and skills. “The nurses and doctors who volunteer here are very committed, and their help is invaluable,” she said. “They come to get the one-on-one experience that reminds them of why they chose to work in the health care field.”

SLU School of Nursing students also work at the clinic, some choosing to do their community service projects there. “The clinic provides the School of Nursing with a learning laboratory of real issues in health care,” Carter said. “It’s an excellent training ground and an experience they won’t forget, regardless of what type of nursing careers they pursue.”

Dimitri Chapman can attest to that. Chapman had been a practicing nurse for two years before he received his bachelor’s of science in nursing this year from SLU’s School of Nursing. “Since I was already a nurse, I had experience taking care of people in a hospital setting,” Chapman said. “But at the clinic, I learned how to be a provider of service to the community, how to nurse in the community. That was the greatest lesson.”

Chapman liked working at the clinic so much that since graduating, he still volunteers there. “I learn a lot watching Pam and how she interacts with the clients. The clients feel comfortable with her, but they also respect her,” he said.

Storey says the job is a challenge, but she loves it. “This concept — a nurse-managed, health assessment clinic in an established non-profit center — is truly unique and seems to be working. We hope to make the HEAL clinic a model for other centers across the country.”

*Names of the clients have been changed to protect their privacy.
This fall, while people all over the country were pounding campaign signs into their yards, pinning political buttons onto their lapels or sharing their partisan beliefs via bumper stickers, Chick Harris (Grad ’52) was loading up on all those trinkets, too. But he wasn’t doing it to support a candidate. He was doing it to support a hobby.

Harris has collected campaign memorabilia for more than 50 years, amassing an impressive collection that reflects 200 years of election history. And now through March 31, Harris’ treasures are on display in the McNamee Gallery at Samuel Cupples House on the University campus.

The material in the exhibition, which dates back to George Washington, presents a serious look at the socioeconomic issues that made up political party platforms. But it also displays whimsical views of each candidate’s personality. In addition, the exhibit addresses how the public images of those who ran for office were shaped through advertising prior to radio and television.

Here’s a glimpse at history.

Top left: Consumer goods (from left) — Rutherford B. Hayes (R) tobacco can, 1876; Theodore Roosevelt (Progressive Party) baking powder, 1912; Thomas Jefferson (D/R) dinner plate, 1800; Wendell Willkie (R) whisk broom, 1944; Adlai Stevenson (D) paper cup, 1956; James Garfield (R) collar box, 1880. Top right: John F. Kennedy (D) poster, 1960. Left: Campaign buttons from 1896 to 1984. Below left: Herbert Hoover (R) anti-Roosevelt flier, 1932. Below right: William McKinley (R) metal and glass “Full Dinner Pail,” 1896.
Top left: Wendell Willkie (R) anti-Roosevelt poster, 1940. Top right: Franklin Pierce (D) ivory scrimshaw portrait, 1852. Middle left: Benjamin Harrison (R) and Grover Cleveland (D) ceramic toy scales, 1888. Middle right: Miniature portraits (from left) — James Butler (Greenback), 1884; Samuel Tilden (D), 1876; James Madison (D/R), 1808; James Polk (D), 1844; Franklin Pierce (D), 1852; Thomas Jefferson (D/R), 1804; and Martin Van Buren (D), 1836. Right: Political toys (left to right) — Theodore Roosevelt (R) bank, 1904; Barry Goldwater (R) plastic ring, 1964; Grover Cleveland (D) metal whistle, 1884; Herbert Hoover (R) wooden elephant, 1932; Robert Dole (R), foam football, 1996; William J. Bryan (D) soap baby, 1896.
A Man of His Word

Walter Ong, SJ, may have retired from the classroom, but he’s still reaching out.

From the beginning of almost any conversation with Father Walter Ong, it’s clear: He loves to talk about language — its history, its possibilities, its connections. Whether he is talking about the last speaker of a now-dead language in some West African country or the divisiveness of two alphabets used in a war-torn Eastern European nation, he speaks with an immediacy, a relevancy, a vibrancy reserved for the most important of topics. For Walter Ong, SJ (Grad ’41), communication is important.

At age 88, in his home at Jesuit Hall, Ong is still the scholar at work, the priest in service, the person of relationship, served by the language that communicates the simple and the sublime.

For nearly half a century, the world-renowned scholar in cultural studies has defied categorization. His work is interdisciplinary, as he has drawn from ideas in literature, anthropology, psycholinguistics, philosophy, theology, sociobiology, psychology and media studies.

Many of his 22 published books and thousands of articles deal with the transition in human cultures from orality (when language is not written) to the use of writing, print and electronics — and the transformation of thought that these new technologies stir.

Throughout his career, he has — and still does — emphatically deny that he is a theorist. “I don’t think I typically work from a theory,” he says. “I like to bring to light that about which people, more or less, have a clue within their consciousness.”

He’s ready with one of his favorite examples. “What’s the difference between saying ‘I see what you say,’ and ‘I hear what you say?’” he asks, seemingly not far removed from his classroom days. His explanation follows. “When you say ‘I see,’ I’m getting something recounted in your thought. ‘I like to bring out what people know right away, I don’t pretend that the things they call inferences, or any kind of truth directly, are after them a theory. I’m a spoil-sport biologist,” Ong confesses. “When I was in college, I was all the logic courses, and I couldn’t even understand them, thought of it right away,” he adds.

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when you say 'I hear,' I'm getting echoes, unconscious structures in your thought.

"I like to bring out what people can sense right away. They know it. They've got the evidence in themselves. I'm just making them think of the things they can be aware of. I want them to sense truth directly, not refer them to a theory."

Ong always has been a man in touch with reality. In a recent conversation, topics ranged from gender differences to the current ecological age to the hometown baseball team. On the latter, he notes, "Europeans think the St. Louis Cardinals are named after the College of Cardinals. They don't know there is a bird called a cardinal — they don't have them in Europe."

Birdwatching has been one of Ong's favorite interests from youth. "Some things aren't hobbies; they're just a part of me," he says, admitting, "I'm a birder." He carried that self-identity with him during his years in California, while serving as a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. "I had to know all the names of the different birds and the plants — I just had to situate myself."

"Fr. Ong has at once a wide-eyed and sophisticated wonder about all of creation."

"He's a man who is interested in absolutely everything," says his brother Jesuit, John Padberg, SJ (A&S '49, Grad '51, '54, '59). Padberg is rector of the Jesuit community at SLU where Ong lives, and is director of the Institute of Jesuit Studies. "Fr. Ong has at once a wide-eyed and sophisticated wonder about all of creation. And he takes the

time and energy to pursue a particular interest as far as he can."

"I'm a spoiled biologist," Ong confesses. "When I was in college, I took all the biology courses I could.

"A lot of people know I'm a trout fisherman, though not right now," he adds, acknowledging that his activities have been curtailed with the advance of age. "I didn't sit on a bank with a pole. I cast. I used fly rods."

That interest in life in all its forms spilled inside as well. Padberg recalls: "With all of his ability and the responsibilities he had when he was teaching, for years he took care of the plants in Pius XII Library."

Ong also has been nurturing the spirits and intellects of students and scholars. "He has an enriching way of understanding human communication," says Dr. Vincent Casaregola, associate professor of English and director of the English department's writing program. Casaregola has been at SLU since 1991 but first embraced Ong's work as a graduate student at John Carroll University. "He is a constant resource in my scholarly world, my teaching world and my sense of the world at large."

Ong is fond of saying that words are not signs, they are events. He often explains that signs are things you can see, words you hear. When you use sight to read words, you sound the words at least in your imagination. Otherwise they say nothing and mean nothing.

"That understanding of language gives it a sacramental quality," Casaregola says. "Language for him is not a system solved, but a place and time where you can join together," he adds, highlighting an implicit relationship and deeper meaning. "Fr. Ong senses in language the potential of sacrament. God talks the world into being. The sense of the Logos, of Jesus Christ as the Word of God, is very beautiful to him.

"He's devoted to his work because it's an incarnate human experience. What you say is something potentially, vitally charged not only with meaning, but with grace."

Ong speaks of the connection for himself. "My life as a scholar was influenced by my life as a Jesuit priest." Each
has been “broadened and deepened” by the other. Even as he explains a point in his discussion of orality, his examples are clear reminders that his faith and vocation are never far away.

Speaking of the evolution of reading from a vocal to a silent activity, he notes that, from its earliest time, “the breviary (the book of daily prayer for priests) was to be read out loud. When I was in theology, you were not doing what you were supposed to do unless you moved your lips.” That is no longer the case today.

And when he affirms that, “The good old days were never what they used to be,” Ong looks back to the dawn of Christianity and asks, “Would you want to live in Rome in Jesus’ time? After a slave revolt, the ancient Romans once crucified 6,000 criminals at one time along the roads leading out from Rome.”

“He’s a priest and Jesuit first and a scholar in the service of those two,” Casaregola says. “His devotion to the faith and to the Society of Jesus are fundamental and pervasive, so much so that he doesn’t talk about it. It’s such a foundational issue, being part of the faith community and part of the company we call the Jesuits. It’s very important to him.”

“He is utterly interested in whatever his brother Jesuits are doing,” Padberg notes. Then he says what most who know Ong can surmise: “He is a man of prayer. For years, he regularly celebrated early Mass at College Church and regularly administered the sacrament of reconciliation throughout his teaching years.”

Countless thousands have attended retreats he’s given or have been personally directed by him in the Spiritual Exercises.

“He knows the Exercises well,” Padberg says, “and applied his own powerful intellect and the kind of research he was doing in orality to his understanding of them.”

Ong’s research continues to have implications for the future. As Casaregola explains, “Fr. Ong, along with Marshall McLuhan and Eric Havelock, developed the foundation of orality-literacy studies and media studies. They said that our technologies of representation, media and communication, once established in a culture, begin to shape and affect the way we understand our own identities. Speech changes us inside. Writing also changes us inside. So do print, broadcast technologies and the Internet, in ways we can’t anticipate. And they give us potential to become more of what we are called to become: human and spiritual beings.”

Casaregola notes that in his work, Ong asserts that “new technology is not absolutely better, nor will it solve all our problems. But it will affect us. Potentially, it’s a gift. Fr. Ong in the early 1960s.

Ong (left) receiving a French academic decoration from M. Jean Bélier, counsel general of France, in February 1963.

Ong says this is God’s world, and God is always making possibilities available to people. We need to use our tools to make the world something we can relate to. We are co-creating with God. Fr. Ong’s work is always enlivened by his childlike hopefulness.

“You can see his faith is in his work as a scholar,” Casaregola continues. But to those who know him, Ong always has been more than a professor or a colleague. “He is a priest and a person,” Casaregola says. “He is about connecting with people.

“He baptized our daughter. When we visit him, he feeds her frozen yogurt. He’s glowing with connection with this child. You can see his ideas in the ways he interacts with people. He listens, and carefully. He pays attention to the little things with a childlike enthusiasm and will remark, ‘Isn’t that wonderful!’ He’s not driven by a need to collect material for a quiz. He is so fascinated by God’s creation.”

It’s no coincidence. In fact, it’s the substance of language and life.

“I can’t keep from thinking about everything possible to think of,” Ong says. “That’s what we’re made for.”
A Saint Louis University alumnus captures the Bosnian crisis in a new book.

In 1994, Saint Louis University became one of the first schools in the United States to respond to the crisis in the former Yugoslavia by offering a scholarship to a young Bosnian woman whose studies at the University of Sarajevo were cut short by the outbreak of war. Today, the Bosnian refugee community in St. Louis is estimated at more than 20,000 persons—the largest concentration of any city in the United States—and a number of Bosnian students are enrolled at SLU. The University has hosted a series of programs during the last several years to assist local Bosnians in rebuilding their lives after war.

University outreach to the large Bosnian community in St. Louis has been led by alumnus and employee Patrick McCarthy (A&S ’83), who is head of technical services at Pius XII Memorial Library. McCarthy traveled to Sarajevo in 1994 and returned to Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1998. McCarthy’s first trip to Bosnia was at the height of the conflict and included travel on foot through an underground tunnel dug underneath the Sarajevo airport, then the only link between the besieged Bosnian capital and the outside world. McCarthy arrived unharmed with packages of letters, money and photos for Sarajevo families whose anxious relatives in St. Louis had asked him to deliver the items.

McCarthy returned in 1998 with photographer Tom Maday, his collaborator on a documentary interview and photography project on Bosnians in St. Louis. McCarthy and Maday—a Fordham University graduate and Chicago-based photographer whose work has appeared in Newsweek, Vanity Fair, and the New York Times Magazine—began work in 1997 on After The Fall: Srebrenica Survivors in St. Louis, which was published in October by the Missouri Historical Society Press. Material from the book is featured in an exhibit on Bosnian refugees in St. Louis that opened in November at the History Museum in Forest Park.

Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times correspondent David Rohde wrote the foreword to After The Fall, which presents photographic images and first-person interview narratives with an extended family of refugee survivors from Srebrenica, the site of some of the worst atrocities of the Bosnian war. Harvard psychiatrist and teacher Robert Coles called the work “a moving and wonderful effort” and asked to excerpt parts of the book in the fall issue of DoubleTake, a national documentary magazine that Coles edits.

“It’s nice to work at a University that sees that education can extend beyond the classroom, laboratory or library,” McCarthy said. “I view the book, and the work behind it, as a tangible expression of that kind of broader perspective.”

To learn more about the After The Fall project or to order a copy of the book online, visit www.afterthefall.org.

Above: Shoes left outside a doorway in the Bosnian custom. Below: Six-year-old Sajma Oric in Kerep, Bosnia. Opposite, top: Esad Salihovic, whose father is among 7,500 Bosnian men missing and presumed dead from the 1995 fall of Srebrenica. Opposite, center: Portraits of Bosnians from Srebrenica whose relatives have resettled in St. Louis. Opposite, top right and bottom: Children at play in Kerep, Bosnia.
Harry Corley (A&S) lives in Orange Park, Fla.

William C. Hathaway (B&A) retired in 1994 from the Aerospace Simulation Laboratory. He was also appointed by President George W. Bush in 1996 as National Starch and Chemical's vice president in support enforcement division. 

John F. Clarkson, SJ (A&S '45, Grad '51, '56) has been a priest for 51 years. He works at the SLU's Cupples House. All of his former students and colleagues are invited to celebrate his 80th birthday and his 51 years of service. All are encouraged to contact him to reserve a place at the celebration.

James R. Bonfils (B&A) is semi-retired and lives in Washington, D.C., but winters in Delray Beach, Fla. He is a grandfather of live. Dr. Huber K. Grimm (Med) is retired and lives in Seattle. He has 21 grandchildren. Dr. Loyd McCabe (Med) retired in 1977 as a colonel from the U.S. Army and in 1996 from his post as doctor for the U.S. Army and at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He also is a former member of the Royal Vagabond Service Club. He is living in Florida, Fla.

John F. Clarkson, SJ (A&S '45, Grad '51, '56) has been a missionary in Japan for 45 years. He works at the Nagaoka R et e t h o u s e . D r . S t a n l e y A . K n a p p ( D e n t ) retired in May after 55 years of practicing dentistry. He lives in Mihanahe, N.Y., and Palm Beach, Fla., with his wife. He enjoys his grandchildren and golf. D r . W i l l i a m R . M e z e r a s ( D e n t ) has lived in Williamsburg, Va., since 1998 and spends his summers on the New Jersey shore.

Lester E. Davison (B&A) is enjoying the sights and sounds of Los Angeles and Southern California.

Charles N. Welsch Jr. (Law) has been retired for 18 years and lives in Webster Groves, Mo.

Bob Finkenfelder (B&A) celebrated his 60th birthday last June with a dinner party thrown by his children at SLU's Cups House. All of his former students and colleagues are invited to celebrate his 80th birthday and his 51 years of service. All are encouraged to contact him to reserve a place at the celebration.

Harold R. Magee (Parks) is the general manager of Aeromich Inc., a company in Lakeland, Fla., that sells and services aircraft. John J. Schwartzmann (Parks) is retired and lives in Webster Groves, Mo. …

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James I. Williams Jr. (B&A) lives in Ocala, Fla., where he is a member of the Ocala East United Methodist Church, a member of the Ocala Club and a volunteer at the MedQUEST research clinic. He also is a former member of the Royal Vagabond Service Club. He is living in Florida, Fla.

Dr. Robert C. Anderson (Dent) lives in Ft. Worth, Texas, with his wife, Nan. …

C. F. G. Hammers (AHP) is retired with his wife and enjoys spending the winter months away from her home in Illinois at her second home in sunny Florida.

Dr. Dean E. Emons (Dent) is retired from periodontal practice and lives in El Paso, Texas.

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Dr. Edgar T. Farmer (Pub Hlth) is the assistant director for the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine at the University of Kentucky College of Public Health.

Dr. Donald A. Andrastek (B&A) retired from the aerospace industry in April 1999 after 44 years of service. He and his wife, Barbara, now live in Santa Maria, Calif. …

Dr. Dean Gaffney (Dent) recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Mary. He was an assistant professor at the South Dakota School of Medicine and also did a three-year fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. …

Dr. John J. Schwartzmann (B&A) is retired and lives in Sun City, Ariz., and is a member of the Royal Vagabond Service Club. …

Dr. Frank Clarke (Med) is retired and lives in Santa Cruz, Calif., where he is a member of the Santa Cruz medical community.

Dr. Richard B. Johnson (Grad) is a retired medical doctor who lives in Rumford, Maine.

Dr. James J. Bannister (Music) is a professor of music theory at St. Louis University and is the director of the university's music department.

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Dr. Richard J. Sanis (Parks) retired from Lockheed Martin and IBM, and moved to more time at home caring for his daughter’s triplets. He lives in Potomac, Md., with his wife, Julie. His son, Richard J. Sanis (Parks) is retired and lives in Burbank, Calif. …

Mary Lou Perovich (Nurs) is retired. She winters in Palm Springs, Calif., and summers in Munder, Ind. …

Thomas R. Schieber (A&S) lives in St. Louis and is retired and “living the good life.” …

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Dr. William F. Duhanel (B&A ’59, Grad ’60) is chairman of the Rapid City (S.D.) Area Chamber of Commerce. He was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve on the advisory com-
Dr. Lester L. Mann (Med) worked in a mission hospital in Zambia from 1996 to 1998. He lives in Freeport, Ill.

Patricia H. Fischer (A&S '63, Grad '70) is a psychiatric nurse at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, Ill. She lives in Alton, Ill. ... 

Dr. Peter J. Barcia (Med) retired from the U.S. Army in August 2017. He is a volunteer for the National District Director for the Bach Program for Hawaii’s Medical program. ... 

Dr. Jennifer A. Bartram (A&S '69) is a retired professional for the Air Force in 1980 and from Hughes Electronics in 1990. She lives in Fort Worth, Tex. and has lived in Phoenix in 1998 and is the deputy county attorney for the Pima County Attorney's office. ... 

Dr. Lyn Beckwith Jr. (Grad '67, '83) retired as superintendent of the University City (Mo.) schools and is superintendent in residence at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. ... 

Dr. John P. Fons (Med) is practicing law in Dayton, Ohio, where he is the director of One More Soul, which distributes materials that help people to understand the blessings of children. 

Dr. Paul R. Keys (Med) is a retired professor of English. She lives in Greensboro, N.C. ... 

Margaret A. (Med) is a retired certified physician with the Mediterranean Technologies. He lives in Cheshire, Conn. ... 

Dr. Paul B. Barcia (Med) has been a patient advocate for 27 years. He lives in St. Louis. ... 

Elaine E. Diekmann (A&S '68, Law '73) has been reappointed to his four-year term as U.S. federal public defender for the northern district of California. ... 

Raymond Valeika (Nurs) is a retired nurse anesthetist living in St. Louis County. 

John P. Fons (A&S '60, Law '63) is practicing telecommunications law at Audley & MCMullen. He lives in Tallahassee, Fla., where he is the president of the bar association. ... 

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Louis District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. Barbara Ann Braverman-Paster (Grad) is in her fourth season as a historic role player at Strawberry Bank Museum in Portsmouth, N.H. ... Leo P. Dressel (A&S ‘70, Grad ‘71) is president and headmaster of St. Martin’s Episcopal School in New Orleans. Betty Jean Hakim (Grad) works in the St. Louis child support enforcement division of the Missouri Department of Social Services. She plans to retire soon. ... Philip P. Peluso (Parks) lives in Carlsbad, Calif., where he is the president of the National Search Associates. ... Mary Paul Schultz, CR (Pub Hlth) is a mission representative for Restorative Health Care in Chicago.

Steve Bruner (IT) is president and owner of Bruner, Cooper and Zuck, a firm of civil engineers and land surveyors in Galena, Ill. He and his wife, Terry, have three children. ... Richard Carter (Soc Ser) lives in Jeffersonville, Ind., where he has been selling automobiles for the past seven years. ... Mary U. Eberle (A&S) is serving her fourth term in the Connecticut General Assembly as state representative for the 15th district. ... Alan R. Holfeld (Parks) is a pilot and instructor on the new Boeing 717s for TWA. He lives in Warrenton, Mo. ... Col. James L. Melin (Parks) was installed as the wing commander of the 916th Air Refueling Wing at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in N.C. and is the former commander of the 916th ARW. ... Patricia Steiner-Auer (Nurs ‘71, Grad ‘75) has been selected by Hudson Headwaters Health Network to be the project director and care manager for a new rural convalescent care initiative in New York state. ... Pradip P. Tolat (Grad IT) works for the state of Wisconsin as an assistant chief electrical engineer. He lives in Madison.

Mary-Kathryn Victor (A&S) teaches unified studies in the department of philosophy at Santa Clara University and is a faculty scholar at the center for ethics. She lives in San Francisco. ... Jim Wahl (B&A ‘71, Law ‘75) is a St. Louis City municipal judge.

Without Borders

When he attended Saint Louis University 20 years ago, David Kuhns never envisioned himself as a 47-year-old graduate student hoping to serve people in underdeveloped countries today, however, Kuhns (AH’S ’80) finds himself fueled with an undeniable passion to make a difference in the world.

"I’m much more aware of the notion of service than I was 20 years ago," Kuhns said. "And I have really learned to become appreciative of the quality of life we enjoy in the United States." Kuhns learned to value the American way of life after working as a volunteer with Doctors Without Borders, the international humanitarian relief organization that was honored with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1995. Doctors Without Borders is a group of medical and public health professionals who dedicate themselves to serving the health needs of residents in areas ravaged by war, poverty and natural disasters. The first physician assistant involved with the group, Kuhns requested a relatively stable area in which to work, which landed him in Somaliland in 1994.

"The tribal tension there was palpable," said Kuhns, who worked for six months developing a 200-bed hospital and clinics, in addition to providing health care for those hiding "in the bush" as a result of the tribal warfare. Kuhns also handled an outbreak of cholera in nearby Djibouti after a flash flood. In 1995, he traveled to Jalalabad, Afghanistan, serving for six months as the project medical coordinator in a refugee camp of 45,000. There he helped feed the malnourished amid riots and threats from authorities.

Kuhns began his career working at St. Louis City Hospital and as a clinical instructor in the department of physician assistant education. He later headed to Maine, where he served as the physician assistant, director of ambulance services, and school and town health officer for the underserved island community of Islesboro. He joined the Maine Medical Center in Portland as an emergency room physician assistant in 1985. But a radio show tuned Kuhns into his calling.

"In 1994 I heard about the genocide and problems in Africa on ‘All Things Considered’ on National Public Radio," Kuhns said. "If I hadn’t listened to that show, I wouldn’t have realized the need there. When I told my colleagues, they ignored the problem. They were only concerned with things here. They all said, ‘It’s so far away. Why should we care?’ That really upset me." Kuhns said his family had a similar reaction. His brothers, who had children, didn’t want Kuhns to talk about the problems around them. The comments couldn’t dissuade Kuhns, who is still haunted by some of the conditions he witnessed.

"There are places in the world that are at the very bottom of the health care pyramid," Kuhns said. "The basic human needs — food, water, shelter, a sense of security — are lacking, much less any sense of health care or medicine. In this country, we are at the top end. We are fine-tuning things, devoting efforts to medicare that helps people grow hair and improves their sex lives.”

After returning from his trips, Kuhns became the spokesman for Doctors Without Borders’ campaign against land mines. He testified for the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. He also offered his expertise as coordinator of a support network for volunteers returning from places like the ones he had visited. Kuhns’ work was recognized by SLU in 1999, when he added the School of Allied Health Professions’ Alumni Merit Award to his accomplishments. Kuhns also was the recipient of the International Humanitarian award from the American Academy of Physician Assistants in 1999, when he added the School of Allied Health Professions’ Alumni Merit Award to his accomplishments. Kuhns also was the recipient of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons’ board of councilors. He lives in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Michael J. Carrano (Parks) recently received his MBA from Boston University. He lives in Connecticut with his wife, Anita. ... William R. Kowal (A&S) lives in Amery, Wis., and is a faculty scholar at the center for applied ethics. He lives in Lake Oswego, Ore.

David Kuhns (right) and his local counterpart at an emergency clinic in Somaliland.

Michael M. McFatridge (A&S) is an attorney with the Department of Veteran Affairs. He lives in Richmond. ... Ronald P. Nicoletti (A&S ’72, Grad B&A ’81) is director of human resources for St. Louis Community College. ... Dr. John R. Tongue (Med) is chairman of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons’ board of councilors. He lives in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Steve Bruner (IT) is president and owner of Bruner, Cooper and Zuck, a firm of civil engineers and land surveyors in Galena, Ill. He and his wife, Terry, have three children. ... Richard Carter (Soc Ser) lives in Jeffersonville, Ind., where he has been selling automobiles for the past seven years. ... Mary U. Eberle (A&S) is serving her fourth term in the Connecticut General Assembly as state representative for the 15th district. ... Alan R. Holfeld (Parks) is a pilot and instructor on the new Boeing 717s for TWA. He lives in Warrenton, Mo. ... Col. James L. Melin (Parks) was installed as the wing commander of the 916th Air Refueling Wing at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in N.C. and is the former commander of the 916th ARW. ... Patricia Steiner-Auer (Nurs ’71, Grad ‘75) has been selected by Hudson Headwaters Health Network to be the project director and care manager for a new rural convalescent care initiative in New York state. ... Pradip P. Tolat (Grad IT) works for the state of Wisconsin as an assistant chief electrical engineer. He lives in Madison.

Langston D. Chambers (A&S ’74, Grad ’92) has retired from his family court of St. Louis County after almost 28 years of service. He was the detention supervisor/admissions officer for 23 years. ... Dr. Deborah K. McDermott (A&S ’74, Med ’78) has a private practice in Swansea, Ill., and lives in Belleville with her two children and her husband, Tim. ... Dr. Frederick G. Milm (Med) is a professor of anesthesiology at Stanford University and the associate director of the intensive care unit. ... Dr. Lawrence J. Nelson (A&S ’74, Grad ’79) lectures in the department of philosophy at Santa Clara University and is a faculty scholar at the center for applied ethics. He lives in San Francisco. ... Ann Althoff (Grad) is senior vice president in the St. Louis office at HOK Consulting. She also serves on the International Development Research Council associate board.
Nancy J. Berry (Pub Hlth) directs a church-based U nited Way Agency that supports elderly and disabled individ uals. She also received a commu nity service award from the Collinsville (Ill.) Area Ministerial Association.

Dr. Peggy Blake Gleeson (AHP) is on the School of Physical Therapy faculty at Texas Woman's University in H ustong. Charles Andrew Holfling (A&S) recently wrote Itzaj M aya Grammar, published by the University of Utah Press. Dennis Kavanagh (A&S) was recently sworn in for his second four-year term on the city council in Mesa, Ariz.

John F. Skei lton (A&S) recently wrote A Jesuit Tale, a novel that chronicles the lives of three young Jesuits and their confreres in ful-fillment. Jack Sttick (Grad) is director of highway database management for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. He lives in Juneau with his wife, Lorraine. Teresa Boltz Sweny (Nurs) married James P. Sweny (A&S '47) in March 1996. They live in Chesterfield, Mo.

Timothy Crowley (Pub Hlth) is the chief operating officer and senior vice pres- ident of operations for Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich. Paul R. Agresti (A&S) is the retreat director of the Passionist Spiritual Center in the Rived za rd section of the Bronx, N.Y. He visits from those in the New York area.

Dr. Mary Alice Klund (Grad '76, '85) has returned to her first love, teaching, after 11 years in educational administration with the Special School District. She lives in St. Louis. Rosemarie Warren LeMoin e (A&S '76, Law '79) received the Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono award for outstanding efforts in providing free legal service for the poor. She lives in Seattle. Donald H. Whi tthorn (PS '76, '79) received his JD in May and his wife, Beatrice. He is the divi-sion manager for Primera Financial Services.

Dr. William Winkler (A&S) is a faculty member at the M ecy H ealth System Family Practice Residency in Conroe, Texas. Charles A. Wohlschlaeger (Law) is the general counsel for the Maylan Corp. He is proud of his freshman Billiken, Kathryn, and lives in H insdale, Ill.

William (Bill) Elmore (PS '78, Grad Nurs '89) is an adjunct nursing instructor at the Johnson County Community College. She has a son, Zach, and lives in A rlington, Va. 

Paul B. Junius (A&S '78, Pub Hlth '80) and his wife, Ann, are parents of four. They live in the Milwaukee area, where he operates a litigation management company.

Loretta Lavezzo Kenny (Pub Ser) has started substitute teaching at her son's school in Lake Forest, Ill. Gerald T. Lawlor Jr. (B&A) , the co-president of G. T. Lawlor Co based in Chicago, has been appointed to a four-year term on the Archdiocesan Development Appeal. He is a member of the Immaculate Parish in Richmond Heights, Mo.

James S. Pona (Grad) is a planning consultant with A ntony & Shifrin Inc. in St. Louis.

Christine A. Sullivan (Grad Nurs '89) is in clinical practice at the Bixby Medical Center in Adrian, Mich., and teaches at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Mark L. Vandenwalker (Med) is the medical director of C linical Research at the O varies and regularly lectures to physicians and nurses about new treatments for h a e r hay fever and asthma. He lives in C olumbus, Ohio. Paul D. Plochtoy (White) (A&S) celebrated her 20th year in education by becoming curri culum director for Southside Primary in Cleveland. She and her husband, Ralph, have two children, Roxanne and R ussell.

Eric Fiore (Parks '79, '82) is an experimental test pilot for Bombardier Aerospace and lives in W ichita, Kan. Colleen McGarry (A&S) has been living in Geneva, Switzerland, for several years.

Colin K Tannenbaum (Law, Pub Hlth) and his wife, Kim, have announced the birth of their second child, Lauren Claire. The live in N ew York. Paul J. Weinmeister (Pub Hlth) is the vice president of operations for the Baptist Health System in San Antonio.

Dr. John K. Appelbaum (A&S) has a private OB- GYN practice in St. Louis. Women's Health Care Consultants. He married Margaret T. (Nurs) in May 1990 and has three children, Eric, J a c k, and Alaina. Stephen W. Coates (Grad) is a marketing specialist for R oland Technologies Inc. and lives in R ichboro, Pa.

Leon E. Frigillani (PS) is an occupational health nurse at San Juan Generating Station in Wat ensemble, N.M. Alan J. O rbtals (Grad) is senior vice president of real estate development for Arch Properties, a St. Louis-based commercial development company. He lives in Collinsville, Ill.

Michael P. Paszkiewicz (A&S) is the casualty claims manager for the Kentucky National Insurance Co. in Lexington.

Gwenn P. Pardington (Med) is a board- certified orthopedic physical therapist in Columbia, Mo., and a parent of two teenagers. James C. Johns (Grad) has been the broadcast director at KSDK-TV in St. Louis since 1984.

Susan Tretter Zimmerman (AHP) and her husband, Jeff, welcomed twin sons, Quinn and Kai, to their home in Scottdale, Ariz.

Winnewald W. Anthes (Nurs) volunteers at La Clinica, serving the Hispanic population of St. Louis, and she travels for medical missions, education and service projects. Ann F. Audrain (Grad) is an interna-tional field representative with Gideons International. She and her husband, Shelly, have two sons and live in N ashesville, Tenn.

Ann M. D'Arpino (Law) moved back to her hometown and is an attorney-adviser with the Office of Counsel, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Boston. Dr. Joan M. Evans (Pub Hlth '81, '91) is the associate dean of strategic and program development at the New York University School of Medicine.

Bruce E. Friedman (Law), a principal in the Clayton, Mo., law firm of Frierman, Evans, and Blumenthal, has been granted fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Karen A. Franc (Grad) is on sabbatical this academic year to teach theology at Gonzaga College in Dublin and do pastoral work in Belfast.

Carol A. Vielhaber (Nurs) works at Cardinal Glennon Hospital as a registered nurse in case management and development for the St. Louis area with her husband, David. William J. Wansing (B&A) works for Locke, Oliver, Nagel & O'hare in Ft. Worth, Texas, assigned to advanced fighter programs business development.

Martha L. Brennan (Nurs) is a registered nurse at St. John's Mercy in St. Louis and is a Lamaze-certified child-birth education. Elizabeth D. Gibbs (Nurs) works part time as a massage therapist and has two daughters, Caria and Lauren. They live in Omaha, Neb.

Diane M. Leek (Nurs '82, Grad Nurs '94) is a legal nurse consultant for G L. Gallagher. She lives in St. Louis with her husband, Gregory.

Dr. Paul R. Zimmer (A&S '76, Med '80) recently became the Medical Services Group for N AI Finn & Associates, a commercial real estate firm in St. Louis.

Mary C. Carty (AHP '83, Grad '95) works at John Cochran VAMC in St. Louis as a staff physical therapist spe-cializing in head and neck cancer patients. Mary Beth Clary (Law) serves on the standing committee on membership of the American Bar Association and lives in N ipas, Fla.

Anthony S. Gasaway (B&A '83, Law '86) has joined the interna-tional law firm of Gaskins, Hghts, Hghts. After 14 years as counsel for the Internal Revenue Service in St. Louis, Robert G. Malitton (B&A '79) is an associate general counsel with Deutsche Financial Services in St. Louis.

Margaret A. Paulin, SJ (Grad) is the manager for the Regional Chaplaining Services for Mercy Healthcare in Sacramento, Calif. Dr. James P. Rice (Med) is a captain in the U.S. Navy and has served as head of surgery at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., and as ship’s surgeon on the U.S.S. John F. Kennedy. Janis (Donlon) Waters (Grad Nurs) and Edward P. Walters (Nurs '84) have three children and live in Camonillo, Calif. Jane manages her family ranch in Oregon. Sarah Borges, Ed is a nurse anesthetist.

Janis Bozzo (Nurs) received a master's in psychiatric nurs-ing from Y ale University in 1996 and is the clinical coordi-nator and registered nurse in the depart-ment at Yale New Haven Hospital. Michael Gray (B&A) is the owner of Gray Aviation in Kirkwood, Mo. He is married to Diana, and is the father of Alexander and D anny.

Sharon Tones Betty (AHP) is married with twins — one boy and one girl — and she works part time with orthopedic outpatient providers at Peudre Valley Hospital in Ft. Collins, Colo. Dr. Kenneth Schowengerd (Med) is a pediatric cardiologist of the University of Florida and the medical director of the pediatric heart transplant program at the university, has received the Established Investigator Grant from the American Heart Association.

Dr. Kevin L. Shady (A&S '84, Med '88) and Dr. Tracey M. Shady (Med '86) work in Alton, III. Kevin is a diagnostic radiologist, and Trudy is a pulmonologist. Their two children live in Edwardville, Ill., with their daughters, Stephanie and Kristy.

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Katherine Cusak (AHP '94) completed her master’s degree at the University of Indianapolis. She is a physical therapist in Buffalo Grove, Ill. She and her husband, Tom, have a daughter, Sophia. Dinah Evans (Sec Sr) works on a school site with emotionally disabled 9-to-12-year-olds. She is also a collaborate between the county mental health board and the school district in Hillman, C. She is the receptionist of the Parks. She moved to Minnesota with his family of four children and works for Johnson Controls in sales and business development.

Michelle A. (Uber) Klezli (B&B) is an investor accountant for Dovemuhle Management in Schaumburg, Ill. She and her husband, Michael Klezli, have a son. She lives in Chicago with her husband of five years.

Jeffery G. Mudd (Grad B&B) is a materials manager for a manufacturing company in Lake Forest, Ill. He is married to Michelle Mudd. She lives in Chicago. He and their daughter, Elle, have a son, Michael.

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Devonna Sue Morra (Grad) is an associate professor of biology at St. Francis College and was recently inducted into the Women Divers’ Hall of Fame. She lives in Cremon, Pa. Michael P. Murphy (Med) is a fifth-year resident in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at the University of Rochester, N.Y. Laura J. Washington School of Medicine. Dr. Michael P. O’Brien (Med) is an orthopedic surgeon for the Barzooki Air Force Base in Bossier City, La.

Don Pader (Parks) is an avionics electrical engineer designing systems on Falcon aircraft. He lives in Jackson, Ark. Dr. Mark Pelikan (A&S) is a family practice resident at Forest Park Hospital in St. Louis. Lise Alexandra Peters (A&S) has joined the law firm of Thompson Coburn in Belleville, Ill., where she will concentrate on railroad litigation.

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The first School of Allied Health Professions Professional Etiquette Dinner was held Oct. 25 with 65 alumni, students, faculty and staff attending. Based on the positive response, the alumni board will consider scheduling the event annually.

The clinical laboratory science (CLS) department will host the Clinical Laboratory Educators National Conference at the Hyatt-Regency Union Station Feb. 21 to 24. Mary Lou Vehige, associate professor of CLS, is the conference general chair. The CLS department also is planning a 75th anniversary celebration and conference in 2004. Please contact Kathy Humphrey at (314) 577-8518 or humphreykj@slu.edu if you would like to help with the planning.

Thanks to alumni support, the Class of 2001 in nuclear medicine attended the Society of Nuclear Medicine Meeting in St. Louis in June and the Missouri Valley Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine in Des Moines, Iowa, in October.

The Nutrition and Dietetics Diversity Promotion Project continues with the sale of the Health Futures Cookbook at $7 each. To order, call Joy Short at (314) 577-8523.

The physical therapy department and the Alumni Association are sponsoring a "Special Evening with Florence Kendall" on Friday, Dec. 15. Cocktails are at 6 p.m., and dinner begins at 7 p.m. Tickets for the evening are $30 per person. For more information, call (314) 577-8118.

Finally, 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. For more information, call Sheila Manion at (314) 577-8675.

Arts and Sciences
President: Thomas B. Ahr ('92)

The College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Association has scheduled several events for the coming year. Be sure to mark your calendar for: Jan. 21, eagle watching on the Chain of Rocks Bridge; Feb. 17, A&S Alumni Night at the Magic House; Feb. 25, National SLU Day 3, an alumni basketball event; March 3, A&S Alumni Night at the SLU Theatre performance of Little Shop of Horrors; and April 21, the Alumni Poker Tournament to benefit the A&S Alumni Scholarship Fund.

For more information about any event, or to become more involved with the Arts and Sciences alumni board, call (314) 977-2250, or check the alumni relations World Wide Web site at www.slu.edu.

Black Alumni
President: Rodney D. Franks (A&S '95)

The Black Alumni Association held its annual Fall Bash for African-American students, faculty and staff. Nearly 125 participated.

Alumni Reunion Weekend 2000

More than 1,800 alumni, family and friends reunited on campus Sept. 22 to 24 to celebrate Alumni Reunion Weekend 2000.

Reunion class years from 1950 to 1995 gathered on Friday evening to commemorate their milestone anniversaries at gatherings ranging from formal dinners to casual parties. Early risers kicked off Saturday with a 3-K run/walk sponsored by the Social Service Alumni Association. Later that day, nearly 600 alumni took tram tours and school barbecues for alumni and their families were held Saturday afternoon. In the evening, guests enjoyed a concert, a Billiken men’s soccer game and a fireworks display. On Sunday morning an alumni Mass was celebrated at College Church. Following Mass, the Golden Billikens (alumni from the class of 1950 and before) were honored at a special brunch, and a general brunch was held for alumni from all class years.

For more photos of reunion weekend visit www.slu.edu/alumni.
**ALUMNI CLUB PRESIDENTS**

**Atlanta**  
Alumni population: 882  
Peggy Espinda (A&S ’62)  
(770) 889-8600 (work) or  
(770) 396-1295 (home)

**Chicago**  
Alumni population: 3,874  
Don Arndt (Parks ’61)  
(630) 879-1832

**Cincinnati**  
Alumni population: 923  
Jerry Holtkamp (A&S ’71)  
(513) 583-8408 (work) or  
(513) 683-8968 (home)  
e-mail: JHoltkamp@aol.com

**Dallas/Fort Worth**  
Alumni population: 1,162  
Karen M. Eubanks  (B&A ’87)  
(972) 788-1524 (home)

**Detroit**  
Alumni population: 629  
R. Gene Racho (Parks ’62)  
or  
Hugh Scullin (Parks ’61)  
(313) 626-7788

**Kansas City**  
Alumni population: 1,685  
If you are interested in becoming a leader of the Kansas City Alumni Club, call the office of alumni relations at 1-800-SLU-FOR-U.

**Milwaukee**  
Alumni population: 980  
Paul Junius (A&S ’78, Pub Hlth ’80)  
(414) 228-7811  
or  
Mike Mulcahy (B&A ’69)  
(414) 334-6641

**New York**  
Alumni population: 2,462  
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(203) 825-6494 (work)  
or  
(914) 232-2993 (home)

**Omaha**  
Alumni population: 411  
Brad Burwell (A&S ’72)  
(402) 896-1823 (home)  
or  
(402) 399-3016 (work)

**San Francisco**  
Alumni population: 1,991  
Matt Webb (A&S ’86, Law ’90)  
(510) 839-3940

**Southern California**  
Alumni population: 1,909  
Tom Urban (A&S ’68)  
(206) 461-8978

**Springfield/Decatur, Ill.**  
Alumni population: 929  
Judy (Maher) Redick (A&S ’62)  
(217) 546-4530

**Washington, D.C.**  
Alumni population: 1,654  
Carol Williams Gangnath (A&S ’85)  
(202) 687-4184 (work)  
or  
(301) 309-1902 (home)

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**Hit the Road with the Basketball Billikens**

Join alumni around the country at away-game parties. For more information about a specific event, call the office of alumni relations at (314) 977-2250 or 1-800-SLU-FOR-U.

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**Upcoming events**

- Upcoming events include: a concert to celebrate Black History in February; an evening at the University Theatre presentation of Original Rags on Saturday, April 21; and the annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 28. (Proceeds assist the Ernest A. Calloway Scholarship for African-American students.)

- If you would like to assist with planning events or would like to join the association’s board of directors, call Rodney Franks at (314) 531-0330, ext. 186.

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**John Cook**  
School of Business  
President: Peter K. Laucis (A&S ’76, Grad B&A ’78)

- The annual family evening at the Magic House for business school graduates will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13.

- The Business Alumni Recruiting Team seeks volunteers to assist in phoning admitted students to discuss the SLU student experience and encourage them to enroll at the University. Phoning will take place on campus in February. To get involved, call (314) 977-2250.

- Alumni should watch their mail for details of upcoming basketball pre-game receptions and for news of the school’s fourth annual alumni golf tournament at the Westborough Country Club, June 11.

**Dental Alumni**  
President: Dr. Francis X. Neuner (’68)

- The Dental Reunion 2001 will be held in conjunction with the Mid Continent Dental Congress, Sept. 13 to 15, at the Frontenac Hilton Hotel. The Dental Alumni Reunion Dinner will be Saturday, Sept. 15. Call (314) 577-8106 for more information.

**Medicine**  
President: Dr. Thomas J. Olsen (’79)

- The Society of Thoracic Surgeons will meet Jan. 29 to 31 in New Orleans. The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons meeting will be Feb. 28 to March 4 in San Francisco. The American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine will meet March 29 to April 1 in Atlanta. The Missouri State Medical Association meeting will be April 4 to 8 in St. Louis. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists will meet April 28 to May 2 in Chicago. The Digestive Disease Week meeting

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**For more information about a specific event, call the office of alumni relations at (314) 977-2250 or 1-800-SLU-FOR-U.**
A symbol of SLU pride is back! In 1975, the SLU pin was created for SLU alumni to wear on their graduation gowns. It sold out that year, was reordered in 1989, and then not reordered again until January of 1995. The pin was created by Mary A. Friestad, who made it from a small quantity of gold and silver bar. When the supply was exhausted, the pin was not reordered until 1995, when a limited supply was manufactured. In response to inquiries, Mary A. Bruegger (A&S ’42) has arranged to have the pin produced again. The gold-filled pin sells for $73 (including postage and handling), and the sterling silver pin is $65. To order, send a check made payable to Mary A. Bruegger, c/o Saint Louis University Women’s Commission, 221 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63103. The phone number for the women’s commission office is (314) 977-2212.

**Men and Women for Others**

**March 9 to 16**

In conjunction with the Saint Louis University Community Action Program, alumni and students will travel to Atlanta to assist at a homeless shelter. Volunteers will depart by bus from campus and spend the week.

If you are interested in participating, call Linda Paglushe in the alumni office at (314) 577-3980 or 1-800-SLU-FOR-U or send e-mail to paglusle@slu.edu. You may also visit www.slu.edu/alumni. Atlanta-area alumni are invited to help at the shelter or to host a meal for volunteers.

**Orthodontic Alumni**

President: Dr. Pete Sotropoulos (’48, ’50)

- The graduation dinner for the Class of 2000 will be Friday, Dec. 15, at the University Club on Brentwood Boulevard in Clayton, Mo. For more information, call (314) 577-8106.
- The Orthodontic Education Research Foundation (OERF) meeting will be March 23 to 26 in Las Vegas.
- Alumni will be invited to attend a special gathering during the meeting. The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) will meet May 4 to 8 in Toronto.
- Alumni will host a special gathering on Saturday, May 5. Call (314) 577-8106 for more information on either event.

**Parks College**

President: Carrie Raven ('95)

- Newly designed Parks College merchandise is available through the World Wide Web site at www.slu.edu/alumni/parkshop.

**Professional Studies**

- The School of Professional Studies is forming an alumni association for all SPS, Arts and Sciences Evening Division and Metropolitan College alumni. To be a part of the advisory committees 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 and the HSC Alumni Office will host a Professional Etiquette Dinner for alumni and students from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, in the balcony on the lower level of St. Francis Xavier College Church.
- The American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE) Congress will meet March 25 to 29 in Chicago. Tentative plans are for an alumni reception on March 27.
- Call Lisa Fox for more details 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 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at Almonds Restaurant in Clayton, Mo. For more information, call (314) 577-8118.

- Dr. Richard Kurz and the School of Public Health board of directors are looking for feedback from alumni about the format and scheduling of Public Health reunions. Please fill out the survey at www.slu.edu/users/users/lower/jalumni/healthsurvey.htm.

**Social Service**

President: Tamitha R. Price (’98)

- The seventh annual Career/Practicum Fair will be Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the Saint Louis Room of Busch Memorial Center.

**Travel Program—SLU Tours**

- **2001 Trip Offerings**
  - Legends of the Nile: Oct. 7 to 15
  - Cruise the Danube: Sept. 17 to 28
  - Alumni Campus Abroad in Provence: June 5 to 13
  - Alumni Campus Abroad Abroad in the Swiss Alps: June 3 to 11
  - Alumni Campus Abroad Abroad in Kinsale, Ireland: Oct. 7 to 15
  - Cruise the Face of Europe: August 5 to 21

- **Alumni Campus Abroad in Sorrento**
  - April 5 to 29

- **Alumni Campus Abroad in Rome**
  - April 5 to 29

- **Alumni Campus Abroad in Siena**
  - April 5 to 29

- **Alumni Campus Abroad in Sorrento**
  - April 5 to 29

- **Alumni Campus Abroad in Kinsale, Ireland**
  - Oct. 7 to 15

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

**Nationally SLU Day**

**Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001 • SLU vs. UNC-Charlotte**

Join alumni in St. Louis and in more than 15 cities around the United States for the third annual National SLU Day. On this one day a year, SLU alumni across the country gather to root for the basketball Billikens. St. Louis fans meet before the game at Savvis Center, while national alumni gather at their favorite sports bars to cheer the Billikens to victory. For more information or to help plan the alumni party in your area, call the office of alumni relations at (314) 977-2250 or 1-800-SLU-FOR-U.
The Need to Bridge Science and Ethics

By Dr. Gerard Magill

Recent research on human stem cells promises staggering medical discoveries. Only two years ago in 1998, U.S. scientists found a method to isolate and culture embryonic stem cells that have the versatility to grow into human organs or tissues. Then just a few weeks ago, another team of U.S. scientists announced some success with adult bone marrow stem cells.

High hopes accompany these dramatic breakthroughs. If stem cell research leads to a capacity to regenerate organs, we might significantly decrease the annual death rate of nearly 4,000 patients awaiting transplants. And if stem cell research produces cures for diseases, injuries and degenerative maladies, the practice of medicine undoubtedly will be transformed.

Imagine effective therapies for so many conditions that are beyond our reach today: Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries and many cancers! When we combine the genius of mapping the human genome (its first draft was announced just a few months ago) with the discoveries in stem cell research, we can only marvel at modern medicine. What a starburst of promise at the beginning of a new millennium!

Why then is there such discord at the new guidelines for stem cell research, announced on Aug. 23 by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)? The answer is that an increasing chasm between science and ethics is causing alarm across the nation.

Of course, it is an honorable cause for science to enhance the human condition. But ethics asks science to consider carefully the means used to accomplish the noble end of benefiting humanity. The hard question that haunts the nation is whether we should pursue the promising potential of stem cell research to save human lives by means that necessitate destroying human embryos.

The new NIH guidelines, for the first time, permit federal support with taxpayer funds for research on stem cells from human embryos that are unavoidably destroyed in the process of harvesting the cells. These guidelines seem to evade the spirit of a Congressional ban on this matter. Since 1996, Congress in its Appropriations Bill for the Department of Health and Human Services has forbidden the use of federal funds for research in which embryos are destroyed, discarded or knowingly subjected to risk or injury.

Technically, the NIH guidelines do not violate this prohibition because the agency’s researchers will not extract the stem cells. That is, NIH researchers must obtain these stem cells only from other agencies, typically via private companies that extract the stem cells from aborted fetal tissue or from frozen embryos earmarked for destruction in fertility clinics. Nonetheless, the NIH guidelines raise the specter of moral complicity with the destruction of human embryos, thereby increasing the perceived gap between science and ethics in our nation. To bridge this gap we need to adopt policies that invigorate science and respect ethics at the same time.

From a scientific perspective, we can vigorously pursue stem cell research via avenues that do not raise the ethical quandary of destroying human embryos. For example, we can harvest cells from umbilical cord blood or human placenta — scholarly reports suggest these are rich resources of stem cells; and we can continue to investigate resources for adult stem cells, such as bone marrow stem cells that replenish red and white blood cells daily. These stem cells may not be as versatile as embryonic cells. But by following the high road of ethics, biotechnology may make discoveries that we cannot yet imagine. We may not find what we do not seek — alternative ways to harvest versatile stem cells without having to destroy human embryos.

From an ethical perspective, we need to pursue a policy debate about using embryonic stem cells. What a pity if we short-circuit ethical discourse on stem cell research! Skirting this debate is destined at best to create friction between Congress and the NIH and at worst to widen the chasm between science and society. What a pity if these technological marvels proceed in the long shadow of ethical compromise!

Developing stem cell therapies that entail destroying embryos is destined to further fragment the delivery of care by increasingly separating patients and providers on grounds of conscience. However, engaging a policy debate on stem cell research can provide a welcome bridge for the potential rift between biotechnology and ethics. Each step we take on this bridge will determine the next. And, as one of the leading scientific nations, the steps we take and the direction we follow in the United States will influence many other nations. Already Britain is considering legislation to clone human embryos for stem cells, who would have thought we would face this “Brave New World” scenario so soon?

As we gaze over the exciting landscape of stem cell research, we might ponder whether the United States can match its scientific preeminence with equivalent leadership in ethics.

Dr. Gerard Magill is director of the Center for Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University, the only fully interdisciplinary program of its type in the United States. The center offers an interdisciplinary doctoral program in health care ethics.
2000-2001 Billiken Men's Basketball Schedule

Dec. 9  at Missouri (KTVI)
Dec. 16  Dayton
Dec. 19  at DePaul* (Fox Sports)
Dec. 23  Southwest Mo. State
(Fox Sports)
Rainbow Classic
Dec. 27  Texas A&M
(Tennessee, Iowa, Detroit, George Washington)
Dec. 29  Hawaii or Manhattan
Dec. 30  TBA
Jan. 3  St. Bonaventure
Dec. 6  Louisville*
Jan. 3  at Memphis* (ESPN) -
Jan. 18  Cincinnati*
Jan. 20  Marquette*
Jan. 24  DePaul* (Fox Sports)
Jan. 31  at Louisville* (ESPN Regional)
Feb. 3  at Marquette* (Fox Sports)
Feb. 11  South Florida* (FoxSports)
Feb. 14  Southern Miss*
Feb. 17  at Houston*
Feb. 19  at Cincinnati* (Fox Sports)
Feb. 21  at UAB* (Fox Sports)
Feb. 25  at C-USA Postseason Tournament (ESPN Regional)
Feb. 28  Tulane*
March 3  at UAB* (Fox Sports)
March 7-10  at C-USA Postseason Tournament (ESPN Regional)

Home games at Savvis Center  
* Conference USA games

2000-2001 Billiken Women's Basketball Schedule

Dec. 10  Minnesota
Dec. 16  SIU-Carbondale
Dec. 19  Austin Peay
Dec. 22  at IUPUI
Dec. 28  at Hampton
Dec. 31  Charlotte*
Jan. 5  Tulane*
Jan. 7  at Southern Mississippi*
Jan. 14  at Charlotte*
Jan. 19  at Cincinnati*
Jan. 21  at Louisville*
Jan. 26  DePaul*
Jan. 28  Marquette*
Feb. 2  South Florida*
Feb. 4  Houston*
Feb. 9  at Memphis*
Feb. 11  at UAB*
Feb. 16  Louisville*
Feb. 18  Cincinnati*
Feb. 23  at Marquette*
Feb. 25  at DePaul*
Feb. 27  at C-USA
March 2-5  Postseason Tournament

Home games at the Bauman-Eberhardt Athletic Center
*Conference USA game

For ticket information, call (314) 977-3182.