Saint Louis University has come a long way since I came on board as president 15 years ago this August. SLU’s enrollment, curricula and campus have grown steadily. Every year, we continue to welcome our biggest and brightest freshman class and our strongest faculty researchers and grants. Indeed, we get better at doing what we do best — preparing women and men for others in the Jesuit tradition.

But there is so much more to do.

That’s why on June 26 we launched a comprehensive campaign to ensure that rigorous scholarship integrated with community outreach and character-building education remain the hallmarks of a SLU education. “The Campaign for Saint Louis University: Where Knowledge Touches Lives” is more than our campaign theme. At Saint Louis University, it sums up our mission, our work and our future. (For more about the campaign, please see page 14.)

A successful campaign will strengthen scholarships, increase research activity, establish Centers of Excellence, expand technology, attract more top-notch faculty and better serve our local, national and global communities. It will make certain that our nearly two-century-old traditions remain a vibrant part of our day-to-day endeavors.

These campaign goals are not pie-in-the-sky wishes. They are achievable, realistic aims that will bring us closer to realizing our vision — our destiny — of becoming the finest Catholic university in the United States by the year 2012. But what will it take to reach the next level of excellence? Our campaign goal is to raise at least $300 million, making this the largest fund-raising effort in SLU history.

Yes, that is an ambitious goal, but I know the Saint Louis University community of friends, alumni and benefactors will not let us fail. We have been in the silent phase of this campaign for more than three years now, and we have already collected almost half of our $300 million goal. We are grateful to those of you who have already made gifts of time, talent and treasure, who have promised pledges and who have been loyal donors for many, many years. You have been instrumental in all of our successes. You have helped guarantee that future generations of SLU students will continue to change their community, city, country and world — much like many of you have done.

To enhance our overall campaign, we have recruited chairs to lead our focused efforts at the school and college level. My sincere and heartfelt thanks go to these dedicated volunteers who will give much time and energy to ensure that their schools, colleges, programs and departments have the resources — both human and material — to face the future. Your dedication is admirable, and we are grateful to have you with us as we begin this campaign.

You know, I get a lot of credit for the successes at Saint Louis University. And I am always appreciative and even humbled by the accolades. Yet I always know that alumni, students, faculty, staff, and University benefactors, friends and collaborators help make the University what it is today: a model for higher education and an instrument for social change.

Indeed, educating women and men in the Jesuit tradition is truly a collaborative effort, and for me personally, a labor of love. The Saint Louis University campus community may number nearly 16,000 people, but we all share the motivation to prepare our students for lives of conscience and character, of lifelong scholarship and leadership, of community service and global awareness and response to its challenges and opportunities. In short, we work to ensure that Saint Louis University remains a place where “knowledge touches lives.”

That motivation is nothing new. The hopes for today’s students are the same ones my predecessors had when many of you were enrolled at Saint Louis University. In fact, your enthusiasm, generosity and support are our guideposts for this campaign — and our assurance that we have been on the right track since 1818. With your help, SLU will continue to move closer to realizing its destiny of becoming the finest Catholic university in the nation.

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4 academic leaders assume new posts

Saint Louis University has four new academic leaders: an interim provost, dean of the School of Public Health, an interim dean of the John Cook School of Business and an interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Joseph Weixlmann, who joined SLU as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in the summer of 2001, has been selected as interim provost. He succeeds Sandra Johnson (A&S ’73), who has returned to the faculty full time. Johnson holds the Tenet Endowed Chair in Health Law and Ethics.

Weixlmann joined SLU last year from Indiana State University, where he had served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since 1994.

Other appointments include Dr. E. Andrew Balas as the dean of the School of Public Health, Dr. Leroy Grossman as the interim dean of the John Cook School of Business and Michael May, S.J. (A&S ’81), as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Balas was the Weil Distinguished Professor and director of the Center for Health Care Quality at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He received a doctorate in health informatics from the University of Utah School of Medicine and a medical degree from Semmelweis University School of Medicine in Budapest, Hungary. Dr. William True, who served as interim dean during the search, has returned to his full-time faculty position.

Grossman replaces Dr. Neil Seitz, who announced his intention to resign as dean in February. Seitz has returned to the finance department faculty. Grossman joined the SLU faculty in 1963 as an associate professor. He served as the chairman of the economics department from 1997 to 2000 and has received numerous academic honors and awards.

May is stepping in for Weixlmann, as he assumes the interim provost position. May is the chairman of the department of mathematics and mathematical computer science. He has been a member of the faculty since 1988, was president of the college’s faculty council during the 1998-99 school year and last year received the College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teacher Award.

Soccer attendance tops the nation

The Saint Louis University men’s soccer program strengthened its position as one of the nation’s top college soccer attractions as the Billikens led all NCAA Division I programs in average attendance during the 2001 season. SLU averaged 2,870 fans for 13 home dates at Robert R. Hermann Stadium and has led the nation in average attendance two of the last three seasons. The men’s team also led in total attendance with 37,306 fans. The Billikens were among the nation’s top 10 in average attendance throughout the 1990s, but this is only the second time that they have led the country. The women’s soccer team ranked 25th nationally in average attendance at 686 fans per game.

AHP department debuts new degree program

The department of clinical laboratory science at the Doisy School of Allied Health Professions has established a bachelor of science degree in investigative and medical sciences. The degree prepares students for advanced study in medically related areas such as medicine, dentistry, physician assistant, veterinary sciences, pharmacology, microbiology, pathology, forensics and public health. In addition, career entry opportunities at the baccalaureate level are numerous. The IMS curriculum provides graduates with a competitive edge for research associate and other technical positions in university, biotechnological, pharmaceutical and government laboratories.

SLU service hits a record high

Saint Louis University is reaching out to the community in record numbers, and SLU volunteerism is at an all-time high. According to the report “Beyond the Classroom: Service for Others,” SLU students, faculty and staff contributed nearly 489,505 service hours in 2001 to help the community. The increase is up from 439,000 hours the prior year. University volunteers also assisted nearly 3,000 churches and social service agencies in 2001 — a dramatic increase from 1,300 the previous year.

Ring Award goes to Doyle

Dr. John Doyle, a professor in the department of philosophy, received the 2002 Nancy McNeir Ring Award. Presented annually since 1966, the award recognizes an outstanding faculty member of the year as chosen by members of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit honor society. The award is the only student-sponsored teaching award that encompasses all schools of the University. The award was established to honor Nancy McNeir Ring, the University’s first dean of women who was known for her devotion to the welfare of students. A faculty member at SLU since 1967, Doyle specializes in late medieval philosophy. He is the author of nearly 40 journal articles, 25 encyclopedia entries and three translation volumes of Latin philosophical writings.
Busch Center rehab under way

A favorite campus gathering place has closed its doors for approximately 15 months as improvements recently approved by the board of trustees are under way at Busch Memorial Center. Renovation and expansion of BMC began in early June with a targeted completion date of August 2003. Plans call for the transformation of BMC, built in 1967, into a modern student and alumni center that will include an enhanced book store, florist, copy center, grand ballroom, lounges, coffee shop and unisex salon, along with a grocery store and food court run by Chartwells, the University’s new food provider. In all, there will be 51,000 square feet of new construction and 100,500 square feet of renovation. As part of the project, an enclosed breezeway will connect BMC to Kelley Auditorium. SLU students indicated their support for the student center project by passing a Student Government Association resolution in April 2001 to assess a student fee to help fund the renovation.

SLU wins C-USA academic award

Saint Louis University received Conference USA’s Institutional Excellence Award for the seventh consecutive year. The award is given to the member school with the highest cumulative grade point average during the academic year for all student-athletes in conference-sponsored sports. Saint Louis University student-athletes compiled a 3.28 GPA during the 2001-02 academic year. Saint Louis University has won the award every year of Conference USA’s existence. In addition, the Sport Academic Award is given to the team in each conference-sponsored sport with the highest grade point average for the academic year. The Billikens won seven individual sport honors: baseball, men’s cross country, women’s cross country, women’s soccer, softball, women’s swimming and diving and volleyball.

GRAND OPENING: Francis Slay (Law ’80), mayor of St. Louis, addresses the audience assembled for the grand opening of the Saint Louis University Cancer Center on March 20. Dr. James Hardin, Cancer Center deputy director (seated left); Dr. D. Douglas Miller (B&A ’99), Cancer Center acting director; Crystal Haynes, Saint Louis University Hospital CEO; and Patty Peterson, Cancer Center Gala chairwoman, look on. The SLU Cancer Center is operated and funded by Saint Louis University and Tenet Healthcare. It occupies 55,000 square feet of space at 3655 Vista Ave., in Saint Louis University Hospital’s West Pavilion, formerly Bethesda General Hospital.

Dr. Sharon E. Frey, associate professor of infectious diseases and immunology at the School of Medicine, was selected as a distinguished finalist for the 2001 Humanism in Medicine Award, an annual honor sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges through the support of the Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative. ... The University began a yearlong, campus-wide effort in February to study the athletics program as part of the NCAA Division I athletics certification program. Specific areas of the study are: academic and fiscal integrity, governance and rules compliance, as well as commitment to equity, student-athlete welfare and sportsmanship. ... The head of the Federal Aviation Administration, Jane F. Garvey, discussed the effects of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and what’s being done to keep the skies safe during a campus lecture in April. Garvey also received the Vanguard Award, an honor given by Parks College of Engineering and Aviation for outstanding contributions to aviation safety. ... U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. was the featured speaker during April’s annual Calloway Prayer Brunch, an event sponsored by SLU’s Black Alumni Association and the Black Student Alliance that raises funds for scholarships that assist African-American students. ... SLU has been selected as the site for the 2002 Conference USA Men’s Soccer Tournament Nov. 15-17 at Robert R. Hermann Stadium. The Billikens also hosted the C-USA Tournament in 2000, claiming the title on their home pitch.

BY THE NUMBERS

155 SLU student-athletes named to Conference USA’s Commissioner’s Honor Roll for 2001-02. Honorees maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and participate in a conference-sponsored sport.

45 SLU student-athletes who received the Commissioner’s Academic Medal by maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or above.

237 Faculty physicians who practice in 15 SLU/Care clinical departments.

$17.95 million Amount the Vaccine Treatment and Evaluation Unit at the Center for Vaccine Development received from the National Institutes of Health. The grant is the largest in SLU’s history.

$37.8 million Research grant and contract research revenue achieved for fiscal year 2001. The number is an all-time high.
Sword goes to Nancy Brinker

Nancy Goodman Brinker is the latest recipient of the University’s Sword of Ignatius Loyola Award. The award was presented at the opening gala of the Saint Louis University Cancer Center April 12 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Clayton, Mo. The U.S. Ambassador to Hungary, Brinker established the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in 1982 in honor of her sister, who died of breast cancer in 1980. Today, the Komen Foundation is a leader in the field of breast cancer education, screening and treatment. It is the largest private funding source for breast cancer research and community outreach programs. Named in honor of the founder of the Jesuits, the sword is the University’s highest honor, symbolizing the Ignatian vision of service.

Fund will invest in technology

The board of trustees has approved the establishment of a technology transfer fund within the University’s endowment to develop, support and seek investment returns on the research and technology activities of the University. With an initial allotment of $5 million, the fund will support University-based start-up companies; provide funds for University inventors to build prototypes for potential inventions; and invest in St. Louis-based venture capital funds to help promote advances in life and plant sciences, biotechnology and related information technology. SLU’s patent policy distributes 40 percent of net license-derived income to the inventor, with the remaining funds divided between the inventor’s department, the inventor’s college or institutional unit and the technology transfer office. The University shares in the proceeds to recover cost and expenses; to secure additional support for University researchers; to improve University facilities; and to reward innovative personnel.

Hospitality and food service program begins

A mid a revival in the travel and tourism and food service industries, the School for Professional Studies is launching new degree program offerings in hospitality and food service management. Classes began this summer for a post-bachelor’s certificate or minor in hospitality and food service management within the existing organizational studies major. Both programs will provide students with advanced exposure to key industry-specific topics, such as catering and events coordination, food and beverage management, loss prevention and service management.

ST. LOUIS STARS: Paul Reinert, S.J., Saint Louis University’s chancellor emeritus and past president who died in July 2001, was one of five “stars” inducted during the 14th annual Walk of Fame ceremony May 19 in the University City Loop. The walk includes brass stars and bronze plaques on sidewalks along Delmar Boulevard that honor individuals from the St. Louis area who have made major contributions to the city’s cultural heritage. Other 2002 honorees were actress Marsha Mason, syndicated cartoonist and Pulitzer Prize winner Mike Peters, former football Cardinal Dan Dierdorf and famed fighter Archie Moore. Above, Reinert’s star and description.
5 named ‘Women of the Year’

The women’s commission has honored five members from the University community as the 2002 Women of the Year. The commission honors a woman administrator, faculty member, professional staff member, support staff member and student for outstanding contributions to the University. This year’s winners are Dana Underwood, associate dean for the School of Law; Mary Fran Ernst (PS ’82), associate professor for the department of pathology; Lori Flanagan, senior associate director for athletics; Anita Suzanne Poole, executive secretary for the College of Arts and Sciences; and April Weiss, an elementary education major.

NCA visit yields good feedback

The University welcomed evaluators in April as a site team for the North Central Association visited campus. “While the final report of the site team is yet to be released, their overall opinion was extremely positive and cause for much celebration,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. In preparation for the visit, SLU prepared an institutional self-study report that follows the theme “A Decade of Renaissance.” The report describes the state of the University and changes that have transpired during the last 10 years. The University has been accredited by the NCA’s Commission on Institutions of Higher Education since 1916. The NCA is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States that provides institutional accreditation on a regional basis.

Soccer Billikens go early in draft

Saint Louis University All-Americans Brad Davis and Dipsy Selolwane were selected in Major League Soccer’s 2002 SuperDraft. Davis was the third selection overall by the MetroStars, while Selolwane was the 36th pick overall in the third round by Chicago. A 2001 Hermann Trophy candidate, Davis tied Syracuse’s Jarett Park as the NCAA national leader in assists. He turned pro after the completion of his sophomore season. The 2001 Conference USA Player of the Year and a national Player of the Year candidate, Selolwane’s 54 points (25 goals, four assists) was the Billikens’ best total since 1995. He led the nation in goals scored and tied SMU’s Luchi Gonzalez for the national lead in total points.
A steady stream of students, faculty and staff poured into what was once known as O’Donnell Hall May 16 and 17 for a sneak peak at Saint Louis University’s newest campus attraction. The former home of the School of Public Health and the Graduate School no longer held offices and classrooms. Instead, the 102-year-old French revival mansion had been transformed into 55,000-square-feet of intimate, yet spacious, galleries for the University’s extensive collection of sculpture, drawings, paintings and other artwork.

The Saint Louis University Museum of Art, which opened to the public June 11, offers art and displays relevant to the Jesuit philosophy and ideals of liberal arts education. National and internationally acclaimed artists — including Richard Serra, Arnoldo Pomodoro, Renato Laffranchi, Joachim Probst, Roberta de la Vega and Miguel Martinez — are represented, along with local artists such as Thomas Huck, Edward Boccia, Moira Lewis, Mary Borgman, Billyo and Morton D. May. Works from members of the SLU community are displayed as well.

“Aesthetic enrichment is an important component of a Saint Louis University education,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. “The arts introduce us to myriad cultures and diverse interpretations of human life, the beauty of nature and the presence of God in all things. Through the arts, we have the opportunity to develop intuition, appreciation, imagination and insight.”

Cannon Design served as architect for the museum, and McCarthy was the construction manager for the fast-track project, which began in September and was completed in May. A sculpture garden will be created behind the museum that will be used for alumni and University receptions.

Biondi said the museum should benefit Midtown St. Louis as well as SLU. “The Saint Louis University Museum of Art enhances our ability to develop an all-encompassing art education outreach program to serve our metropolitan St. Louis community,” he said. “It also increases opportunities for SLU’s fine and performing arts program and enriches the intellectual capital of the St. Louis area.”

The museum’s first floor opens into two large galleries that feature the opening exhibit of self-taught Italian artist Renato Laffranchi on display through...
Clockwise from above: The first floor gallery featuring works by Renato Laffranchi; a conference room on the second floor; the sculpture “Quo Vadis” by James Muir at the base of the front staircase; the Lucia P. May Gallery featuring “The Horse Series” by Joachim Probst.
mid-fall. The first floor also includes a museum shop that features postcards of works found in the collection, as well as other items that capture the spirit of SLUMA.

The second floor is home to a 14-piece glass masterpiece by world-renowned artist Dale Chihuly and a works on paper gallery featuring the work of St. Louis-based woodcut printer Thomas Huck. Another gallery on this floor exhibits 108 pen and ink horse drawings from a rotating collection of more than 600 pieces by Joachim Probst donated by Lucia P. May of the Morton D. May family. A sculpture gallery, a decorative arts gallery, featuring Lotton glass, and a library for future use by art historians and scholars complete the second level.

The other two floors highlight the Cartier collection, historical items and pieces relocated from the John and Ann MacLennan Gallery of Asian Art. The latter collection features approximately 2,500 pieces of art carved from wood, amber, coral, ivory, jade, enamel and metal. Although the MacLennans never visited Asia, over 60 years they amassed one of the largest private collections of Asian art in the Midwest.

The Cartier collection displays more than 2,000 pieces of family memorabilia and fine art donated to the University by Marion Rumsey Cartier, daughter of Pierre Cartier, founder of Cartier Jewelers. The University has received Cartier’s entire collection of 710 paintings, spanning five decades, plus works of art by 19th and 20th century artists.

SLU curator Nanette E. Boileau is director of SLUMA. She and Biondi acknowledge the support of both the museum advisory committee and members of the St. Louis arts community in making the museum a reality.

“With their support we hope initially to develop an exhibition schedule and community outreach program that fulfills the needs and expectations of the SLU community and the St. Louis region,” Boileau said. “Once those programs are in place, we will propose to partner with various University academic departments to explore potential art restoration and art administration programs.”

Admission to the museum is free, with a small fee for special exhibits. For hours, volunteer opportunities or more information, call (314) 977-3399.
The building housing the Saint Louis University Museum of Art originally was built in 1900 as the home of the St. Louis Club at a cost of $320,000. An architectural competition in 1896 determined the designer and style of the building, with Arthur Dillon of New York firm Friedlander and Dillon chosen to be the principal architect. The idea for St. Louis' 1904 World's Fair is said to have surfaced at a dinner at the St. Louis Club, and much of the planning took place there. The club then purchased 14 paintings from among those exhibited at the World's Fair. These formed the nucleus of a collection that became one of the best-regarded private collections in the city.

For its first quarter century, the building located at 3663 Lindell Blvd. was the center of St. Louis social life and was visited by a number of U.S. presidents, including Presidents Cleveland, McKinley, Taft, Roosevelt, Wilson and Harding. Herbert Hoover was entertained there while he served as secretary of commerce. During their visits to St. Louis, Taft, Wilson and Hoover were lodged in a suite on the third floor of the building.

A fire in 1925 led to the end of the St. Louis Club era on Lindell. Despite only minor damage, the building was sold. The building was used by a succession of companies over the years until the University purchased the building in 1992 from Dr. Francis E. O'Donnell Jr. The building was the home of the SLU Graduate School and the School of Public Health and was known as O'Donnell Hall in honor of Doris O'Donnell, Francis' mother and a longtime employee and director of alumni relations at the University. Designated as a historic landmark, the structure is distinguished for its architectural character, features and rich detail.
The best high school students in the country compete for the University's most prestigious scholarship.

As if he didn’t have enough to worry about.

Hector Bird was walking toward Anheuser-Busch Auditorium in Cook Hall where University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., was about to address candidates for the Presidential Scholarship. Bird glanced over and saw a young man in a tuxedo.

“Oh great,” thought the 18-year-old about his khakis and crisply pressed shirt. “I’m way underdressed for this.”

Although they are not supposed to sweat the small stuff, Bird and the other candidates vying for SLU’s most prestigious and financially lucrative academic award could not seem to help it. It was Presidential Scholarship interview weekend, and 100 of the brightest and most talented high school seniors in the country were on campus to interview for the award. Of the group, only 30 would receive the full cost (tuition, room and board, book stipend) scholarship.

The approximate total value over four years: $120,000.

Bird, who would like to study aeronautical science at Saint Louis University, was relieved to discover that the man he saw in a tuxedo was a member of the University’s choral group that would perform before Biondi’s address. Still, he found plenty of other things to occupy his mind.

“You may be at the top of your class back home,” said Bird, a senior at Pope John Paul II High School in Boca Raton, Fla. “But here you’re a little fish in a sea of talent. I just hope I’m good enough.”

Like the other 99 candidates invited to the campus for the weekend, Bird is good enough academically. You do not get to the interview weekend, the final round of competition, unless you meet the academic criteria — at least a 3.85 GPA and a 30 ACT or 1320 SAT score.

Of the nearly 6,000 students who applied to enter Saint Louis University in the fall of 2002, approximately 500 met these criteria.

Individual counselors from the office of undergraduate admission spend several weeks reviewing student files and going over the applications to winnow the list as much as possible. Then, they meet as a group to select the 100 students who will be brought to campus to interview for the scholarship. Special attention is paid to students who demonstrate leadership qualities and a deep commitment to service. Among those who stood out: a student who was a U.S. athletic ambassador to Australia and New Zealand, an applicant who was a delegate to the Model United Nations at a national conference in Washington, D.C., a student who was chosen to deliver a speech at a youth rally during a papal visit, a student who composed his own music and...
one who received literary awards for short stories and plays.

“These kids are truly amazing,” said Kristin Frazier (Law ’96), undergraduate scholarship coordinator in the office of scholarship/financial aid and coordinator of the Presidential Scholarship weekend. “You can’t help but be in quite a bit of awe as you read through their applications and résumés. You wonder how in the world they had the time to accumulate all the experiences and knowledge they have and still be warm, welcoming and socially adept.”

The Talent Pool

The Presidential Scholars Program was one of the first initiatives Biondi undertook as president of the University. When he asked faculty members what they thought it would take to get the highest caliber students into SLU classrooms the answer was unanimous — scholarships.

In 1988, Biondi established the Presidential Scholarship, the Deans’ Scholarship and the University Scholarship. Of the three, only the Presidential Scholarship is a full academic scholarship.

The Presidential Scholarship is renewable, and eligibility extends over a maximum of eight semesters or until completion of a baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first. It is designed not only to attract students of achievement but also to ensure that they experience and contribute to the full range of intellectual, social and spiritual opportunities that are the trademarks of a SLU education.

“My rationale for making this multi-million dollar investment was simple,”
Biondi told the scholarship candidates and their parents during his welcoming address. “The Jesuits traditionally seek out the best and brightest minds, and you are indeed that. Jesuits also seek out those who have a passion for life, individuals who have the energy and talent to help make our world a more just and peaceful place for all of us.”

While most colleges and universities offer full scholarships today, during the late ’80s few beyond the top 100 universities awarded full scholarships such as SLU’s Presidential Scholarship. During the first decade of the program, the University awarded 10 Presidential Scholarships annually. But as part of the SLU2000 initiative, the University expanded the number to 30, making it one of the most substantial scholarship programs in the country.

“Initially, the students who applied for the scholarship were from the immediate area, and they had impressive GPAs and test scores,” said Kevin Ertl (A&S ’94), a director in the University’s development office and coordinator of the Presidential Scholars weekend from 1996 to 2000. “They thought that’s all they needed in order to interview, and it was. But as the years went on, we saw students who were doing more outside the classroom. They were getting published and getting regional and national attention for their service projects. They were coming in with college credit and had done some undergraduate research. We wanted more of those students in our classrooms, and increasing the number of scholarships was a way to do that.”

Ertl also said the scholarship program has helped position SLU as one of the top-tier academic institutions.

“Back when we started the scholarship program, we were predominately a local university,” said Ertl. “Students would apply to us, maybe the University of Missouri in Columbia and maybe Southeast Missouri State. We weren’t crossing applications with some of the top 100 institutions. Now we are. Our candidates are applying at Rice, Georgetown, Stanford, MIT, Air Force Academy and the University of Notre Dame. I think the scholarship program has a great deal to do with it.”

High school students from 24 states outside of Missouri were invited to this year’s Presidential Scholarship interview weekend.

The Big Day

The breakfast buffet laid out for the candidates on the morning of their interviews was abundant — eggs, pancakes, sausage, toast, bagels, juice, cereal and fresh fruit. Sanjeev Patel, who attends O’Fallon Township High School in O’Fallon, Ill., could only handle a few grapes.

“I’m too nervous to eat,” he said. “Maybe later, when this is all over. Maybe.”

Patel and the other candidates faced two back-to-back half-hour interviews with four panelists — usually a current presidential scholar, a faculty member, a SLU graduate and a community leader. Community leaders were added to the panels a couple of years ago as a way to showcase some of the students SLU was attracting and to get community perspective on who would bring the most to the area during — and perhaps beyond — his or her academic career. St. Louis Comptroller Darlene Green and St. Louis Cardinals President Mark Lamping (Grad B&A ’81) are among the community leaders who have participated in interview weekend.

Not far from where Patel was pacing, four female students sat in comfortable chairs looking anything but. They made idle chatter with one another and waited their turns to go into an interview room, looking at their watches every few minutes.

“I feel for them,” said Erica Westhoff, a senior and current Presidential Scholar. “It’s nerve-racking to know that a 30-minute interview could determine the course of your academic career.”

During their interviews, candidates...
face some serious questions (What was your most difficult failure in high school and how did you deal with it?) and some silly (If you could be a cartoon character, which one would you be and why?).

After meeting the candidates, panelists rate them on poise and composure, communication and articulation, leadership potential, maturity and depth.

“Each student is so impressive,” said Ginny D’Angelo, vice president for student loans at Commerce Bank and a community panelist. “They’re interested in service and in doing something of quality with their lives. You meet students like this, and you know the world will be in good hands.”

More Than Money

The interview weekend is not only about SLU getting a better look at the candidates but also about the candidates getting a better look at SLU. With impressive grades and résumés, these students could go just about anywhere. Other academic institutions are actively courting them. Most of the candidates have been on campus at least once, but interview weekend is designed to foster a deeper connection between the candidates, the University and its Jesuit ideals.

Candidates spend time with faculty members. They stay in campus residence halls with current presidential scholars and go to class, eat meals and attend social events with them.

“The candidates want to know the scholarship goes beyond getting their tuition paid for,” said Westhoff, president of the Presidential Scholars student group. “They want to know they’ll be among students who share their work and study ethics. I tell them this is their chance to grow in an unparalleled group of students, to study with talented professors and to live in a dynamic, diverse community — but they pretty much pick up on that themselves.”

Presidential scholars are expected to maintain a 3.4 GPA and to be leaders in the classroom as well as in student social and service organizations. Scholars volunteer for community service projects monthly and participate in other University activities that support and further SLU’s mission.

In addition, scholars are required to complete an Investigative Learning Experience (ILEX) during their undergraduate career. An ILEX provides scholars with an opportunity to work with a faculty mentor on a research, internship, service or study abroad project.

Scholars have used ILEX funding, which is provided by the SLU2000 initiative, to study in Italy, France, Germany, Spain and England. Other projects include:

- An internship at Amnesty International
- A medical mission to Romania
- A nursing service internship at Flathead Indian Reservation
- A service project in Managua, Nicaragua
- A service project with Youth Service International Spanish Project

“‘The intent is to push the students to push themselves,’” said Duane Smith, director of the University Honors Program and ILEX adviser. “These are very bright students who need to be academically and spiritually stimulated. Our desire is to see them use this unique learning experience to enhance their understanding of themselves and their field of study.”

It is not all work and no play for the scholars. At their monthly meetings, where they announce upcoming service projects and University events, they also announce plans for upcoming float trips, movie outings and retreats.

“Over the past four years, I’ve learned that a university career is about more than academics,” said Westhoff, whose ILEX project took her to Italy this summer to study Dante’s Divine Comedy in medieval Italian, after which she’ll begin graduate studies in Italian at UCLA. “It’s about the people you meet and what you can bring to one another’s lives. The scholarship gave me the opportunity of a lifetime. I have a better sense of who I am and what I want to do.”

At the close of interview weekend, the ratings are tallied. Within a few weeks, the 30 candidates with the highest scores and most positive reviews receive a congratulatory phone call from the admissions office offering them a Presidential Scholarship. More than 90 percent accept it.

Postscripts: The University awarded Presidential Scholarships to both Hector Bird and Sanjeev Patel.

As part of the University’s commitment to spreading its resources as far as possible, the Presidential Scholarship will cover only tuition beginning next academic year — still a sizeable award worth approximately $85,000 over four years.
There were penguins, Clydesdales, parrots and lemurs. There were tram tours, bratwursts and more than 600 guests. There was broadcaster Bob Costas and Grammy award-winning country music star Tim McGraw. There was, in short, a party.

And like most parties, there was something to celebrate — Saint Louis University’s announcement of the largest fund-raising effort in its 184-year history, “The Campaign for Saint Louis University: Where Knowledge Touches Lives.” With much fun and fanfare, the University launched the five-year, $300 million campaign June 26 at Grant’s Farm, a 281-acre wildlife preserve and historical site located just south of St. Louis and operated by Anheuser-Busch Inc.

“Several years ago, I said that it was my vision that Saint Louis University become the finest Catholic university in the United States,” said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. “Each day we come closer to realizing that distinction. The entire Saint Louis University community collaborated over the last 12 months to spell out our means to achieve this goal in the form of a new strategic plan. This plan has formed the basis for our new campaign.”

The campaign kick-off event featured entertainment by McGraw, with Costas serving as master of ceremonies. Campaign co-chairmen and SLU alumni August A. Busch IV (B&A ’87, Grad B&A ’00) and John K. (Jack) Pruellage (B&A ’62) helped Biondi
Clockwise from above: Campaign co-chairs Pruellage (left) and Busch; Dr. Joan Hrubetz (Nurs ’60, Grad Nurs ’70, ’75), dean of the School of Nursing, gets up close with a Clydesdale; McGraw on stage; master of ceremonies Costas.
deliver the announcement to alumni and friends of the University. Busch is president of Anheuser-Busch Inc. and heads the company’s domestic beer operations. Pruellage is chairman of Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C., a regional law firm based in St. Louis for more than 90 years.

“As alumni of Saint Louis University and members of the University’s board of trustees, we have witnessed the evolution of the campus and emergence of SLU as a leading national research university,” Busch and Pruellage said in a combined statement. “We have watched with pride as our alma mater has maintained its Jesuit tradition of excellence while fostering innovation and growth.”

One-third of the $300 million goal of the new campaign is slated for students. The University hopes to raise $100 million for scholarships and fellowships. The University distributed more than $66.6 million in University-funded student financial aid this past year.

“Saint Louis University seeks to provide scholarships and fellowships for all promising and deserving students, including those from minority groups and those who demonstrate the greatest need,” Biondi said.

Faculty development, science and technology and centers of excellence have the next largest campaign goals, in that order. Faculty, who influence the teaching, research and service of peers and students alike, are an ultimate measure of a University’s quality, and the University hopes to raise approximately $75 million for named endowed chairs and faculty development. The University has set a goal of $50 million for science and technology, which is also a major focus of the campaign. Support in this area will partially fund a new state-of-the-art research building, innovative information technology infrastructure and scientific laboratories and equipment. Another $30 million will be

“We all know that this campaign will only succeed with participation from all of you and from all Saint Louis University alumni and friends. I hope you will consider what Saint Louis University means to you, to this city and to the world and give generously to this campaign. Your support will make all the difference.”

— John K. Pruellage

“Clockwise from top left: A tram brings guests through the farm; McGraw (center) and his band; the Grant’s Farm Bauernhof, site of dinner and the concert; guests encounter a snake.”
## Campaign Goals

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earmarked for additional support for existing centers of excellence at the University, such as the Saint Louis University Cancer Center, which opened this spring, the Paul C. Reinert, S.J., Center for Teaching Excellence, the Boeing Institute of International Business and others.

The University already has raised 50 percent of its goal, or $150 million, during the silent phase of the campaign. For example, a silent-phase leadership gift from University trustee John Cook (B&A ’64) helped double the size of SLU’s business school, which now bears his name. Cook is chairman and chief executive officer of Atlanta-based The Profit Recovery Group International Inc.

A leadership gift from the Anheuser-Busch Foundation will help renovate Busch Memorial Center into a modern student-alumni center. Anheuser-Busch, under the leadership of the late August (“Gussie”) Busch Jr., provided the lead gift for the original facility built in 1967.

“For many years, Anheuser-Busch and our family have been firmly committed to helping Saint Louis U. become the top Catholic university in the United States,” Busch IV said. “And we’re proud once again to provide support for the school, its faculty and the students.”

“The Campaign for Saint Louis University: Where Knowledge Touches Lives’ will build on the sacrifice, hard work and generosity of those who have made this a great institution,” Biondi said. “The campaign and all that is happening at SLU today signify a new era of strength and vigor that will thrive for decades to come.”

For more information, visit the campaign Web site at: http://campaign.slu.edu.
“We hope that the goals of this campaign will inspire you to continue your support of Saint Louis University. Our task will not be easy. It never has been. But as the president of Saint Louis University, I know that our history, our commitment to one another, and our calling as ‘women and men for others’ will ensure that we will succeed. I invite you to join us in realizing our dreams.”

— Lawrence Biondi, S.J.
IN a cramped, bare-bones cockpit, Charles Lindbergh piloted the Spirit of St. Louis in the first solo transatlantic flight. The historic 33-hour journey from New York to Paris in 1927 forever changed the course of the 20th century and turned the aviator into a hero of global proportions. More than seven decades later, students at Saint Louis University are helping others understand just how remarkable that feat was.

Much like Lindbergh, SLU engineering students recently pushed deadlines and lost plenty of sleep. Their feat? Recreating the interior cockpit of Lucky Lindy’s famous plane to mark the flight’s 75th anniversary. The project’s timing couldn’t be more appropriate: Parks College of Engineering and Aviation celebrates its own 75th anniversary this year. The students constructed gauges, controls and an instrument panel for the 11-foot replica of the plane’s fuselage that recently joined a new exhibit at the Missouri History Museum. The exhibition, “Lindbergh,” includes hundreds of artifacts, many on public view for the first time in decades. The Parks-made replica is a centerpiece of the exhibit.

An iconic image of aviation, the original Spirit of St. Louis now hangs from the ceiling at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., but most people have no idea what the monoplane’s interior looks like. Those who have seen the inside of a modern plane may be shocked by Lindbergh’s rudimentary cockpit. It didn’t even have a windshield. Instead, the pilot peered through a periscope, which the students also recreated.

“The point of the project was to replicate the cockpit environment so people can understand just how difficult this task would have been,” said Dr. Charles Kirkpatrick, dean of Parks College of Engineering and Aviation.

The task of rebuilding the cockpit wasn’t without its own pitfalls and setbacks. Original parts were scarce, so students relied on old photographs and drawings, scanning the images into a computer to create three-dimensional models. The students then fed their designs into a rapid prototype machine that crafted the parts out of plastic. It took 40 hours for the machine to produce a complicated component, and the students then painstakingly painted the parts to resemble the original

Lindbergh (left) and Parks.
Parks College’s participation in this unique project was due in part to one of its alumni, Gene Carroll (Parks ‘55), who, for more than 50 years, has been fascinated by Lindbergh and his trailblazing feat. A longtime volunteer with the Missouri History Museum, Carroll was part of the team that developed the Lindbergh exhibit. In addition to the massive collection, organizers also realized they wanted to give exhibit-goers a greater glimpse into Lindbergh’s actual journey. When the group decided on reproducing a replica of the cockpit, Carroll immediately thought of his alma mater, where he is an active member of the college’s alumni board.

“I knew the college had the capability to execute this undertaking,” Carroll said. “In 1927, Lindbergh made his historic flight, and Parks opened. I see that continuum to that time.”

The replica is one of the visitors’ favorite things, Smith said. “It’s really compelling for them to get really close to that cockpit to understand how little space Lindbergh had for 33-and-half hours. It’s a way to be transported back to that time.”

Evidence of their struggles was apparent the day a van from the history museum arrived to pick up the replica. Looking weary and sleep deprived, the students still were rushing to complete the project. They drove themselves to finish the work, even though they weren’t getting paid or earning class credit. Still, the real-world experience of working with a tight deadline and an even tighter budget was invaluable, said one of the student team’s leaders.

“I learned to always try to get the full scope of a project at the start to avoid surprises,” said Michael Jennings, a junior majoring in aerospace engineering. “I also learned to handle a project that has become someone’s pride and joy and how to keep a balance between what is possible and what is not.”

The exhibit’s curator, Sharon Smith, didn’t have an opportunity to examine the reconstructed cockpit closely until it was delivered to the museum. She was impressed, to say the least.

“I was truly amazed, and it was something we couldn’t have done without Parks College,” Smith said. “I got the sense that this was a labor of love for the students. They weren’t going to settle for anything but the best.”

The students’ replica is a focal point of the museum’s massive collection of Lindbergh memorabilia, which includes everything from clothing to medals to personal letters. The exhibit also features historic film footage and radio broadcasts to recapture the thrilling moments surrounding the flight. After its stay in St. Louis, “Lindbergh” travels to several stops across the nation, including museums in North Carolina, Michigan, Nebraska, Virginia and Wisconsin.

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Top: Parks students construct the cockpit. Below: The replica on display at the Missouri History Museum.
in aviation safety management degree, which debuts this fall. The FAA now requires the airlines to employ vice presidents who serve as aviation safety managers.

SLU’s program is the nation’s first at this level to focus solely on training aviation professionals to be the most competent managers in the industry. The program is unique because it will be offered completely online — though it is as rigorous and as intensive as any classroom experience.

“We designed the program’s curriculum to follow the FAA requirements for top aviation safety managers,” said Alan Stolzer, associate dean of Parks College.

The new program targets mainly seasoned aviation professionals who would like to move into top safety management positions. The course work isn’t designed to provide hands-on training in specific aviation safety techniques but, rather, insight into the broader aviation safety management issues — personal development, corporate culture and staffing — that make good managers.

“Graduates of this exciting, new program will gain the ability to design, implement and manage aviation safety programs for their companies,” Stolzer said.

In addition to innovative programs, Parks College of Engineering and Aviation continues to push the boundaries of education and research. A group of engineering students earned second place in a NASA-sponsored competition to design a greenhouse for Mars. And the University is among a select group of institutions charged with reviewing concepts for commercial spacecraft for NASA.

“I think many of Parks’ first graduates would be amazed at what we’re doing today, including the students’ work on the Lindbergh replica,” Kirkpatrick said. “But while the technology has certainly changed, I think our goal is the same as when Oliver Parks founded the school 75 years ago — excellence in education.”

J ust two months after Charles Lindbergh’s historic trans-Atlantic flight, another aviation breakthrough took place when Oliver “Lafe” Parks opened what would become the nation’s first federally certified college of aviation and one of the leaders in aviation education today.

A former Chevrolet salesman, Parks turned his dream into reality when he founded Parks Air College in August 1927. The school debuted in a rented hanger at Lambert Field with only one teacher — Parks himself — and two planes. His first student was attracted by a small ad in the Yellow Pages.

It wouldn’t take long for the visionary Parks to leave these humble beginnings behind. In 1928, he moved his operation to Cahokia, Ill. After two years of operation, Parks sought to raise the standards of aviation education. To that end, Parks College earned federal certification in 1929, the first in the nation to do so.

From there, the school quickly gained national and international prominence as a leader in aviation training. In the early years, the college was an official stop in famous coast-to-coast air races. Charles Lindbergh visited the school in 1929 and had his picture taken with Parks in what is now a familiar image to Parks history buffs. Lindbergh wasn’t the only aviation great to visit the campus either: Amelia Earhart, Howard Hughes, Jimmy Doolittle and Eddie Rickenbacker also landed there.

In keeping with its goal to be a leader in aviation training and education, Parks Air College educated some of the country’s first female pilots. In addition, Parks College and its subsidiaries trained one out of every 10 U.S. Army Air Corps pilots and thousands of aircraft mechanics during World War II.

After the war, Parks took a hard look at his college and the entire field of aviation. With characteristic vision, he realized that future aviation leaders would need a well-rounded academic education. Parks believed the best way to accomplish this was to partner with a major university. So in 1946, Parks donated his school to Saint Louis University, uniting the first institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi River with the first aviation school in the country.

Educational opportunities for Parks students flourished under this new affiliation. These opportunities only expanded further when, in 1997, Parks College moved from Cahokia into the new 90,000-square-foot McDonnell Douglas Hall on SLU’s St. Louis campus. The move allowed students to take advantage of improved classrooms, enhanced laboratories and the latest technology. Students also gained greater exposure to the University’s learning opportunities and strong Jesuit heritage.

And the school’s national reputation continues to grow. U.S. News & World Report ranks Parks College of Engineering and Aviation among the top 26 undergraduate engineering programs in the nation for 2002. The department of aerospace and mechanical engineering ranks in the top three nationally.

“The history of Parks College is filled with many firsts and breakthroughs,” said Dr. Charles Kirkpatrick, the school’s dean. “The 75th anniversary of the college provides a great opportunity to recall the history of the past and also to look forward to the future.” — CB
Gertrude M. Mager (A&S) lives at the Village North Retirement Community in St. Louis.

Dr. Frank E. Baum (A&S ‘37, Med ‘40) is a retired physician. He lives in Leawood, Kan.

Norbert V. Bussmann (B&A) is nearing his 85th birthday. He recently moved into a condo in Chesterfield, Mo., with his wife, Tina. … James R. James Jr. (Grad) lives in St. Louis. Charlotte Mannel (Nurs) volunteers at Cookeville (Tenn.) Regional Medical Center one day a week in surgery and radiology. … Bernard Winkeler (B&A) has retired in Ellsville, Mo.

Dr. Joseph E. Andrews (Med) lives in Kula, Hawaii. … Moira Hayes Kuhl (Grad) plans to move to Seattle after living in Chicago for 50 years.

Beatrice Kaasch (Nurs) is retired and lives in Laurel, Mont. She is a member of St. Anthony’s Church. … Ivan Koch (Parks) received a certificate of appreciation from SLU for his work as a maintenance handyman. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps training program during World War II. He has spent more than 50 years in the aviation industry.

Daniel E. Parks (Parks) is a docent on Friday afternoons at the Seattle Museum of Flight.

Charles Rick (Parks) is living easy in the retirement community of Southgate at Shrewsbury, Mass.

Robert Emory (Parks) is retired in Las Vegas and enjoys boating on Lake Mead.

Willard Brandt (B&A) is retired and lives in St. Louis. … Dr. Luis A. Morales (Med) is a retired ophthalmologist living in Ponce, Puerto Rico. … Dr. Edward H. Steineneyer (Dent) is a retired U.S. Army colonel. He lives in Pascata, N.M.

Leona Janitell (Nurs) has retired and lives in Denver.

M. Janet Courtney (Nun) is enjoying retirement in Rochester, N.Y. … Dr. Philip Egito (Dent) retired in 1977. He lives in Winter Springs, Fla. … Mary Kozono (Nurs) has been retired for the past 17 years and lives in West Sacramento, Calif. She volunteers with kindergartners until recently. … Vincent O’Connell (B&A) is retired in St. Louis. … Pat Randal (Dent) and spouse Beverly Randal (B&A ‘47) continue working in Dallas. Pat writes for a local newspaper, and Beverly is a financial consultant. … Dr. Malvin Ring (Dent) wrote Dentistry: An Illustrated History and was the featured speaker at the first Awards Day Ceremony at the new School of Dental Medicine of Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Last year, he helped revise the entire section on dentistry for the new edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica. He lives in Rochester, N.Y.

Dr. Francis A. Healy (Med) is retired and lives in Hillsborough, Calif. … Mary A. Moya (Nurs) lives in Downers Grove, Ill.

Sidney Kashiwabara (Dent) is retired and lives in Honolulu. … Dr. Theodore Katsanis (Parks) lives in Bellevue, Wash. … Teresa Bernice Koster (AHP) is retired in Carrollton, Ill.

Lewis J. Graber (Grad IT) has enjoyed a healthy retirement since 1976. He lives in Sarasota, Fla. … Dr. Huber K. Grimm (Med) retired from his family practice in Seattle in 1996. He lives with his wife, Mary. … Mary Lou Hester (A&S) recently celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with her husband, Bill. She lives in St. Louis. … Dr. Lloyd B. McCabe (Med) retired and enjoys traveling, living in New Cumberland, W.Va. … James W. Ringhausen (B&A ’39, Grad B&A ’57) retired after 40 years in education in Calhoun County, Ill. … Orman Smith (B&A) is retired and lives in O Fallon, Ill. … Dr. Kenneth F. Stegman (Med) attends classes at Edmon College. He lives in Fresno, Calif. and enjoys nature walks and exercise classes.

Richard Ampleman (A&S ’50, Grad B&A ’57) is retired and enjoys golfing and traveling. He lives in Florence, Mo. … Bryan L. Carlin (B&A) lives in St. Louis. … James Ruddick, S.J. (Grad ’50, ’53) is retired and lives in Fort Myers, Fla., and enjoys nature walks and exercise classes.

Robert Ebert (Law) has retired since January 2001. He lives in Florissant, Mo. … Russell L. Mann (Law) works full time in the Modrall Law Office in Roswell, N.M. … Joseph J. Traybar (Parks) lives in Palm Beach, Fla. … Thomas Walsh (A&S) retired from the Illinois Department of Transportation in 1993 and has been teaching in Tombstone, Ariz., since 1996.

William D. Becker Jr. (IT) is a retired attorney who enjoys traveling, playing tennis and playing bridge. He lives in Baton Rouge, La., with his wife, Fran. … George A. Donaldson (Parks) has been doing research on the crash of TWA Flight 800. He lives in Orange, Calif. … Stephen L. Fitzgerald (A&S) is retired and lives in the St. Louis area. He participates actively in his church. … Dr. Robert S. Grossman (Med) has been practicing surgical medicine for nearly 40 years. He is a faculty member at Bowman Gray School of Medicine. … Harold G. Smith (AHP ‘54, Grad ’59) has retired as an associate professor with the School of Allied Health Sciences’ department of physical therapy at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. … Kenneth A. Toensketter (IT) is retired and lives in Sun City, Texas, with his wife. He enjoys golf and playing with his five grandchildren.

Dr. Frederic C. Leisse (A&S ’56, Med ’60) is a professor teaching medical science courses at International College in Naples, Fla. … Dr. Philip H. Sharkey (A&S ’56, Med ’60) retired in October 1999 after 35 years in a family practice. He lives in Decatur, Ill., and has six children and 14 grandchildren. … Marilyn J. Stayton (Nurs) enjoys gardening, exercising, working and volunteering. She is retired in Normal, Ill.

Dr. Leo O. Furr (Med) lives in Bird Island, Minn. After 37 years of medical practice, he is enjoying retirement. … James Hansen (Soc Ser) lives in Palm Desert, Calif. … Richard J. Spah (A&S ’53, Grad B&A ’57) celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Shirley, on May 10.

Donald Baker (Soc Ser) is retired and lives in Belleville, Mich. … Dr. John Becker (A&S ’54, Grad B&A ’58) retired as a professor emeritus of English from the FloraHS Madison (N.J.) campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University. He and his wife, Eva, own an apartment in Reykjavik where they frequently get to teach senior citizens how to use computers. … Jesse Fox (Parks) is “retired, refurbished, remarried, relaxed, rejoicing, respected and remunerating.” He lives in Greenville, Mich. … Mark Kelly (A&S) is retired and active in his local parish. He is a Catholic Community. He lives in Albuquerque, N.M. … Peter F. Palos (B&A) lives and works in Puerto Rico, where he owns a Lois and importing footwear business. … Dr. Lawrence Wiegers (Dent) has retired and is enjoying life by volunteering, traveling and golfing. He lives in O’Fallon, Mo.

James Cummings (Grad) is a counselor at an inner city public school in St. Louis. … Robert E. Hartz (Parks) retired from the FBI in 1988. He lives in Danen, Ill. … Dr. Lee Ann Hof (Nurs) lives in Boston. … Thomas O. Young (Parks) retired from Lockhead-Martin. He lives in Madison, Ala. … Philip Y. Simpson (Parks) moved to Austin, Calif. to be closer to his daughter, Ann. … John (IT) and Janet Stewart (AHP) live in Rockledge, Fla. … John retired from MDAC in 1991. … Robert A. White (B&A) lives in Panama City Beach, Fla.
Richard J. Eckenrode (Parks) is a senior human factors engineer with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. … John Daniel Kelley (A&S) retired from Boeing but works at Stanford University as a visiting scholar. … Sebastiano Lo Presti (Soc Ser) enjoys retirement and visiting with his grandchildren. He lives in Providence, R.I. … Mary Lou Malave (Nurs) is working on a senior Hispanic diabetic study. She lives in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. … Thad Niemira (Law) is an associate circuit judge in the City of St. Louis. … Ronald C. Reynolds (A&S) lives in Fairfield Glade, Tenn. … Dr. Charles Waldo (B&A ’59, Grad ’68, ’82) has retired as a professor of marketing in the Falls School of Business at Anderson (Ind.) University. He continues to work part time for Anderson on MBA recruiting for their Indianapolis programs and some special events.

Dr. Mary Gutermuth (A&S) is a professor of French and co-coordinator of French and Francophone languages at San Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. … Richard A. Simpson (Grad) retired from working in the Fox C-6 School District in Amold, Mo. … Margaret C. Smith (Nurs) lives in Spokane, Wash. … Caroline Stoll (Nurs) has retired as a Navy nurse and recently moved to the beach in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

Robert C. Baumiller, S.J. (Grad) is the associate dean of health education programs at Xavier University in Cincinnati and has been appointed to the national advisory committee for genetic testing. … Barbara Ellen Brown (A&S) teaches math at Overton High School. She lives in Nashville, Tenn. … John W. Druelinger (B&A ’61, ’64) retired from the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis in 1989. He does amateur coding and volunteers at DePaul Hospital. … Diane Hoelzeman (Nurs) is retired and volunteers with Birth Right in Lima, Rock, Ark. … Dr. Barry Hyman (Grad IT) has been named a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers International. A professor of mechanical engineering and public affairs at the University of Washington, he lives in Bellevue, Wash. … Arthur R. Kidder Jr. (Parks) lives in Woodbury, Minn. … Peter McDonough (A&S) co-authored the book Passionate Uncertainty: Inside the American Jesuits. He lives in Tempe, Ariz. … Ariz. … Therine A. Monahan (A&S) lives in Ramsey, N.J. … Dr. James Orr (Dent) lives in St. Charles, Mo.

Mick Blackledge (Parks) lives in St. Leonard, Md. … Dr. Robert N. Jennings (Grad) and his wife, Jacqueline, live in Naples, Fla., during the winter months and in Huntington, W.Va., the rest of the time. … Bill Kamper (A&S) is the director of marketing at Balboa Technologies in Lancaster, Pa. … Rita Lewis (A&S) retired from teaching English and history in the Wichita Public School District. She enjoys traveling the world and visiting her daughter in Palm Springs, Calif. … Barbara Madaras (A&S) is a director for a small business development center in Eureka, Calif. … Richard McGowan, S.J. (A&S) is the associate pastor of Immaculate Conception in Albuquerque, N.M. … Everett W. Pittman (Parks) retired from the FAA after more than 35 years. He lives in Burke, Va., with his wife, Doris. … Dr. Ronal Rosso (Med) continues to practice pharmacology in the Boston area. … J. Kim Tucci (A&S ’62, Grad ’68) has been named to the board of directors for the not-for-profit organization The Loop Trolley Co. He lives in St. Louis, is president and co-owner of The Pasta House Co. and a member of the SLU board of trustees. … Barbara Waible (Nurs) received an award for outstanding teaching from the University of Texas. She is the chairwoman of the nurse education department for Marasol Community College in Brockton, Mass.

Dr. K. Kurt Bofinger (Med) received the 2001 Cincinnati Pediatric Society Recognition Award. … Thomas G. Farrell (IT ’63, Grad IT ’68) is a practicing petroleum geologist who lives in Oklahoma City. … Ron Frerer (A&S) lives in St. Louis and is a physical chemist for the U.S. Corps of Engineers. He Remedies hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste sites. … Larry J. Pfaff (Parks) lives in Chaska, Minn. … Carol Rotheram (Soc Ser) lives in St. Louis and is retired from Margaret Schmalzl (A&S) retired in 1992 after 33 years of elementary and middle school teaching. She lives in Oakland, N.J., and volunteers for her parish.

Carol Davis Burlholder (A&S) is a medical secretary in the division of reproductive endocrinology at Washington University Medical School. She also volunteers by helping immigrants learn English. … Valerie (Billing) Claborn (Grad) lives in Pensacola, Fla. … Jeanette V. (Schnitz) Kam (Pub Ser ’64, Grad ’68) is the principal at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Grove City, Ohio. … Judith B. Kessler (A&S) is enjoying semi-retirement from laboratory work at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. She still lives in Starksboro, Vt., with her husband, dogs and cats. … Henry C. Lang (Parks) lives in Gulf Breeze, Fla. … Maureen McKenna (Nurs) is a school nurse at a large high school near Kearny, N.J. She and her husband, Paul, have three children. … Dr. Arnold Parks (Grad ’64, ’70) has been named a Southwest Society on Aging Fellow. He lives in Jefferson City, Mo.

Francis B. Ahearn (IT) lives in Worland, Wyo. … Carolyn Puricelli-Boyd (Soc Ser) lives with her husband and 16-year-old daughter in Pittsburgh. She works part time as a planner for the Allegheny County DHS. … Mary Lou Casavant (Soc Ser) is executive director for the Greater Somerset County (N.J.) Chapter of the American Red Cross. … David J. Peer (IT ’65, Grad IT ’70) is a project manager-structural engineer for Penta Engineering Corp. He lives in Baldwin, Mo. … Leroy P. Roberts (B&A) retired in Wildwood, Mo. … Gina Ryan (Soc Ser) lives in Chicago. … Therese Stawowy (Grad) lives in Northern California and is part of the staff of the San Francisco Symphony. She also volunteers on her town’s library board.

Elizabeth (Gerler) Brennan (A&S) retired after 33 years in the Chicago public schools. She enjoys traveling and attending her 35-year class reunion with Dr. Lynn Wakefield (A&S ’66, Med ’72). … Judi L. Burnette (Grad) retired after 40 years in education and lives in St. Louis … William J. Calder (Soc Ser) retired from Hennepin County department of community corrections in 2001 after 32 years of service. He is now an on-call firefighter for the Robbinsdale (Minn.) Fire Department. … Gary Kirwin (A&S) retired as an occupational counselor with the federal government and is the assistant district manager for 20 H&R Block offices in St. Louis. … John L. Lundblad (Parks) is a B-767 captain for Airborne Express. He lives in Williamson, Ohio. … Judith W. So (AHP) is an LIS manager with WillStar Health System in Manetta, Ga. … Richard H. Toenjes (A&S ’66, Grad ’67) is a philosophy professor at the University of North Carolina–Charlotte. … Dr. Jim D. Webb (Grad) plans to retire from orthodontics in December 2002 and move to White Salmon, Wash. … Erin Wheeler (Soc Ser) retired in April. She was the director of the Mobile (Ala.) County department of human resources for 25 years.

Janet (Ingram) Brandmill (AHP) lives in Quincy, Ill. She and her husband, Jack, have both retired but keep busy. … Mary Jane (Ward) Daley (A&S) directs library programs at Deer Park Middle School in Baltimore. … Marilyn Fitzgerald (A&S ’67, Grad ’72) and her husband, David Fitzgerald (Grad ’71), live in Ballwin, Mo. Marilyn is the chairwoman of social studies at the Academy of Visitation in St. Louis. David is the director of
pastoral care at St. Joseph Health Center Hospital West in St. Charles, Mo. … Madeleine Hunter (BkA) is retired and lives in Ormond Beach, Fla. … William, … Marguerite Kosovich (Soc Ser) retired from social work in 2000 and became a master gardener. She lives in Oregon, Ore., and is a volunteer educator about healthy gardening practices. … Phillip J. Rose (Soc Ser) retired and lives in White Plains (N.Y.) Area School District in June 2000 after 29 years of service as a social worker. …

Robert D. Wentworth (Parks) manages a John Deere Construction equipment store in Plymouth, Mass.

Daria Bernstein (Nurs ’68, Grad Nurs ’71) lives in Hollisbrook, N.Y., and is a volunteer for United Way of the Greenwich Area. … F. Brockmann (Pub Hll) is the president and CEO of Bluffton (Ind.) Regional Medical Center. He received the Indiana Hospital and Health Association’s Distinguished Service Award for 2001. … Mary Jane Buchanan (Grad) lives in St. Louis. … Joseph Diekmann III (AS ’68, Grad ’72) teaches English and coaches forensics at Tipton High School, a Catholic school in Kansas. … Thomas J. Douglas (AS) retired from Southwestern Bell in 1993. He is a professor of strategic management at Clemson University. … Diane Haneklau (AS ’68, Grad ’72) was a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s small business officer delegation during the first Sino-American financial planning forum held in the People’s Republic of China. …

Dr. Mark B. Horton (AS ’68, Med ’72) is a health officer and deputy agency director for Public Health Services Health Care Agency of Orange County, Calif. …

Anita J. Kolea (Soc Ser) is retired and leads small groups in church work. She lives in Waggunan, La. … Catherine E. Mueller (AS ’68, Grad ’73) lives in Independence, Mo. … Robert Nichols (AS) is a personal injury attorney. He lives with his wife, Pauline (McDonald) Nichols (Nurs), in Buffalo, N.Y. They have four children. …

Arnold Papenfuhs (Parks) is a senior aircraft mechanic for Federal Express in New Haven, Conn. … Michael L. Spanopoulos (Parks) is a sales manager for Accu-Dek Inc. in San Diego. …

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Augustine R. Dovi (Parks) works in the field of engineering multidisciplinary design and teaches engineering management at the NASA Langley Research Center. She lives in Moraga, Calif. …

James Edwin Miller (Parks) is president of Talcott Mountain Engineering, and he teaches math, science and technical education at Farmington public schools in Connecticut. He and his wife, Faith, have three sons. … Joseph A. Robustelli (AS) is the director of multicultural affairs and international studies and affirmative action for SUNY-Cobleskill. …

Dr. Michael Tierney (AS ’69, Grad ’71, ’75) is a professor and chairman of the department of mathematics and computer science at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va.

John Conaway (Parks) retired as the chief power mechanic for Federal Express in May of 1997. He is a part-time consultant and lives in Canton, Texas. …

Mary (Drum) Fuentes (AS) is the director of finance for Pinon Management Inc. in Lakewood, Colo. … Frank S. Greening (Grad IT) lives in St. Louis. … Jane E. Leinang (AS) is the executive director of the national Christian Family Movement. She lives in Evanville, Ind. …

Rodney A. Novosad (Grad) is retired and lives in Baton Rouge, Texas, where he is a hospice volunteer. … Dr. Joseph M. Pastore Jr. (Grad BkA) has returned to the United States. …

Dr. Barry A. Pautler (AHP) is the dean of the School of Health Sciences and Public Service at San Diego Mesa College. …

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Dr. Robert J. Stamm (Med '43)
Mr. John F. Reingold (Grad '43)
Mr. Frank W. Sauer (Med '43)
Dr. Hubert G. Heer (Grad '43)
Mr. John P. Royers (B&A '43)
Mr. Paul M. Kibler (B&A '43)
Mr. John A. Boldt (B&A '43)
Mr. John W. Bakewell (B&A '43)
Mr. George J. Phillips (Med '43)
Mr. Frank J. Fialka (Grad '43)
Mr. John J. Olds (Grad '43)
Mr. John W. Atkinson (Grad '43)
Mr. John F. Hannon (Grad '43)
Dr. H. Thomas McDermott Jr. (Dent '51)
Mrs. Mary Ann (Magruder) McCudden (Grad '51)
Rev. John G. Klocker (A&S '51)
Mr. Thomas A. Finley (Grad '51)
Mr. Max R. Peterson (Parks '51)
Mr. O.J. Taylor (Law '51)
Mr. Charles F. Bealke (A&S '38)
Dr. Samuel R. Caffee (Med '38)
Mr. William B. Rice (B&A '38)
Mr. Vail W. Hanley (B&A '38)
Dr. Allen L. Springer (Dent '39)
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Robert Sanford (Park) is an A-320 captain with U.S. Airways. He lives in McDonald, Pa. …

Dr. Paul Schefft (Med) is assistant medical director for quality and patient safety for Ohio Permanente Medical Group at Kaiser Permanente of Ohio. …

Dr. Richard Wilson (Med) is in a cardiology group practice in Salem, Ore.

Oliver M. Baker-Brown (Nur) lives in Abilene, Texas. …

Dr. Richard Brown (Pub Hlth) is the chief executive officer at Charles Drew Health Center in Omaha, Neb. …

Dr. Elizabeth Schefft (Med) is in a cardiology practice in Ferndale, Mich. …

Mary Susan Anderson (Pub Ser) is the mother of two daughters and a solo practitioner in estates and trusts and real estate. She lives in New York City. …

Joy K. Krupin (Law) is a managing partner of Krupin O’Brien, LLC, in Washington, D.C., practicing labor and employment law. …

Marc Lockwood (Park) works at Sikorsky Aircraft in Connecticut. He manages the development of technical publications for the S-92 helicopter. …

Stephen Mager (Med) is a composer and music therapist. He is also part of the ongoing series at the Piper Palm House featuring musicians of the Saint Louis Symphony. …

Jeanie Needham (Med) is an ob-gyn with a solo practice. She lives in San Diego. …

John Neunuebel (B&A) moved to Sahuarita, Ariz., where he is the town’s first full-time director. …

Andrew Norton (A&S) is the associate dean at the Medical College of Wisconsin and senior vice president of medical affairs for a hospital in Milwaukee.

David Anderson (A&S ’79, Law ’83) lives in St. Louis. …

Clem Drag (Grad B&A) retired from Eiteljorg Museum and Gamble after more than 33 years of service. He lives in St. Louis. …

Judith Hager (Nur) has an MSN and a consulting firm that works with hospitals and health systems. She and her husband, Robert, live in Cranston, R.I. …

Cheryl Harness (Med) lives in St. Louis. …

Thomas Rowe (B&A) lives in Lebanon, N.J. …

Cynthia M. Steck (A&S ’99, Grad B&A ’88) lives in Atlanta with her two girls, Kathleen and Colleen, and her husband, Dr. John Stevens. She is a pediatric nurse practitioner. …

Dr. Mark Terry (Med) has developed a new form of corneal transplantation surgery that also not only restores vision faster. He lives in Portland, Ore., and lectures and teaches surgeons around the world about this new technique. …

Roy Winter (Law) is the senior tax counsel for Klaton Purina Co. in St. Louis.

Stephen Beshore (B&A ’80, Law ’96) has joined the firm of Husch & Eppenberger, LLC, in St. Louis as an associate. …

Juliette Levin-Kirsch (Pub Ser) is the mother of two daughters and a solo practitioner in estates and trusts and real estate. She lives in New York City. …

Dr. Kathi Vesevich (A&S ’80, Grad ’83) is a practice and group manager of e-business at Sprint e-solutions. She lives in Colorado Springs. …

Georgia Wells (PS) is retired but does work in the psychology unit at South Pointe Hospital in St. Louis. She also does whatever is needed at her local church.

Carol A. Bucceri (Pub Hlth ’81, Law ’82) is general counsel and vice president of Saintwestmoreland Health System in Greensburg, Pa. …

Thomas Burke (Law) is an attorney at St. Louis. …

Bruce Diggett (A&S) is vice president and director of marketing at the A.T. Wall Co. He has been there since 1958 and lives in Johnston, R.I. …

Marya Lahre Estes (Soc Ser) has just about retired, but she still works 30 hours a month at the Vance County Senior Center. She and her husband, Bruce, live in Bunnville, N.C. …

Joseph Rogers (A&S) is a librarian at Washington College in St. Louis and does some playwriting. …

Carol Vahab (Nur) is the case manager at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital in St. Louis. …

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Dr. Joelle Lambert (Med) is the chief of pathology at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in San Francisco. …

Susan (Steck) Fleming (Nur ’77, Grad Nur ’82) was her husband, Dr. Robert Fleming (Med ’84), and their son, Bobby, went SCUBA diving in the Great Barrier Reef at Australia last summer. …

Mary Beth Hoehn (Pub Ser) is a health impaired special education teacher at Nottingham School in St. Louis. …

Lauretta Noelce (Nur) continues to work in pediatric nursing at the St. Louis Children’s Hospital as a health information nurse. …

David Poth (B&A ’77, Grad B&A ’84) lives in Tulsa, Okla., and is the director of advertising and promotions for Mazzoni’s Corp. He is also an adjunct instructor at the University of Tulsa Business School.

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Maura Moran Campbell (B&A) joined the law firm of Stutman, Harris, Siegel, and Eynych. She graduated with a degree in education and is a substitute teacher for Stanislaus County, Calif., who works with emotionally disturbed children. … Chris Geiger (Grad B&A) is a senior software engineer in product development for Workgroup Connections Inc. of St. Louis. … Scott Martin (Grad B&A) is vice president of sales at Hilerk Corp. He sells and leases industrial, commercial and investment properties in the St. Louis region. … Verna Nelson (AHP) is a staff perfusionist at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Mo. She has a son, Michael, and is married to Tom. … George Reaves (Parks) is a project engineer at Aeromet in Tulsa, Okla. He welcomed a daughter born on June 22, 2001. … Robert Wachter (B&A) is an executive vice president for R.J. Deutsch Clinic in St. Louis. … Diane Lynch (Law) is involved with Das Deutsch Clinic in Middlefield, Ohio, and provides health services to children with severe genetic disorders. … Dan Huse (A&S '94, '95) is a bioterrorism consultant for the city of Lincoln, Neb. He lives with his wife, Angie Huse (PS '00), who is general manager of the Hampton Inn South. … Julie McGuire (Nurs) has been married to Dan McGuire for seven years. They live in Minneapolis with their two daughters (Nurs) and work part-time at the Minneapolis Children’s Hospital. … Jeffrey Moritz (A&S) moved to Little Rock, Ark., and started his own IT consulting company, Principal Consulting Inc. … Juan Semanaz Almendro (A&S '94, '95) is an optometrist in Minneapolis in 1998 and owns a construction company. He lives in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. … Juan (Parks) is an MD-80 first officer for American Airlines in St. Louis.

Matt Aubuchon (Law) lives in St. Louis. … Jill Baum (Nurs) got married in 1998 and welcomed her first child in October 2000. She is an RN first assistant in the operating room at Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital in St. Louis. … Dr. Michele Bryan (Grad) is a therapist with a private practice in St. Louis. … Colleen Coughlin (B&A, A&S ’95, Grad B&A ’02) is a supervisor of the special loan unit at Citi Mortgage Inc. She lives in Granite City, Ill. … Matthew Piper (A&S) has a fine art photography business at www.gnossienne.com.

Chiara-May Eladya (A&S) is a second-year law student at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. … Dr. Jeffrey Marlett (Grad) has written the book Saving the Heartland: Catholic Missionaries in Rural America. He is an assistant professor of religious studies at the College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y. … Dr. Bret Riegel (Med) lives in St. Louis. … Dr. Jeffrey Marlett (Grad) was welcomed a son, Andrew, Aug. 14, 2001, who joins a big roster. Anna. … Linda Waters (AHP) is a volunteer guardian for the St. Louis City Court-appointed special advocates. She represents abused and neglected children in court.

Dr. Kay Betancourt (Grad) practices in Vero Beach, Fla., and got married in July 1998 to James Betancourt. They had a son in July 2000. … Merle Heinlein (Grad) is the lead forecaster with the National Weather Service in Jackson, Ky. … Michael Hughes (A&S ’98, B&A ’02) lives in St. Louis. … Christopher Jersan (B&A) earned the chartered financial analyst designation in September 2001 and is an equity analyst and assistant vice president with the Commerce Trust Co. in St. Louis. … Julia Henderson-Kalb (AHP) lives in Jefferson City, Mo., with her husband, Brian. … Dr. Erol Amon (Law) is president of the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society. He is the director of labor and delivery at St. Mary’s Health Center. … Victoria Breeckel (Soc Ser) works for the Center for Education and Work. She has two children and is pursuing a master’s degree in educational learning at SLU.

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Alumni Associations

Allied Health Professions
President: Maggie Gambill (’97)

- Plan to attend Reunion Weekend Sept. 20-22. The Doisy School of Allied Health Professions will sponsor a family barbecue with fun activities for the kids. The school also will have an entry in the golf cart parade. For more information, call (314) 577-8106.

Arts and Sciences
President: Robert Steck (’79)

- Despite torrential rains, the A&S Alumni Night at the St. Louis Zoo attracted more than 300 people on June 11. The A&S board has several fall activities planned, including the family barbecue during Reunion Weekend, a night of Billiken soccer and the annual Breakfast with Santa. For more information or to get involved with the board, call (314) 977-2250.

Black Alumni
President: Dr. Charles Murphy (’93, ’97)

- Plans are under way for October’s annual Fall Bash, which gives alumni a chance to welcome the incoming freshmen. And mark your calendars for the annual Calloway Scholarship Prayer Brunch, set for Saturday, April 26.

Dental Alumni
President: Dr. Gene Hayes (’66)

- The reunion for classes ending in two or seven, as well as one or six, will be held in conjunction with the Mid Continent Dental Congress Sept. 20-22 at the Frontier Hilton Hotel. Mark your calendars now for a great weekend. To help plan the reunion, call (314) 577-8106.

Business
President: John Hagedorn (’76)

- The alumni association bid farewell to former Dean Neil Seitz on June 12. The board is grateful for his nine years of leadership and his support of the alumni association.

- Mark your calendar for the annual Reunion Weekend barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 21. Bring your family to campus for good food, a homecoming parade, men’s soccer game and fireworks.

Nursing
President: Dr. Anne G. Perry (’76)

- Mark your calendars for Reunion Weekend for classes ending in two or seven Sept. 20-22. Join in the activities, including a family barbecue, a golf cart parade and a Billikens soccer game. For details, call (314) 577-8118.

- The 29th annual Research Conference, sponsored by the School of Nursing and the Delta Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, will be from 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the School of Nursing. For more information, call (314) 577-8914.

Orthodontic Alumni
President: Dr. Robert A. Shapiro (’00)

- The annual Center for Advanced Dental Education golf outing was July 26 at the Stonewolf Golf Club. A record number of alumni, faculty and residents participated. Call (314) 577-8106 for information about alumni events.

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

- The American Academy of Otolaryngology alumni reception will be Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the San Diego Marriott. The American College of Surgeons meeting will be Oct. 6-11 in San Francisco. The American Academy of Pediatrics alumni reception will be Monday, Oct. 21, at the Marriott Copley Place in Boston. The American Academy of Ophthalmology alumni reception will be Tuesday, Oct. 22, in Orlando, Fla. For details, call (314) 577-8106.

- The medical school reunion for classes ending in two or seven will be the weekend of Oct. 17-19. The Reunion Dinner will be Friday, Oct. 18, at the Sheraton St. Louis City Center. For more information about the schedule or individual class activities, call (314) 577-8106.

Parks College
President: Carrie Traven (’95)

- Alumni whose class years end in a two or seven and all who graduated during the last 10 years should make plans to attend Reunion Weekend, Sept. 20-22. Come back to campus to celebrate Parks’ 75th anniversary and enjoy activities including tours of the school, receptions and a barbecue dinner.

- Mark your calendar for the second annual Parks Alumni Santa Fly-in on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Professional Studies
President: Anne Haltenhof (’79)

- In May, the alumni board welcomed new graduates to the association with a happy hour at Humphrey’s. On June 1, the alumni board sponsored a family evening at the Magic House.

Orthodontic Alumni
President: Dr. Robert A. Shapiro (’00)

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- This is your chance to help a needy child enjoy the season by becoming a sponsor. Buy a gift and attend an afternoon of fun, including games, a magic show and a visit with Santa. For details, visit www.slu.edu/services/coc/.

To get involved with the alumni association, call (314) 977-2250.

Public Health
President: Maureen Dunn (’86)

- The next alumni happy hour will be at 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at Almond’s Restaurant in Clayton, Mo.

- The Mary Gumble Lecture will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, in the Learning Resources Center Auditorium A. The speaker is Dr. Lisa Berkman, a leading social epidemiologist and co-author of the leading text on the subject.

- The Missouri Public Health Association meeting is Oct. 28-30 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks. The American Public Health Association meeting will be in Philadelphia, and there will be an alumni reception from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11. Call Lisa Fox at (314) 977-8106 for more information.
SLU Make a Difference Day
Saturday, Oct. 26
Every year more than 1,200 SLU students, faculty, and alumni join together for this annual day of service. The day kicks off at 9 a.m. on campus. Participants then proceed to one of 50 agencies around the area for a daylong project. This service opportunity gives alumni the chance to meet other graduates and current students and to make a difference for the St. Louis community. For details, browse the Web site of SLU’s Center for Leadership and Community Service at www.slu.edu/services/coc/. To register, call (314) 977-2250.

Young Alumni

The Young Alumni Association welcomed almost 60 new members from the Class of 2002. On the list of upcoming events is Oktoberfest, a beer-tasting complete with food and live music at St. Louis’ Tap Room on Friday, Oct. 25. Check the YAA Web site, www.slu.edu/youngalumni, for more details to be posted soon. Want to get more involved? Contact youngalumni@slu.edu

Travel Program: SLU Tours

Legendary Passage
Sept. 25-Oct. 7
Alumni Campus Abroad: Scotland
Oct. 9-17

Renaissance Cities of Italy/Po River
Oct. 18-29

Trans-Panama Canal Cruise
Feb. 1-12

Eastern and Oriental Express and Vietnam
Feb. 8-23

Rome Escapade
March 7-14

Under the Southern Cross
April 9-22

Alumni College in the Italian Lake District
April 14-22

Alumni College in Provence
May 26-June 3

Alumni College Aboard on the Blue Danube
June 24-July 2

Alumni College in Spain
June 24-July 2

Passage of Peter the Great
July 22-Aug. 3

For more information about 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.

Alumni Receptions Across the Country

Please join us for an update on Saint Louis University’s plans for the future at this series of fall receptions with University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J.

Chicago
6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 18
Kasnas City
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24
Cincinnati
10:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 29
San Francisco
10:30 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 6
Los Angeles
6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 9
Dallas
6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 7

Watch your mail for an invitation with complete details. Biondi also will visit other cities in 2003.

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: 921
Tim Barry (A&S ’97)
(513) 241-9900 (work) or
(513) 522-6753 (home)
e-mail: tpbarry@agedwards.com

Dallas/Fort Worth
Alumni population: 1,162
Karen M. Eubanks (B&A ’87)
(972) 788-1324

Detroit
Alumni population: 629
R. Gene Racho (Parks ’62)
(313) 420-0603

Kansas City
Alumni population: 1,685
Terry Sexton (Law ’95)
(913) 663-2587

Milwaukee
Alumni population: 980
Tim Lohre (B&A ’97)
(414) 327-7490

New York
Alumni population: 2,462
Jim Chisholm (B&A ’74)
(203) 825-6494 (work) or
(914) 232-2993 (home)

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
If you are interested in becoming a leader of the Washington, D.C., Alumni Club, call the office of alumni relations at 1-800-SLU-FOR-U.

International Clubs

Thailand
Alumni population: 129
Praemruede Switachata (Grad ’75)
(662) 237-6732

Taiwan
Alumni population: 307
Dr. Gwo-Jau (Stephen) Chen
(Pub Hlth ’97)
Miracles happen. God has a plan. Faith is rewarded. I took these and many other lessons from our family’s recent adoption experience.

Last November, my wife, Sarah, and I traveled to China to adopt an 11-month-old girl. We were traveling to a land that has had a strained relationship with Christianity since the fifth century. Christians have been — and still are in many parts — persecuted in China. Families we traveled with openly expressed fear of practicing their faith.

Yet when we arrived in Guangzhou, we were greeted by a Chinese adoption facilitator who wore a cross. We never discussed it with her — we too were sensitive to the issue of Christianity in China, particularly since the other Chinese adoption facilitators were not Christian. But my wife and I did mention that we planned to baptize our daughter as a Catholic. She suggested we visit Our Lady of Lourdes, a tiny, modest and run-down Catholic church built in the same architectural style as St. Francis Xavier College Church.

Our Lady of Lourdes is located on Shamian Island, the old “western concession” of Canton, where a century or two ago western merchants were forced to live while conducting business on the mainland. Today, families who adopt in China must go through Shamian Island because 10 percent of all proceeds go to the Ma’anchan Welfare Institute, the place that took such wonderful care of Zoë, our daughter for 11 months.

During our final week on the island, we visited Our Lady of Lourdes every day. We discovered that the church also functions as a makeshift home for the poor and aged. When we took our soon-to-be daughter, Zoë, to the church grounds, three or four old Chinese women would greet us. They were thrilled and touched — talking to Zoë, petting her head and attempting to talk to us. Fortunately, we had laminated some cards with Chinese phrases such as “We are Americans and are adopting this baby as our daughter.”

It was nothing short of a miracle to start our family surrounded by such warm, caring people with God’s presence felt everywhere. But our encounters with the divine really didn’t begin in China. You have to go back a few years.

It took us almost two years to complete the paperwork to initiate the adoption. As the referral date approached, we were anxious about everything. We fretted about the long journey to a strange land. What would we eat? What should we bring? Would our daughter love us? Would we be good parents? How will we provide our daughter with

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divine Encounters


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Bioterrorism story offers comfort

Our spring 2002 issue was especially poignant to me, particularly the article “The Phantom Menace.” I am the nursing supervisor of the public health office in South Lincoln County, Wyo. Ever since Sept. 11, the Public Health Department has been working diligently in the area of bioterrorism, upgrading laboratory facilities, upgrading communication equipment, preparing protocols and procedures and, of course, educating the staff. Communication is a major factor in a rural state where towns are measured in 50-100-mile increments and where mountains form barriers. A single nurse may be the only person to observe a suspicious rash or unusual symptoms on any particular day.

The Olympics in Salt Lake City (132 miles away) became our first training ground for a possible terrorist attack, and I was one of the people who staffed the Emergency Operation Center in Evanston, Wyo. One question that the other nurses asked was, “Will we be vaccinated against smallpox?” because safety was a concern. Your article gave me comfort in knowing that intense safety was a concern. Your article gave me a chance to pause and reflect that the nurses in the past have been protected against smallpox. I’ve always been interested in outbreaks of smallpox and the devastation that they can cause.

Mary Ann (Tomazi) Putnam
(Nurs ’65)
Kemmerer, Wyo.

Computer Center’s beginnings explained

I was interested to see the piece titled “40 years ago in Universitas” (spring 2002) and, in particular, the blurb on the establishment of the Computer Center in Des Peres Hall, which refers to an IBM 1260. In fact, the computer was actually an IBM 1620, which was a small-scale engineering computer. The 1620 had 60,000 words of memory, a punch card reader and a paper tape reader, which was rarely used. It also had an IBM typewriter as an output. Most people used punch cards as input. We used to measure a person’s skill by whether he or she could read a punch card without the printing on top.

The blurb also says the computer was to be used for processing research data for faculty and graduate students. You may be interested in the rest of the story.

From 1962 to 1964, there were three groups who used the computer extensively: the Scholastic Testing Service (STS), an independent corporation renting space from the University and using the computer to grade standardized tests for high schools; a seismology group headed by William Stauder, S.J., which had a contract with the Air Force for a project to examine the focal mechanism of seismic events to distinguish earthquakes from nuclear weapons explosions; and a bunch of undergraduates who would be part of the class of 1965. Several of us had been involved with a summer program during our junior year in high school that was sponsored by the National Science Foundation. When the IBM 1620 arrived, about six of us quickly learned to use it. Because most people had no clue how to run it, it was open season for our group of undergraduates.

Of course, the STS people would just kick us out when they needed the machine. But the seismology group was located relatively far away from Des Peres Hall and had less control. Fr. Stauder eventually solved the problem by hiring a number of us to work on his project.

Professors Francis Regan and John Jacob Andrews and Fr. Stauder gave me a strong push toward what is my career today. I still work extensively with computers (Who doesn’t now?), and I have just been awarded a U.S. patent for “A Voice-Controlled Projection-Based Virtual Reality System.” I hold an Endowed Chair at George Mason University and have published 151 research papers and seven books.

Edward J. Wegman (A&S ’65)
Fairfax, Va.

The kind of letter we love

This is just a note to congratulate you on another fine issue of Universitas. Your magazine always has informative, well-written articles. The layout is also first-class. It’s always interesting to find out the latest happenings at SLU.

Dick Farotto (IT ’60, Grad IT ’64)
Melbourne Beach, Fla.

All Souls Remembrance

In honor of the Feast of All Souls, every November the Jesuits at Saint Louis University remember our departed alumni, family and friends through prayer and reflection. The Catholic tradition of remembering the dead during this month originated in the 14th century, and integral to this custom is the belief in the Communion of Saints, “the mystical solidarity uniting all of the Body of Christ living on Earth with those who have died and are now one with God.” (Hays, 1997)

We would like to remember your loved ones during Mass at St. Francis Xavier College Church on Nov. 2, the Feast of All Souls. After Mass, these names will rest near the altar in the Notre Dame Hall Chapel, and the Jesuit community will honor your deceased relatives and friends at Masses throughout the month. November may seem a long way off, but we wanted to give you ample time to respond and ensure that your loved ones are included in this memorial. Please send their names to our campus ministry office:

Saint Louis University
Feast of All Souls Memorial
Department of Campus Ministry
Notre Dame Hall, Room 113
3753 West Pine Mall
St. Louis, MO 63108

Please do not include an offering — this is our offering to you in the spirit of service.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Biondi, S.J.
President of Saint Louis University

Recalling Fr. Thro

The death of Fr. Linus Thro, S.J., on April 19 brought many good student memories but also some painful learning years. I was present at the White House Retreat in 1931 when he decided to join the Jesuits. We were both in a class of four during 1931-32 in the College of Arts and Sciences — classical Greek, taught by the Jesuit scholar, James A. Kleist, S.J. We studied Homer’s Iliad in the original Greek.

Linus was a brilliant student in our Greek classes. In his memory, I quote a Greek adage: Ton teis psucheis pathon, ha Sophia mona pharmakon estin, “Wisdom alone is the balm from the suffering of the soul.”

Cyril Echele (A&S ’34, Grad ’62)
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