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SLU secures largest grant in University history

\$36.8 million award will fund herpes vaccination trial

Saint Louis University has received the largest research award in the school's 184-year history, a \$36.8 million NIH contract to combat herpes.

SLU will lead for the National Institutes of Health a four-year herpes vaccine study involving 7,550 women across the United States.

"We're delighted that the NIH and the vaccine developer, GlaxoSmithKline

Biologicals, have chosen Saint Louis University to lead this important public health effort," said Robert Belshe, M.D., the national study chair and Adorjan professor of internal medicine and director of the Center for Vaccine Development at the School of Medicine. "This is the largest clinical trial we've organized and has the potential for making a significant contribution to women's health."

The study will be conducted at 16 U.S. sites, with Saint Louis University as the national coordinating site. Saint Louis University's Vaccine Center will enroll approximately 500 people.

"The purpose of this study is to determine the ability of the investigational vaccine to prevent genital herpes in women," said Thomas Heineman, M.D., Ph.D., principal investigator for the study and an associate professor at the School of Medicine. "Herpes is one of the most common infec-

tions in humans and a serious health problem. Although many people infected with herpes simplex virus have no symptoms, herpes infections can be a major source of stress and discomfort and can cause serious disease in newborns who are infected at birth."

The herpes virus produces small, painful, fluid-filled blisters on the skin and mucous membranes. The symptoms usually last one

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USHERING IN THE SEASON: University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., and several members of the University community withstood cold temperatures and light snow at the annual crib blessing Dec. 4 at the corner of Grand and Lindell Boulevards. The event included remarks from Biondi, the blessing of the crib and the singing of Christmas Carols. It was followed by the annual Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council High Tea in the ballroom of St. Francis Xavier College Church. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

SLUMA to house Jesuit artifacts

Saint Louis University soon will display thousands of artifacts of Jesuit and western history formerly housed in the Rock Museum Building on the former St. Stanislaus Seminary grounds in Hazelwood, Mo.

The collection has been placed on loan to Saint Louis University by the Jesuits of the Missouri Province and will be displayed in the Saint Louis University Museum of Art.

"Saint Louis University is the perfect location to safeguard these Jesuit treasures not only because of the shared history, its status as the first university founded west of the Mississippi River and the second oldest Catholic, Jesuit university in the country, but also because it has the best resources to preserve this important collection," said Frank Reale, S.J., provincial of the Missouri Province.



Samples of Jesuit artifacts at the Saint Louis University Museum of Art.

The Jesuit collection includes four centuries of chalices from Belgium, France, Italy, the

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SLU offering unique combined degree

Five-year program prepares students for high-level jobs in health care

Saint Louis University has created the first and only five-year degree in the country that blends a bachelor of science in health information management with a master of health administration.

The Doisy School of Allied Health Professions and the School of Public Health are offering the joint degree.

"It's a one-of-a-kind degree, and we are the only institution in the nation offering it," said K. Jody Smith, associate professor and chair of health information management in the Doisy School of Allied Health Professions. "The goal of this program is to produce health care leaders for the 21st century. The dramatic changes in the U.S. health system will con-

tinue during the next several decades, and we need the talents of leaders who can think strategically and motivate others to perform at a high level."

The program began this fall and already has attracted five students who are eager to earn a bachelor's and master's degree in five years instead of the usual six.

"This is a fast-track to a master's degree, which can mean a lot when you're talking about entering a competitive job market," said Dr. Richard Kurz, professor and chairman of the department of health management and policy in the School of Public Health. "Our

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New dean selected for School of AHP

The Doisy School of Allied Health Professions soon will be under new leadership.

Dr. Charlotte Royeen has accepted appointment as dean for the Doisy School of Allied Health Professions. She officially will begin her duties July 1, 2003.

Royeen will come to SLU from Creighton University, a sister Jesuit institution in Omaha, Neb. There, she has served as associate dean for research in the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences and was a founding member of Creighton's Research Council.

She holds a doctorate from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a master's in occupational therapy from Washington University's School of Medicine.

More information will be available in upcoming issues of *Grand Connections*.



HERO'S WELCOME: Saint Louis University honored SLU men's soccer all-time leading scorer Brian McBride during a halftime ceremony Nov. 9 at Robert R. Hermann Stadium. A member of the U.S. Men's National Team that advanced to the quarterfinal round of the 2002 World Cup and one of the USA's most accomplished forwards, McBride became the first soccer player in SLU history to have his number (20) retired. Above, McBride takes some time to talk with some of his young fans. (Photo by Bill Barrett)

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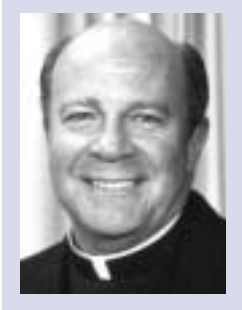
A MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT

Have a happy holiday season

It's hard to believe, but we are almost at the end of another year here at Saint Louis University. And what a wonderful, productive year it has been.

I personally would like to thank each and every one of you for all of your dedication and hard work during the past year. I can't say it enough: It is because of you that Saint Louis University enjoys such success.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish you a holiday season filled with peace, hope, and love. I hope that each of us



may emulate the spirit of the season, resonating with a glow that warms those around us.

As our senses are overwhelmed with the sights, sounds and stories that the holiday season brings, so may our hearts be filled with generosity and light. Finally, I pray for continued blessings for you and your family. May these blessings be a source of cheer all year.

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Four members join board of trustees

Four new University trustees were elected to a four-year terms at the Sept. 28 board of trustees meeting. Each candidate brings strong personal and professional experience to the board and will provide keen insights into the University's operations and future growth. The new trustees are:

James J. Burshek, S.J.,: Burshek is assistant to the treasurer for the Jesuits of the



Saint Louis University High School (1970 to 1980) and Regis Jesuit High School in Denver (1982 to 2002), where he also served as rector of the Jesuit community. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from SLU and Regis College in Toronto. Burshek was ordained in 1975.

Francine Katz: Katz is vice president for corporate communications at Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc. Now the senior female administrator at Anheuser-Busch, she began her career at Anheuser-Busch as an



associate general counsel and was promoted to vice president for consumer awareness and education. Before joining Anheuser-Busch, Katz was an associate with the Armstrong, Teasdale, Schlafly and Davis law firm. She holds an undergraduate degree in English literature from Washington University and is a graduate of SLU Law School.

James T. Smith: Smith has served as president of ConAgra Frozen Foods as well as chairman, president and CEO of Aurora Foods Inc., a leading producer and marketer of premium-branded food products, including Log Cabin and Mrs. Butterworth syrups and Duncan



administrative positions at Procter and Gamble and Gerber Foods.

Daniel P. White, S.J.,: White is associate pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in Kansas City, Mo. His past professional experience includes a faculty appointment at Regis Jesuit High School (1995 to 1998). White holds three degrees from SLU: undergraduate degrees in history and philosophy and a master's degree in American studies. He also received a master's degree from the Weston



School of Theology. He was ordained in 2001.

Hines baking products. Other past professional experiences include senior



MEMORIAL MASS: As part of the Feast of All Souls, members of the Saint Louis University community gathered Nov. 4 at St. Francis Xavier College Church for a Memorial Mass in remembrance of the deceased members of the University community. At left, Dr. Margaret Cooper, professor of anatomy and neurobiology, puts a name in a basket, which was placed at the foot of the altar during the Mass. Throughout November, the basket rested in Notre Dame Hall. (Photos by Chris Waldvogel)



Human Resources FYI

Q: The training course I attended was great. How can I send my whole department?

A: Most training programs are available for presentation at the departmental level. Managing change, motivating performance, team building and customer service are popular courses for departments. Other topics may be available upon request. Managers and supervisors interested in arranging an in-service presentation may call the training office at 977-2266.

UPCOMING ISSUE: The January issue of *Grand Connections* is scheduled to be on the stands Friday, Jan. 10. The deadline for submissions for that issue is Friday, Dec. 20.



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Ukrainian leaders visit Madrid campus

A group of Ukrainian government and business leaders visited the SLU Madrid campus Nov. 4-11 to study and review the current state of e-commerce in Spain.

The visit was funded by a grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) awarded to the Madrid campus through a competitive solicitation process made available to bidders throughout the European Union (EU).

The authorities attending the week-long series of seminars and workshops included members of Ukraine's parliament, along with technical and legal experts from Ukraine's government, banking and legal communities.

Led by Dr. Fernando Pardo, president of Spain's e-commerce association, and Dr. Rick Chaney, vice president of the Madrid campus, participants took part in seminars offered on site at government and business locations around Madrid and Barcelona. In addition to visiting

with Spain's secretary of telecommunications, the group also met with the e-commerce directors of Spanish firms.

The visit is motivated by current efforts of contemporary Ukrainian lawmakers to draft a set of e-commerce laws that will be compatible with those currently being introduced throughout the EU.

Spain is an interesting case for Ukrainian authorities to study because it has lagged behind the rest of northern Europe in e-commerce penetration. The total value of its e-commerce transactions also have begun to grow at a significant rate, doubling in value each year.

Authorities in the Ukraine, a developing country, had the chance to learn first hand about how to overcome the market, legal and societal obstacles necessary for sustained development of e-commerce in a modern economy.

SLU program aims to bring more minorities into health professions

Is fifth grade too early to be thinking about being the first person in your family to attend college and pursue a career in medicine? A new program at Saint Louis University is betting it isn't.

The program — called the Multicultural Initiative for New Doctors (MIND) Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) — aims to increase the number of promising disadvantaged students applying to medical schools nationwide. At the same time, it attracts the best and brightest to SLU's own School of Medicine.

Funded by a \$1.4 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, the program primarily is designed to help students of African-American, Native-American and Hispanic backgrounds become the first in

their families to go to college and ultimately become doctors.

Students may participate in the program as early as fifth grade, with continuing support programs offered to them at each subsequent stage of their academic careers — until they graduate from medical school.

"This is a direct pipeline to medical school and beyond," said Dr. George H. Rausch, associate dean in the School of Medicine and the program director. "Our long-term goal is to improve diversity in our medical school and in the physician workforce. In the short term, we hope to help students who are applying to medical school be better prepared for that process."

Throughout the program, students participate in activities appropriate to their age level. In elementary and high school, for

instance, students participate in hands-on projects designed to stimulate their interest in science and health care; in college, they receive tutoring to keep their grades up, attend financial-aid workshops and get assistance applying to medical school.

This year, 740 students will be accepted into the program initially, with 50 new students accepted each subsequent year. With low attrition, the overall number of students is expected to remain relatively constant.

A companion program — funded by a \$1.5 million three-year grant — will create an additional office in the department of community and family medicine to recruit minorities to primary care practices, support them while they are in school and offer on-going education to keep them practicing in the community.

Those interested in becoming nurses, clinical lab scientists, nurse practitioners, dietitians and other health professionals also are being recruited.

"Minorities aren't entering medical school and other programs that educate health professions at a rate that's consistent with their representation in the population," said Mark Mengel, M.D., chairman of the department of community and family medicine at the School of Medicine. "We want to improve the diversity of health professionals. By doing this we'll be able to create a workforce that's more responsive to the underserved population's needs."

The grant targets the underserved urban areas of St. Louis, St. Charles, Franklin and Jefferson counties and the city of St. Louis.



Employee Spotlight

Name: Kathryn T. Nelson

Position: patient relations representative for practice management operations

Nature of your work: work with non-insured patients to provide health care

Born: Oct. 26 in Frankfurt, Germany

Education: enrolled in the School for Professional Studies here at SLU

Words that describe me: straightforward, witty, good listener

For one day, I'd like to trade places with: Fr. Biondi, so I can get the scoop on what's going on at SLU.

If I couldn't have my present job, I'd like to: teach history.

Favorite vacation spot: any lake with my husband

Song that encourages me: *I Hope You Dance* by Lee Ann Womack

A book I would recommend is: *The Red Tent*.

Favorite CD: *Eurythmics*

Favorite TV shows: *West Wing* and *CSI*

I'd like to meet: Jesus Christ and Gloria Steinman.

Pet peeves: people who don't clean up after themselves

Favorite foods: chili, mac and cheese, steak, chips and salsa

Favorite sports team: Rams

My fondest childhood memory: My parents always invited soldiers who had no family, lived too far away to visit the family or were on duty to our home during the holidays. It always was fun and interesting to meet and learn about these people and for them to be a part of our family — even for a day.

Guilty pleasure: getting in my sweats with a bowl of ice cream and watching old movies

Almost nobody knows that I: was a hippie and went to Woodstock.

A good movie I've seen lately: *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*

What hobbies do you enjoy in your spare time? Reading, spending time with my friends and family and going on road trips with my husband, Jerry.

Favorite World Wide Web site: Yahoo

Best career move: taking my current job and working with Mary Moore in outpatient social work

Proudest moment: bringing my two sons, Ted and Michael, into the world.

Something that remains a mystery to me is: how there can be so much food in the world and yet people still are starving. Also, killing in the name of God.

A good way to relieve stress is: go to dinner with my niece, Trisha, and sister, Carol, and just vent or shop with Mary, Jeannie and Cynthia.

Words to live by: There but for the grace of God go I.



Study seeks link between hypothermia and healing

Do patients with acute brain injuries heal better while in a state of mild hypothermia? Preliminary research conducted by surgeons at the School of Medicine and other sites across the country suggests they do.

Soon, physicians will begin the second phase of a national study testing this hypothesis. The School of Medicine is the only site in Missouri or Illinois to participate in the multi-center study.

The first phase of the study received national attention in the late 1990s because of its unconventional use of hypothermia (body temperature below 35 degrees Celsius) to treat acute severe brain injuries.

Physicians first suspected the preventative properties of hypothermia when they noticed patients who had been exposed to cold after a traumatic brain injury seemed to retain better brain function later on.

After an acute injury, the brain produces chemicals that are harmful to injured tissues. Doctors speculated that moderate hypothermia slows or prevents the formation of these chemicals.

Furthermore, hypothermia decreases the amount of oxygen needed by the brain, which may provide some protection during the critical period immediately following an accident.

The study also has received attention because it waives informed consent. Since patients with severe brain trauma are not conscious and therefore cannot consent to participate in a study, researchers have been granted permission by the Department of Health and Human Services to provide hypothermia therapy to patients without their express permission.

If consent from a patient or a legally authorized representative cannot be obtained within the one hour following arrival to the hospital, researchers still may perform the therapy. This waiver of informed consent is granted only after an opportunity for

community review and public hearings.

During phase two of the study, approximately 220 people will participate at 10 medical centers around the country, with approximately 20 to 25 enrolling at Saint Louis University.

Patients ages 16 to 45 with non-penetrating brain injuries who arrive to the ER with a body temperature equal to or below 35 C will be randomized by chance to either normal body temperature (37 C) or hypothermia for the first 48 hours after injury (to 33 C).

Patients who are assigned to hypothermia treatment will have a water-cooled blanket placed next to their skin on their chest and legs, which will maintain hypothermia for 48 hours.

At the end of that time, re-warming will be done very gradually by raising the temperature of the blanket, which will remain on the patient until the body temperature has been consistently at or above 37 C or 98.6 F for 24 hours.

As with any research procedure, there may be unforeseeable risks. Known risks from hypothermia include irregular heart beats (arrhythmias), problems with blood clotting and low levels of blood pressure during the re-warming period.

In another large study of hypothermia, irregular heart beats and bleeding problems occurred in less than 8 percent of patients.

Earlier research does not indicate that these complications are more frequent in patients treated with hypothermia.

Based on a previous study, patients who were 16-45 years old and had low temperature on hospital arrival showed a trend toward improved outcome at six months after. Patients who arrived to the hospital with a normal temperature did not show improvement with induced hypothermia. The researchers involved in this study are interested in receiving feedback from the community. To comment on the hypothermia study, call 268-5880.



Weddings

Congratulations to the following employees who recently celebrated weddings:

- Maria J. Weingartner, administrative assistant for UMG support services, married Gary L. Gray, COPS and crime prevention officer for the department of public safety, Oct. 12.

SLU faculty and staff can send marriage announcements to Grand Connections for publication. Please include employee name, department, spouse's name and date of the ceremony. Submit typed announcements through mail to Chris Waldvogel, DuBourg Hall, Room 39, or via e-mail to gc@slu.edu.

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SWORD AWARDED: Saint Louis University has bestowed its highest honor for individual achievement — the Sword of Ignatius Loyola — on Olympic champion Jackie Joyner-Kersey. The award was presented to her at the University's DuBourg Society Recognition Dinner Dec. 8. Joyner-Kersey is often regarded as the best all-around female athlete in the world and the all-time greatest heptathlete. With her score of 7,161, she was the first woman to earn more than 7,000 points in the heptathlon. A native of East St. Louis, Ill., Joyner-Kersey has won several Olympic medals. She also is noted for her contributions to the community. The Sword of Ignatius Loyola is named for the founder of the Society of Jesus, Inigo Lopez de Loyola. Symbolic of the Ignatian vision of service, the sword is awarded to those who have given themselves to humankind for the greater glory of God.

NOT BLUE: A record 40 SLU departments participated in this year's National Denim Day. In all, SLU raised nearly \$2,600 for the event, which benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. By slipping into their favorite jeans and making a \$5 donation, members of the SLU community joined many denim-loving Americans who helped raise millions of dollars in a single day to help find a cure for breast cancer. The School of Public Health led the way at SLU by raising \$506, an all-time high for any University school or department. They were followed by the Center for Aviation Science (\$182), ITS (\$170), community and family medicine (\$135) and the School of Nursing (\$126). The Center for Leadership and Community Service organized the event.

EXCELLENCE AWARD: SLU's Jefferson Smurfit Center for Entrepreneurial Studies in the John Cook School of Business has been awarded a 2002 NASDAQ Entrepreneurial Excellence Award from the National Consortium of

Entrepreneurship Centers. The award recognizes achievements and efforts of entrepreneurship centers in the following areas: entrepreneurship research, outreach to emerging ventures, entrepreneurship curriculum, community collaborations, special projects, and overall prestige and recognition in the entrepreneurship field. The honorees are selected by a panel consisting of NASDAQ representatives, prior honorees and distinguished professors of entrepreneurship at leading programs in the United States.

WOMEN HONORED: Ten Saint Louis University women were honored Thursday, Dec. 5, at the St. Louis Metropolitan YWCA Leader Lunch. For the past 20 years, SLU has participated in the Leader Lunch, an annual event that recognizes accomplishments and contributions from women in the workplace. This year's honorees have exhibited a high level of achievement, demonstrated significant professional growth and leadership and produced valuable contributions to the University and the community through skills or efforts. Recipients included: Martha Allen, Pius XII Memorial Library; Ann Benson, parking and card services; Carol Boerding, campus ministry; Julie Howe, pathology; Carol Lunning, career services; Judith Myers, School of Nursing; Donna Nonnenkamp, information technology services; Sandra Pritt, financial aid; Catherine Rodgers, planned giving; and Mary Schmelter, counseling and family therapy. The honorees are sponsored by SLU's Women's Commission. For more information, call Robin Rodriguez at 977-8596 or e-mail rodrigre@slu.edu.

ARCHIVE ADVENTURE: Saint Louis University archives is commemorating the life and travels of Dr. Allen Spitzer through an exhibit of brochures and personal notes donated by Spitzer's wife, Lillian. Spitzer was among the

first anthropology instructors at Saint Louis University in the 1960s, and his interests took him to faraway lands. Upon his return, he generously shared with his students the academic insight and cultural wisdom from his travels to Asia and South America. These materials will be on display through Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Pius XII Memorial Library, Room 307. Exhibit hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, call 977-3109.

TV TIME: Saint Louis University head women's volleyball coach Marilyn Nolen appeared on ABC's *The View* Nov. 19 to chat with the show's co-hosts — Meredith Vieira, Star Jones, Joy Behar and Lisa Ling — about having children after 50. In 2000, Nolen and her husband Randy, a minister, were blessed with the birth of twin sons, Travis and Ryan. She was 55 at the time. Nolen is in her third decade as a collegiate volleyball coach. In 1998, she coached her 1,000th career volleyball match — only the third coach in volleyball history to achieve that feat. She also is one of the winningest volleyball coaches of all time, posting 799 victories, one away from becoming only the third NCAA Division coach to reach 800 career wins.



Nolen

BREAKFAST OPTION: For those looking for a quick breakfast, the recently opened SLU Pasta House Co. offers a continental breakfast buffet that features coffee, juice and a choice of bagels, rolls and pastry items. The breakfast is available from 7-10 a.m. each weekday morning. Located at 3761 Laclede Ave., the restaurant is just east



WELCOME TO SLU: Above, Daniel Miller, coordinator with the office of the controller, chats with Kelley Patterson, senior human resources generalist, during the new employee information exchange Nov. 21 in the Knights Room of Pius XII Memorial Library. At left, training specialist David Eslinger shares information with participants. The event included presentations from 11 panelists as well as an opportunity for employees hired in July, August and September to share insights into working at SLU. (Photos by Chris Waldvogel)

of the Student Village Apartments. No reservations are necessary. For more information or to find out about the Pasta House Co. takeout menu and Parties to Go menu, call the restaurant at 977-7421.

DANCE CLASSES: Simon Recreation Center is looking for individuals interested in taking ballet, tap or jazz dance classes in the spring. The expected format is once per week for six weeks, with two six-week sessions offered during the semester. Each six-week session will cost \$25 for Rec Center members and \$47 for non-members. Classes may be held in the evening or late afternoon. Interested individuals should e-mail Glen Kemper at kempergj@slu.edu with their preferred class and available times.

TOY DRIVE: Be part of the Saint Louis University women's basketball toy drive and receive free admission to a game. Simply bring a new toy to the game on Sunday, Dec. 15, and enter for free. The game is a 2 p.m. contest against Miami (Ohio) at Bauman-Eberhardt Center. For more information, call the Billiken ticket office at 977-4SLU.

SOA UPDATE: A delegation of 65 Saint Louis University students, faculty and staff recently took part in the 13th annual School of the Americas (SOA) protest vigil at Ft. Benning in Columbus, Ga. This was the seventh year that University participants have attended the SOA Protest. SLU delegates joined more than 10,000 protesters and delegates from Jesuit schools nationwide calling for the closure of SOA, which has been re-named the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHISC). During the two-day event, speakers, musicians and activists spoke against WHISC's complicity in dictatorships, civilian torture and murders in Central and South America. Protesters placed white crosses and other memo-

abilia on the main gate of Ft. Benning, transforming it into a memorial wall for victims who have died at the hands of those trained at the SOA/WHISC. For more information, contact Harry O'Rourke at orourkeh@slu.edu or 977-1532 or John Slosar at slosarja@slu.edu or 977-2750.

HOSTS SOUGHT: The International Center still needs host families to share their homes with Brazilian high school students who are studying at SLU for seven weeks during the winter. The students will arrive Saturday, Dec. 14, and remain in the country through Friday, Jan. 31. They'll spend Christmas week with their hosts and attend classes at SLU during January. Host families also are needed for Christmas and winter break. Unavailable during the holidays? You can still participate in the International Friends Program by welcoming a student into your home for a few weekends or weeks during the year and showing them the best of the SLU community. Part of SLU's International Center, the program provides the opportunity to experience another culture while helping students in their academic journey. For more information, call Elliot Peppers or Dan Beyer at 977-7149 or e-mail intcntr@slu.edu.

WRITE ON: The writing program in the department of English recently hosted "Ethics in the Writing Community: Faculty, Students and Staff," a conference for writing program administrators. Several participants came from Jesuit colleges and universities across the country, including Boston College, Loyola University Chicago, Marquette University and Santa Clara University, among others. Funded by the College of Arts and Sciences, this conference allowed its participants to explore the themes of ethics and social justice that are integral to running a Jesuit writing program.



DISTINCT: As part of Diversity Awareness Month, Saint Louis University recognized nine members of its culturally rich campus with the annual Kathy W. Humphrey Award for Diversity. The award is presented every year to students, faculty and staff who demonstrate exceptional scholarship, service and leadership skills while promoting cultural awareness. This year's recipients included faculty members Dr. Mark Chmiel, professor of theological studies; Dr. Emmanuel Uwalaka, associate professor of political science; and Dr. Michelle Lorenzini, assistant professor of political science; staff members Donna Bess, program coordinator for student life; Jennifer Ewald, director of the International Center; and Sam Kehner, program coordinator for campus recreation; and students Leila Lavasani, Erhime Oghre-Ikanone and David Young (Photo by Allison Babka Burney)

SLUStars shine at recent event

Saint Louis University recently recognized four employees as SLUStars for their shining examples of dedication and professionalism. Award recipients were honored at a breakfast Nov. 22 at Bannister House. Recipients included:

• **Dr. Dennis Fuller** — A faculty member in communication sciences and disorders and otolaryngology, Fuller is extremely active in SLU's Habitat for Humanity efforts. He also recently assumed duties as a mentor for a McNair scholar when that student's former mentor passed away. Fuller was instrumental in helping the student get accepted into a graduate program.



Fuller

• **Laura Geiser** — The director of publications and graphic design in University marketing and communications and the editor of *UNIVERSITAS*, Geiser consistently ensures that all University publications publicly reflect the mission of the University and the Ignatian ideals and qualities that lie at the core of SLU. She volunteers for her neighborhood association and is active in her parish youth group.

• **Teresa Harvey** — The senior secretary for the history department, Harvey volunteered to work a few hours each week in the department of communications when it was without a secretary. Harvey also routinely participates in charitable drives on campus such as Pack 'Em Back to School and encourages others to do the same. Off campus, she is a coordinator for a charitable organization that raises funds to fight childhood diseases.

• **Michael Trent Johnson** — As neighborhood programs coordinator in the College of



From left: Michael Trent Johnson, Teresa Harvey, Laura Geiser and Interim Provost Joe Weixlmann. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

Public Service, Johnson lives out the Jesuit tradition as a person for others. He responds to community needs by linking schools and agencies with college faculty and students. He also represents the University on the Midtown Alliance, the advisory board for Harris-Stowe's community-based programs, and the community council for Stevens Middle Community Education Center.

The SLUStars program recognizes employees who demonstrate professionalism and behavior consistent with the University's guiding principles and whose accomplishments further the mission of Saint Louis University. SLUStars receive exclusive SLUStar rewards such as attendance at a recognition breakfast, a day off with pay, Billiken Bucks, tickets to a University event and a commemorative sweatshirt and SLUStar pin.

To nominate someone for a SLUStar Award, visit the human resources Web site at www.slu.edu/services/HR/er_awards_stars.html.

Enhancements set for retirement plan

Under the direction of the President's Coordinating Council, the benefits office is pleased to announce the newest retirement plan enhancement, the Safe Harbor Plan Design, effective Wednesday, Jan. 1.

The IRS has deemed a Safe Harbor Plan to be non-discriminatory in nature, thereby eliminating the burdensome annual non-discrimination testing requirement and the three-year service requirement for vesting.

All current retirement plan participants will be vested in their retirement contributions regardless of length of service effective Jan. 1. Eligibility for the plan remains the same: one year of University service in which you complete 1,000 hours of employment.

The Safe Harbor Plan Design allows for an employer 2-to-1 match-up to a maximum employer contribution of 8.5 percent. As a result of the new match scale, the automatic 2 percent default contribution will be discontinued, and employees will be required to make a 403(b) contribution to receive a matching contribution from the University.

Additionally, the Safe Harbor Plan Design will

provide a higher match for employees contributing 2 percent and 3 percent, and reduce the required employee contribution to 5 percent to receive the highest employer 8.5 percent contribution. The new match formula, effective Jan. 1, is:

Employee Contribution	Employer Contribution
0 percent	0 percent
1 percent	2 percent
2 percent	4 percent
3 percent	6 percent
4 percent	8 percent
5 percent(or more)	8.5 percent

You may enroll in the 403(b) plan at any time. For an enrollment packet, call the benefits office at 977-2304 or e-mail dudakl@slu.edu. For more information on Saint Louis University's retirement plan and the 403(b) enrollment process, attend retirement orientations at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, or 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, in Salus Center, Room 1043.

For more information, visit the benefits Web site at www.slu.edu/services/HR/benefits_retirement.html or call 977-2304.



Billiken Briefs

FORCE FOR THE BILLIKENS: Conference USA coaches have selected Saint Louis University senior Marque Perry to the league's preseason All-Conference squad in their annual balloting. Perry was the Billikens' leading scorer and Most Valuable Player during 2001-02. He was a second-team All-Conference choice last spring after ranking 14th in C-USA at 14.1 points per game. Perry is the Billikens' first returning All-Conference selection since Erwin Claggett and Scott Highmark embarked on their senior season in the Great Midwest Conference in 1994-95.

4 HONORED FROM WOMEN'S SOCCER: Senior goalkeeper Meghann Burke was named Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year at the league's postseason tournament banquet. Senior midfielder Jenny Kehl and sophomore Jamie Perry joined Burke on the first team, while senior back Megan McNiff was named to the third team. Burke led the league with a school record 12 shutouts while toting a 0.73 goals against average. Three times this season she was named C-USA Defensive Player of the Week and she is ranked among the country's top 15 in goals against average.



Top Ten

Dr. Robyn Housemann is an assistant professor of community health in the SLU School of Public Health. She knows it's hard to find time to exercise, but she also says it's something everyone should find time for. Here, she lists the Top 10 ways to help keep exercise part of everyone's routine.

By Dr. Robyn Housemann



1. Schedule exercise as one of your daily activities, and don't let anything else take priority.
2. Exercise in 10-minute chunks. A half hour is needed for health, an hour for weight loss.
3. Use exercise as a stress management technique. Walk to clear your head and to help you make sharp decisions.
4. Have a friend, family member, co-worker or group to exercise with to help keep the "exercise habit" going. Remember that you've made a commitment.
5. Exercise with your family. Involving children in your regimen is a great way to instill healthy habits and prevent childhood obesity.
6. Look to your family for support. If necessary, ask for assistance with providing care for children or older adults so you can exercise.
7. Track your progress by keeping an exercise log and recording your daily activity. Don't be discouraged if you miss a day.
8. Get a pedometer (step counter) and work toward accumulating 10,000 steps per day for health.
9. Put physical activity back into your life by taking the stairs instead of the elevator, parking farther away from building entrances, walking to the grocery store instead of driving and hiding the remote control for the television.
10. Motivate yourself by remembering how good you feel after you've completed a workout and how good you feel knowing that you are taking care of yourself.

If you have an idea for a Top 10 list for Grand Connections, tell us about it by e-mailing gc@slu.edu.

SLU associate dean wins medical education award

Dr. Alberto Galofré, M.D., associate dean for curriculum and professor of internal medicine at the School of Medicine, has received the prestigious Merrel D. Flair Award for his achievements in medical education.

The Association of American Medical Colleges' Group on Educational Affairs presents the award for outstanding leadership and major career contributions to medical education in North America.

Galofré is the 15th recipient of the award, which was presented Nov. 12 at the AAMC annual meeting in San Francisco.

The award is named for Flair, a prominent medical educator in the 1970s. Through his innovative style and leadership, he helped to improve the educational programs of medical schools.

Galofré has been a member of the School of Medicine faculty since 1978. He received his medical degree *summa cum laude* from the

University of Chile in Santiago and his M.Ed. from the University of Illinois in Urbana.

He completed a postdoctoral Kellogg fellowship in pediatrics and developmental biology at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., and fellowships in medical education at the University of Illinois in Chicago, and at Michigan State University.

Galofré was chairman of the Association of American Medical Colleges national Group on Educational Affairs (GEA) in 1990-91 and chairman of the Central Region GEA in 1988-89.

He has served as a consultant in medical education for the Panamerican Health Organization and as a member of the expert advisory panel on health manpower for the World Health Organization.

He was appointed a charter member of the Central Region Group on Educational Affairs' Society of Medical Education Laureates.

SLU's commercial aircraft lands stunning makeover

Saint Louis University's Billiken AirExpress has a new look, and there's nothing like it flying the friendly skies. Ribbons of blue and gold stream down the sides of SLU's commercial aircraft, and the University logo lights up the tail fin.

The work was completed at one of the region's best facilities, Byerely Aviation in Pekin, Ill. Before they could give Billiken AirExpress its facelift, the company had to strip away the old paint and remove several features from the exterior.

Byerely then gave the plane — a King Air model — a fresh coat of bright white paint. The original plan called for completing the makeover to mirror the current King Air models flying. After several modifications, the look morphed into a custom job based on the colors in the SLU logo. The paint type: Sherman Williams, but not the kind on your kitchen walls.

This paint is made especially for air-

craft and designed to handle the elements at high speeds and altitudes.

"It took several attempts to get the right custom paint mix for the colors," said Alan Stolzer, associate dean of Parks College of Engineering and Aviation.

Each trim color required a complete day of work, and several days were needed for touch-up and reassembly. The crews also polished every inch of the exterior's surface. Finally, the aircraft arrived back in Cahokia, and decals of the SLU fleur-de-lis were placed on the tail fin.

"There are no other airplanes in the country that look like the Billiken AirExpress," Stolzer said.

Although the new look is quite snazzy, the need for a paint job wasn't actually aesthetic. The work was completed for maintenance purposes, Stolzer said.

The old paint job was many years old, and large chunks of paint were missing. "This can lead to lots of problems with



The Billiken AirExpress recently received a new look. (Photo by Jim Visser)

corrosion and deterioration of the underlying surfaces," Stolzer said. "If not addressed, these problems can be more costly than a new paint job."

Used more and more by University travelers, Billiken AirExpress offers flexible flights, great accommodations and affordable prices. The service can fly to

thousands of destinations around the nation and departs from nearby St. Louis Downtown-Parks Airport, which is just 8 miles from the University campus.

For more information about Billiken AirExpress, call (618) 337-9550 or e-mail bae@slu.edu.



On the Move

- Louise Bailey, to patient accounts representative for practice management operations
- Kate Ball, to coordinator of space/utilization for facilities planning
- Ramona Belcarist, to registration representative for practice management operations
- Christina Bender, to research assistant for the School of Public Health
- Gerald Brown, to assistant supervisor for housekeeping
- Debbie Clifton, to senior research assistant for the department of pediatrics
- Derek Durfee, to billing assistant for the department of anesthesiology
- Patricia Frank, to senior research assistant for the School of Nursing
- Gregory Hall, to assistant supervisor for housekeeping
- Tyrone Lampkin, to building service worker for student housing and residence life
- Dorsey Lawrence, to grounds supervisor for grounds
- Jacqueline Lewis, to senior patient coordinator for the department of surgery
- Alec Matthews, to research assistant for the department of pathology
- Sevala Meskovic, to building service worker for the Water Tower Inn
- Charles Murphy, to associate director for multicultural affairs
- Jennifer Parsons, to medical records clerk for medical records
- Nicole Rhone, to assistant supervisor for practice management operations
- Tawanna Robinson, to building service worker for the Water Tower Inn
- Patricia Schnable, to patient coordinator for the department of obstetrics, gynecology and women's health
- Barbara Stuart, to medical secretary for the division of hematology-oncology
- Martha Weber, to staff nurse-PRN for the department of psychiatry

SLU partner nets quality award

SSM Health Care — the parent system of SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and SSM St. Mary's Health Center — has become the country's first health care organization to receive the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

Given by the U.S. Department of Commerce, the award is the top honor a U.S. company can receive for quality management and quality achievement.

Some School of Medicine faculty are affiliated with many of the SSM hospitals in the St. Louis area, including SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital; SSM St. Mary's Health Center; SSM DePaul Health Center; SSM St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles, Mo.; SSM St. Joseph Hospital West in Lake St. Louis; and SSM St. Joseph Hospital of Kirkwood, Mo.



A TASTE OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL: The Graduate School hosted several prospective students from around the country for a campus visit Nov. 7. Above, Dr. Don Brennan, dean of the Graduate School, chats with guest Tonya Lewis during a University-wide reception in Verhaegen Hall at the end of the day. During their visit, participants toured campus and their departments of interest. Each year, representatives of the Graduate School attend as many as 40 career fairs across the country and invite prospective students to visit SLU. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

University starts new smallpox study

The potential use of smallpox in a terrorist attack has prompted a new NIH-funded smallpox research study that recently began at the School of Medicine.

This clinical trial, to be conducted at seven sites nationally, is a follow-up to a smaller pilot study that began in April of this year at Saint Louis University's Center for Vaccine Development.

This new study, like the pilot study, will include volunteers who previously were vaccinated against smallpox as children. Volunteers are needed between the ages of 32 and 70.

"Many adults in the United States received the smallpox vaccine as children, but it is not clear if these vaccinations given many years ago would confer any protection in the event of an outbreak," said Sharon Frey, M.D., principal investigator for the study and associate professor of infectious diseases and immunology at the School of Medicine. "Our clinical trial will study the immune response in previously vaccinated adults to see how they respond to three different dilution strengths of the investigational smallpox vaccine." Routine vaccinations against smallpox ended around 1973.

Saint Louis University is one of seven sites in the United States conducting this phase II study, including the University of Rochester, UCLA, University of Maryland, Duke University Medical Center, Northern California-Kaiser Permanente and Stanford University.

Dryvax, the smallpox vaccine under study, is no longer produced, and there are limited supplies available in the United States. Conventional wisdom holds that vaccination against smallpox will provide significant protection against the disease for at least 10 years.

Frey said this study will focus on the effectiveness of three different dose strengths of the Dryvax vaccine when given to people who have previously received a smallpox vaccination. Of the people enrolled in the study, some will receive the vaccine diluted five times. Others will receive the vaccine that has been diluted 10 times. The rest will receive the full, undiluted dosage.

Approximately 185 volunteers will be needed in the St. Louis area. Some of the requirements for inclusion in the study are:

- Volunteers must be 32 to 70 years of age, in good health, with no significant illness and no history of serious allergic reactions.
- Volunteers must have no immune system problems.
- Volunteers must have no contact with anyone who is pregnant, less than 12 months of age, has eczema or has problems with his/her immune system.

Researchers will exclude anyone who has an immune system problem, such as HIV/AIDS, is undergoing cancer treatment or is taking steroid medications. All volunteers will be compensated for participating in the study.

For more information, call the Center for Vaccine Development at 977-6333.



Frey



TRADING ACCESSORIES: Sarah Ramos, coordinator for career services, helps one of the 80 people who attended Backpack to Briefcase, a conference-style seminar held Nov. 6 in the John Cook School of Business. Featuring several presentations and a keynote address from Kathy Humphrey, vice president for student development, the event was designed to help students make the transition from college to the workforce. Topics included business etiquette, managing stress, salary negotiations and interviewing, among others. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

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GEL UNDER INVESTIGATION: Scott Fosko, M.D., chair for the department of dermatology, is conducting a clinical trial involving an investigational gel to treat AK lesions. AK is short for actinic keratosis, a common, pre-cancerous skin disease caused primarily by overexposure to the sun. Other risk factors include fair skin, light-colored hair and eyes and genetic disorders. AKs especially are common in people whose occupations or hobbies result in repeated exposure to high intensity sunlight over many years. AK lesions appear as red, scaly bumps on areas such as the face, backs of the hands and arms. When the bumps become painful, Fosko said it usually is a sign that cancer is developing in them. "Current treatment options include freezing the lesions and scraping them off or using a topical cream to treat wider areas," he said. "The creams available, however, often cause irritation and inflammation." The investigational gel Fosko and his colleagues are evaluating may reduce such side effects. For more information about this study, call 577-6087.

PROMISING PAIN TREATMENT: A clinical trial at Saint Louis University is testing the effectiveness of an investigational medication for pain relief for patients who have nerve damage in their legs and arms with pain from diabetes. "Diabetic peripheral neuropathy is a chronic and debilitating disorder," said Ghazala Hayat, M.D., associate professor of neurology at the School of Medicine and principal investigator for the study. "It affects your quality of life. Patients can wake up with pain and go to bed with pain. They may hurt so badly they can't enjoy life. Many are willing to try anything." SLU is the only place in St. Louis that is researching whether a medication commonly given to treat seizures can control the pain from diabetic peripheral neuropathy. Progressive or severe neuropathy is more likely to occur in people whose diabetes is not controlled because diabetic neuropathy is caused by prolonged high blood sugar levels. Nerves throughout the body gradually become damaged once blood glucose levels rise above a certain level. The longer a person has diabetes, the greater the risk of developing neuropathy.

SLU testing vaccine that may augment flu shot

There doesn't yet exist a licensed vaccine to prevent respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in adults, which can lead to more serious medical problems for older people with heart or lung problems.

But a study that began this fall at Saint Louis University is testing two investigational vaccines as part of a clinical trial that could eventually lead to FDA approval for such a vaccine.

"RSV is a virus that causes a flu-like illness in people of all ages," said Geoffrey J. Gorse, M.D., a staff physician at the St. Louis Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center and professor of internal medicine at the School of Medicine. "This virus is a frequent cause of hospitalization in young children with severe respiratory disease, such as bronchiolitis and croup. In older people, especially those with heart or lung problems, it

may also cause hospitalization for severe diseases like bronchitis and pneumonia, which may occasionally lead to death."

This research will compare the antibody response to two types of RSV vaccine by observing antibody levels to RSV.

"This is important because we hope to develop a vaccine against RSV that can be given along with the recommended annual influenza vaccine," said Gorse, the principal investigator for the study and a researcher with the Center for Vaccine Development.

This research is a multi-center trial that will take place at several sites in the United States. Saint Louis University will conduct this study at SLU's Center for Vaccine Development and at the St. Louis Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.



ETHICAL CONCERNS: Several faculty members from Saint Louis University presented the panel discussion "Curriculum Challenges: Teaching Professional Ethics in Science and Technology" at the International Conference on Ethics Across the Curriculum Oct. 27-29 at Clemson University. Panelists included Erin Bakanas, M.D., associate professor of internal medicine; Dr. J. Gary Bledsoe, assistant professor of biomedical engineering; Dr. John P. Buerck, assistant professor of computer science technology; Dr. Joachim Dorsch, assistant professor of earth and atmospheric sciences; Dr. Judith E. Durham, associate professor of chemistry; and Dr. James Fisher, associate professor of marketing and director of the Emerson Center for Business Ethics. Dr. Asai Asaitambi, chairman of the computer science department, helped moderate the panel. SLU will host the international conference in 2005. (Submitted photo)



Trivia Corner



This month's trivia questions deal with Jesuit colleges and universities across the United States.

1. How many Jesuit colleges and universities are in the U.S.?
2. Where is SLU placed when the schools are listed by founding date?
3. What is the youngest Jesuit college or university?
4. Which of the following is not Jesuit: Xavier University, University of Notre Dame, Seattle University or Boston College?

1. 28
2. Second (1818). Georgetown University was first (1789).
3. Wheeling Jesuit College (1954) in Wheeling, W.Va.
4. Notre Dame

Volunteers sought for clinical trials

Researchers from the department of psychiatry are recruiting volunteers for studies on new treatments for Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia and mixed dementia.

• Volunteers are needed to participate in a national study testing the safety of the COGNISHunt system, a surgically implanted device that increases the flow of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain. Poor circulation of this fluid can cause proteins in the brain to accumulate, which may contribute to the progression of Alzheimer's disease, a type of dementia characterized by intellectual deterioration.

Adults between the ages of 62 and 85 who are generally in good health with a diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's disease may be eligible to participate in the 18-month study. They will receive office visits, surgical and hospital care, psychiatric ratings, laboratory tests and compensation for time and travel.

• Another national Alzheimer's disease study tests the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medication that might slow the progression of the disease. Study participants must be at least 50 years of age, have been diagnosed with probable Alzheimer's disease, be in reasonable physical health and exhibit significant memory loss. They will receive study medication, physician visits,

expert medical care and close monitoring for 26 weeks.

• Volunteers also are needed to participate in a 26-week study of an investigational medication that may improve the abilities of patients with dementia to function intellectually, socially and physically.

Study participant must be between 55 and 90 years of age, be in general good health and have impaired intellectual function that interferes with their normal social and physical activities. They will receive office visits, psychiatric ratings, laboratory tests and study medication.

• Research also is under way to test an investigational drug that may manage the symptoms of vascular dementia. Those eligible to participate must have memory loss from strokes, be between 50 and 85 years of age, be in general good health and have a caregiver willing to participate with them. They will receive a full diagnostic evaluation including an MRI, physical examinations, laboratory tests, EKGs and study medication or a placebo at no charge. Those who complete the study can receive open-label treatment with the new drug for up to a year.

George Grossberg, M.D., Samuel W. Fordyce professor and director of geriatric psychiatry, is the principal investigator for the four studies.

For more information, call 268-5880.



Grossberg

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*** MATTERS ***

Bruce Bacon, M.D., (gastroenterology) was interviewed by Healthscout newswire about hepatitis.

Robert Belshe, M.D., (infectious diseases) was interviewed by *Newsweek* and quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Detroit News* about smallpox and related issues.

Dr. Mark Buller (molecular microbiology) was interviewed by the *Los Angeles Times* and *Denver Post* about smallpox. His mousepox research was mentioned in the *New York Times*, *Newsday* and *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*.

Thomas Chambers, M.D., (molecular microbiology) was interviewed by the *Boston Globe* and *San Diego Union Tribune* about the West Nile virus.

Dr. Gregory Comer (physics) was interviewed by the Associated Press about a local ghost chaser who claims to have filmed ghosts.

Hal Deuser (scholarship/financial aid) was interviewed by *The Guardian*, a British newspaper, about financial aid and scholarship issues.

Peggy Edwards (clinical lab science) will be quoted in an upcoming issue of *HealthCareers USA* magazine on clinical lab science as a career choice.

Dr. Greg Evans (Public Health) was interviewed by the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *Washington Post* about anthrax-related concerns.

Dr. James Fisher (business ethics) was interviewed by the *Charlotte Observer* about a whistleblowing case.

Dr. Randall Flanery (community and family medicine) was interviewed by the *Boston Herald* about parents who can't let go of their college freshmen.

Sharon Frey, M.D., (infectious diseases) was pictured in the Oct. 14 issue of *Newsweek* vaccinating a volunteer in a clinical trial against smallpox.

Dr. James F. Gilsinan



(Public Service) was quoted in *Government Technology* about the Geographic Information Systems Lab.

Roger Goldman, J.D., (law) was quoted in the *Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel* about how police departments can avoid hiring officers with troubled records.

Joel Goldstein, J.D., (law) was interviewed by the *Chicago Sun-Times* for a story about President George W. Bush and the possibility of a war with Iraq. He also was interviewed by the Associated Press and Reuters for stories about Vice President Dick Cheney and how he worked for Republican candidates this election year. These stories ran in more than 35 newspapers and Web sites, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *USA Today*.

George Grossberg, M.D., (psychiatry) was interviewed by the *Richmond (Va.) Times* about what the country can expect as baby boomers get old. He also was interviewed by United Press International about using tracking devices for dementia patients. The story appeared in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, *Sacramento (Calif.) Bee*, *Raleigh (N.C.) News* and other newspapers.

Dr. Denise Guithues-Amrhein (accounting) was interviewed by the Dow Jones Newswire about the state of Missouri trying to close several business tax loopholes.

Ken Haller, M.D., (pediatrics) was quoted in the *Rocky Mountain News* (Denver) and the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* about Halloween safety and related issues. Haller was interviewed by *Parenting* magazine about drooling and about how parents should react when their children lose their security items.

Dr. William Hart (nutrition and dietetics) was interviewed for the introduction to a new *Cooking Light* cookbook.

Ghazala Hayat, M.D., (neurology) was quoted in the *Philadelphia Daily News* and in South Carolina's largest newspaper, *The State*, about dietary supplements for patients with Parkinson's disease.

Dr. Kathleen Hoover (Nursing) was interviewed by the Associated Press about baby

boomers who have left lucrative professions to become nurses.

Dr. Robyn Housemann (Public Health) was interviewed by *Parenting* magazine about how to encourage kids to love exercise. She was interviewed by the *Star-Ledger* (Newark, N.J.) about the new exercise guidelines.

Dr. Joan Hrubetz (Nursing) was interviewed by *Nursing Spectrum Magazine* about the nursing profession and the nursing shortage.



Dr. Dorothy James (nursing) was interviewed by Voice of America Radio for a program that airs in Europe about her experiences in Israel.

Derek Jinks, J.D., (law) was interviewed by Gannett News Service about Article 4 of the Geneva Convention.

Robert Johnson, M.D., (surgery) was quoted on hospital-network.com about a new disposable lighting system for doctors.

Dr. Jerome Katz (management) was interviewed by *Black Enterprise* magazine about how small companies choose a business structure. He also was quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* about a small business using E-Bay online auctions to sell its product.

Donald Kennedy, M.D., (infectious diseases) was quoted in the *Palm Beach (Fla.) Post* and CNNMoney about hospital infection control.

Dr. Alan Knutsen (pediatrics) was interviewed by the Associated Press for an article on preventing the transmission of AIDS to a baby whose mother is HIV-positive.



Kathy Kress (nutrition and dietetics) was interviewed by the Brownfield Network about new federal guidelines for inspecting meat.

Dr. Ik-Whan G. Kwon (decision sciences and MIS) was quoted on KSDK-TV and KTRS-AM on the impact of the California longshoremen's strike on goods getting to the Midwest.

Dr. Tim Kusky (earth and atmospheric sciences) was interviewed by *Geotimes* magazine about his new find of black smoker chimney deposits in 2.5 billion-year-old sea floor rocks of the Wutai Shan mountains of China. An article will appear in the December issue of *Geotimes* about this discovery and what it means for the development of early life on Earth.

Joan Lang, M.D., (psychiatry) was interviewed by *Self* magazine about how knitting relieves stress.

Philip LeFevre, M.D., (psychiatry) was interviewed by the Associated Press about estrogen and Alzheimer's disease.

Cherie LeFevre, M.D., (obstetrics, gynecology and women's health) was interviewed by *Cosmo Girl* about sexually transmitted diseases.

Dr. Jean-Robert Leguey-Feilleux (political science) was interviewed by Fox News Channel for the *Your World with Neil Cavuto* show about France's position on action against Iraq. He also was interviewed by Salon.com about the same subject.

Dr. Tim Lomperis (political science) was interviewed by Voice of America in Beijing about a meeting between the United States and China.

Dr. Mildred Mattfeldt-Beman (nutrition and dietetics) was interviewed by Philadelphia television station KYTV about high-protein, low-carbohydrate diets.

The annual Childress Lecture at the School of Law was mentioned in the *New York Times*. The lecture concerned the changes in the U.S. Supreme Court during the term of Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

John Morley, M.D., (geriatrics) was interviewed live on National Public Radio's *Talk of the Nation* about male menopause. He was quoted in the *Dallas Morning News* about ways to age gracefully. He also was featured on CNNMoney.com for his

appetite-screening tool for senior adults and in *The State*, the largest newspaper in South Carolina, on how to fix nursing home problems.

Jay Noffsinger, M.D., (pediatrics) was quoted in the *Daily Oklahoman* about kids who specialize in one sport.

Chris Ohlemeyer, M.D., (pediatrics) was quoted in the *Hartford (Conn.) Courant* about adolescents who want to quit an activity they've started.

A video news release featuring Charlene Prather, M.D., (gastroenterology) and a local patient regarding the gastrointestinal side effects of some popular over-the-counter pain relievers was picked up by a variety of TV stations across the United States, some more than once, in cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Portland and Salt Lake City. Prather also was quoted on irritable bowel syndrome in newspapers in Ohio and Massachusetts.

Dr. Tom Shippey (English) was interviewed by *British Airways* for an inflight audio feature about the *Lord of the Rings* movie.

Research related to Sly's syndrome, a disease first diagnosed by William Sly, M.D., (biochemistry) in 1973, was featured in the *Tampa (Fla.) Tribune*.

Dr. Ken Warren (political science) was interviewed by or featured in dozens of national sources — including ABC News.com, the Associated Press, *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune*, CNN.com, *Houston Chronicle*, *Newsday*, *Sacramento Bee* and the *Washington Post* — about the Carnahan-Talent Senate race.

Dr. Terri Weaver (psychology) was interviewed by Catholic News Service about how communities have reacted to the sniper shootings.

Dr. Barbara Whitman (pediatrics) was interviewed by the *Cleveland Plain-Dealer* about mentally retarded parents.



Cancer Center offering new screening tool

Women at high risk of developing breast cancer know that early detection can mean the difference between life and death.

A pioneering new technology offered at Saint Louis University Cancer Center promises women greater peace of mind by spotting cells that are likely to turn into malignant tumors months or even years before the cells become cancerous.

Called ductal lavage, the procedure involves flushing the milk ducts in the breast with a saline solution to collect cell samples. Once examined, the samples can tell physicians whether any cells in the breast have become cancerous or "pre-cancerous." The procedure is no more painful than a mammogram and is covered by many insurance companies, including Medicare and Medicaid.

It works like this: First, a pump-like device is attached to the nipple, and a hair-thin catheter is inserted into a

ductal opening. A small amount of anesthetic then is released to numb the inside of the duct.

The anesthetic is followed by two to four teaspoons of saline, which "rinses" the duct and collects cell samples to be sent to the lab.

Pond Kelemen, M.D., a surgical oncologist at the SLU Cancer Center, performs the procedure. He said ductal lavage is a valuable tool for women who are at high risk for breast cancer due to family history or other factors because it gives them the information to decide on the best course of action.

"Depending on the results, a patient has a number of options. If there is cancer, of course, we treat it," Kelemen said. "If there are cells that are atypical or suspicious, she can opt for more aggressive surveillance, such as more frequent mammograms, or even take preventive measures."



Kelemen



CHECK IT OUT: Student Sadia Sheikh (left) presents Carla Kilgore, interim chair of the department of physician assistant education, with a check for \$1,396.51 to benefit the David W. Wagner Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to P.A. students. Students from the SLU physician assistant program sponsored a benefit concert Oct. 11 for the scholarship fund. The concert featured One Kindred Soul, Dasha Ray and Bradford Smith and was held in the main auditorium of the Allied Health Professions Building. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

SLUCare physician gives advice on preventing, coping with common cold

Rudolph the Reindeer doesn't have bragging rights about his red nose this time of year. Although it seems that everywhere you look, someone is sneezing or coughing, there are things you can do to keep colds at bay, says Mark Mengel, M.D., a SLUCare Des Peres family physician.

"The No. 1 thing you should do is to wash your hands and avoid touching your nose and eyes," Mengel said. "When you sneeze or blow your nose, some of virus can get on your hands or other surfaces and live for two to three hours. When someone touches the virus and rubs his or her nose, that person can catch the cold."

Mengel runs the Primary Care and Prevention Center at SLUCare's Des Peres Medical Arts Pavilion in west St. Louis County, 2325 Dougherty Ferry Road at I-270. He says a quick swipe with an anti-bacterial gel does no good because the cold bug is a virus that doesn't respond to that sort of cleaner.

"Getting rid of the cold germs correlates with the length of time people run water on their hands. If you run water on your hands for 30 seconds, you dilute the virus," Mengel said.

So at the risk of seeming anti-social, every time you shake someone's hands, make a mental note to wash yours.

In addition, you can fight colds and other nasty bugs this time of year by getting enough sleep, Mengel adds. "Our immune function decreases with the amount of activities we do and with stress," he said. "So make sure you don't become tired and fatigued."

Adults should get between eight and 10 hours of shut-eye a night.

"Lots of people get six to seven hours, and that's a problem," Mengel said. "It's not close to what they need to rejuvenate themselves. When they do come down with a cold, they're turning a three- to five-day illness into one that lasts seven to 10 days."

If you do get a cold, you're wise to stay away from school or work so you don't spread the bug. "Ideally, you should stay home from work until you stop coughing and draining and feel better

because you need to rest" Mengel said. "But nobody has time to do that, so at least try not to cough or sneeze on people."

If you rest and drink plenty of hot fluids — which keep your mucus membranes well hydrated and moist — you'll get over your cold much quicker than if you continue your fast pace.

Any hot liquid, including favorites such as chicken soup or tea, help you fight a cold. Shy away from hot toddies, though, because alcohol makes you urinate, resulting in blood vessel constriction, which decreases the flow of fluid to the membranes. A humidifier, which pours moisture into the air, can help you breathe easier.

Over-the-counter medicines, such as decongestants (to relieve congestion and sinus pressure) or Tylenol (for fever and sore throats) can relieve some of the symptoms and make you feel better. Some people swear that Echinacea and vitamin C take the sting out of colds, but Mengel said statistics don't back those claims. But using zinc lozenges could decrease the length of your cold by a day or so, he adds.

About a third of those who get a cold develop secondary bacterial infections such as sinus infections, ear infections or strep throat, which need to be treated with an antibiotic.

"If you feel lousy for two or three days, then feel better, then feel worse, you need to see your doctor," Mengel said. "If you have colored sputum, a high fever or shortness of breath, you also should call your doctor."

You're more likely to get a cold if you smoke because smoking destroys the hair-like projections in the nose and lung tube cells that propel mucus out of those organs. Without these fibers, mucus clogs the lining of the nose and lungs. "Viruses and germs thrive in that environment," Mengel said.

You also are at greater risk of getting a cold if you have children, who seem to be cold virus magnets. "Children under 6 get colds or other infections on average once a month because they frequently put their unwashed hands on their faces," Mengel said. "They bring it home with them. Other than washing your hands every time you touch them, there's not much you can do."



Mengel



BMC BUCKS: Saint Louis University has received a \$100,000 donation from University Loft Company (ULC) to benefit SLU's multi-million-dollar renovation of Busch Memorial Center, which is undergoing a complete renovation and expansion. Above, ULC President James Jannetides (left) presents a check to SLU President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. ULC, one of the largest manufacturers of college and university-style furniture, has donated to the University several times. (Photo by Allison Babka Burney)



Births

Congratulations to the following members of the University community celebrating additions to their families:

- Geoff Strom, Web administrator for Web development, and his wife, Jennifer, on the birth of a son, Jaden Patrick, Sept. 13.
- Jill Jones, social worker for UMG support services, and her husband, Kevin, on the birth of a son, Issac Henry Jones, Nov. 16.

To announce a birth in Grand Connections, send your name, occupational title, spouse's name and baby's name, sex and date of birth to gc@slu.edu.

Jewish Center for Aged joins with University

Director for division of geriatric medicine appointed as center's medical director

Saint Louis University's division of geriatric medicine and its chairman, John Morley, M.D., will take over the medical leadership of the Jewish Center for Aged.

Morley became medical director of the nursing home Dec. 1.

Morley, who is the Dammert Professor of Gerontology at the School of Medicine, will serve as medical director of The Cedars at the JCA upon its completion in 2003.

"We are delighted have Dr. Morley on board as medical director," said Dennis Barsky, chief executive officer of the

JCA. "His nationally renowned expertise in gerontology and management practices is unsurpassed."

The department of geriatric medicine at Saint Louis University was ranked among the top 10 in the country in last year's *U.S. News & World Report* listing of America's best hospitals and specialties.



Morley

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Dr. Faye Abram (Social Service) has received \$11,583 from Mothers and Children Together to complete the process evaluation of this program of collaborative planning for children of prisoners.

The Environmental Health Laboratory of the School of Public Health has been awarded a three-year \$700,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the project "The Growth and Removal of Microorganisms and Allergens on Carpet." Dr. Roger D. Lewis is principal investigator.

Dr. Bob Herrmann (earth and atmospheric sciences) has received \$42,000 from the United States Geological Survey to upgrade the cooperative central and southeast U.S. integrated seismic network seismograph stations.

Dr. Celerstine Johnson (Student

Educational Services) has received \$228,227 from the U.S. Department of Education for the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program to help first-generation and minority students prepare to earn doctoral degrees.

Paul McLaughlin (aviation) has received \$45,800 from the Federal Aviation Administration for conducting a digital avionics principles course.

Horng-Shiuann Wu (School of Nursing) has received a 2002 ONS Foundation Oncology Symptom Assessment and Management Nursing Research Grant. The ONS Foundation awards these grants to principal investigators actively involved in some aspect of care, education or research for patients with cancer.

Artifacts

United States and Canada; a collection of tools, weapons and traps used by the pioneer Jesuits of St. Stanislaus; a rare collection of Greek and Latin books dating from 1521, many brought to this country by Peter

DeSmet, S.J.; as well as Baroque and Rococo paintings once owned by Belgian nobility. With thousands of items, the list goes on and on.

"We are honored that Saint Louis University has been

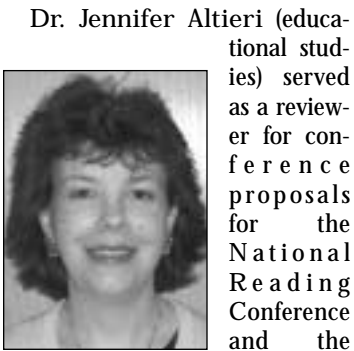
selected to preserve these significant historical relics so that they will continue to exist as a resource for future generations to learn about not only Jesuit history, but also about the pioneers and immigrants who have

traveled through our area as the gateway to the West," said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. "The Saint Louis University Museum of Art has set aside ideal and adequate space to display these magnifi-

cent items."

The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

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Dr. Jennifer Altieri (educational studies) served as a reviewer for conference proposals for the National Reading Conference and the American Educational Research Association Conference. She also made two presentations at the regional IRA conference: "It Doesn't Have to Sink or Swim: Helping Kids Navigate Content Area Material" and "Moving from Reading Poetry to Creating Your Own Classroom of Poets."

Dr. Lyn Amine (marketing) presented the paper "Do Caribbean Companies Benefit from Their Nation's Membership in CARICOM?" at the joint annual conference of the Academy of International Business and the Business Association for Latin American Studies in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Amine co-wrote the paper with graduate Christina Steck. Amine was appointed as a founding member of the board for the new group Women of the Academy of International Business. She has been appointed to the Review Board of the associate editor for international marketing for the *Journal of International Business Studies*.

Dr. Reinhard Andress (modern and classical languages) wrote an article on *Der Herold*, a German language weekly that appeared on the island of Majorca in 1933-34. It has appeared as "Die Welf funkt auf Mallorca" in the *Mallorca Magazin*. Andress presented "Harry Graf Kesslers Lebensabend auf Mallorca" at the German Studies Association meeting in San Diego. With other members of a national task force of the American Association of Teachers of German, Andress co-wrote the article "Maintaining the Momentum from High School to College: Report and Recommendations," which appeared in *Unterrichtspraxis*.

Michael Barber, S.J., (philosophy) wrote the article "Modern and Postmodern Aspects of Scheler's Later Personalism," which was published in a volume titled *Max Scheler's Acting Persons*. Barber delivered the Alfred Schutz Memorial Lecture at a plenary session of the Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences Oct. 11 in Chicago. The title of his talk was "A Moment of Unconditional Validity? Schutz and the Habermas/Rorty Debate."

Dr. Frances Benham (University librarian) is serving as president of the Missouri Library Association in 2002. From Oct. 1-4, she presided over the annual conference "Changing Faces, Enduring Values" in Kansas City, Mo. Librarians giving programs there included Benham, Chet Bunnell, Pat Gregory, John Montre and library assistant Louis Takacs.

Dr. Patricia Benoy (aerospace and mechanical engineering) attended the ASME/STLE International Joint Tribology Conference Oct. 27-30 in Cancun, Mexico. She presented the paper "Thermal Processing

Effects on the Adhesive Strength of PS304 High Temperature Solid Lubricant Coatings."

Marty Brennan (communication sciences and disorders) was nominated by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association to assist the U.S. Department of Education in reviewing grants submitted to the Early Reading First grants program.

Graduate student Meghan Clune (communication) presented the paper "Third Wave Weddings: Redefining Tradition through a Developing Feminist Perspective" at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender conference in Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Terrence Dempsey, S.J., (MOCRA and fine and performing arts) gave four lecture tours this summer on the theme of "The Image of Christ in Art History" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art to more than 70 parishioners of St. Joseph's of Yorkville Church in Manhattan. He was one of three principal speakers at a well-attended meeting June 12 in Minneapolis titled "When Art and Religion Talk." He was one of the 24 Henry Luce III Fellows who participated in the "Five Faiths" symposium in late August at the Ackland Art Museum at the University of



North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This September, he was guest co-juror of the highly acclaimed group exhibition "Nine One One Plus One" at Art St. Louis that was based on artists' responses to Sept. 11, 2001. In October, he gave the keynote address at the annual meeting of the Illinois Association of Museums, and he was one of 10 national scholars and museum professionals invited to speak at the two-day symposium "Art and Religion in the Public Realm" at the American Bible Society in New York City.

John Encarnacion (earth and atmospheric sciences) gave a live, interactive TV lecture on plate tectonics and the origins of earthquakes and volcanoes to several grade school teachers across the United States. The lecture is part of a series of live interactive seminars for science instructors called Science Coop, which is funded by the National Science Foundation. He also gave a talk at the University of Illinois in Chicago on the initiation of subduction and the tectonic evolution of the Southeast Asian region.

William Barnaby Faherty, S.J., (emeritus history) has written *Florida's Space Coast: The Impact of NASA on the Sunshine State*, published by the University of Florida Press, and *Exile in Erin: A Confederate Chaplain's Story — The Life of John B. Bannon*, published by the Missouri Historical Society. Faherty also recently wrote an article about Jesuits of the Midwest for *The Encyclopedia of Jesuit History*, which has been published in Spanish. He also wrote 30 bios, many of them on renowned figures from Saint Louis University, for the same publication.

Dr. Marty Ferman (aerospace and mechanical engineering) was re-appointed as one of the four organizers for the International Conference on Recent Advances in Structural Dynamics to be held in July at the Institute of Sound and Vibration Research at the University of Southampton in Southampton, England. This is the largest conference on structural dynamics in Europe and is held every three years.

Dr. Philip Gavitt (history) presented two conference papers: "Family Economies and Charitable Institutions in Early Modern Florence" at the Social Science History Association 27th annual meeting in St. Louis and "Patronage Discipline, and Devotion in Early Modern Florentine Charity" at the 16th Century Studies Conference in San Antonio.

Dr. Mary Rose Grant (School for Professional Studies) presented "Practical Magic for Part-time Faculty: A Developer's Dream Model" and "Dream Work, Inc.: An Interdisciplinary Model for TA Development" with Tim Hickman, M.D., (curricular affairs) at the International POD Conference.

David J.A. Hayes III, J.D., (Parks College of Engineering and Aviation) made a presentation on labor restrictive provisions related to Regional Jets in airline pilot collective bargaining agreements in Washington, D.C.

Julie Hoffman (communication sciences and disorders) was elected president of the Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association and will serve a two-year term. She recently presented the in-service training session "Conversational Discourse Therapy for School-Aged Children" for speech-language pathologists. She also presented the half-day workshop "Diagnosis and Therapy for Children with Apraxia of Speech" for early childhood speech-language pathologists at the Special School District in St. Louis County.

Dr. Honore Hughes (psychology) was invited to present "Services and Interventions for Children Exposed to Intimate Partner Violence" at the conference on Children Exposed to Violence: Current Status, Gaps and Research Priorities.

Dr. Valerie Karras (theological studies) gave an illustrated presentation on "Eastern Christian Architecture and Church Decoration" at a conference on "Building the Church for 2010" near Chicago. Karras also participated in and presented the concluding report at a conference on "The Orthodox Churches in a Pluralistic World: An Ecumenical Conversation" Oct. 3-5 at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Mass.

Dr. Ronald Kellogg (psychology) co-wrote the paper "Concurrent Activation of High and Low Level Production Processes in Written Compo-sition," which appeared in *Memory & Cognition*.

Dr. Bruce Kowert (chem-

istry) gave the talk "Size-Dependent Diffusion of Organic Solutes in the n-Alkanes" at the 37th Midwest regional meeting of



the American Chemical Society. The meeting was held Oct. 23-25 at the University of Kansas. Kowert's co-authors were undergraduates Jared B. Jones and Jacob A. Zahm and former undergraduates Courtney L. Mapes, Chantel F. Fuqua and Kurtis T. Sobush.

Dr. Tim Kusky (earth and atmospheric sciences) and Chinese collaborators organized a conference and field meeting on 2.5-billion-year-old Dongwanzi ophiolite, bringing 30 international scientists to the site of their discovery of the oldest complete section of oceanic crust. Kusky also attended a Penrose Conference on high-pressure metamorphism and pre-Cambrian tectonics in Heng Shan, China, and gave a talk presenting a new model for the Proterozoic tectonic history of north China and Mongolia. Kusky gave the invited talk "Plate Tectonics and Life on the Early Earth" at the International Writers Center in Clayton, Mo. He attended the Workshop on the Tectonic Evolution of the Tethysides in Trieste, Italy, and presented the talk "Active Faulting and Uplift of the Northern Oman Mountains."

Dr. Amy Lang (aerospace and mechanical engineering) presented the co-authored paper "An Experimental Study of a Free-Surface Shear Layer with and without the Presence of Surfactants" at the annual American Society of Mechanical Engineers fluids engineering meeting in Montreal.

Arthur J. Labovitz, M.D., (cardiology) has been elected to a two-year term as president of the National Board of Echocardiography. The NBE has developed



and administers the certifying examination to physicians in the field of echocardiography, working in collaboration with the National Board of Medical Examiners.

Drs. Reuven R. Levary and Fred Niederman (decision sciences and MIS) co-wrote the chapter "Managing the Virtual Corporation Using Information Technology" in the book *IT-based Management: Challenges and Solutions*, which recently was published.

Dr. Sherry Lindquist (fine and performing arts) has been invited to give a lecture on Burgundian art at the Cleveland Museum of Art in conjunction with an international exhibition of Burgundian art in Cleveland and Dijon in 2004. Lindquist has been invited to contribute an essay on the status of artists in the Burgundian court to the forthcoming *The Court Artist in Renaissance Europe*.

Dr. Tim Lomperis (political

science) presented the paper "A Common Approach to an Old Problem: Laos and Afghanistan compared to Vietnam and Iraq on Asymmetric Warfare" at a conference on terrorism, asymmetric warfare and homeland security that was sponsored by the Centre for Conflict Studies at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, Canada.

Dr. Katherine MacKinnon (sociology and criminal justice) co-wrote the article "Cross-site Differences in the Foraging Behavior of White-faced Capuchins," which appeared in the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*.

Dr. Thomas Madden (history) gave an invited plenary lecture at the University of Sydney (Australia) on the role of provisioning in the diversion of the Fourth Crusade in 1202. Madden took part in a week-long workshop with 11 other crusade scholars from five countries.

Dr. David Manor (aerospace and mechanical engineering) presented the co-authored technical paper "Aerothermodynamic Environments and Thermal Protection System Design for a Wave-Rider TSTO Second Stage" at the AIAA/AAAF 11th International Space Planes and Hypersonic Systems and Technologies Conference held in Orleans, France.

Dr. Brian Mitchell (earth and atmospheric sciences) participated in three recent workshops. The first workshop, "Tectonics of Eastern Turkey and the Northern Arabian Plate" was held in Erzurum in eastern Turkey, where Mitchell gave the invited talk "Integrated Studies of Seismic Q, Shear Velocities and Plate Motions in the Middle East: Implications for Continental Evolution." At the International Center for Theoretical Physics in Trieste, Italy, he gave three hours of invited lectures on "Regional Studies of Anelasticity based upon Seismic Surface Waves and Lg Coda." Mitchell, with a colleague from the University of Trieste, organized the three-day workshop "Structure and Evolution of the Tethysides Orogenic Belt." In addition to opening remarks, Mitchell gave a talk on his research in the region. Fifty scientists from 21 countries attended the workshop.

Dr. Gregory A. Pass (Vatican Film Library) organized the 29th annual St. Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies held Oct. 11-12 at SLU. Speakers came from as far away as England, Belgium, Finland and Hungary. Dr. Susan L'Engle (Vatican Film Library) presented "Picturing Gregory: Decretals Illumination in Medieval Europe" at the conference. She also attended a meeting of the Medieval Manuscripts Society held in Baltimore at the Walters Art Museum.

Dr. Jean-Louis Pautrot (modern and classical languages) delivered a presentation on French novelist Patrick Modiano to the Alliance Française of St. Louis and moderated a discussion of Modiano's Holocaust narrative *Dora Bruder*.

Dr. Elisabeth Perry (history) wrote "Jury Duty: When History and Life Coincide," which was published in *the Chronicle of Higher Education*. She co-wrote "How to

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to two weeks. The virus, however, stays in the body after infection and may reactivate to cause new outbreaks. These outbreaks may happen many times a year and sometimes occur following illness, physical or emotional stress, or exposure to sunlight or certain foods or medications.

In previous clinical trials, GlaxoSmith-Kline Biologicals' candidate genital herpes vaccine has been administered to more than 2,700 people between 18 and 45 years of age. Previous studies indi-

cated that approximately 73 percent of women who were free from HSV-1 and HSV-2 infection at the beginning of the trials and who received the vaccine were protected against genital herpes disease.

Volunteers interested in participating in this clinical trial should call the Saint Louis University

Center for Vaccine Development at 977-6333.

"The department of internal medicine is proud that its faculty will lead the HERPEVAC trial, the largest international, multicenter study of women with this condition," said D. Douglas Miller, M.D., chairman of the department of internal medicine. "The study, funded by the NIH and coordinated at Saint Louis University, will vault the department and the School of Medicine into the top tier of national extramural grant funding."

With this award, the total dollars received by the Vaccine Center at Saint Louis University exceeds \$100 million, Belshe said.

Internal medicine is the largest department at the School of Medicine, with 14 divisions and 150 faculty and 400 staff.



Belshe

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graduates will be prepared to work in upper management administrative positions of health care organizations that include hospitals, insurance companies, consulting firms, ambulatory care facilities and rehab centers."

At 65 years, the health information management program at Saint Louis University is the oldest university-based program of its kind in the United States, preparing graduates for a variety of careers in the health care industry. Health information management provides an opportunity for a challenging career blending the fields of medical science, business, legal and information technology.

U.S. News & World Report, meanwhile, ranks the master of health administration program among the best in the nation. Graduates are prepared for management careers in a wide variety of health services organizations including hospitals and health systems, physician practice groups and clinics, residential and long-term care facilities, managed care organizations, and consulting firms. SLU's MHA program is the third oldest in the nation.

For more information about the new degree, call Nancy Gaines at 577-8516 or e-mail gainesnl@slu.edu.

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Organize an Outside Review," which was published in *Perspectives*, a newsmagazine of the American Historical Association.

Dr. Christopher Rahaim (aerospace and mechanical engineering) attended the World Space Congress held Oct. 10-19 in Houston. He presented the co-authored paper "Perspective of Launch Vehicle Size and Weight Based on Propulsion System Concept." Rahaim also attended committee meetings for the Space Propulsion Committee. In addition, he attended a one-day short course on space nuclear propulsion.

Drs. Habib Rahman (electrical engineering) and Beshara Sholy (avionics engineering) co-presented the paper "Teaching an Undergraduate Radar Systems Course: A Global Perspective" during a 2002 international colloquium sponsored by the American Society of Engineering Education in conjunction with the European Society for Engineering Education and the Technical University at Berlin.

Terisa Remelius (judicial affairs) has been named chairwoman for local arrangements for the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators national conference in St. Louis. The conference is being held March 22-26 at the America's Center. Remelius also has been selected to present the program "Renewing Our Spirit: The Impact of Professional Development Strategies on Women Administrators."

Dr. Michal J. Rozbicki (history) presented the paper "Axiomatic and Anachronistic Categories in the Historiography of 18th Century America" at the fall 2002 conference of the Midwestern

American Society for 18th Century Studies, in Springfield, Mo.



Dr. Alexa Serfis (chemistry), faculty adviser for the American Chemical Society (ACS) Student Affiliates chapter at Saint Louis University, was recognized at the 225th ACS national meeting in New Orleans. Her efforts represented the best in undergraduate science education and mentoring around the country.

Kenneth R. Smith, M.D. (neurosurgery), has been appointed to a panel that reviews research about brain disorders and clinical neurosciences for the National Institutes of Health. He will serve on the panel for four years.

Dr. Cynthia Stollhans (fine and performing arts) has been invited by the Brooks Museum in Memphis, Tenn., to present a paper on the 16th century painting of the "Mystical Marriage of St. Catherine of Alexandria" by Antonio Romanino. An article on the same also will be published as part of a fall 2003 symposium funded by the Kress Foundation.

Dr. Travis Threats (communication sciences and disorders) presented "A Framework for Outcomes in African American Populations" at the 2002 National Black Speech-Language-Hearing Association conference in Raleigh, N.C. He was asked to be the editor in chief of *Speech Pathology Online*.

Dr. Terry Tomazic (research methodology) recently wrote "Economic and Marketing Observations on the Population Changes in Missouri" for the *Regional Business Review*. He also was one of the editors for *The Social Risks of Agriculture*.



RENOVATIONS: Work continues toward upgrades in DuBourg Hall, including the removal of suspended ceilings in the halls to reveal original archways, stripping old wood panels, and rewiring. Another project includes improvements to Room 157, known by SLU historians as the former Jesuit community refectory. Once a dining hall used by the Jesuits and the former home of the Academic Services Center, the space will be available for large meetings with seating for 250 attendees. Major components for this project include the installation of new lighting, carpeting, paint and drapes. (Photos by Chris Waldvogel)

UNIVERSITY CONDOLENCES

Col. Thomas J. Mannion Jr., former professor for Parks College of Engineering and Aviation, died Oct. 19, 2002. He was 69. An alumnus who earned bachelor's and master's degrees from SLU, Col. Mannion joined the University faculty in 1970 and left in 1973 for his second tour in Southeast Asia as battle staff director for the TACC of the U.S. Support Activities Command. A command pilot with more than 3,500 hours of flying time, Col. Mannion amassed several honors and military decorations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross.

James Roland Bressie, former maintenance worker for Health Sciences Center building services died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002. He was 70. Mr. Bressie had served the University for 31 years and retired July 7, 2000.

Condolences also are extended to the following:

- Kathleen B. Merlo, director for the department of compliance, on the death of her husband, James Merlo, Oct. 23.

- Dr. Joan Carter, associate professor and associate dean for the School of Nursing, on the death of her husband, Dr. Don Eugene Carter, Nov. 3.

- Jacqueline Rucker, custodian for house-keeping, on the death of her mother, Dorothy Mae Rucker, Nov. 7.

- Michael O. Mueller, executive administrator for the department of internal medicine, on the death of his mother, Rita R. Mueller, Nov. 9.

- Dr. Richard J. Blackwell Sr., professor emeritus for the department of philosophy, on the death of his wife, Rosemary G. Blackwell, Nov. 12.

Dr. Paaige Turner (communication) wrote the article "Is Childbirth with Midwives Natural? The Gaze of the Feminine and the Pull of the Masculine," which was published in *Qualitative Inquiry*. Turner, along with Dr. Robert Krizek (communication), accompanied a number of students, both undergraduate and graduate, to the organizational communication mini-conference "Past, Present and Future. Celebrating 50 years of Teaching, Innovation, and Research" at Purdue University. She also presented the co-authored paper "I am a Feminist but ... I am not a Feminist but ... I am a Feminist who ... : Motherhood, Postmodern Identity and Third Wave Feminist Discourses" at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender conference in Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Dr. Ken Warren (political science) has signed a contract with Westview Press to publish a fourth volume of his book *Administrative Law*.

Dr. Terri Weaver (psychology) co-wrote the article "Rape-related HIV Risk Concerns Among Recent Rape Victims," for the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Weaver co-wrote the article "A Comparison of Cognitive Processing Therapy, Prolonged Exposure and a Waiting Condition for the Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in Female Rape Victims," which appeared in the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*.

Dr. Kathleen Wyrwich (research methodology) presented the workshops "Evaluating Change" for the International Society for Quality of Life Research held in Munich, Germany, and "Measuring Health-related Quality of Life Among Patients with Chronic Diseases" for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Dr. Michael Yonan (fine and performing arts) read the paper "Gender, Accessibility and Modernity at Maria Theresia's Schönbrunn" at the annual meeting of the Northeast American Society for 18th Century Studies in New York City.



Inquiring Photographer

What is the best gift you ever gave someone?

"A wedding ring I gave a diamond ring to my future wife."
— Fred Schneeberger, associate professor, department of aerospace technology



"My wife and I went to Phoenix, Ariz., for our 25th wedding anniversary."
— Dr. Buford Farris, professor, department of sociology and criminal justice

"Myself. I got married to my husband two days before Christmas six years ago."
— Janet Gerrard-Willis, graduate assistant, department of English



"I gave someone an electronic keyboard."
— Vinayak Shukla, graduate assistant, Graduate School

"I showed up in London on Thanksgiving Day to greet my daughter who was in England on a semester abroad program."
— Bob Mai, part-time faculty, department of educational studies



"When my daughter was 9 years old, we gave her a hamster. She had wanted a hamster for about two years. She was beside herself; she was so happy."
— Dr. Susan Everson, assistant professor, department of educational leadership and higher education

Gift to help expand role of GIS Lab

Part of an ongoing series

A generous gift to the College of Public Service will help map the future of Saint Louis University's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Lab.

A grant of \$250,000 over five years from The Norman J. Stupp Foundation will help establish a dedicated endowment fund for the lab, a computer-imaging center for analyzing, processing and displaying spatial data.

The gift will help provide income for the maintenance of the GIS lab, its affiliated educational laboratory and defray salary expenses. This endowed fund also will allow the GIS lab to undertake projects that would serve underprivileged community groups that are unable to afford the lab's services. In addition, more time will be spent contributing to the scholarship of urban planning and community development.

"This gift provides a foundation that allows the lab to do more extensive community outreach and not be dependent on projects that bring in a certain amount of money," said Dr. James Gilsinan, dean of the College of Public Service. "It also can be a lever to increase funding for a lot of the activities, particularly community outreach, that the college does."

The lab already has participated in some high-profile projects, including a searchable database that allows St. Louis residents to see where crimes are occurring in the city. The lab also helped design and create compact discs that include detailed pictures and blueprints of the inside of several St. Louis high schools as well as satellite imagery and aerial photographs of buildings' exteriors. The CDs have been given to the St. Louis Police Department, allowing for quick and effective response in case of a crisis.

This laboratory also is the foundation for the graduate degree in urban planning and real estate development



Graduate students work in the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Lab located in McGannon Hall. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

(UPRED) in the department of public policy studies. This graduate degree is the only professional planning degree in the state. The program has already supplied the city and the surrounding suburban communities with both public and private sector planners. Many young men and

In 1998, the generosity of the Norman J. Stupp Foundation enabled the college to develop the laboratory. In recognition of the foundation's support, the GIS lab will be named in honor of The Norman J. Stupp Foundation, Commerce Bank, trustee.

"The opportunity for regional collaboration and access to better information to help make public policy decisions in the St. Louis area are two compelling reasons why the Norman J. Stupp Foundation, for which Commerce Bank serves as trustee, has chosen to support this endeavor," said David W. Kemper, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Commerce Bancshares Inc.

"Not only does the GIS Lab provide an invaluable teaching tool for students enrolled in a variety of degree programs at Saint Louis University, but it is also available to the community.

"We are especially impressed that the department of public policy studies' UPRED program has collaborated so successfully with others to compile data about our region and to make this data available to those who are working to improve our neighborhoods and communities. The graphical display of data has many uses that support planning and development initiatives by government entities, private developers and community organizations throughout the metropolitan area."



women have acquired the technical, academic, and practical skills necessary to meet the challenges facing the area, and they are staying here to do so. Recent graduates are all employed in the St. Louis region.

Geographic Information Systems represent an integration of several sophisticated technologies. In much the same way, the GIS laboratory has been an integrating presence in the College of Public Service.

It has brought together representatives of numerous disciplines including educators, urban planners, policy analysts and safety experts. In addition, the GIS lab has provided a means whereby practitioners and academics can work together on common problems.

Schmitz recognized for teaching excellence

Paul G. Schmitz, M.D., professor of internal medicine-nephrology at the School of Medicine, has been awarded this year's Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Schmitz routinely is ranked by second-year medical students as one of the best teachers in the School of Medicine, with the renal and urinary tract module he directs consistently finishing as one of the highest-rated courses in the second year. Students also frequently note his meticulous preparation as an instructor and accessibility as a course director.

Now in its 11th year, the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes outstanding faculty members from Missouri colleges and universities and is presented annually to one faculty member from each of the state's two- and four-year institutions.

Nominees are considered for effective teaching, effective advising service to the University communi-

ty, commitment to high standards of excellence and success in nurturing student achievement.

Schmitz has received numerous other honors for his teaching, including the Osler Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Department of Internal Medicine in 1997 and 2000 and the American Medical Student Association Golden Apple Award from the School of Medicine in 2002.

He also is active in medical academics, serving on the editorial boards of three medical journals, and as a medical reviewer for nine other publications. He has published more than 50 articles in top medical journals and has delivered more than 1,000 prepared or invited lectures.

He has received numerous grants for research, including awards from the American Diabetes Association, the National Kidney Foundation and the National Institutes of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease.