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University close to launching Web-based Gateway

Powerful technology is coming to a computer near you. Thanks to "Gateway: the information initiative of Saint Louis University," members of the SLU community soon will be able to personalize Web content, send targeted announcements, start groups with access to electronic communication and tap into life at SLU through an electronic calendar. These tools will be available to students,

faculty and staff beginning Jan. 19.

Similar to Web sites such as Yahoo or MSN, Gateway will be a SLU-based Web tool that will allow you to customize content from the Web on your computer.

"Gateway will act like an electronic newspaper, but it will allow each user to fill in the page," said Dr. Michael Burks, director of academic IT services. "For example, if you are a Billiken sports fan, Gateway

would allow you to place that information wherever you want on your opening page. Whatever your interests are, you can place links to those interests. But instead of having to navigate through the Web, they will be available all from one page."

Through Gateway, members of the University community also will receive Newslink and weather updates and will be able to send targeted announcements. E-

mail also will be available through Gateway. The University has several training opportunities available to help you tap into all of this beneficial new technology.

In January, information technology services will begin offering employee training sessions focusing on the various aspects of Gateway, including an overall introduction;

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS: The Center for Leadership and Community Service hosted "Christmas at SLU" Dec. 4 in Busch Student Center's St. Louis Room. During the event, children from area social service agencies visited campus for a Christmas party and gift-giving celebration that included music, crafts, cookie decorating and a visit from Santa Claus. Approximately 100 children received gifts donated by the University community. Above left, Gina Ferrara, community development coordinator for housing and residence life, and student Katrina Hill look over the pile of presents. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

SLU professor wins grant to fight emerging viruses

5-year CDC award valued at \$2.2 million

A Saint Louis University professor has received a \$2.2 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study emerging viruses that could threaten the U.S. population.

During the next five years, Thomas Chambers, M.D., associate professor of molecular microbiology and immunology at the School of Medicine, will investigate how "flaviviruses" are responsible for causing hemorrhagic fever, encephalitis and West Nile illness. His work could lead to new and improved vaccines to prevent these diseases.

Chambers said the grant fits into the federal biodefense program because several of the viruses in this family are pathogens that need further study. "These viruses are in the realm of 'emerging infections' that pose threats — even independent of any potential bioterrorism risk," he said.

The funding is part of a \$27 million national grant program to enhance ongoing bioterrorism preparedness in the United States.

Chambers' research will study exactly how the yellow fever and

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SLU researchers testing new hepatitis C vaccine

University is only site conducting pilot study

With an estimated 170 million people around the world already infected with hepatitis C, Saint Louis University is testing — for the first time in humans — an investigational vaccine that researchers hope will prevent infection with the virus.



Frey

The successful development of such a vaccine would represent a major step in combating this growing health problem. Saint Louis University is the only site in the country conducting this pilot study.

"There is no licensed vaccine to protect against the hepatitis C virus," said Sharon Frey, M.D., principal investigator for the study and associate professor of internal medicine at the School of Medicine. "Our research is important

because infection with hepatitis C virus is a major health problem throughout the world. It is believed that 2.7 million Americans have chronic infection with this virus, and up to 170 million people may have chronic infection with hepatitis C virus throughout the world."

The purpose of this research is to study the safety and effectiveness

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Volleyball coach calls it a career

Pioneer spent 32 years in coaching, ranked third on active wins list

Saint Louis University is losing a sporting legend. Volleyball head coach Marilyn McReavy Nolen has announced her retirement from coaching. Her career came to a close at the end of the season, which came Nov. 21 against Tulane.

"As coaches, we are measured by our wins and losses, but I still believe that the coaching profession is one of teaching, and that is what I will miss the most," Nolen said. "Seeing players grow and mature as both players, and more importantly, as people has been extremely satisfying."

"I am indebted to many people I have had the chance to work with, including all the assistants I've had and the won-



Nolen

derful administrators I've worked under. I will cherish my memories here at Saint Louis University. I felt that my views match perfectly with the goals and the ideals for which the

University stands. I tried to instill the values and character that the University tries to teach everyone. I will remember all the camaraderie enjoyed with the staff at SLU and will miss that day-to-day interaction."

A pioneer in the sport of volleyball and the advancement of women's athletics, the 59-year old Nolen finished her 32nd year of collegiate coaching and her 10th at the helm of the Billikens. She ranks third on the active NCAA Division I coaching victory list and has a career record of 809-358-12 and 190-140 at SLU.

"We are grateful for Marilyn's contributions to our

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A MESSAGE FROM THE

PRESIDENT

During busy season, stop to give thanks

Just like clockwork, the signs of the season have arrived at Saint Louis University. Our SLU community recently gathered at Grand and Lindell before the Christ child's crib to sing carols and share holiday greetings.

Students have been burning the proverbial midnight oil in Busch Student Center and in the library to prepare for their finals. Colleagues have been exchanging cards and simple gifts, and departments are putting the finishing touches on preparations for their holiday parties. Some of us may even put in some extra hours to get work done before the holiday break.

Although I realize the holiday season is a hectic time for all of us – both at home and at work – I would encourage every one to take some time to pause and give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy.

Instead of dreading that long Christmas card list, let us give thanks because we are blessed with so many friends.

Instead of obsessing about that extra holi-

day weight, let us be grateful we have had more than enough to eat.

Instead of complaining about high heating bills, let us realize we are fortunate to have a place to keep us warm.

Instead of becoming irritated with the store crowds, let us give thanks for the resources to purchase gifts.

Instead of being troubled about all the cleaning and decorating that needs to be done, let us be thankful that we have a home.

Instead of worrying about how to find time for visiting all of those close to us, let us be glad we are blessed with family.

As we approach the end of another year, may the true joy of the holiday season be with you and your family, and may God continue to bless all

of us in the SLU family in 2004.



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SPS offering new program thanks to unique partnership

Saint Louis University's School for Professional Studies (SPS) and The Boeing Company have developed a unique partnership to educate working adults in the area of contract management.

Available as a minor or post-bachelor's certificate, the program is designed to help students gain knowledge in procuring, negotiating and administering contracts with suppliers, distributors and end-product users. The program tackles financial and legal issues in various industries of both domestic and foreign markets.

Boeing actually approached SLU with the idea of developing a program due to high demand in the industry. Boeing management wanted a contracting management education program that would help meet the needs of their new hires, assist seasoned employees in gaining the knowledge they need to respond quickly to job changes and that would facilitate passing the NCMA professional contract certification examination. SLU designed a program for credit to meet the needs of the profession as delineated by the National Contract Management body of knowledge.

"I am very happy with the class-

es that I have attended and the quality of instructors that SLU has hired," said Lynnette Blackburn, Boeing contracts trainer and SLU liaison. "Students are pleased because their knowledge objectives are being met, and they are receiving a more well-rounded contracts background, greatly broadening their on-the-job training."

Although SPS plans to offer the courses in sequence, there has been such demand for classes that SPS plans to offer the prerequisite course again in the spring. The classes, which are held on the Boeing site, are open to both Boeing and non-Boeing employees. Course work for the program consists of five required courses and one elective for a total of 18 credit hours.

Early response to the program has been encouraging. "We've had a lot of interest – well over 100 inquiries about the program," said Sarah Bruno, director of recruitment and marketing for SPS. "And certainly, we're excited about this new program and partnership. It's yet another example of SLU responding to the needs of the community."

For more information about the program, call 977-2330.



Human Resources FYI

Q: Do University employees who work for SLUCare receive fewer holidays than other University employees?

A: No. All employees of the University receive 13 paid holidays. However, SLUCare days of operation are independent of the scheduled University holidays. Employees who work on designated University holidays are given a "floating holiday" to take prior to the end of the fiscal year.

University holiday	UMG Operation
Independence Day	Closed
Labor Day	Closed
Day before Thanksgiving	Open until noon or all patients are seen
Thanksgiving	Closed
Day after Thanksgiving	Open
Christmas Eve	Open until noon or all patients are seen
Christmas Day	Closed
Day after Christmas	Open
New Year's Eve	Open
New Year's Day	Closed
Martin L. King's Birthday	Open
Good Friday	Open until noon or all patients are seen
Memorial Day	Closed



CELEBRATING THE SEASON: Several members of the University community withstood cold temperatures and light rain at the annual crib blessing Dec. 3 at the corner of Grand and Lindell boulevards. The event included 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. Above, Michael Doody, S.J., director of campus ministry, and Mary Flick, assistant vice president for mission and ministry, at the blessing. (Photo by Allison Babka Burney)

Museum seeking works of SLU artists

The Saint Louis University Museum of Art is asking for submissions from artists within the University community to highlight in the next SLU Community Gallery exhibition.

Past artists have included Amy Bautz, assistant professor of fine art; Deborah A. Williams, research assistant for the department of pharmacological and physiological science; alumnus Earle J. Kennedy Jr.; Margie Edel, associate professor of nursing and director of baccalaureate and master programs in nursing; and student works from Erin Bunker and Patrick Keefe.

The new exhibit will begin Tuesday, Feb. 10, and continue through Sunday, April 4. Deadline for submission packets is Saturday, Jan. 10. Acceptance notification will be by Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Accepted artwork must be delivered during museum hours by Saturday, Jan. 24. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, with extended hours

of noon-4 p.m. on Friday. The museum is closed on Mondays. All artwork should be professionally framed and ready for installation. The exhibitor should pick up all exhibited artwork at the museum April 5-19 during museum hours.

For a submission packet, please include:

- A clear numbered photo or slide of submitted artwork for consideration, with a limit of five pieces per applicant.

- Slide or photo list with title, size, medium and year of artwork being submitted. (If a photo is submitted, all information can be written on back of the photo.)

- Contact information, including name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and department affiliation (if applicable).

- A stamped, self-addressed envelope for return of submission materials.

For more information, call 977-3399.



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UPCOMING ISSUE: The next issue of *Grand Connections* is scheduled to be on the stands Friday, Jan. 9. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Dec. 19.

SLU solicits feedback on first-year experience here

Provost's office considering summits to tap other undergraduate students

Freshmen were the focus of a summit designed to evaluate the student experience at Saint Louis University. "Summit I: The First-Year Experience" brought together students, faculty and staff Nov. 21 in an effort to openly discuss the quality of early undergraduate experiences at SLU.

"There is an undeniable transition from high school to college," said Provost Joe Weixlmann. "SLU wants to ensure that we have programs in place that assist with that transition both academically and inter-personally."

The University already has made significant advances in assisting freshmen students. In 2002, SLU revived "University 101: Enhancing First-year Success," a one-hour course that helps students adjust to and succeed in college. The class focuses on issues such as campus involvement, Jesuit mission, study skills and time management. It also provides a forum for students to talk about their transition to college with their peers, faculty/staff and upper-class students.

SLU also hosts a two-day summer program called "SLU 101" that introduces parents and students to life at Saint Louis University and hosts a "Welcome Week" that includes activities aimed to connect

first-year students with resources and people on campus. In the classroom, SLU2000 inquiry courses offer small, interactive experiences that fulfill core requirements.

In addition, SLU boasts housing options in which freshmen live together with their peers and have additional staffing support, programming and residential resources focused on the needs of first-year students, including opportunities to live in specific themed housing communities.

Retention and graduation rates have improved at SLU (see tables) in recent years. Weixlmann said that the summit is not a reactive response to undesirable trends; instead, it is designed to solicit feedback about what is working and how to improve the current aspects of the first-year experience.

"Life at SLU is good," Weixlmann said. "But it can always be better. Our purpose is to discover those things that make the experience if not truly unique, at least distinctive, and take them even further."

More importantly, the summit is a means to create better awareness, synergy and collaboration between the academic side of SLU and the arms of the University such as career services, stu-

dent life or campus ministry, that serve students.

"We will examine how we can get all of the various divisions and departments at SLU working together for us," Weixlmann said. "Many of the components that add to the first-year experience have developed in isolation from one another. This is a means for bringing them all together."

The provost's office is considering the extension of the summit series. One is planned for the senior year that will address the effectiveness of practica, senior theses, internships, capstone courses and other culminating experiences. Summits exploring the junior and sophomore years, meanwhile, may focus on topics such as diversity, globalization and technology, or on lingering transition issues.

Weixlmann said the summits also will educate students about how the dimensions of a SLU education contribute to the development of the whole person.

"We really need our students to see the importance of a holistic education, one in which people understand that, in addition to the knowledge base and skill sets they receive in their disciplines, the liberal learning they are getting through the core is really a crucial and foundational part of the experience. Core courses and one's major have to work together in a



Weixlmann

Freshmen retention rates

	1st year	2nd year	3rd year
Fall '93	83.2%	74.2%	70.7%
Fall '94	84.0%	75.4%	71.7%
Fall '95	83.0%	76.4%	74.2%
Fall '96	87.3%	77.3%	73.6%
Fall '97	86.5%	79.4%	75.4%
Fall '98	87.4%	79.0%	75.7%
Fall '99	88.1%	80.3%	77.0%
Fall '00	85.9%	79.2%	
Fall '01	86.7%		

Undergraduate graduation rates

	4th year	5th year	6th year
Fall '93	48.0%	62.7%	65.4%
Fall '94	52.1%	65.4%	67.2%
Fall '95	52.2%	66.5%	68.7%
Fall '96	53.8%	67.5%	70.7%
Fall '97	54.9%	69.6%	
Fall '98	52.3%		

Source: Office of Institutional Study

harmonious and mutually enforcing way. To do that, there has to be intentionality on the part of the faculty and students."

Officials also expect that the summits could help to strengthen the assessment of SLU's curriculum. "We should seriously, deeply and intelligently be assessing the core," Weixlmann said. "Once we know what really works in terms of student outcomes, we will be in a better position to know what we should change."



Employee Spotlight

Name: Vicki Wroblewski

Position: director of diversity and affirmative action

Nature of your work: I oversee SLU's affirmative action program and provide guidance on workplace and student accommodations.

Born: Aug. 29, 1955, in St. Louis

Education: BS in secondary education and an MBA with emphasis in human resources

Three words that describe me: creative, caring and patient

For one day, I'd like to trade places with: Paula Zahn of CNN.

If I couldn't have my present job, I'd like to: have my own arts and crafts business.

Favorite vacation spot: spring training in Jupiter, Fla.

A book I would recommend is: *An Unfinished Life*—John F. Kennedy

Favorite CD: *Up!* by Shania Twain

Favorite television show: *ER*—It's the only TV show I watch.

I'd like to meet: Bob Costas.

Pet peeve: thoughtless drivers

Favorite food: a good steak

Favorite sports teams: Billikens, Cardinals and Rams

Best advice your parents ever gave you: Always do your best because if you have done

your best you can always feel good about what you have done.

My fondest childhood memory: making angels in the snow and snow sledding with my sisters down the hill behind our house

Guilty pleasure: The Cheesecake Factory

Almost nobody knows that I: volunteer to help small not-for-profit organizations develop fun and creative fund raisers.

A good movie I've seen lately: *The Matrix Reloaded*

What hobbies do you enjoy in your spare time? coming up with unique craft ideas

Favorite World Wide Web site: www.slu.edu. I search for information all the time.

Best career move: coming to SLU

Someday I hope to: see the "Fulfilling the Mission" program I'm currently working on become incorporated into our daily lives at SLU.

Proudest moment: completing my MBA while working 50-60 hours per week.

Something that remains a mystery to me is: how you can do an Internet search and have a wealth of information at your fingertips in just seconds.

A good way to relieve stress is: to go to a sporting event and cheer with the crowd.

Words to live by: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.



SLU offers procedure to combat emphysema

Division chair at School of Medicine helped study effectiveness of lung surgery

Medicare and Medicaid patients with emphysema soon will be eligible for a surgical procedure that could help them breathe easier, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced recently.

Beginning in January, Medicare and Medicaid patients who meet certain criteria will be able to undergo lung volume reduction surgery — a procedure designed to improve breathing and exercise capacity — at Saint Louis University Hospital and other sites designated by CMS.

The announcement follows the conclusion of the first major nationwide study of the procedure, which showed that removing a portion of a diseased lung can improve lung function and quality of life for carefully selected emphysema patients.

"For the right patient, this surgery can make a big difference," said Keith Naunheim, M.D., chairman for the division of cardiothoracic surgery at the School of Medicine. "While it's not a cure, it can restore their ability to participate in everyday activities and

increase their freedom."

Naunheim was on the writing committee for the six-year study, which began in 1996 as a cooperative effort between the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) — a division of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) — and CMS.

Researchers at 17 clinical sites studied survival, exercise capacity, lung function, quality of life, dyspnea (shortness of breath), and illness and hospitalization rates of 1,218 patients. They found the surgery was effective for patients who had emphysema predominantly in the upper lobes of their lungs and were able to do little exercise. This group showed increased function and improved survival rates after the procedure, Naunheim said.

Patients who meet these criteria will be eligible for the procedure at the 17 sites that participated in the study and at designated lung transplant centers nationwide.

To book an appointment with Naunheim for an evaluation, patients may call 577-8341.

NEWS

*** BRIEFS ***

FACULTY FORUM: The office of research services and Reinert Center for Teaching Excellence are co-sponsoring the faculty forum "I Wasn't Hatched This Way: Integrating Teaching and Research" from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, in the Anheuser-Busch Auditorium of Cook Hall. Dr. James Lightbourne of the human resources and social sciences division of the National Science Foundation, will deliver the keynote address. Faculty members from a variety of academic areas also will discuss ways they integrate teaching and research. For additional information, and to register, visit the seminar Web site at <http://itr.slu.edu>, or call Scott Krummenacher at 977-2241.

NEW EXHIBITS: The Saint Louis University Museum of Art welcomes the works of several more noted artists to campus. African-American collagist and poet Theodore A. Harris has art on display now. Harris' "Our Flesh of Flames" exhibition will be on view through Tuesday, Dec. 23, in galleries 206 and 207. Harris' exhibition is sponsored by the Cross Cultural Center, office of the provost, the English department and the African-American studies program. In addition, "Time Play: A 25 Year Retrospective of Van McElwee's Video Art" by Van McElwee will be on display from Friday, Jan. 23, through Sunday, April 4, on the first floor. "Betwixt and Between" by Christina Shmigel also will open Jan. 23 and be at the contemporary project gallery on the second floor until July 2004. An opening reception for "Time Play: A 25 Year Retrospective of Van McElwee's Video Art" and "Betwixt and Between" will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. Jan. 23.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT: The division of allergy and immunology is recruiting individuals for an asthma study to determine the effectiveness and safety of an investigational drug in subjects with moderate to severe asthma. The investigational drug is an inhaler that

contains two drugs that, when given by different devices, have been shown to be effective for asthma. During the year-long study, eligible patients will receive an inhaler containing at least one drug. To qualify, participants must be at least 12 years old, have a diagnosis of asthma, be taking at least two regular asthma medications and be a non-smoker. Participants will receive study medication, routine labs, lung function tests and compensation. To volunteer, or for more information, call 268-5880 or 800-268-5880.

TRIAL RUN: The Saint Louis University mock trial team recently attended an invitational competition at Illinois State University, with a total of 28 teams competing. Continuing its winning ways, SLU's team won the second-place trophy. Additionally, individual honors were awarded to students Latieka Sanford as an outstanding attorney and Melanie Riley and Ashley Rothe as outstanding witnesses. Students interested in participating with the team should consider enrolling next autumn in the prelaw studies course "Mock Trial Practicum" (PLSA-290). Members of the second-place team were: Mike Crowley, Rex Gradeless, David McCune, David Pritchett, Rothe, Sarah Schauerte and Christine Young. Mike McDonnell and Jim Paul serve as attorney coaches and Dr. Charles Fleener as faculty coach. Kate Kimker is a former mock trial team captain and a Saint Louis University graduate. She is a first-year law student and an assistant coach. For additional information, please drop by Xavier Hall, Room 325, or call Fleener at 977-2908.

BENEFIT NEWS: Effective Jan. 1, certain over-the-counter (OTC) drugs needed for medical care may be reimbursed in reasonable quantities with a receipt under the Flexible Spending Plan. Participants may use their MBI Flex MasterCard when purchasing eligible OTC medications by



HONORING FATHER REINERT: The College of Public Service dedicated the Paul C. Reinert, S.J., Clinics for Family and Child Development Nov. 12 during a celebration at the Saint Louis University Museum of Art. The clinics and dedication honor Reinert, longtime University president and chancellor emeritus who passed away in July 2001. The naming was made possible by a \$1 million anonymous donation. Four formerly independent clinics — the Early Childhood Learning Center, the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, the Center for Counseling and Family Therapy and the Special Learning Clinic — now will be able to coordinate their efforts better to serve families. From left, Don Whelan, vice president for development and University relations; Provost Joe Weixlmann; Dr. James Gilsinan, dean of the College of Public Service; and John Padberg, S.J., director of the Institute for Jesuit Sources and a colleague of Reinert, unveil a portrait of Reinert that will hang within the clinics. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

submitting the receipt and a claim form directly to The EPOCH Group, 10795 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63127. Examples of eligible OTC drugs that require only a receipt include antacids, allergy medicine, pain relievers, cold medicine, laxatives, cough drops, children's electrolyte maintenance products and eye drops. Although every OTC drug purchase will require a receipt submitted to the EPOCH Group, some drugs also will require a physician's note. A few examples of OTC drugs that require a receipt as well as a physician's note include weight-loss pills to treat a specific disease, drugs for participants who are lactose intolerant, herbs for treating depression and prenatal vitamins. OTC drugs that never are eligible under the Flexible Spending Plan include toothpaste, lip balm and suntan lotion.

IRB TRAINING CHANGE: The human research subjects training program provided by the Collaborative Institutional Review Board Training Initiative (CITI) recently gave

notice that records of completed training modules will not be kept in their database longer than 30 days. Therefore, anyone who is taking the IRB training or who is planning to do so must complete the training within 30 days after registering, or training records may be deleted by CITI, and you will need to reregister and retake the course. The IRB training may be accessed on the IRB Web site. For more information, e-mail IRB@slu.edu.

DIVERSITY AWARDS: As part of Diversity Awareness Month, Saint Louis University recently recognized 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. In a Nov. 20 ceremony held in Busch Student Center, 11 individuals were honored for their dedication to promoting cultural appreciation. The winners included faculty members Dr. Kwesi Dugbatey, M.D., assistant professor of community health, Dr. Teresa Johnson, Spanish professor in the department of modern and classical languages, and Dr. Karla Scott, director of the African-American studies program; staff members Dr. Joseph Weixlmann, University provost, Janice Harris, financial coordinator in the office of student life, Greg Horton, director of the Cross Cultural Center, and Lisa Reiter, associate director of campus ministry; and students Chris Clark, Chidi Ogbonna, Sarah Ridder and Phil Woodmore.

FACULTY TECH: The Reinert Center for Teaching Excellence and information technology services are offering an opportunity for faculty members to experience emerging educational technologies and explore how these tools can be integrated effectively into the

learning environment. The seventh annual Faculty Winter Institute will be Thursday, Jan. 8. Dr. Randy Bass, executive director of Georgetown University's Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship, will serve as keynote speaker and discuss "Changing Faculty Roles in New Learning Environments and the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning." An associate professor of English and a member of the American Studies Committee at Georgetown, Bass also is the director of the Visible Knowledge Project, a five-year scholarship of teaching project exploring the impact of technology on learning in the humanities, and the director of the American Studies Crossroads Project, an international project on technology and education in affiliation with the American Studies Association. To register for the institute or for more information, visit institute.slu.edu.

PEOPLE PERSONS: A respected program at Saint Louis University has gained national attention from *People* magazine. In its Nov. 24 issue, *People* covered the history of the Campus Kitchens Project, which began and is headquartered at SLU. The article features Kitchen founders Karen Borchert and Jessica Jackson and their vision to help others. "Connecting with the community has become like an addiction, and I'm not planning to try to kick it," Jackson said in the article. SLU launched the Campus Kitchen in October 2001. The organization feeds hundreds of St. Louis' hungry citizens each week with the help of student volunteers, surplus food from residence halls and partnerships among a number of area organizations. Nationally, the Campus Kitchens Project now has six sites in operation. For more information about SLU Campus Kitchen, contact Radha Duggal at 977-3881.



FOILED AGAIN: The Classical Fencing Society of Saint Louis University offered a workshop in classical fencing Nov. 15 in the Saint Louis Room at Busch Student Center. Fencing master Nick Evangelista led the workshop, which focused on foil, epee and saber. With more than 30 years of fencing experience, Evangelista studied the art in both the United States and Europe. The Classical Fencing Society is open to the entire SLU community. For more information about classical fencing, call Robert M. Heaney, M.D., at 577-8212 or e-mail heaneyrm@slu.edu. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

SLU awards its highest honor to alumnus 'Buzz' Westfall

Saint Louis University has given its highest honor to the late George R. "Buzz" Westfall. The University recognized the legacy of Mr. Westfall, a SLU alumnus, with its Sword of Ignatius Loyola Dec. 7.

Mr. Westfall passed away Oct. 27, 2003.

"Mr. Westfall was not only a deeply committed public servant who provided remarkable leadership, but also he was an extremely charitable man who truly made a difference in people's lives," said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. "He epitomized the University's mission of service and social justice in the Jesuit tradition."

One of the region's most influential public figures of the last 20 years, Mr.

Westfall grew up in a housing project near North Grand Boulevard. He earned his bachelor's and law degrees from SLU.

After graduating, he joined the Saint Louis County prosecutor's office, eventually rising in 1978 to be elected county prosecuting attorney, a position he held for 12 years.

Mr. Westfall was elected county executive in November 1990 and was re-elected three times, most recently in November 2002. Noted for his bipartisanship and regional focus, he garnered high praise, and his countless accomplishments included the creation of the Metropolitan Education and Training

Center, a workforce development partnership that has increased employment opportunities for hundreds of area residents.



Westfall

One of his proudest accomplishments was the establishment of a Saint Louis County shelter for battered women and children. He also organized the Saint Louis County Fair and Air Show, which has raised more than \$1 million for local children's hospitals.

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. Past recipients include Harry S. Truman, Jacques Cousteau, Archbishop John May and former U.S. Senators John C. Danforth and Thomas F. Eagleton. Last year's recipient was Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

A committee with representation from students, faculty, staff and administrators recommends the honoree. This year, Julius Hunter, vice president for community relations, chaired the group and said it unanimously chose Mr. Westfall for the recognition. He added that the Westfall family was honored when they learned that SLU wanted to confer the sword posthumously on Mr. Westfall.

What to do when bad weather hits

The forecast doesn't sound good. St. Louis is about to get a few inches of snow. Or the temperature is hovering around the freezing point. Will the precipitation be rain, snow or ice?

Although you can never predict the weather in St. Louis, members of the Saint Louis University community always have a valuable resource at their fingertips to glean information on the opening status of the University amid difficult weather conditions.

Students, faculty and staff can call the University's snowline at 977-SNOW (7669). The phone line will have the latest information on whether Saint Louis University is open or closed. Please dial carefully, and be sure to dial the prefix 977.

Announcements also will be made by KSDK-TV Channel 5, KMOV-TV Channel 4, KTVI-TV Channel 2 and KMOX AM 1120.

An announcement of "snow schedule" means all classes and activities after 10 a.m. continue as scheduled.

"Cancellation of classes" indicates scheduled classes are suspended, but all other University activities are continued.

"Closure of the University" refers to the situation in which all University activities are suspended and all offices are closed; only emergency essential employees identified by their respective vice presidents need to report to work.

This policy extends to all operating divisions of the University with the exception of SLUCare, which has its own policy based on operational requirements concerning weather-related reductions in service.

For more information, please refer to the University's winter storm policy, which can be found on the Web at <http://fs.slu.edu/WinterStormPolicy.htm>.



Students, faculty and staff can call 977-7669 when bad weather hits for information about the opening status of the University. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

Medical school names new associate dean

Stuart J. Slavin, M.D., M.Ed., a 1983 graduate of the School of Medicine, has been named associate dean for curricular affairs for the school.

"Dr. Slavin will come to us from the University of California-Los Angeles and is nationally recognized as one of our leading medical educators," said Patricia L. Monteleone, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine. "He is sought after as a speaker and curriculum consultant to medical schools throughout the country. I am confident that Dr. Slavin will skillfully lead our medical student educational mission into the next decade."

Slavin served his internship and residency in pediatrics at the UCLA School of Medicine (1983-1986) and was chief resident in pediatrics at the Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA (1986-87). He has held a faculty appointment at the UCLA School of Medicine since 1987, where he is professor of pediatrics, vice chairman for education and director of the pediatric residency program at Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA.

Slavin received a master of education degree from the University of Southern

California in 1992 and has received several awards and honors for teaching, including the UCLA Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Award of Merit for Teaching Experiences from the UCLA Classes of 1992, 1995, 1999 and 2003.

Slavin is co-chair of UCLA Medical Education Committee and has served in many roles in UCLA School of Medicine's undergraduate medical education committees and the department of pediatrics education committees.

He is the holder of three grants from the Health Resources and Services Administration and is the author of numerous manuscripts and book chapters while serving as a reviewer for eight journals, including *Pediatrics*, *Academic Medicine*, *Medical Education*, *Ambulatory Pediatrics* and *Research in Medical Education*. Slavin will assume his position effective July 1, 2004.

"I would like to thank the search committee members for all of their efforts. Special thanks to Dr. William Mootz, who has served ably as acting associate dean for curricular affairs and will continue in that position until Dr. Slavin arrives," Monteleone said.

Join effort in stopping junk mail

E-mail users at Saint Louis University have complained about the large amount of spam/junk e-mail that fills the inbox, so information technology services is taking additional action against spam e-mail.

Recently, on 12 consecutive days, ITS tested an upgrade to junk mail-blocking software that rests on the e-mail server at the University. More than 406,000 junk e-mails were noted and allowed to pass with this new improvement.

With more than 200,000 e-mail messages coming into the University on any given day, the current Ironmail tool and antivirus products on the e-mail server stop about 65 percent of them from ever reaching your SLU e-mail box. That leaves about 70,000 messages being delivered daily.

During the next two months (from Dec. 1 to Feb. 1), you may continue to get some unwanted mail, but with the new upgrade in place, if Ironmail suspects the e-mail is junk, the subject line of your message will include the message "Junk Mail. Forward to GOODMAIL if OK" and then the remainder of your subject. This way, you will know before opening the mail that Ironmail suspects you've been spammed.

If the e-mail is junk, you may just delete it from your inbox. If the email is not junk and you want

Ironmail to allow it to pass from now on, forward a copy of it to goodmail@slu.edu.

These steps will help eliminate unwanted e-mail, but it is just as important that users of SLU e-mail help with the spam problem. To do so, follow these tips:

- Use a free Internet-based e-mail account, such as Hotmail, Excite or Yahoo, for any non-University e-mail correspondence.

- If you want to stop receiving e-mail from a list serv, unsubscribe from the service as provided in the enrollment instructions when you initially subscribed. Just deleting the mail will not stop it from being delivered the next time the list sends their group message.

- Send any flagged junk mail that is good to goodmail@slu.edu so that Ironmail will allow it to pass to you.

- Do not participate in chain letters or in forwarding e-mails that have already been forwarded to numerous users, many of whom you do not know.

- Keep your antivirus software up-to-date just in case you receive a virus through a suspicious e-mail.

More information about the latest efforts to stop unwanted e-mail will be coming as this project develops. Keep informed through the IT-Insider, Newslink and *Grand Connections*.

Top OSHA official visits School of Public Health

The top official at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) visited the School of Public Health recently to discuss how to protect ambulance drivers and other emergency workers from new infectious diseases such as SARS.

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health John Henshaw was invited to the school by faculty from the school's division of environmental and occupational health and the Center for the Study of Bioterrorism and Emerging Infections.

"We had some ideas we wanted to share, and we wanted to hear what he had to say, too," said associate professor Roger Lewis.

They discussed possible solutions, such as using a special light to identify dangerous pathogens on ambulance surfaces, and implementing new sterilization techniques.

Also attending the meeting were management from the St. Louis Fire Department Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, regional labor officials and others.

City honors University for Midtown developments

St. Louis Mayor Francis G. Slay honored Saint Louis University recently for its developments in Midtown during the 2003 City of St. Louis Business Celebration Luncheon.

About 1,000 people from both public and private sectors attended the event, which was held at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis. University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., and Kathleen Brady, vice president for facilities management and civic affairs, accepted the award.

Under Biondi's leadership, SLU has

been leading a Renaissance of Midtown, and its capital investments in the area during the last 15 years total more than \$400 million.

In August, SLU unveiled a \$22 million renovation and expansion of Busch Student Center and recently opened Water Tower Inn, a 62-room hotel, as well as the adjoining Salus Center, which is home to many University offices and the School of Public Health.

Currently, SLU is moving forward on two projects. The planned \$70 million on-campus arena will be a catalyst in the

continuing revitalization of the metropolitan area. The new \$80 million research facilities at the Health Sciences Center represent the largest single building project since the University's founding in 1818.

The University earned honors in the "Developments of the Year" category for "developments that most dramatically convert a catalytic vision for the city into bricks and mortar."

In his introduction to the awards ceremony, Slay, an alumnus of SLU's law school, told the audience about the posi-

tive momentum the city is experiencing and expressed his thanks to the business community.

"Your faith in the city and your willingness to grow with us are really the things that are changing attitudes about St. Louis," Slay said.

Slay and Rodney Crim, executive director of the St. Louis Development Corp., presented the business awards to SLU and 17 other companies and organizations.



On the Move

- Kara Alberti, to medical records clerk for medical records
- Richard Butlas, to mail carrier for the mail center
- Sarah Caravia, to academic adviser for the School for Professional Studies
- John Connor, to protective service officer for the department of public safety
- Derek Durfee, to senior secretary for the department of anesthesiology
- Matthew Furlong, to library associate for Pius XII Memorial Library
- Kami Hancock, to administrative secretary for the department of English
- Elizabeth Hilton, to coordinator of campaign communications for University development
- Barbara Kariuki, to research assistant for the department of pediatrics
- Sheila Kirkland, to business manager for the department of neurology
- Peggy Kovac, to manager for practice management operations
- Tammy Modglin, to senior patient coordinator for the division of cardiology
- Angela Recktenwald, to senior research assistant for the School of Public Health
- Lynnette Ressler, to program assistant for the department of internal medicine
- Mary C. Turcotte, to education coordinator for the Cancer Center
- Eric Valdivia, to patient coordinator for the department of internal medicine/infectious diseases
- Kemberly Waller, to research assistant for the department of molecular microbiology and immunology
- Sharon Walsh, to clinical technologist for the department of pathology

Holiday gifts abound in SLU's museum shop

The Saint Louis University Museum of Art has great holiday gifts in the museum shop.

Items include Christmas cards by alumna Sharon Stockmann featuring St. Francis Xavier, College Church; original, flame-worked glass sculptures by local artist Karen Woodward; tote bags, featuring SLUMA; books; figurines; miniature Limoges; 14K jewelry and sterling silver; postcards and much more.

To view all the shop has to offer, stop by the Saint Louis University Museum of Art, and visit the museum shop located on the first floor.

The shop is open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday and from noon-4 p.m. Friday.



A Christmas card by alumna Sharon Stockman features St. Francis Xavier College Church.

Students, faculty and staff receive a 10 percent discount with ID.

For more information, call Jerri Long at 977-6631.

SLUCare Des Peres physician gives guaranteed tips for avoiding colds

We sit shoulder to shoulder with others during holiday performances, tightly pack lines waiting to have a photo taken with Santa and mingle with acquaintances at parties. Then we wonder why this is the season when we get colds, which are spread by a virus that hops on surfaces such as our hands and thrives for up to three hours.

Mark Mengel, M.D., director of the Primary Care and Prevention Center at SLUCare's Des Peres Medical Arts Pavilion in west St. Louis County, has these cold-fighting strategies.

• Every time you shake hands, make a mental note to wash yours. And wash frequently other times, too. Running lots of water over your hands thoroughly dilutes the

virus and sends it down the drain.

• Try not to touch your nose and eyes. These are places where cold germs enter your body.

• Get enough sleep — eight to 10 hours a night. You can't fight colds and other bugs as well if you become fatigued because you aren't spending enough time in the sack to recharge your battery.

• If you smoke, stop. Smoking destroys the cilia — little hair-like fibers inside our noses and lung tube cells — that keep mucus from clogging the lining of the nose and lungs.

• Don't eat after double dippers at holiday buffets. The person who nabs a second and third dollop of ranch dressing on the same carrot stick may be passing the virus to those who eat after.



Mengel

University hosts visiting journalists

Five broadcast journalists from Belarus, along with two interpreters from the U.S. State Department, came to Saint Louis University Nov. 7 to inquire about the production of news features and documentaries in the United States.

The International Visitor Program of the World Affairs Council of St. Louis contacted SLU's department of communication to arrange for the program.

The visiting journalists said the content of broadcast news in Belarus is censored or closely monitored by the government. To avoid problems, reporters have turned to the documentary format to explore and expose

various negative aspects of life in Belarusian society.

Alena Dmitrievna Barysava, an editor in chief of news programs, said that stations could be shut down indefinitely if new reports were judged to be critical of the Belarus government and the political system. Sergei Leonidovich Boyko, deputy TV director and editor in chief of the regional TV show *Skif* told of the many problems of producing and distributing documentaries that exposed "real life" in Belarus.

Meeting with the Belarus visitors were Dr. John Pauly, professor of communication; William Tyler, professor of communication and an independent commercial producer; and Gary

Seibert S.J., independent producer and adjunct professor of communication. Also participating from SLU were Jeff Fowler, interim associate vice president for marketing and communications and former investigative reporter for KSDK Channel 5; and Dr. Daniel Schlafly, professor of history and expert in post-Soviet society.

Completing the roundtable were Jim Kirchherr, documentary producer at KETC Channel 9; Brent Jaimes, independent documentary producer and lawyer; and Pier Marton and Richard Chapman, independent producers and senior lecturers at Washington University.

Center celebrates service awards, anniversary

Longtime professor in School for Social Service honored for his contributions

Recently, the Center for Counseling and Family Therapy, a practicum site for advanced level graduate students in the department of counseling and family therapy, celebrated its 10th anniversary in the Refectory of DuBourg Hall.

More than 70 people attended the event, which also included the 2003 Garanzini Service Awards. Among the award winners was William Hutchison, S.J., longtime professor for the School of Social Service. Hutchison, who retired from SLU after spring semester, combined teaching with pastoral work, prayer with social concern and basic human needs with gospel values.

For 30 years at Saint Louis University, Hutchison gave himself to classroom teaching,

administration, committee assignments and all that accompanies University work. He was instrumental in the founding of the Northside Community Center and served as its board chair for 13 years.

Other award winners were Anthony Borrow, S.J., and Ruth Yates, C.S.J.

The Garanzini Awards were established to honor Michael Garanzini, S.J., former SLU academic vice president and the current president of Loyola University Chicago, and Dr. John DiTiberio, past chair of the department of counseling and family therapy, who passed away in February 2000.

Together, they wrote and administered the initial grant funded by the Danforth Foundation that established the center in 1993.

Woolard: Uncertainty in NCAA turned out well for SLU

On Nov. 11, Saint Louis University officially announced that it had accepted an invitation to leave Conference USA to join the Atlantic 10 conference. SLU will begin competition in the A 10 during the 2005-2006 academic year. On Nov. 10, Charlotte announced it also would leave C-USA to join the A10. The Saint Louis Billikens made the decision after five C-USA member schools — Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville, Marquette and USF — accepted invitations to join the Big East Conference. To fill those vacant positions, C-USA accepted five new schools: Central Florida, Marshall, Rice, SMU and Tulsa.

Saint Louis University Athletic Director Doug Woolard recently sat down with Grand Connections to discuss SLU's move to the A10. The Atlantic 10 Conference is in its 28th year of NCAA Division I competition. The league's membership includes Dayton, Duquesne, Fordham, George Washington, LaSalle, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Richmond, St. Bonaventure, Saint Joseph's, Temple and Xavier.

GC: Are you sleeping better these days?

DW: (laughs). Yes. This has been a really time-consuming process — one that started last spring. The changing landscape of college athletics has taken the time of a lot of athletic directors around the country, and certainly, I have not been an exception.

GC: Why was the A10 the best fit for SLU, and were other options considered?

DW: When we found out last spring that the ACC was looking to expand, we knew that there could be a potential ripple effect from the East Coast to the West Coast. Some of that has occurred, and some is still occurring. We started working at that point to see what options might present themselves. We sought out the services of Cedric Dempsey, who is the past executive director and president of the NCAA to help us navigate through the waters.

After Miami and Virginia Tech, and subsequently, Boston College left the Big East for the ACC, we knew the Big East would expand because the NCAA requires every Division I football conference to have a minimum of eight members. So we knew the Big East would add three institutions, and we thought that there was a good chance that they would expand by looking at Conference USA. That's what happened. When they added Louisville, Cincinnati and South Florida, that gave them eight on the football-playing side. But it also became apparent that they wanted an equal number on the basketball-playing side, so they invited Marquette and DePaul.

So we had to wait and see what Conference USA was going to look like before we decided if we were going to stay or look for another home. C-USA added Rice, Tulsa, SMU and Central Florida. When C-USA did that, then we looked at how we would fit in that league. But we also knew that Charlotte was interested in leaving Conference USA with the new make-up, so that would leave SLU as the only non-football-playing institution in C-USA.

At that point, we wanted to look at our options. We created what we called "core values," or four areas of consideration: academics, athletic competition, financial considerations and exposure for the University. When we held those values up to the options we had, we felt the Atlantic 10 fit best for us.

GC: The A10 is also home to three other Jesuit schools and sev-



Saint Louis University Athletic Director Doug Woolard fields questions from the media during a press conference Nov. 11 announcing SLU's move to the Atlantic 10. (Photo by Bill Barrett)

eral other institutions with similar philosophies to SLU. Did that affect the decision?

DW: I think it did. My philosophy as an athletic director is to try to provide the best partnership for our student-athletes both academically and athletically. So those four core values I mentioned earlier helped us to find a league that offered that partnership. From an academic standpoint, we wanted to identify a league that included institutions with similar academic philosophies. We've been in six leagues during the last 30 years. From an academic and a philosophical standpoint, the A10 certainly appears to be a better fit for SLU than any of the other leagues that we have been in. Eleven out of the 14 schools are private institutions and there are four Jesuit schools, so that certainly was something that was attractive.

GC: How do you think SLU will fare in the new league as far as competition?

DW: I'm anxious to find out. I think we'll have success. There is going to be some high profile opponents in basketball. St. Joe's is a top 15 team. Temple has traditionally been strong. Xavier has had as much success as any private school in the country in the past 10 years. UMass has been to a Final Four. Charlotte and Dayton have had considerable success. This league has had 32 teams in the NCAA Tournament in the last 10 years. If you look from an RPI standpoint last year, C-USA was eighth, and the Atlantic 10 was ninth.

But with the new make-up of the leagues, the A10 should jump past C-USA. The A10 should be the highest-ranked league that's not a BCS league. I think the A10 is going to provide extremely good competition and certainly better than the re-configured C-USA. One of the things that the move to the A10 may do is help our warm weather sports be more competitive right off the bat. It's been difficult for baseball, softball, cross country and men's golf in C-USA because there are so many schools in the South, and the weather is a big factor in recruiting. So the move should level the playing field for our warm weather sports.

GC: How do you think the move to the A10 will affect the University as a whole?

DW: One of the core values I mentioned was looking at exposure for the University. We wanted to identify a league that allowed athletics the opportunity to provide the maximum positive exposure and to identify a conference

the Northeast to a demographic that's characteristic of its diverse student population.

GC: What are some of the challenges associated with this move?

DW: It may take some time to establish the rivalries with A10 teams, but they will develop. I think that could happen very quickly because of the similarities between the institutions. Still, we'll try to play teams like Marquette, DePaul, Louisville, Cincinnati, Southern Illinois, Southwest Missouri State, Missouri and Illinois because it's important to continue to have regional rivals as our schedules allow. Some people think that travel will be an added burden for our budgets or for our student-athletes. Our research indicates that travel will be similar to C-USA. We couldn't have been in much more of a far-flung league than Conference USA. We were going from Houston to Milwaukee to Greenville, N.C., to Tampa to Hattiesburg, Miss. So the A10 certainly is no more spread out than C-USA. The rates may even be more competitive and less expensive because you're going into New York and Philadelphia and so forth, which should be less expensive than getting to Greenville and Hattiesburg.

GC: Do you foresee any tension or difficulties as SLU finishes out its tenure in C-USA?

DW: I don't think so. Conference USA has been a good place for us, and there's a great understanding among the schools regarding the transition.



Trivia Corner



This month's trivia deals with the various conferences in which Saint Louis University teams have played.

1. Including the Atlantic 10, with how many conferences has SLU been affiliated?
2. To which conference did SLU belong the longest?
3. True or False: SLU played in no conference for the 1974-75 season.
4. How many other Jesuit schools belong to the Atlantic 10?
5. In what season did SLU begin Conference USA play?

1. Six (Missouri Valley Conference; Metro Conference; Midwestern City Conference, which changed its name to Midwestern Collegiate Conference; Great Midwest Conference; Conference USA; and Atlantic 10)
2. Missouri Valley Conference (37 years from 1937-38 to 1973-74)
3. True
4. Three: Fordham, St. Joseph's and Xavier
5. 1995-96

Members of the Saint Louis University community are frequently featured in print and electronic media. Following are some recent highlights.

Dr. Mike Alderson (finance) was interviewed by the *Detroit News* for a story about pension plans.

William Banks, M.D., (geriatric medicine) was mentioned in *The Scientist* about hunger hormones.

Robert Belshe, M.D., (infectious diseases) and his FluMist research was mentioned on 60 news broadcasts, including WMBC-TV Channel 63 (New York), KCAL-TV Channel 9 (Los Angeles), WFLD-TV Channel 32 (Chicago) and KTRK-TV Channel 13 (Houston). He also spoke to several local broadcast stations about FluMist, the smallpox vaccine and SARS.

Preben Bjerregaard, M.D., (cardiology) was quoted by BBC News and in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* about his discovery of a new risk factor for sudden cardiac death.

Eric Claeys (law) was interviewed by the San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News about California Supreme Court Justice Janice Rogers Brown's nomination to the federal appeals court.

James Cummings, M.D., (surgery) was quoted extensively about erectile dysfunction drugs. His comments appeared on MS-NBC.com.

Paul Czysz (aerospace and mechanical engineering) was interviewed by the *Los Angeles Times* about the space shuttle accident.

Adrian Di Bisceglie, M.D., (hepatology) was quoted and pictured in a *Los Angeles Times* article on using combination drugs to fight hepatitis C.

Dr. Greg Evans (Center for the Study of Bioterrorism and Emerging Infections) was featured in the *Kansas City (Mo.) Star* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* as one of the high-tech experts waging war on terror.

Dr. James Fisher (marketing) was quoted in *Investor's Business Daily* concerning possible conflicts of interest in tech research.

Dr. Randall Flanery (community and family medicine) was interviewed by the *Washington Post* about plastic surgery on TV. He was quoted in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, *Indianapolis Star*, *Charleston (S.C.) Gazette* and several other regional papers about fabulous abdominal muscles.

Jeff Fowler (marketing and communications) was quoted by the Associated Press, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and *Cincinnati Enquirer* concerning the

University's policy on flags or other objects being hung from apartment balconies.

Sharon Frey, M.D. (infectious diseases) and the smallpox vaccine trials were featured on the national Fox News Channel and 40 affiliates across the country.

Dennis Fuller (communication science and disorders) is featured in a documentary on the Health Discovery Channel in the case of a woman who had larynx surgery, which allowed her to speak again.

Charles Gallagher, S.J., (philosophy and letters) was interviewed by the *National Catholic Register* (Connecticut) about his findings concerning Pope Pius XII and the Nazis.

Dee Anna Glaser, M.D., (dermatology) was featured on Forbes.com and abc.com about dealing with hyperhidrosis in the business world. She was quoted by the *Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram* about surgery to treat hyperhidrosis. She was also quoted in *Glamour* magazine about the chemicals in sunscreens.

Roger Goldman, J.D., (law) was interviewed by the Associated Press for a story about challenges to Missouri's conceal-carry law. The story appeared in a number of publications.

Joel Goldstein, J.D., (law) was quoted by Reuters for a story about the California recall election, and was interviewed by the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* for a story about Sen. Bob Graham and his prospects for being a vice presidential nominee.

George Grossberg, M.D., (psychiatry) was quoted in *U.S. News & World Report* on the FDA's approval of memantine to treat Alzheimer's disease. He has been quoted about a medication to treat moderate- to late-stage Alzheimer's disease on television stations across the country, including KETV-TV (Omaha, Kan.) and KPRC-TV (Houston).

Ken Haller, M.D., (pediatrics) and his home remedy suggestions were discussed on Dr.

Dean's syndicated radio program, which is heard on more than 400 stations. It was also picked up by multiple television Web sites, Forbes.com, KFVS-TV Channel 12 (Paducah/Cape Girardeau) and WTAE-TV Channel 4 (Pittsburgh). He was also interviewed by KMOX-AM 1120 about the increase in young patients with whooping cough

and by KMOX about when to add cereal to young children's diets.

Dr. William Hart (nutrition and dietetics) was quoted in the *Montreal Gazette* about fasting. He also was quoted by EFE News Services about why Mexican emigrants are gaining weight once they come to the United States.

Ghazala Hayat, M.D., (neurology) was quoted about using a medication that treats epilepsy for sciatica on television stations across the country, including KPTV-TV (Portland, Ore.), KING-TV (Seattle) and WTOL-TV (Toledo, Ohio).

Thomas Heineman, M.D., (infectious diseases) was quoted about his herpes vaccine research on 10 television stations, including News 8 (Austin) and KPRC-TV Channel 2 (Houston).

Dr. Joan Hrubetz (nursing) was quoted by the *San Antonio Express News* about men in nursing.

The investigative medical science major at Saint Louis University was mentioned in the *Houston Chronicle*, *Kansas City (Mo.) Star*, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *Newark (N.J.) Star-Ledger*, *Tampa (Fla.) Tribune* and 66 other papers.

Dr. Dotti James (nursing) was interviewed by Contact Radio, a syndicated service for 500 stations, about the changing role of nurses.

Sandra Johnson, J.D., L.L.M., (law) was quoted in the *Boston Globe* for a story about the abuse of prescription pain medications. Johnson also recently did a live interview on National Public Radio. She was interviewed by *Today's Hospitalist* for a piece on legal issues in pain management in hospitals and by the *Chronicle of Philanthropy* on the work of the Mayday Fund.

James Kemp, M.D., (pediatrics) was quoted in the *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Portland Oregonian*, *Cincinnati Enquirer*, *Sacramento (Calif.) Bee*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, United Press International, *National Post* (Canada) and *The Globe and Mail* (Canada) about the dangers of sharing an adult bed with an infant. His research also mentioned on dozens of television stations, including Telemundo National, KNBC-TV (Los Angeles), KRIV-TV (Houston), WBZ-TV (Boston) and KTVU-TV (San Francisco).

Donald Kennedy, M.D., (infectious diseases) was interviewed about staph infections by numerous local outlets, including KMOX-AM 1120 and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Dr. Keith Koper (earth and

atmospheric science) was interviewed by the French magazine *VSD* about his investigation of a chemical plant explosion.

Joan Lang, M.D., (psychiatry) was quoted in *USA Today* and the *Washington Olympian* about holidays blurring together.

Dr. Joanne Langan (public health) and two of her public health students were interviewed about their quick reactions to a neighborhood dog bite emergency by several local broadcast stations.

Dr. Jean-Robert Leguey-Feilleux (political science) was interviewed by *Radio Canada* about developments in Iraq.

Dr. Tim Lomperis (political science) was interviewed by Wisconsin Public Radio about a CIA intelligence leak.



Dr. Charles Marske (sociology and criminal justice) was interviewed by the *Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch*

about Sept. 11 changing people's lives.

Dr. Timothy McBride (public health) spoke with a reporter from the *Baltimore Sun* about how people choose a health plan.

Mark Mengel, M.D., (community and family medicine) was quoted in the *Dallas Morning News* about screenings for prostate cancer. He was also quoted on KMOX-AM 1120 about the shortage of primary care physicians. The same story was mentioned by KMBC-TV (Kansas City, Mo.) and KYTV-TV (Springfield, Mo.).

Dr. Ronald Modras (theological studies) was featured in the *Centre Daily Times* (Pennsylvania) about what happens if Pope John Paul II becomes too ill to lead.

John Morley, M.D., and David Thomas, M.D., (geriatric medicine) were quoted on msnbc.com about testosterone replacement therapy for men.

Susie Nanney (public health) acting director of the Obesity Prevention Center, was quoted in the *Anchorage (Alaska) Daily News* about how parents can set an example to help their kids eat right.

Dr. Robert Nicholson (community and family medicine) was quoted in the *Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch* about his research that shows holding in anger could give you a headache. His research about anger and headaches also was quoted in 81 news outlets, including the *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Post*, *Sacramento (Calif.) Bee*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Miami Herald* and *Prevention*, *Arthritis Today*, *First for Women*, *Fitness* and *Parents* magazines. Stories about his research also appeared on WTVW-TV (Evansville, Ind.) and WFLX-

TV (West Palm Beach, Fla.).

Dr. Steven Puro (political science) was interviewed by the Associated Press about presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich visiting Missouri.

Saint Louis University received extensive local and regional coverage concerning the town hall meeting with U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge. SLU was mentioned in several national newspapers, including the *Los Angeles Times*, in coverage by the Associated Press.

Senior Megan Sapinski (occupational science and occupational therapy) was featured in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* concerning her occupational therapy work and success with an autistic child.

Marjorie Sawicki (nutrition and dietetics) was quoted on WBRC-TV (Birmingham, Ala.), WFTC-TV (Minneapolis) and several other papers and Web sites across the county about healthy school lunches.

Harvey Solomon, M.D., (surgery) and his successful transplantation of a man's liver to his ex-wife was mentioned in or on KTVK-TV Channel 3 (Phoenix), WGN-TV Channel 9 (Chicago), the *Tampa (Fla.) Tribune* and *Chicago Sun Times*.

Dr. Todd Swanstrom (public policy studies) was quoted in the *Staten Island (N.Y.) Advance* for a story about urban planning policies in New York.

Dr. Tina Timm (social service) was interviewed by *USA Weekend* about relationships.

Dr. Ken Warren (political science) was interviewed several times by the Associated Press for various stories, including one about State Auditor Claire McCaskill running for governor. He also was interviewed by the *Hartford (Conn.) Courant* about Joe Lieberman's presidential campaign and the *Boston Herald* about President George W. Bush's popularity. Warren was interviewed several times by the *Kansas City (Mo.) Star* on various topics, including Bush's visits to Missouri. He also was featured in the *Charlotte (N.C.) Observer* in a roundup of election stories. He also was interviewed by most local media outlets about the death of George "Buzz" Westfall.



Did we miss your interview with the media? E-mail items for media matters to gc@slu.edu or send via interoffice mail to DuBourg Hall, Room 39. Please keep in mind that the only local interviews that are included are those in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and on KMOX-AM 1120.



TOOLS OF THE TRADE: Tim Hamilton, a co-director of Metropolitan Medical Response Systems, helps School of Nursing senior Erhi Ikanone put on a "moon suit." Seniors in a public health nursing course learned how to put on the suits and other personal protective gear as part of their training to deal with mass casualty disasters and the realities of a post-Sept. 11 world. Personal protective gear keeps a person who is exposed to chemical, radiological and nuclear contaminants safe. The gear the student nurses saw is what St. Louis health care workers use. (Photo by Joe Finlay)

Gateway

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how to use e-mail; how to set up groups; and how to use the Gateway calendar feature. For a list of courses offered by ITS, please visit www.slu.edu/its/training. As part of the training sessions, manuals are available to help familiarize you with Gateway.

In addition, ITS is training several people from across the University who have volunteered to train others. Beginning Dec. 12, these people will learn more about using the Gateway system through a "test launch," which, in addition to training, will be used to iron out any potential glitches in the system.

"We have been developing Gateway experts, who are located in key areas throughout the campus to get users very comfortable with using Gateway," said Barb Coleman, manager of ITS training and communications. "This way, when they have a question about Gateway's Web features, they have a familiar face around the corner to help them out."

Volunteers are Steve Brendle, purchasing manager; Michelle

Carter, manager for the controller's office; Pam Dickens, senior microcomputer technician for ITS (pediatrics); Jim Gau, manager for family health services; Carol Lunning, assistant director for career services; Sandy Pritt, assistant director for financial aid; Jeanne Robben, senior compensation specialist for human resources; Stephen Schmidt, accounting manager for the controller's office; Daniel Shown, administrative secretary for the department of philosophy; Ellen Weis, coordinator for the registrar's office; and Lisa Zoia, director for the controller's office.

In addition, robust self-help features will be available within Gateway to help you understand, customize and navigate through the new Web-based tools. You may also call the ITS support desk at 977-4000 to ask questions.

Watch for ongoing updates about Gateway through Newslink, *Grand Connections* and the ITS Web site at www.slu.edu/its.

Vaccine

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of three different strengths of the Chiron Corp.'s investigational hepatitis vaccine.

"This is the first time this hepatitis vaccine will be tested in humans," Frey said. "A vaccine to prevent the infection would be an important breakthrough in controlling the spread of the hepatitis C virus."

The study is being conducted by Saint Louis University's Center for Vaccine Development (led by the division of infectious diseases and immunology) in collaboration with Saint Louis University Liver Center (led by the school's division of gastroenterology and hepatology). This research is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and Chiron.

Hepatitis C virus is a blood-borne infection that causes approximately 10,000 deaths annually and is responsible for almost half of the 4,000 liver transplants each year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates medical and work-loss costs for hepatitis C at more than \$600 million annually, excluding the costs of transplantation. In the United States alone, the Centers for Disease Control believe that approximately 40,000 new cases of hepatitis C infections occur every year.

UNIVERSITY

GRANTS

Levent Akduman, M.D., (ophthalmology) has received a two-year \$1,177,740 contract from Genentech Inc. for the study of the efficacy and safety of a medication in "Subjects with Minimally Classic or Occult Subfoveal Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration."



Bruce R. Bacon, M.D., (internal medicine/gastroenterology and hepatology) has received a two-year \$150,000 grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health for the study "Treatment of Chronic Hepatitis C in Medically

Underserved Populations."

Dr. Peter Bernhardt (biology) has received \$10,000 from the U.S. Forest Service to study endangered wildflower species.

Sharon Bower (Cook School of Business) has received \$100,000 from the Coleman Foundation to support entrepreneurship by granting awards to businesses established by undergraduate students.

Dr. Jill Burkemper (Center for Health Care Ethics) has received a two-year \$5,000 grant from the National League for Nursing for the study "Ethics Education in Graduate Nursing Programs: A Study of National Trends."

Thomas J. Chambers, M.D., (molecular microbiology and immunology) has received a five-year \$2,189,217 grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the study "Molecular Basis of Flavivirus Neurovirulence."

James M. Cummings, M.D., (surgery) has received a five-year four-month, \$316,262 contract from GlaxoSmithKline for the study of the efficacy and safety of a drug "Administered Once Daily for Four Years to Reduce the Risk of Biopsy-Detectable Prostate Cancer."

Dr. Mary Domahidy (public policy studies) has received the Global Leadership Education Grant from the U.S. State Department. It is a collaboration with the University of Missouri, Saint Louis University and the Community Development Department of the Royal Thai government.



Dr. Charles Graves (earth and atmospheric sciences) has received \$10,250 from the National Science Foundation to significantly increase the computational spectrum used in course work and weather-related research.

George T. Grossberg, M.D., (psychiatry) has received a three-year \$172,800 contract from Forest Research Institute for the study of the efficacy and safety of a medication in "Patients with Moderate to Severe Dementia of the Alzheimer's Type."

Dr. Gary Higgs (public policy studies) has received \$3,493 from the Washington University to provide geocoding and spatial data consulting.

Dr. Daniel Hoft, M.D., (internal medicine/infectious diseases) has received a one-year \$367,500 exploratory/development grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for the study "Trypanosoma Cruzi Muscosal and Systemic Protective Immunity."

Dr. Thomas Kramer (psychology) has received \$14,400 from the Nestle-Purina Practicum for a student in applied/experimental psychology.

Dr. Matthew W. Kreuter (behavioral science and health education) has received a one-year \$121,200 grant from the Susan G. Komen

Breast Cancer Foundation for the study "Reflections of You: Breast Cancer Education Kiosks for African-American Women."

Carol Lunning (career services) has received \$1,000 from the Midwest ACE to research career planning and employment recruitment.

Dr. Jane Mchowat (pathology) has received a five-year \$1,405,690 grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for research into "PLA2 Activation by Mast Cell Tryptase in IC."

Dr. Richard Mayden (biology) has received \$7,500 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to research *Etheostoma darters* of the subgenus *Nothonotus*, the yellow madtom and the frecklebelly madtom.

Dr. Shelley Minteer (chemistry) has received \$27,690 from the Giner Electrochemical Systems to continue development of magnetically modified catalysts that will tolerate the presence of CO in reformate-fueled PEMFCs.

Dr. Brian Mitchell (earth and atmospheric sciences) has received \$43,145 from the Department of Energy.

Dr. James Moore (earth and atmospheric sciences) has received \$8,515 from the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research to study heavy convective rainfall, which resulted in significant flash flooding and river flooding over portions of east-central Iowa and northwestern Illinois.



William Padberg (social service) has received \$65,471 from the University of Missouri-St. Louis for a partnership with the Missouri Division of Family Services for the training of students in child welfare.

Dr. Manoj Patankar (aviation science) has received \$98,138 from the Federal Aviation Administration to help understand, evaluate and minimize aircraft maintenance errors.

Dr. Katherine S. Virgo (surgery) has received a five-year \$165,196 subcontract from the National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders through Washington University for the study "Medialization vs. Reinnervation for Vocal Cord Paralysis."

Dr. Amy Warncke Lang (aerospace and mechanical engineering) received \$17,300 from the U.S. Department of Transportation Volpe Center to study wake turbulence at St. Louis Lambert Airport.

Dr. Terri Weaver (psychology) has received \$70,664 from the Health Resources and Services Administration to develop a graduate education program to train health services psychologists to work with underserved populations.



Catherine M. Wittgen, M.D., (surgery) has received a two-year \$136,800 contract from Kos Pharmaceuticals Inc. for the study of the dose response of a drug on "Peak Walking Time in Patients with Intermittent Claudication."

Dr. Ricardo Wray (community health) has received a six-month \$5,000 grant from the St. Louis Men's Group Against Cancer for "A Study of Prostate Cancer Screening and Shared Decision-Making in the African-American Community."

Dr. Terry V. Zenser (internal medicine/geriatric medicine) has received a five-year \$1,277,460 competitive renewal from the National Cancer Institute to study "Metabolism and Carcinogenicity of Heterocyclic Amines."

Carol Ackerson (communication science and disorders) presented the workshops "Early Literacy Instruction Related to Phonological Awareness" and "Preschool Narrative Language Development" as a participant in summer training activities for the Special School District of St. Louis County's Early Childhood Special Education Literacy Coaches.

Dr. Reinhard Andress (modern and classical languages) presented the paper "Marte Brill's *Der Schmelztiegel: die Auseinandersetzung mit Sao Paulo*" at a meeting of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios Germanísticos held in Sao Paulo.



Gary Barker (fine and performing arts) appeared as an Actors' Equity Association guest artist in the Saint

Louis City Theatre production of *The Underpants*, a Steve Martin comedy that ran Oct. 10-26.

Dr. Yelena Belyaeva Standen (modern and classical languages) presented the paper "Why are You Always Criticizing Me? Cross-cultural Pragmatics of Russian-American Conversation" at the international symposium on psycholinguistics and theory of communication in Moscow. Belyaeva Standen conducted a workshop on intercultural education at Moscow Linguistic University.

Dr. Harold Bush (English) gave the invited lecture "A *Moralist in Disguise* Mark Twain's Quest for Faith" at the Mark Twain Study Center of Elmira College in Elmira, N.Y.

Drs. Robert Cropf and Todd Swanstrom (public policy studies) wrote the commentary "It Means More Than Flowcharts for Bureaucrats," which appeared in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. In September, Cropf participated in the Walter J. Ong Colloquium, when he and Dr. Vincent Casaregola (English) co-presented "The Virtual Republic: Ong's Theories of Media, Virtual Environments and the Future of the Public Sphere."

Drs. Mary Dasovich, Nikki Murdick (educational studies) and Dennis Fuller (communication sciences and disorders) were invited presenters at the third international Costello Conference at the DuPont Children's Hospital in Wilmington, Del. Dasovich and Murdick presented "Costello Syndrome: Educational Considerations," while Fuller presented "Costello Voice and Swallowing Issues."



William Barnaby Faherty, S.J., (professor emeritus) has written the book *Florida's Space Coast: The Impact of NASA on the Sunshine State*. The book covers the entire

space story, manned and unmanned, with special emphasis on NASA's Florida effort.

Barbara Flory (social service) has been invited to serve on the Safe Havens National Advisory Committee. The committee is being formed as a part of the Safe Havens Initiative funded by the Office on Violence Against Women in the U.S. Department of Justice.

Dr. Dennis Fuller (communication sciences and disorders) presented "Coding and Collections for Total Laryngectomy Rehabilitation" and "The St. Louis Version of the Hagen Procedure: A Case Study" at the Veteran's Administration laryngectomy conference in September. Fuller also presented "Benefits of Wearing a Heat-Moisture-Exchanger for the Total Laryngectomy" at the International Association of Laryngectomy New Jersey state annual meeting.

Dr. L. Cassandra Hamrick (modern and classical languages) was invited to give the paper "Gautier and the Philosopher-Painters" at an international colloquium devoted to 19th century French writer and art critic Théophile Gautier and his ties with Germany. The colloquium was held at the University of Siegen and included visits to art museums in Cologne and Frankfurt. Hamrick authored an article on "*Gaspard de la Nuit* en 1843," which was published in a special issue of the Dijon-based journal, *La Toison d'or*, dedicated to the 19th-century Burgundy writer Aloysius (Louis) Bertrand.

Dr. John T. James (education leadership and higher education) presented "Growing and Developing the Catholic Secondary School Presidency" at the University of San Francisco Institute for Catholic Educational Leadership at their national conference in July.



Dr. Barry Katz (research methodology) co-wrote "The Relationships Among Spiritual Practices, Marital Satisfaction and Length of Sobriety," which was published in *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*. Katz and Dr. Joan Oliver (psychology) wrote "Mothers' Attribution Style for Their Offspring as Predictors of Their Offspring's Cognitive Vulnerability to Depression," which appeared in *North American Journal of Psychology*.

John Kille and Aaron Wilcher (American studies) made presentations at the Midwest Popular Culture Association's annual conference. Kille presented "Music Video, Youth Culture and the Message: Exploring Nas' I Can," and Wilcher presented "Prisoners and Biomancers: Trying Not to get Run Over Riding Your Bicycle in America."



SECURITY VERSUS PRIVACY: The School of Law hosted the the Metropolitan Issues Forum Nov. 18 in the courtroom of Morrissey Hall. Focusing on "The Surveillance Society: Reclaiming Privacy and Security in an Age of Terror," the event included several expert panelists. Above, from left, are Dr. Timothy Lomperis, chairman of the department of political science; keynote speaker Jeffrey Rosen, J.D., legal affairs editor for the *New Republic* and a law professor at George Washington University; and Dr. James Gilsinan, dean of the College of Public Service. SLU law professor Roger Goldman, J.D., also participated in the forum. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

Drs. Seung Kim (Boeing Institute of International Business) and John Zhao (international business) were selected through a competitive process to present the paper "Corporate Competitive Advantage and Internationalization Strategy" at a conference sponsored by the Carnegie Bosch Institute.

Dr. Bruce Kowert (chemistry) gave the talk "Diffusion of Organic Solutes in Cycloalkanes" at the 38th Midwest regional meeting of the American Chemical Society at the University of Missouri Columbia.

Dr. Reuven Levary (decision sciences and MIS) has been elected to the board of Project MEGSSS Inc., which provides mathematics education for gifted secondary school students.

Dr. Julia Lieberman (modern and classical languages) wrote the article "Sermons and the Construct of a Jewish Identity: The Hamburg Sephardic Community in the 1620s," which was published in the *Jewish Studies Quarterly*. She wrote "How the Portuguese Jews Read Biblical Narratives," which has been accepted to appear in a collection of essays on Sephardic studies.

Dr. Katherine C. MacKinnon (sociology and criminal justice) was the guest editor of the collection of articles "Behind Many Masks: Gerald Berreman and Berkeley Anthropology, 1959-2001," which was published as a two-volume special edition of *The Kroeber Anthropological Society Papers* by the University of California at Berkeley.

Dr. Timothy McBride (public health) co-wrote "Mandating Insurance Offers for Low-wage Workers: An Evaluation of Labor Market Effects," which appeared in *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*.

Dr. Dorothy Miles (educational studies) co-wrote "The Transition from Middle School to High School: Students With Learning Disabilities and Students Without Learning

Disabilities Share Their Perceptions" which appeared in *The Clearing House*.

Dr. Ronald Modras (theological studies) wrote the monograph "A Jesuit in the Crucible: Friedrich Spee and the Witchcraft Hysteria in 17th Century Germany," which was published in *Studies in the Spirituality of Jesuits*. Earlier this summer, Modras wrote "Reflections on Humanism as a Bifurcated Tradition," which appeared in a festschrift titled *A Life of Courage: Sherwin Wine and Humanistic Judaism*. Homini Publications in Krakow is preparing a Polish translation of his book *The Catholic Church and Antisemitism: Poland 1933-1939*.



Drs. Nikki Murdick and Mary Dasovich (educational studies) presented "Research on Rare Syndromes that Result in Mental Retardation: Impact in the Classroom" at two international conferences in February: the International Pacific Rim Conference on Disabilities in Honolulu and the International Division on Disabilities conference in Kauai, Hawaii. Murdick, Dr. Paul Shore and Dr. Mary Chitooran (educational studies) also presented "A Cross-cultural Comparison of the Concept of 'Otherness' and Its Impact on Persons with Disabilities" at the same two international conferences. Dasovich and Murdick presented "Research on Rare Syndromes that Result in Mental Retardation: Impact in the Classroom" at the American Association on Mental Retardation conference in Chicago. Murdick has been promoted to Fellow status in the American Association on Mental Retardation.

Christian Paletta, M.D., (surgery) and Alesia Patera Saboeiro, M.D., (surgery) pre-

sented "History and Options: Reconstructive Surgery and the Altered Breast" at the Day of Caring event this summer at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel.

Dr. Jean-Louis Pautrot (modern and classical languages) wrote the essay "Proust in an Interdisciplinary Context: Literature and Music," which appeared in the volume *Approaches to Teaching Proust's Fiction and Criticism*. Two of his review essays of contemporary French fiction recently appeared in the *French Review*. Pautrot also attended the "Hot & Cool: Jazz in France" international colloquium. There, he delivered the paper "Le Jazz Français en Grande Forme: La Contribution d'André Hodeir" and conducted a roundtable discussion on jazz in contemporary French literature. Pautrot conducted an interview with French author Pascal Quignard that will appear in a special issue of *Études Françaises*.

Dr. Daniel Schwartz (educational studies) gave the presentation "Contemporary Arabic and Hebrew Literature in Translation for Middle and Secondary School Students" at the annual multicultural conference of the Greater St. Louis English Teachers Association. He presented "The Literature of Columbine and 9/11 in Middle and Secondary School Classrooms" to the New York State English Council during its annual convention. Schwartz has been appointed to the advisory board of the St. Louis Regional Professional Development Center of St. Louis Cooperating School Districts and reappointed to the advisory board of the Solomon Schechter School of Chesterfield, Mo.

Dr. Stuart Tsubota (biology) and two of his students, Alecia Vogel and Rita Roikhman, gave the poster presentations "Enhancer of Rudimentary Interacts with the Notch-Delta Signaling Pathway" and "A Deletion

SLU honors 'star' employees

Saint Louis University recently recognized four employees as SLUStars for their shining examples of dedication and professionalism. Award recipients were honored during a breakfast Dec. 4 at Bannister House. The latest SLUStars are Marsha Brennan, Flora Brown, Donna Nonnenkamp and Denise Parker.

• Marsha Brennan — A coordinator for parking and card services, Brennan is the epitome of good customer service, doing everything she can to make new students and their parents feel at ease and thinking ahead to help get people acclimated to parking in and around the University. A very effective communicator, Brennan also sees the human side of business and makes it her mission to meet the needs of SLU students, staff, faculty and patients. She takes extra care with those who have special needs, and she performs all of her work with kindness and compassion.

• Flora Brown — A custodian for housekeeping, Brown is a "soldier" for her department who consistently provides excellent work and keeps the building in which she works looking its finest. She always brings a smile to those she meets and seems genuinely pleased to help other people. Brown consistently displays a strong

work ethic and a positive attitude. She is highly regarded by faculty and staff in the Humanities Building. Her cheerfulness and optimism make her a real inspiration.

• Donna Nonnenkamp — A technology coordinator for information technology services, Nonnenkamp serves a large population of students, faculty and staff. Her tireless efforts help make computer technology available, functional and understandable. Nonnenkamp is a caring person who comes to work every day with a clear goal of making a difference for someone. She is truly committed to the mission of the University, the goals of the student body and the needs of the SLU community.

• Denise Parker — A program coordinator for the office of curricular affairs at the School of Medicine, Parker works long hours if necessary, helping others when her work is done. She continuously strives for excellence in her tasks by teaching herself to gain new levels of competence in several computer programs used in her work. She shows personal concern for others by working with them as problems arise. Additionally, her involvement in her church goes beyond just attendance. She participates by organizing dinner events for charitable purposes to honor others.



From left are SLUStars Marsha Brennan, Donna Nonnenkamp, Denise Parker and Flora Brown with Provost Joe Weixmann. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

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.

Do you know someone who exemplifies SLU's Ignatian ideals or has been living out SLU's mission? Nominate that person for a SLUStar Award at www.slu.edu/services/HR/er_awards_stars.html.

UNIVERSITY CONDOLENCES

Delisa Sangster, patients accounts representative for practice management operations, died Saturday, Nov. 1. She had served the University community for three years.

Condolences also are extended to the following members of the University community.

- Dr. Cynthia Stollhans, associate profes-

sor for the department of fine and performing arts, on the death of her father, William J. Stollhans, Nov. 3.

- Diane Smith Randolph, assistant professor for the department of occupational science and occupational therapy, on the death of her father, Richard "Howard" Smith, D.D.S., Nov. 4.

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Analysis of a Small Genomic Region on the X Chromosome, Containing Two Genes, Enhancer of Rudimentary and CG15352" at the 2003 Midwest drosophila conference at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Travis Threats (communication sciences and disorders) co-wrote "Influences on Perceived Function of a Nursing Home Resident," which appeared in the *Journal of Communication Disorders*. He also presented three papers at the ninth North American Collaborating Center conference on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. Threats has been appointed as a senior consultant for the development of the *Procedural Manual and Guide for the Standardized Application of the ICF: A Manual for Health Professionals*, which is to be a joint publication of the American Psychological Association and the World Health Organization.

Dr. Paaige Turner (communication) attended the 26th annual meeting of the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender in Ft. Mitchell, Ky. Turner was a respondent on the panel "The Third Wave of Work and Family: Reconstructing Theory and Praxis Through Third Wave Feminism" as well as a participant with her daughter, Darby Turner, on the panel "What Mothers and Daughters Learn From Each Other."

Dr. Emmanuel Uwalaka (political science) chaired the panel "Immigration, Integration and Diversity" at a conference on law and democracy

in Africa held in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Jennifer Walker (counseling and family therapy) and graduate student Pearl Campbell gave a presentation on healing adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse at the Association for Adult Development and Aging's annual conference in Las Vegas.

Dr. Angela Walmsley (research methodology) wrote the book *A History of the "New Mathematics" Movement and Its Relationship with Current Mathematical Reform*.

Dr. Christine Werner (physician assistant education) presented "Optimal Nutritional Health for Women" at the women's health conference at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, Ill.

Dr. Gregory Wolf (modern and classical languages) wrote "Bamberg: A Thousand-Year-Old Treasure," which appeared in *German Life*.

Dr. Kathleen Wyrwich (research methodology) spoke in August about methods for "Evaluating Change Over Time on Patient Reported Outcomes" at the Health Services Research and Policy Seminar Series on Quality of Life in Chronic Illness at Northwestern University's Center for Outcomes Research and Education.

Dr. Hayrettin Yucesoy (history) chaired the panel "Economics and Islam" and presented the paper "Is Political Leadership Necessary?: Religious and Rational Morality in Islamic Political Thought" at the Middle East Studies Association Conference in Anchorage, Alaska.

Nolen

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entire athletic department and the foundation that she had built for our volleyball program," said director of athletics Doug Woolard. "Marilyn is one of the true giants in her profession, and her coaching will be missed by everyone associated with the sport of volleyball. She has indicated the desire to spend more time with her family. We certainly support her decision and wish her the very best in retirement. It will be a challenge to find a person with more love for the sport of volleyball than Marilyn."

Nolen began her coaching career in 1969 at Sul Ross State in Alpine, Texas, where the Lobos went 72-0-3 in three seasons. Nolen won two DGWS national championships before moving on to New Mexico State. She coached six seasons at Utah State, winning an AIAW national championship in 1978. Nolen guided Kentucky to a 44-7 record in 1983 and helped restore Florida as a national power with seven years of coaching in Gainesville.

After winning 81 matches at North Florida, she arrived at Saint Louis in 1994. She guided the Billikens to a 29-10 record and a fifth place finish at the NIVC Tournament. Nolen was named Conference USA Coach of the Year in 1998 and last season led SLU to a 10-3 league mark. Nolen's 800th career victory came

against Marquette in the quarterfinals of the 2002 C-USA Tournament, and she became just the third coach in NCAA Division I history to reach that victory plateau.

Nolen graduated *cum laude* from Southwest Texas State in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in education. As a player, Nolen played at the highest levels of the sport. She was selected to the U.S. national squad at the 1967 Pan American Games in Montreal, where the U.S. team won a gold medal. In 1968, she played in the Mexico City Summer Olympics. In 1972, she was a member of the first U.S. women's team to defeat Japan.

Nolen continued to represent her country in international play through 1975. In a fitting tribute to her career, the American Volleyball Coaches Association announced the establishment of the AVCA Hall of Fame and that Nolen will be part of the inaugural class. The Hall of Fame was established to recognize those who have and continue to make significant contributions to the sport of volleyball.

The induction of the inaugural class will take place in conjunction with the 2003 AVCA Annual Convention in Dallas. The ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Biodefense

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Japanese encephalitis viruses cause disease in humans, information that is critical for vaccine development.

"Vaccines have been the most effective way to prevent disease caused by these viruses," Chambers said. "We want to be able to ensure the safety of these vaccines for human use."

This new grant program, developed by CDC and the

National Institutes of Health (NIH), emphasizes opportunities for research in innovative surveillance systems, enhanced detection systems, environmental sampling and pathogen detection systems and innovative approaches for prophylaxis and treatment.

These awards are part of efforts to build and sustain a robust and long-term program for biodefense

research. "The department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is committed to supporting extramural research in biodefense and emerging infectious disease as we prepare to deal with any public health crisis, whether intentional attack with biological agents or a naturally occurring infectious disease," said HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson.



Inquiring Photographer

What is your favorite holiday song and why?

"I think my favorite holiday song is 'Mary Did You Know?' I like that song because it says everything about the Christmas season to me. Did Mary know that she was to be the mother of Jesus? How that must have been so frightening to her and how wonderful that was."

— Gerrie Meyer, assistant professor, School of Nursing



"Without a doubt my favorite holiday song is 'I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas.' I also like 'Silver and Gold' and 'Holly Jolly Christmas.' I guess I am just a kid at heart."

— Kevin Allan, coordinator, career services

"I like the song from *Meet Me in St. Louis* called 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas' that Judy Garland sang to Margaret O'Brien when they were about ready to leave St. Louis."

— Mary Ann Bindbeutel, administrative assistant, department of physical therapy



"'Silent Night.' Just because it is an old favorite."

— Carol McDonald, administrative assistant, department of occupational science and occupational therapy

"'O, Holy Night' because I think it gives the impression of what the holiday is all about."

— Mary Lou Vehige, associate professor, department of clinical laboratory science



"'White Christmas' is my favorite holiday song because I always look forward to a little snow on Christmas, and 'White Christmas' puts me in the mood."

— Marian Linck, administrative secretary, department of nutrition and dietetics

Couple commits \$1 million to SLU's psychology department

Recounting his many experiences as a doctoral student at Saint Louis University, Dr. Richard Olson begins to chuckle at one of his favorite memories: a whiffleball game with some "friends." It sounds like a typical story until you hear about the game's rosters, which included psychology professors Gary Burger, Gene Davenport, Donald Kausler and two of Kausler's children.

"The camaraderie between faculty and students at Saint Louis University was great," Olson said. "SLU faculty members were people as well as professors."

Richard and his wife, Gayle, adopted a similar personal approach in their careers in academia at the University of New Orleans. After they each earned their doctorates in experimental psychology from SLU in 1971, the couple moved to New Orleans and worked together at UNO throughout their careers. In addition to faculty duties, Gayle served as the associate dean of the Graduate School. Richard, meanwhile, entered administration where he served as chair of the department of psychology, dean of the Graduate School and vice chancellor for research and development. More importantly to them, the Olsons received the title of research professor based on their careers studying the effects of neuropeptides on behavior.

Although they both retired after 30 years at UNO, the couple still contributes to academia. In fact, the Olsons recently made a bequest commitment of \$1 million to "The Campaign for Saint Louis University: *Where Knowledge Touches Lives*" that will benefit the psychology department.

"We were particularly happy in our days at Saint Louis University," Richard said. "One of the reasons we came there in the first place was because of our principles and beliefs. But the aura of the whole school reinforced our feelings, and, over the years, made it easier to continue an ethical approach to our positions as professors, administrators and research scientists. We felt exceedingly well prepared by our education. If we hadn't gotten the opportunity to study at Saint Louis University, our lives would have been entirely different. We wanted to return the favor so that other people could enjoy the same experience."

The bequest will be used to attract top speakers in the psychology field to SLU, provide travel opportunities for faculty and students and support other program enrichment.

"Top schools in psychology attract noted experts from the field to speak to faculty and students on a regular basis," Gayle said. "This allows students not just to read about the work of these scholars, but to talk to them and interact with them about their current research."

As former administrators and faculty members, the



Richard and Gayle Olson with their dog, Dr. T. Both SLU alumni, the Olsons worked in academia for more than 30 years and realize the importance of non-budgeted support.

Olsons understand the difference external support can make.

"You would be surprised how much contributions can do for a department," Richard said. "And you don't have to give a lot to make a difference. Your gift, large or small, could be the deciding factor in sending a deserving student to a conference, providing scholarships or allowing a department to advance to the next level."

Getting to the next level is something that the generosity of the Olsons will help the SLU department of psychology accomplish.

"Enrichments in our teaching and research programs really depend on gifts that go beyond our normal operating budget," said department chairman Dr. Ron Kellogg.

"Through the generosity of our contributors, we can move the department forward to the national recognition we seek in becoming the finest Catholic university in the nation."

To make a contribution to the campaign, call 977-2849 or visit DuBourg Hall, Room 306. For more information about the campaign, watch for updates on Newslink and in *Grand Connections* or go online at campaign.slu.edu/index.html.



SLU professor leads missions to Haiti

Tim R. Randolph first visited Haiti on a mission trip in January 2000 to assist in building a school. Now, four years later, his medical mission trips have grown to include students and others interested in service.

Randolph, an assistant professor of clinical laboratory science at the Doisy School of Allied Health Professions, provides medical assistance to Bethesda Medical Center, located in the small community of Vaudreuil. Bethesda treats 100-200 patients a day for ailments ranging from severe infections to genetic diseases. It also provides daily worship services for patients and staff.

Randolph has visited Bethesda annually for the past four years. During his first two mission trips, he established laboratory testing procedures, trained the laboratory

staff, provided laboratory testing materials and assembled an expert panel to address medical questions.

The fourth and most recent trip during summer 2003 was the most successful. It was the first trip completely funded by donations. "We were able to deliver 27 boxes of laboratory materials weighing a total of more than 300 pounds," Randolph said. "The sponsoring missionary organization has just completed construction of a new lab at Bethesda. The new facility is five times larger than the original lab."

For the 2003 mission trip, Randolph received help from SLU students in the department of clinical laboratory science. As a result of their senior capstone project, two of the students joined the mission team in Haiti only three weeks after gradua-

tion. The students helped identify the best lab test available to diagnose five diseases commonly encountered at Bethesda, wrote procedures for the Haitian lab staff and helped train the lab and nursing staff on the new tests. Randolph and his team also developed connections with different doctors in Haiti to help Bethesda succeed without missionary help.

Randolph extends an invitation to everyone in the SLU community to consider a partnership in this mission.

"Together, as a team, we can make an enormous impact on the health of people stricken by poverty and disease," he said.

The next mission trip to Haiti is tentatively scheduled for June 2004. For more information, call Randolph at 977-8688 or e-mail randoltr@slu.edu.