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SLU plane nears end of upgrade

The Billiken AirExpress soon will fly higher and faster than ever before. In early December, the University's corporate aircraft flew to Florida for an overhaul to enhance its performance in the friendly skies.

The Billiken AirExpress serves those traveling on University business. The University purchased the King Air B-100 aircraft in November 1998. This winter, the plane's engines were due for a major inspection as required by the Federal Aviation Administration. The exhaustive inspection of the engines is costly, so University officials opted to



An upgrade to the Billiken AirExpress will boost the horsepower of the engines, allowing the plane to fly higher and faster. Officials expect the plane to return to action by mid-January. (Photo by Clayton Berry)

upgrade the engines instead.

"It really makes good financial sense to do the upgrade at this time," said Alan Stolzer, associate dean of Parks College of Engineering and Aviation. "This is an important investment in one of the University's key services."

The plane was slated to be

out of service for about five weeks as Florida's National Flight, a nationally recognized turbine engine service company, upgrades the engines. Parks officials expect the Billiken AirExpress to resume flights by mid-January.

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Former senator garners University's top honor

Eagleton awarded Sword of Loyola

Saint Louis University has bestowed its highest honor for individual achievement — the Sword of Ignatius Loyola — on former U.S. Sen. Thomas Eagleton. The award was presented to Eagleton at the University's DuBourg Society Recognition Dinner, held Dec. 3 at the Ritz-Carlton St. Louis.

"Senator Eagleton is more than a politician, he is statesman, and he has exemplified the Ignatian ideals and spirit of service," said University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ. "Throughout his

illustrious career, Senator Eagleton has displayed a deep commitment to the people of Missouri and the entire nation. It is an honor to present him with the Sword of Ignatius Loyola."



Eagleton

A native St. Louisan, Eagleton was elected St. Louis circuit attorney in 1956. In 1960, he was elected to his first statewide office, attorney general, and

was elected lieutenant governor in 1964. Eagleton won the first of three terms in the U.S.

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SLU takes lead in online education

New master's nursing program graduates much-needed nurses

December marked a national milestone in online learning at the School of Nursing — an achievement especially significant in light of the severe shortage of nurses with advanced training in the United States.

The School of Nursing was the first in the nation to offer a complete online master of science in nursing degree program. The program graduated its first online students in

December, when nurses in Florida and Puerto Rico received graduate degrees from Saint Louis University.

"The support for online students has been more than I have ever expected," said online MSN student Frank Amato of Tampa, Fla. "I've recommended the program to many people."

"I get to study in the comfort of my house and don't need to leave my children with anybody else," said student Zulma Colon of San

Juan, Puerto Rico. "The level of education is unlike any other university I have been at before."

Dr. Patsy Ruchala, associate professor of nursing, is director of the master's degree programs. She said that all admission and enrollment requirements are identical for students whether they receive their education on campus or via the

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Stephanie Ellfrink goes through some of the more than 800 application received by the office of undergraduate admission on Dec. 4. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

Applications flood in

SLU on pace for another large incoming class

The University's office of undergraduate admission had to endure its own version of the holiday rush.

On Dec. 4, Saint Louis University received 800 applications for admission for the fall 2001 semester. Last year, a record 5,100 students applied. The office already had received 4,500

applications by the first week in December.

"We are very excited about the remarkable increase in the number of high school students looking at Saint Louis University as one of the top choices for college," said Scott Belobrajdic, director of

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Fowler joins University public relations

The public relations department has added a new face to its staff. But for news hounds around campus, the face will be a familiar one.

Former television reporter and weekend anchor Jeff Fowler has been hired into the University's media relations group.

Fowler, who joined the University on Dec. 4, leads the media relations team supporting all non-health sciences units, including arts and sciences, public service, business, engineering and aviation, professional studies, social service, law,

philosophy and letters, and the Graduate School.

In addition, Fowler will carry beat responsibility for the business, law and public service schools and serve as the University spokesman.

"I am confident that Jeff's extensive media expertise will enhance Saint Louis University's visibility and reputation both locally and nationally," said Bob Woodruff, associate vice president for public relations. "In addition to his outstanding professional background,



Fowler

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Faith demands active pursuit of justice

Dear Colleague,

During my recent trip to Columbus, Ga., I joined the protest of the School of the Americas. The following is an excerpt of my remarks on Nov. 19 before the main vigil of 10,000 people at the gates of Ft. Benning

Good morning. It is heartening to see so many here for this important day. I am very proud to be a part of this peaceful protest against an American institution linked to inhumanity and injustice.

I am proud of the Saint Louis University contingency who have spent the past weeks in prayerful reflection and dialogue in preparation for this day.

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

But the truth is, tough times run throughout human history. In fact, no matter what age you live in, it always, to some extent, feels like tough times.

History teaches us what previous generations did to respond to tough times: why civilizations came and went; why revolutions began; why wars were won and lost.

But history does not tell us how they did it. The question for us is how does one find the spirit, the drive, the courage and the perseverance to change in the face of adversity and injustice?

In the midst of tough times, in the face of any sort of adversity, the simple question for everyone becomes: Do we respond by closing in, or do we open up? Do we hide and ignore, or do we seek and act? Do we shut our minds and our hearts and leave it to others to live, speak and profess the truth?

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

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

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

Technology has made our world a smaller place to live. People and cultures that once

were only exotic subjects of books now live next door. The global community is no longer an idea. It is here, it is now, it is alive. As individuals, as a people of faith, we are in and of the world, smack in the midst of its many problems and injustices. And we must find the answers.

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

It is our responsibility, whether we are Christian or Jew, student or teacher, religious or layperson, black or white, to be a part of the solution, to work

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

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

that when one suffers, we all suffer.

My brother Jesuit Ignacio Ellacuria, a Saint Louis University alumnus, and our Jesuit brothers who were viciously murdered by Salvadoran troops at the Jesuit University of Central America in El Salvador, committed their lives to the struggle for justice and the transformation of society.

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

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

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

Standing here this morning, I know two things. First, I know the youth of our nation are the hope of our world. Second, I know in my heart that people can live in peace and harmony and justice. Our gathering this morning is a wonderful and inspiring testament to our belief that together, we can transform our world.



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Student newspaper earns notable honor

The Associated Collegiate Press and the College Media Advisors have honored *The University News*, Saint Louis University's student newspaper. The group recognized the newspaper as one of the top 10 college newspapers in the four-year, non-daily category.

The staff received the prestigious Pacemaker Award at this year's ACP/CMA convention, held in Washington, D.C. *The University News* also received this award for the 1993-94, 1996-97 and 1997-98 school years.

Pacemaker Awards are considered by many to be the top prize in college journalism. More than 2,600 student journalists and advisers attended the 79th annual ACP/CMA National College Media convention.

Founded by Claude Heithaus, SJ, in 1921, *The University News* continues to display campus leadership as a student voice of SLU. The pub-

lication's achievements have been recognized by the Missouri College Media Association, from which it has earned All-American status and numerous "Best in State" awards.

The weekly publication offers students experience in all areas of journalism and design, including writing, editing, photography, computer graphic arts, sales, business management, finance, marketing and accounting.

Respected among college journalists for its writing, style and overall design, *The University News* has served as a springboard for many students pursuing a journalism career. Many of its former contributors have graduated into America's leading publications, including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.



Human Resources FYI

Q: My child will need braces next year. Our orthodontist is not a member of the United Concordia network. Is there any way I can pay for the braces if I'm not in the dental plan?

A: The flexible spending plan provides an opportunity to save taxes and increase spending power while paying for medical and dental expenses not otherwise covered by insurance. The plan permits you to pay for eligible expenses with contributions taken from your pay before taxes are withheld. Remember that the minimum amount for enrollment is \$130 per year, and the maximum is \$2,500. Be conservative with calculations, however. If you do not spend the amount that you have had withheld in a plan year, the unused amount is forfeited.

Q: What is an I-9 form, and why do I have to have one filled out before I can begin work?

A: The I-9 form establishes authorization to work for the University. In accordance with federal law, the University cannot allow an employee to continue working more than two work days from his or her date of hire if the form is not completed properly. To do so would be a violation of the law and could subject the University to penalties and fines.



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TEA TIME: About 50 members from the Women's Club of the School of Medicine enjoyed a holiday tea Dec. 4, during which the club presented its fleur-de-lis award to Shelter the Children, a group that helps abused and neglected young women. The club collected more than \$1,000 for the group. Founded in 1929, the Women's Club is for School of Medicine female faculty, wives of faculty, women who are residents in the school or wives of residents. For more information, call club president Peggy Sly at 726-0193 or membership chairwoman Sarah Kimmey at 772-4424. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

Study: Drug can delay development of MS

A new study finds that one of the drugs used to control multiple sclerosis dramatically slows the rate at which people develop the disease, and in some cases, appears to halt it.

The School of Medicine was one of the 50 clinical centers participating in the study that included 383 patients. Results of the study were so positive that it was stopped early in order to offer the placebo-treated group the benefits of treatment.

This trial, known as the CHAMPS study, sought to determine the effect of treatment with interferon beta-1a or Avonex (already proven beneficial to patients diagnosed with MS) in people with early indications of MS. Initial symptoms include having a single attack or having magnetic resonance imaging scans that show brain abnormalities or scarring from earlier inflammation.

The attack generally consisted of weakness or numbness in one or more limb, imbalance, double vision or loss of vision in one eye. In the at-risk individuals, the MRI revealed two or more high intensity lesions, appearing as white spots around the normal cavities in the brain and within the white matter of the brain.

"The data from the CHAMPS study show that interferon beta-1a significantly reduced new clinical attacks and new lesions on the serial MRI scans" said John B. Selhorst, M.D., professor and Souers Chair of neurology for the School of Medicine.

Medication was given in weekly, intramuscular injections during a two-year period. Progression of the disease was measured by the occurrence of either a new visual/neurological event or progressive neurological deterioration. Brain MRI results served as a secondary measurement. The study yielded the following results:

- The rate of development of MS was 44 percent lower in the

Avonex-treated group than in the placebo-treated group.

- The increase in brain MRI T2 lesion volume was 91 percent lower in the Avonex-treated group than in the placebo-treated group.

- With the results of this study showing a strong benefit of Avonex treatment at the time of the first clinical event, there is added justification for obtaining brain MRIs with the earliest symptoms of MS. Previously, MRIs were considered useful in predicting the possibility of developing MS but were not considered necessary because they would not affect treatment and patient management.

To date, there are no accepted guidelines for treating patients who have experienced a single MS-like attack but have not yet developed clinically definite MS. A clinically definite case of MS is not considered until a patient has had a second event separated by time and location in the central nervous system.

In MS, the body's immune system becomes skewed, turning on itself, attacking the nerves and brain. Over time, the protective coating (myelin) that encases nerve fibers is stripped away. As this insulation deteriorates, damage builds, causing muscle weakness or paralysis, fatigue, dim or blurred vision, memory loss and other problems with thinking.

Avonex works by reducing the inflammation that causes the erosion and quieting this overactive immune system.

"Over the three-year trial, we noted that the burden of this disease from recurrent silent and clinical attacks slowed," Selhorst said. "It demonstrated that beginning therapy with Avonex at the first indication that a patient has MS significantly delays development of the disease and very likely the eventual disability experienced by patients, perhaps by many years."



Selhorst

Conference aims to get lead out

St. Louis has highest rate of poisoning in United States

About one-fourth of the children tested in the city of St. Louis have high levels of lead in their blood, five times the national average.

To work toward reducing these rates, the first Community Action for Lead Poisoning Prevention in St. Louis Conference was held Dec. 7 at Busch Memorial Center.

Sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the School of Public Health and Mercy Health Plans, the conference discussed efforts to reduce and eliminate lead poisoning not only for the city of St. Louis, but also for the entire metropolitan area.

"Lead poisoning does not discriminate. If your home was built before 1978, no matter where you live, it still may have remnants of lead-based paint," said Fernando Serrano, instructor in environmental health for the School of Public Health. "This is an issue that affects the whole community, and we need the community's help to make sure lead paint doesn't harm any more children."

About 90 percent of housing in the city of St. Louis was built before the lead paint ban in 1978. Ingesting lead paint dust and flakes can damage the brain and nervous system. Even low levels of lead can cause learning disabilities, hearing loss

and speech, language and behavior problems.

"Now that we know the severity of the problem, we need to find the solution," said Serrano.

"Our goal is to implement a community-based plan that effectively reduces and eliminates the threat of lead poisoning. We want the people most affected by lead poisoning to play an essential part in how we deal with it."

Serrano is also co-chair of the board of directors of the St. Louis Lead Prevention Coalition. A diverse group of individuals and public and private organizations, the St. Louis Lead Prevention Coalition works to reduce and eliminate lead exposure, especially among children in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

At the conference, participants were asked for input regarding the coalition's "blueprint" for lead poisoning prevention in the St. Louis metropolitan region.

"The time to encourage community involvement in the fight against lead poisoning is now," said Serrano. "Lead poisoning rates in the St. Louis area have not improved in more than a decade. With this conference, we hope to foster a more collaborative relationship between people in the community and public and private organizations to implement a more promising approach to making our community lead-safe."



Fernando Serrano, instructor in environmental health for the School of Public Health, speaks at the Community Action for Lead Poisoning Prevention in St. Louis Conference, held Dec. 7 at Busch Memorial Center. (Photo by Curt Dennison)



Employee Spotlight

Name: Laurie Boice

Position: senior administrative assistant for the vice president of development and University relations

Born: May 7 in St. Louis

Education: 1977 graduate of Cleveland High School with 12 credit hours at the School for Professional Studies at SLU

Marital status: married

Three words that describe me: outgoing, loyal, dreamer

For one day, I'd like to trade places with: Goldie Hawn. I'd get Kurt Russell for a day.

If I couldn't have my present job, I'd like to: work as a horticulturist at the botanical gardens.

Favorite vacation spot: Walt Disney World

Song that encourages me: "Carry On" by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young

Book I would recommend are: the Harry Potter series. (It's not just for kids.)

Favorite CD: soundtrack from *Forrest Gump*

Favorite television shows: *Dharma and Greg*, *Will and Grace*, *A&E Biography*

I'd like to meet: the remaining members of Monty Python.

Pet peeves: people who leave their pets or kids in the car

Favorite food: Pad Thai

Guilty pleasure: chocolate-covered strawberries

Almost nobody knows that I: have lived in Alaska and Hawaii.

A good movie I've seen lately: *Tea with Mussolini*

Favorite World Wide Web site: www.crateandbarrel.com.

Someday I hope to: obtain my bachelor's degree.

Favorite sports teams: St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Cubs. (Sometimes you have to root for the underdog)

Best career move: applying to Saint Louis University

Proudest moment: birth of my children

Words to live by: Humor is the best medicine.



NEWS

*** BRIEFS ***

CONSIDER SOUP: Soup with Substance opens its spring semester on Thursday, Feb. 1, with a look at "The Human Cost of Economic Sanctions." Kathy Kelly, founder of Voices in the Wilderness, a campaign to end the sanctions against Iraq, will provide a first-hand account of Iraq's people and their suffering in the 10 years since the Persian Gulf War. Kelly has participated in several of the 34 delegations that brought medicine and toys to Iraq during the past. Soup is served at noon in the Argentum Room of Busch Memorial Center. For more information, call campus ministry at 977-2428.

NURSING AWARDS: Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society of nursing, has bestowed awards from Region 2 on Saint Louis University faculty and graduates. Dr. Norma Metheny will receive the research dissemination award, and Dr. Kathy Ketchum, SLU doctoral graduate, will receive the Region 2 dissertation award. Ketchum won for her dissertation "Patient and Family Psychosocial Adjustment During the First Week Following Traumatic Injury." Ketchum's dissertation director, Dr. Anne Perry, and her committee member, Dr. Ruth Murray, both wrote in support of her work. Dr. Patsy Ruchala will present the award to Metheny at the regional meeting next year in Chicago. Sigma Theta Tau International honors nurses and

chapters who demonstrate professional excellence.

JOB LIST: Finding the perfect position at Saint Louis University has become easier, thanks to a new web site that includes a searchable database. Available information includes all open staff positions, benefits and location highlights, human resources links and details about the application process. Both prospective employees and current employees will benefit from this new resource. To access the information on the World Wide Web, go to the employment opportunities tab on the SLU homepage or directly to www.slu.edu/jobs.

SPRING COURSES: The Student Educational Services Center has announced its GRE and GMAT courses for spring 2001. GRE courses are held in Ritter Hall, Room 222, with math courses offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, and Saturday, Feb. 3, and from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9. Logic courses will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, and Saturday, Feb. 17. Verbal courses are from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. GMAT classes will be in Ritter Hall, Room 223, with writing courses from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, and Saturday, Jan. 27. Critical reading courses will take place from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, and



LEADER LUNCH: This year's YMCA Leader Lunch honored nine faculty and staff members from Saint Louis University. The annual event, held this year on Dec. 6 at the Regal Riverfront, pays tribute to women who have contributed to the growth and enrichment of the community and recognizes professional accomplishments as well. This year's honorees included (from left) Meg Connolly, interim director for alumni relations; Dr. Kathryn Kuhn, associate professor of sociology and criminal justice; Dr. Claudia Campbell, associate professor of public health; Mary Beth Erickson, administrative assistant for the vice president for mission and ministry; Mary Ann Bindbeutel, administrative assistant for the department of physical therapy; Vicki Sievers, senior administrative assistant for general counsel; Lucie Springmeyer, executive director for giving programs and development services; Linda Paglusch, former program coordinator for undergraduate admission and current assistant director for alumni relations; and Dr. Geryl Meyer, director for the accelerated nursing program. Dr. Margaret Herning, president of the Women's Commission, hosted a table for the nominees. (Photo by Margaret Herning)

Saturday, Feb. 3. Math classes will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. (Feb. 10, Feb. 17 and Feb. 24.) Fees are \$400 for printed review materials. Add \$16 for a CD-ROM. Registration deadline is Jan. 19.

BRIGHT STUDENTS: An exhibition curated by SLU students will be on display at the main branch of the St. Louis Public Library until Wednesday, Jan. 31. "Medieval Illuminations: Books of Hours," highlights books copied by hand before the advent of printing. The exhibit features illuminated books decorated with luminous materials, such as gold, silver and bright pigments. Personal prayer publications, Books of Hours were among the "best sellers" during the Middle Ages. The appeal of Books of Hours continues today. They can be found as reproductions on postcards, calendars and Christmas cards. The exhibit presents information about the components of these books, what they looked like, how they were made and who used them. The exhibit includes manuscript and printed examples of Books of Hours from the special collections of the St. Louis Public Library. SLU students Gina Avila, Laurie Mayuiers, Emily Perman, M. Sablan, Coleen Skelton and Jeff Vargas are curators for the exhibit. All of these students took Dr. Sherry C.M. Lindquist's course in the "History of Illuminated Manuscripts" this past semester. Exhibit hours in special collections are from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturdays or by appointment. For more information, call 539-0381.

BARRY ORDAINED: Campus minister Bernard Barry, SJ, was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 22 at St. Francis Xavier

Church in Kansas City, Mo. The Most Rev. Raymond J. Boland, bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph, served as the ordaining prelate. "I have been a Jesuit for 12 years," Barry said. "The thought of finally being ordained gives me a sense of great accomplishment and relief. I look forward to my future sacramental ministry in the Church. I feel that God has called me to the priesthood, and I look forward to serving in this capacity." The ordination took place in Barry's childhood parish. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Francis Xavier and received his first communion and first sacrament of reconciliation there. A graduate of Rockhurst High in Kansas City and Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., Barry is in his third year of full-time employment with SLU. He plans to remain here "at least a few more years." Barry had worked part time in campus ministry twice before while studying at SLU. He first came to the University for philosophy studies from 1990-92 and returned for studies from 1994-95. "This is my third time at SLU," Barry said. "I love being part of the Saint Louis University family."

CONFERENCE AT SLU: Archbishop Gabriel Kassab, the Chaldean Catholic Primate of Basra, Iraq, will be among several featured speakers for the third Mev Puleo Conference, "On the 10th Anniversary of the Gulf War: The Sanctions and the Suffering," from Wednesday, Jan. 31, to Monday, Feb. 5. The conference offers a variety of perspectives on current economic sanctions in Iraq and includes background on Iraq's culture, religious heritage, health care system and future. For a full list of events, call campus ministry at 977-2428.

VIRUS ALERT: The SLU community has been infected with two new viruses. Both viruses attach themselves to all addresses in buddy lists or address books and sends infected attachments to those on those lists. The W32.Prolin.Worm sends out a message with the subject "A Great Shockwave Flash Movie," along with the attachment "creative.exe." The computer becomes infected when the attachment is opened. The other virus, APStrogan.qa, sends out a message with the subject line, "hey you" and includes an attachment called "mine.zip." Again, the computer will become infected when opening the attachment. Please ensure your virus definitions remain current to prevent infection. Please call the Support Center at 977-4000 immediately if you believe your computer has been infected.

ON BOARD: Two members of the Saint Louis University community have been chosen to serve on the board of the Academy of Science of St. Louis. Janey S. Symington, a retired professor of molecular virology at the School of Medicine, was elected to serve as a vice president of the Academy. SLU biology professor Dr. Judith Medoff was re-elected to a three-year term on the academy board. The Academy of Science of St. Louis' mission is to improve scientific literacy in the region by acting as a forum for collaboration of science-related organizations and promoting exchanges among scientists, teachers and others supporting science education. Its major initiatives include the Greater St. Louis Science Fair and the Junior Academy of Science.



SOMBER NOTE: Saint Louis Symphony concertmaster David Halen explains a selection of music that he played to open a community remembrance gathering for the international Day Without Art on Nov. 30 at the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art. Critical Mass, the AIDS Foundation of St. Louis and MOCRA organized the event, which was set amid the retrospective exhibition of New York artist Robert Farber, who died from AIDS in 1995. Held annually on Dec. 1, Day Without Art began 12 years ago in the New York arts community. It has become an international day of action and mourning in response to the AIDS epidemic. Other participants at the local gathering included members of the St. Louis gospel music group G.R.A.C.E., the Ambassadors of the Gateway Men's Chorus, members of Hothouse Theater Company and actress Jane Ellen Ibur. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)



USHERING IN THE SEASON: University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ leads the University community in prayer at the annual crib blessing held Dec. 7 on the southeast corner of Grand and Lindell boulevards. The event featured a welcome by Mary Flick (second from left), vice president for mission and ministry, and seasonal hymns and songs. The annual High Tea, sponsored by the Panhellenic and Intrafraternity councils, followed the blessing. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

3 honored by African-American media

SLU's Humphrey, Scott, Dickens recognized by St. Louis newspapers

Several members of the Saint Louis University community have been heralded by African-American newspapers in St. Louis for their contributions to the community and to their professions.

Kathy Humphrey, vice president for student development, was recognized as a Distinguished Citizen by the *Argus*, a weekly black community-oriented newspaper serving metro St. Louis and East St. Louis. The award was presented Nov. 25 at the *Argus'* 88th anniversary luncheon.

In her position, Humphrey promotes student formation through non-academic areas of student life. Humphrey received recognition for the positive

influence she has on the lives of students at SLU.

Dr. Karla Scott, director of African-American studies, and Ramona Dickens, director of the under-represented businesses program, were honored by the *St. Louis Sentinel*.

The *Sentinel* is a weekly newspaper serving the greater St. Louis black community, the downtown area and Illinois.

Scott and Dickens received Special Achiever awards, which recognize African-American employees who have achieved a position of important responsibility at an institution or company. The awards were presented at the 27th annual *Sentinel* "Yes I Can" awards banquet Dec. 3.

A professor in the communi-

cations department, Scott teaches courses in intercultural communication, language and cultural diversity and communicating across racial divisions.

As director of the under-represented businesses program, Dickens raises awareness in the University community of available minority and women-owned vendors so that those responsible for purchasing decisions are aware of all the options. She also makes businesses aware of opportunities at the University. As a result of her efforts, the University has awarded contracts to several minority and women-owned businesses.



Billiken Briefs

HUNTER NAMED TO ALL-REGION TEAM: Saint Louis University sophomore middle hitter Colleen Hunter (St. Louis, Mo./Cor Jesu) was named to the 2000 AVCA All-Midwest Region volleyball team. Hunter's selection marks the fourth-straight year a Billiken has been named first-team All-Region. Laura Risley, Ksenya Korshunova and Julie Tretten were prior selections for Saint Louis. Conference USA players comprised half of the 12 selections on the All-Region team. Hunter was one of only two sophomores to make the team. Hunter broke the single-season kills record at SLU with 654 this past season and became the first Billiken sophomore to top the 1,000-kill plateau. Earlier this year, she was a first-team All-Conference USA selection. She set a new school record with 38 kills in a match against Eastern Illinois and became only the second Saint Louis player to be named AVCA Division I National Player of the Week. In addition, Hunter was a Verizon Academic All-District Volleyball second team selection in 2000. She finished the season ranked third in Conference USA in kills and hitting percentage, fourth in blocks and 10th in service aces.

TWO NET NATIONAL NOTICE: *Soccer America* has named sophomore Jack Jewsbury (Springfield, Mo./Kickapoo) to its third-team All-America squad. Meanwhile, Billikens senior goalkeeper Paul Nagy (Grapevine, Texas/Grapevine) has been selected to play in the annual Senior Bowl in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on Feb. 4. Jewsbury was the Billikens' leading scorer with 31 points on 13 goals and five assists. Conference USA selected Jewsbury as its Player of the Year. Jewsbury tied Brad Davis for the club lead in game-winners, and his hat trick at South Florida propelled the Bills to the C-USA regular-season title. He earned All-Tournament honors at both Saint Louis' Nike Classic and Vanderbilt's Puma Classic. He is the 45th individual Billiken to receive All-America honors. A 1999 C-USA first-team All-Conference selection, Nagy shared goalkeeping duties this season with junior John Politis and still posted a 5-2-1 goals against average with one shutout. Nagy was in goal when the Billikens captured the C-USA tournament championship against UAB at Robert R. Hermann Stadium. His 30 wins rank third all-time on the Billikens' career list. He posted a career 1.09 GAA with 13 shutouts. Nagy joins 30 other senior stars who will comprise East and West All-Star teams. They will play matches against the Major League Soccer Project 40 team and the PDL All-Stars before squaring off against one another. Nagy also will participate in the Dallas Burn's combine during the third week of January.



Top Ten

Dr. Steven Puro, professor of political science and public policy, lists the top 10 presidential elections and what they meant for the country in chronological order. Comparisons among these elections are difficult, Puro says, because each had a significant impact on a particular era in the development of American political institutions.

By Dr. Steven Puro

1. 1980 — Ronald Reagan (R). Reagan developed strong and popular conservative views that argued against "big government." In an unprecedented approach, his programs reduced domestic spending, gave large tax cuts and substantially increased military spending.

2. 1964 — Lyndon B. Johnson (D). Johnson brought stability to the nation after the assassination of John F. Kennedy. This election was an opening battle between liberal Democrat and conservative Republican views in the post World War II era. Johnson was an effective advocate for civil rights and the liberties of minorities, women and other disadvantaged individuals. However, he was unable to end the Vietnam War.



3. 1960 — John F. Kennedy (D). The first Catholic President, Kennedy was the leader of a new generation and offered a clarion call for societal change. This campaign also featured the first election of the modern era with an emphasis on mass media and presidential debates.

4. 1952 — Dwight D. Eisenhower (R). The first Republican President in 20 years, Eisenhower maintained and did not dismantle the governmental structures of New Deal politics. Eisenhower re-established the country's faith and trust in American democracy after the emotional ravages of World War II.

5. 1932 — Franklin D. Roosevelt (D). Roosevelt restored prosperity to a nation facing economic and political depression. Roosevelt created New Deal policies that remain a central focus of political and social discussion to the present.

6. 1912 — Woodrow Wilson (D). Wilson established the United States as a major international power and emphasized new forms of government regulation to enhance industrial growth and permit broad concepts of social welfare.

7. 1860 — Abraham Lincoln (R). Lincoln managed major crises of the Civil War, exercised political adroitness in preserving the Union, as well as existing governmental institutions.

8. 1828 — Andrew Jackson (D). A military hero who established a populist dimension for the presidency, Jackson also increased the authority of the presidency through direct conflicts with Congress and, for that time, extensive use of the presidential veto.

9. 1800 — Thomas Jefferson (D/R/Anti-Federalist). Jefferson provided a peaceful transition of power from Federalist to Anti-Federalists despite profound differences in their ideologies. A man of intellect and ideas, Jefferson continued the revolutionary concepts of American society.

10. 1792 — George Washington (Federalist). Washington was a national hero who served as a model for future presidents. He established the presidency as part of the governing system, not an office above it.

If you have an idea for a Top 10 list for Grand Connections, call 977-2519 or e-mail gc@slu.edu. Those lists accepted for publication will be included as soon as possible. The editor reserves the right to edit all materials and cut lists due to space constraints. Submitted lists should be typed or can be e-mailed to the above address.



PROMOTING CAPITALISM: Saint Louis University sent a delegation to the Collegiate Entrepreneur Organization Conference held Nov. 3 through 4 at Chicago's Navy Pier. Two SLU vans drove the group to the conference, where attendees heard from a broad array of prominent entrepreneurs, including Herbert Kelleher, founder and president and CEO of Southwest Airlines Co. Pictured are members of the Jefferson Smurfit Center for Entrepreneurial Studies faculty and staff, graduate and undergraduate students in the entrepreneurship class and members of Business Leadership: The Finstar Program for Women. (Submitted photo)

SLU professor puts new spin on his writing talent with release of new CD

An accomplished author with nine published books, Richard Burgin has started to realize a lifelong dream. Literature, however, doesn't figure into it.

A professor in the communication and English departments, Burgin has written the music and lyrics for a 12-song CD titled *In All of the World*. He describes the CD as accessible art songs in the framework of a concept album.

"These particular songs are played in a jazz idiom I've always loved," said Burgin, who adds that the CD traces the evolution of one person's mind and spirit. "The songs could have been done in different styles, but

my arranger and I decided jazz would work best for the cuts we wanted to do."

Joe Fitzmartin provided instrumentals and arrangements for the CD, and Matthew Cloran furnished the vocals. Burgin does not sing or play on the album.

"I'm not a performer, I'm a writer," said Burgin, who hasn't ruled out the idea of a live show. "I'm from an era when the writers were different than the performers."

Burgin learned an appreciation for music at an early age. His father was a concertmaster and associate conductor of the Boston Symphony, while his mother was a renowned violin soloist. "I grew up in a house constantly filled with music," Burgin said. "I often heard five hours of classical music a day."

Burgin regrets that he didn't take advantage of his parents' expertise or contacts while they were alive. "I knew everyone, yet I did nothing," Burgin said. "Now that it's too late, I'm starting from scratch without their guidance."

Although Burgin remains appreciative and devoted to literature, music holds a special place for him. "I've always loved music more than liter-

ature for whatever complicated, deep-seated psychological reason," said Burgin, who has taught at Saint Louis University for five years. "It's always been an unconscious wish or dream for me to write music."

Burgin had flirted with composing piano pieces

for many years while realizing he already possessed the qualifications to write lyrics. His latest collection of stories, *The Spirit Returns*, is due out in fall 2001. "Hopefully, I'm overqualified to write lyrics," Burgin said. "Lyrics weren't a problem. And I was composing almost a song a week, so I needed an outlet."

Burgin hopes other artists will notice his

work and possibly record his songs. He plans to send his CD to publishing companies, professional singers and agents. He also wants his CD to be recognized as its own accomplishment.

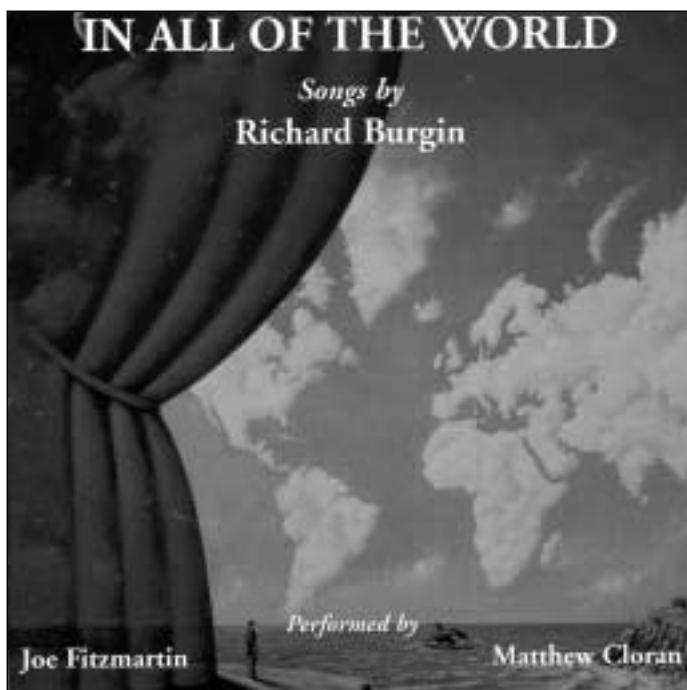
"These songs aren't written with an eye toward making money," he said. "It's just a creation into which I've put my heart, soul and mind."

Burgin's work already has drawn some attention. National Book Award-winning author Joyce Carol Oates has called Burgin "a strikingly gifted songwriter and composer," and renowned critic David Shapiro said his songs are "the freshest, most surprising love songs of my generation."

"People seem to be responding enthusiastically to it," said Burgin, whose album can be found at www.richardburgin.com, the University Bookstore, Left Bank Books and Euclid Records.

Writing in all its forms continues to play a role in Burgin's life, but he admits a calling to music — a passion his parents instilled.

"I've always considered music the highest art," Burgin said. "I'd rather write music than do anything else."



Richard Burgin takes a crack at music, his greatest love, with his first CD.



On the Move

Congratulations to the following employees who have received promotions or transfers.

- Jane Ahrens, to transfer billing representative for the department of pediatrics.
- Eric Anderson, assistant director for campus recreation.
- Jim Anthony, to director for grounds and maintenance management.
- Susan Beatman, to patient coordinator for the Center for Advanced Dental Education.
- Donna Byerley, to senior patient coordinator for the department of ophthalmology.
- Edwina DeLuca, to patient relations representative for SLU Care support services.
- Kelly Dineen, to clinical nurse for the department of surgery/neurosurgery.
- Nicollette Haubrich, to medical assistant for the department of orthopedic surgery.
- Maria Hein, to senior financial analyst for financial planning and budgeting.
- Charleta Hoffman, to administrative assistant for the department of internal medicine/cardiology.
- Glenda Jackson, to transfer billing representative for the department of surgery/neurosurgery.
- Dawn Larkins, to senior patient coordinator for the department of ophthalmology.
- Bandula Lelwala-Guruge, to research assistant for the department of internal medicine/cardiology.
- Marian Lenck, to administrative secretary for the department of nutrition and dietetics.
- Jamie Nolden, to billing representative for orthopedic surgery.
- Edward Ososki, to senior events specialist for University events.
- Ronna Rhodes, to administrative assistant for the department of internal medicine.
- Rebecca Rumley, to research assistant for the department of obstetrics, gynecology and women's health.
- Lori Schultz, to library assistant for the law library.
- Joanne Slater, to audiologist for the department of otolaryngology.
- Shawnte Young, to senior secretary for the Center for Advanced Dental Education.
- Jennifer Zimmerman, to clinical nurse for the department of internal medicine.

Employees seeking promotion or transfer opportunities should call their campus human resources office or visit the World Wide Web site at www.slu.edu/jobs.

University to take control of several buildings in area

Saint Louis University has several new buildings at its disposal.

Childgarden, a daycare facility sponsored by the St. Louis Association for Retarded Citizens, will relocate to its new facility on Laclede Street this month. SLARC sold the Childgarden building, located on the west side of Bannister House at 3840 Lindell, to SLU in January 1999. SLARC had been leasing the property from SLU since the sale.

The University also plans to take possession of the Bruton Studio building, located at 3842 West Pine. The University acquired this property in January 1999 and had been leasing it to the former owner.

In addition, the University was slated to complete the proposed purchase of the Compton Heights complex from Tenet

Healthcare Corp.

University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ, had asked the SLU community to recommend uses for these buildings.

At press time, administration had not made a final decision on a use for the former Incarnate Word hospital, but Biondi had indicated SLU would not use the Compton Heights complex as a hospital or student housing.

Options under consideration include making the property the site for the School of Public Health, a hotel or conference center, or offices for human resources, business and finance and patient accounts.

Biondi considers the Compton Heights project a priority because the property has been vacant for several months. He hopes the University can begin using the complex as quickly as possible.

New twist on natural family planning gives women range of health benefits

Most people think of natural family planning as birth control without using artificial means. But natural family planning can be used to avoid or achieve pregnancy, and a new spin on the method addresses a variety of other gynecologic issues.

Natural Procreative Technology, a new reproductive science that enhances natural family planning, also can help with infertility, premenstrual syndrome, pre-menopausal problems, irregular menstrual cycles and abnormal bleeding. It even can be used to monitor the effects of stress on women.

"NaPro Technology works in a complementary way to the woman's body without using suppressive drugs or chemicals," said Mary Lee Barron, instructor for the School of Nursing. "Patients keep charts of their menstrual cycle in order to use biological markers that reflect the occurrence of various hormonal events during the course of the menstrual cycle. It's a logical first step in the evaluation of a gynecological problem — that's why it can help with a wide range of issues concerning a woman's health."

Barron, in collaboration with School of Medicine obstetrician/gynecologists, uses NaPro Technology to work with women in the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of gynecologic disorders, as well as providing well woman care.

NaPro Technology is an added component to Creighton Model Natural Family Planning, an ovulation model of procreative education. The development of the Creighton Model began at

Saint Louis University in 1976 and is a uniquely American approach to the Billings Ovulation Method. This method is 96.8 to 99 percent effective in avoiding pregnancy.

After teaching couples to chart, Barron refers most of the couples with infertility problems to physicians with whom she works. But Barron has had success using the Creighton model for couples with no history of fertility problems who have decided to start a family. "In a study of 50 couples that used the Creighton Model of Natural Family Planning, 76 percent of the couples became pregnant within the first month," Barron said.

The program is easy to learn but does require a serious commitment. "Once a woman follows the program for awhile, it becomes part of her daily routine," Barron said. "It takes a little getting used to, but it allows women to take control of their gynecologic and reproductive health, which makes it very worth the few extra minutes every day."

Barron emphasizes that NaPro Technology is safe, effective and acceptable to the Catholic Church.

Barron provides NaPro Technology services to patients who attend St. Mary's Obstetrics and Gynecologic Clinic. The service is also available to anyone who has health insurance accepted by SSM St. Mary's Health Center.

For more information, call Barron at the School of Nursing at 577-8978 or at SSM St. Mary's Health Center at 768-8017.



SCHOOL'S OUT: Saint Louis University held its annual mid-year commencement ceremony on Dec. 15. The event began with a service held in St. Francis Xavier College Church. A reception in the St. Louis Room of Busch Memorial Center followed the service. (Photos by Don Black)



Weddings

Congratulations to the following employees who recently celebrated weddings:

- Alisa A. Hendree (hematology/oncology) married Robert D. Clemons (SLUH maintenance) on Aug. 11.
- Sherri Higdon (career services) married Eric Fischer on Sept. 16.
- Linda Creamer (general counsel's office, HSC) married Andre Hernandez on Oct. 7.

SLU faculty and staff also can send birth announcements to Grand Connections for publication. For marriages, please include employee name, department, spouse's name and date of the ceremony. For births, please include employee name, department, spouse's name, sex of the child and date of birth. If any information is missing, the announcement will not be published. Only SLU employees will be considered for publication. Submit typed announcements through mail to Chris Waldvogel, DuBourg Hall, Room 39, or via e-mail to gc@slu.edu.

SLU, two churches write cookbook to raise money for minority scholarships

Want to stick to your New Year's resolution to make healthier meals for you and your family?

Just in time to undo the damage done by overeating during the holidays, Saint Louis University and two churches have published the *Healthy Futures Cookbook*.

The department of nutrition and dietetics at the School of Allied Health Professions penned the new cookbook along with San Francisco Temple Complex and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

The *Healthy Futures Cookbook* includes recipes from church members and SLU staff, students and faculty. The recipes were analyzed for nutritional content by SLU dietitians, and each recipe includes tips for making healthier meals.

"Not all these recipes are low fat, low sodium," said Joy Short, instructor in the department of nutrition and dietetics and project director. "However, each recipe is followed up by a nutrition tip to make the meal healthier. The recipes can be easily modified to lower fat and sodium

content or increase fiber and other nutrients."

The cookbook was funded by the American Dietetic Association as part of the Partnerships in Diversity Promotion campaign. Organizers are trying to enhance diversity in the field of nutrition and dietetics, promote good nutrition and emphasize the value of going to college.

Saint Louis University, San Francisco Temple Complex and Bethlehem Lutheran Church hope the cookbook and the healthy futures collaboration helps build spirituality, mental development, physical health and cultural awareness.

All of the money raised through the sale of the cookbook will be used for minority scholarships. The book is available through SLU for a minimum donation of \$7. There is a \$3 charge for shipping and handling.

To obtain your copy, call Joy Short at 577-8523 or order by e-mail at shortje@slu.edu.



WINTER WONDERLAND: Saint Louis University students faculty and staff had to endure below average temperatures and above average precipitation before enjoying the holiday break. Due to nearly seven inches of snow on Dec. 13, several finals were rescheduled, and the University shut down early. Several campus landmarks provided testimony for the severe weather, which continued throughout December. Above, the dolphin pond had its fill of the snowfall while the Billiken remained in good spirits despite several snowstorms, freezing rain, driving winds and bitter cold. (Photos by John Vieth)

Interfaith Celebration to kick off spring semester

Various traditions share through prayer

Saint Louis University officially will kick off the opening of the spring semester with the annual Interfaith Celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at St. Francis Xavier College Church.

A musical prelude to the celebration begins at noon, with the celebration scheduled to begin at 12:15 p.m.

University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ, will lead the service of communal prayer.

This year's theme is "One Family, Many Faces, Many Minds, One Heart." Students

from various faith traditions will share their faith through prayer.

Lunch will be served immediately following the celebration in the ballroom of the lower College Church.

Classes have been canceled between noon and 2 p.m. to allow all members of the University community to attend.

The celebration is sponsored by the office of mission and ministry. For more information, call 977-2509.

MEDIA MATTERS

Dr. Mike Alderson (finance) was interviewed by Metro Networks, a radio news service, about budgeting for the holidays.

Bruce Bacon, M.D., (gastroenterology and hepatology) was interviewed Nov. 27 by *WebMD* regarding a new study published about hemochromatosis. Bacon also was featured on the cover and in an in-depth story in *M.D. News*.

Gary Behrman (social service) was featured on the Sacred Heart Radio Network, which airs locally on KSHE-FM 94.7, WVRV-FM 101.1 and WSSM-FM 106.5. Behrman discussed resentment as the primary emotion that keeps people locked in depression, anxiety and revenge.

Robert Belshe, M.D., (infectious diseases) and staff were photographed for the cover story on influenza that will appear in *Geo*, a magazine with distribution all over Europe and Asia. Belshe was interviewed regarding his work to develop a nasal spray flu vaccine.

Mary Case, M.D., (pathology/forensic pathology) was interviewed by the *Courier-Journal* (Louisville, Ky.) about her testimony at the trial of Timothy Barnes, a former corrections officer accused of killing a Jefferson County Jail inmate.

Dr. Margaret Cooper (anatomy and neurobiology) was featured in an article in the *Park Hills Daily Journal* about the memorial service for University body donors, which is sponsored each year by first-year medical students.

Adrian Di Bisceglie, M.D., (gastroenterology and hepatology) was interviewed Nov. 20 by the *Boston Herald* and *M.D. News* about the rising rates of liver cancer.

Mark Dykewicz, M.D., (internal medicine/allergy and immunology) was interviewed Nov. 16 by *WebMD* in response to an article published in the November issue of *Chest* about aspirin sensitivity and asthma. Dykewicz also was interviewed by Rodale Press about a variety of topics, including asthma, rhinitis and drug allergy, that will be used in an upcoming book.

Dr. Louise Flick (community health nursing) was interviewed Nov. 1 by the *Wall Street Journal* about infant mortality in St. Louis and across the United States.

Dr. Randall Flanery (community and family medicine/behavioral medicine) appears in the November issue of *Family Gazette* in an article about ADHD. Flanery also was interviewed by Metro Network News about "Santa's budget" and how children can be taught to appreciate Christmas giving without succumbing to Christmas greed.

Dee Anna Glaser, M.D., (dermatology) was interviewed by the web site *Drkoop.com*. She discussed her research into acid peels to treat acne. Glaser also was interviewed by the *Washington Post* about using botox to treat palmar hyperhidrosis.



A study by Dr. Michael Grady and student Kathie Poe (educational studies) was featured in the *Columbus Dispatch* (Ohio). The study focused on language barriers for student in a Columbus school district.

Roger L. Goldman (law) was interviewed Dec. 4 by Metro Networks Communication Inc. about the 2000 presidential election.

Joel Goldstein, J.D., (law) appeared in the *Straits Times* (Singapore) in an article about a new list of the greatest presidents in U.S. history. Goldstein also was interviewed by Rueters news service about the presidential election.

George Grossberg, M.D., (psychiatry/geriatric psychiatry) was interviewed by "First Light with Dirk Van" on the NBC Radio Network, "Daybreak USA" on USA Radio Network, *USA Today.com*, *Internal Medicine News*, *Suburban News* (Mahwah, N.J.) and Metro Networks. Grossberg discussed Alzheimer's disease diagnosis, treatment and caregiving, in regard to National



Alzheimer's Disease Month.

Edward Hogan, M.D., (neurology) was interviewed Dec. 1 by the *Springfield Journal Register* and Reuter's News Service about first aid for people affected by epilepsy.

Dr. Jerry Katz (management) was interviewed by *www.bcentral.com*, Microsoft's small business web site. Katz provided e-commerce advice for small businesses for the holidays.

James S. Kemp, M.D., (pediatrics) was interviewed Nov. 28 by *Child* magazine about his research on SIDS and bedsharing. Kemp's research also was featured in articles in the *Northern California Parent* (Santa Rosa, Calif.), *Our Kids* (Atlanta, Ga.), *L.A. Parent* (Burbank, Calif.), *Dallas Family* (Texas), *Parenting* (California), *Parent's Monthly* (Sacramento, Calif.), *San Diego Parent Magazine* (California) and *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (Richmond, Va.). Kemp also was interviewed about the disparity between black and white SIDS fatalities for the bi-monthly publication *Raising Black Children* (Beverly Hills, Calif.).

Patrick McCarthy (Pius XII Memorial Library) was featured in *Double Take* magazine about his new book about Bosnian refugees called *After the Fall: Srebrenica Survivors in St. Louis*.

Dr. Kathy Petersen (community and family medicine/behavioral medicine) was interviewed Nov. 28 by the *Gazette* (Colorado Springs, Colo.) and *The Medical Minute*, which is syndicated nationally on radio and the Web. She discussed holiday stress and family relationships.

Dr. Steve Puro (political science) was interviewed Nov. 13 by the *San Francisco Chronicle* about the Electoral College.

Stories on the new Saint Louis University Cancer Center ran on CNNfn and in the *Kansas City Star* and *Moberly Monitor Index*.

Dr. Joanne Schneider (gerontological nursing) was interviewed about her new study regarding encouraging older adults to exercise regularly. The study was featured in the *Journal of Nurse Assistants*.

John Selhorst, M.D., (neurology) was featured in an article in the *Waynesville Daily Guide* (Waynesville, Mo.) about the CHAMPS study finding that one of the drugs used to treat multiple sclerosis dramatically slows the rate at which people develop the disease.

Raymond Slavin, M.D., (internal medicine/allergy and immunology) was interviewed by *Infectious Diseases in Children* about the symptoms and treatment for allergic fungal sinusitis and for a second article on how allergists need to communicate more with primary care doctors.

Dr. Ken Warren (political science) was interviewed by the *Philadelphia Daily News* about the possibility of former presidents Carter and Ford intervening in the current presidential controversy. Warren also was interviewed by the *Washington Times* and the *Kansas City Star* about the presidential election.

Shared Vision series resumes for spring

The office for mission and ministry has announced its spring lineup for *Shared Vision*, a three-part video-and-discussion series that explores the history of the Jesuits, the spirit and insights of their founder, Ignatius Loyola, and the guiding vision that inspires Jesuit education in the third millennium.

Employees who have joined the University within the past six months should receive special letters of invitation in the mail. Those who have attended either the first or the second *Shared Vision* session also will receive invitations. All employees, however, are encouraged to attend.

Nearly 2,000 faculty and staff have attended *Shared Vision* since the program began during the spring 1996 semester. More than 550 have completed the three-part series.

Shared Vision: Beginnings examines the beginnings of the Ignatian vision in the life of Ignatius Loyola, his development of the Spiritual Exercises and the founding of the Society of Jesus. Frost campus sessions will be held the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 14, and in the afternoon on Tuesday, March 20. At the Health Sciences Center, they will be held the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 13, and the morning of Wednesday, March 21.

The story continues in part two, *Shared Vision: Transformation*, which looks at how the Ignatian

vision was transformed by new cultures, new areas of knowledge and the new partnerships formed as it spread around the globe. On the Frost campus, a morning session is slated Wednesday, Feb. 21, with an afternoon session on Tuesday, March 27. At the Health Sciences Center, an afternoon session is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 20, with a morning program on Wednesday, March 28.

The third and final segment, *Shared Vision: Transitions*, examines the Ignatian vision as it became part of American culture and the modern era. This session challenges participants to consider thoughtfully the next step for those who want to continue the Ignatian vision in education. At the Frost campus, afternoon sessions are planned for Thursday, March 1, and Tuesday, April 3, with a morning session on Wednesday, March 7. At the Health Sciences Center, an afternoon session is set for Friday, Feb. 2, with morning sessions on Thursday, March 8, and Wednesday, April 4.

Morning sessions are from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Afternoon sessions are from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. All programs at Frost are held in Jesuit Hall. Programs at the Health Sciences Center are in the LRC, Room 111.

To register or for more information, call the office of mission and ministry at 977-2509.



Trivia Corner



This month's trivia column focuses on one of the leading researchers and teachers in Saint Louis University history.

1. What event is this picture from? (HINT: It involves an open house.)
2. For whom is the hall named?
3. What position did this man hold at the University?
4. What notable award did he receive?
5. Why did he receive this award and in which year?

1. The formal dedication of Doisy Hall on May 13, 1955
2. Dr. Edward A. Doisy (pictured at right)
3. Professor and chairman for the department of biochemistry
4. The Nobel Prize
5. For his work in the isolation of vitamin K in 1943

UNIVERSITY ★ ★ ★ GRANTS ★ ★ ★

William A. Banks, M.D., (internal medicine) has received a five-year \$1,370,250 new grant award from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke for the study "Mechanisms of HIV Transport Across the Blood Brain Barrier."

Stephen J. Barenkamp, M.D., (pediatrics) has received a three-year \$777,000 new grant award from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for the study "Role of *Haemophilus influenzae* HMW Adhesion Proteins in Host Immunity." The study will investigate the potential usefulness of the HMW proteins as components of a vaccine for prevention of ear infections caused by the *Haemophilus* bacteria, the second most common cause of ear infections in young children. Development of a protective vaccine could provide substantial health benefits for children throughout the world.

Preben Bjerregaard, M.D., (cardiology) has received a one-year \$10,000 contract award from Biotronik for the study "Acute and Chronic Comparison of Single vs. Dual Coil Defibrillation Thresholds Biotronik MycroPHYLAX Programmable Shock Pathway Study." The study will collect data on defibrillation shock delivery configuration. Bjerregaard also has received a one-year \$15,000 contract award from Medtronic Inc. for the study "Reduced Incidence and Duration (Burden) of Atrial Fibrillation/Atrial Tachycardia (AF/AT) with the Jewel AF study."

Dr. Mark L. Buller (molecular microbiology and immunology) has received a four-year \$1,784,382 new grant award from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for the study "Orthopoxvirus Genomics and Bioinformatics Research Center."

Thomas J. Chambers, M.D., (molecular microbiology and immunology) has received a four-year \$1,157,242 new grant award from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for the study "Functional Analysis of HCV-B Lymphocyte Interactions."

Robert E. Fleming, M.D., (pediatrics) has received a five-year \$1,007,120 new grant award from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for the study "Iron Transport in a Murine Model of Hemochromatosis." Hereditary hemochromatosis is a common genetic disorder of iron metabolism that causes an accumulation of body iron, leading to tissue damage and organ failure. This research will investigate how the gene mutation for HH causes abnormal iron metabolism and also study how the intestine normally compensates for low dietary iron in instances of dietary iron deficiency.

Michael Green, M.D., (molecular microbiology and immunology) has received a two-year \$150,001 new contract award from Antigenics Inc. for the study "Structure/Function Analysis of the Molecular Chaperone GRP94 as a Chaperone-Based Vaccine."

George T. Grossberg, M.D., (psychiatry) has received a one-year \$1,248,388 new con-

tract award from Wyeth-Ayerst Research for the study "Rising Single and Multiple Dose Tolerance Study of DAB-452 in Patients with Schizophrenia or Schizoaffective Disorder."

Denise Janosik, M.D., (cardiology) continues with the final year of the five-year follow-up of AFFIRM patients, a \$47,925 contract award from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the National Institutes of Health for the study "Atrial Fibrillation Follow-up Investigation of Rhythm Management." The study will evaluate whether maintaining a normal heart rhythm or controlling the heart rate alone results in better survival for patients with atrial fibrillation. Janosik also has received a one-year \$61,950 contract award from Wyeth-Ayerst Research for the study "A Double-Blind Comparison of the Incidence of Hypotension with Two Formulations of Intravenous Amiodarone: Cordarone I.V. versus Amiodarone Aqueous I.V. Injection."

Lacy Kolo (pharmacological and physiological science) has received a two-year \$36,000 fellowship award from the American Heart Association - Heartland Affiliate for the study "Alterations in Sympathetic Neurotransmission in Experimental Hypertension." The information gained from the study will lead to a better understanding of the possible mechanisms underlying the physiological changes in hypertension.

Antonella Quattromani, M.D., (cardiology) continues with the second year of a four-year \$80,300 contract award from the National Institutes of Health, Medtronic, Inc. and Wyeth-Ayerst Research for the study "Sudden Cardiac Death — Heart Failure Trial (SCD-HeFT)." The study hopes to identify therapy that will reduce death rates in patients with congestive heart failure resulting from ischemic or non-ischemic dilated cardiomyopathy.

Forrest Roth (School of Medicine) has received a one-year \$2,451 grant award from the Southern Medical Association for the study "The Effects of Mechanical Strain on Human Fibroblasts." The research will investigate abnormal scarring that predominantly occurs in people of African heritage, which can cause complications in surgical procedures that involve a skin incision. By determining the cause of this abnormal formation of connective tissue, it may be possible to develop effective prevention or treatment therapy for patients susceptible to the scarring.

Randy S. Sprague, M.D., (pharmacological and physiological science) has received a four-year \$1,036,000 new grant award from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for a study titled, "Mechanisms of Deformation-Induced ATP Release from RBCs." The study will examine the role of red blood cells in the regulation of blood flow and pressure in the lungs. The successful completion of these studies will provide new insights into the causes and treatments of pulmonary hypertension for patients with lung diseases, such as cystic fibrosis and primary pulmonary hypertension.

SLU employee captures Bosnian crisis in book

In 1994, Saint Louis University became one of the first schools in the United States to respond to the crisis in the former Yugoslavia by offering a scholarship to a young Bosnian woman whose studies at the University of Sarajevo were cut short by the outbreak of war.

Today, the Bosnian refugee community in St. Louis is estimated at more than 20,000 persons — the largest concentration of any city in the United States — and a number of Bosnian students are enrolled at SLU. The University has hosted a series of programs during the last several years to assist local Bosnians in rebuilding their lives after war.

University outreach to the large Bosnian community in St. Louis has been led by alumnus and employee Patrick McCarthy (A&S '83), who is head of technical services at Pius XII Memorial Library.

McCarthy traveled to Sarajevo in 1994 and returned to Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1998. McCarthy's first trip to Bosnia was at the height of the conflict and included travel on foot through an underground tunnel dug underneath the Sarajevo airport, then the only link between the besieged Bosnian capital and the outside world.

He arrived unharmed with packages of letters, money and photos for Sarajevo families whose anxious relatives in St. Louis had asked him to deliver the items.

McCarthy returned in 1998 with photographer Tom Maday, his collabora-



McCarthy

tor on a documentary interview and photography project on Bosnians in St. Louis. McCarthy and Maday — a Fordham University graduate and Chicago-based photographer whose work has appeared in *Newsweek*, *Vanity Fair*, and the *New York Times Magazine* — began work in 1997 on *After The Fall: Srebrenica Survivors in St. Louis*, which was published in October by the Missouri Historical Society Press.

Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* correspondent David Rohde wrote the foreword to *After The Fall*, which presents photographic images and first-person interview narratives with an extended family of refugee survivors from Srebrenica, the site of some of the worst atrocities of the Bosnian war.

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

To order a copy of the book, visit www.afterthefall.org

Eagleton

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Senate in 1968. In the Senate, Eagleton was known for his work in the areas of foreign relations, intelligence, defense, education, health care, the environment and campaign finance reform. He chose not to run for a fourth term and returned to St. Louis in 1987.

Since leaving the Senate, Eagleton has been a partner in the law firm of Thompson Coburn, LLP, a professor of public affairs at Washington University, a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, president of the Truman Library Institute and president of FANS Inc., the civic group that brought the NFL Rams to St. Louis.

He is the author of three books and the recipient of numerous honorary degrees and awards. Eagleton and his

wife, Barbara, have two children, Terence Eagleton and Christy Eagleton Fleming, and two grandchildren, Barbara Ellen Fleming and James Eagleton Fleming.

The Sword of Ignatius Loyola is named for the founder of the Society of Jesus, Inigo Lopez de Loyola. A soldier-knight who resolved to devote his life to God and the Church, Loyola expressed his devotion when he laid his sword and dagger on the altar at the Shrine of Our Lady at the Abbey of Montserrat near Manresa, Spain, and offered his life to the service of Our Lady as a knight of God.

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.

Fowler

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Jeff's personal attributes make him the ideal candidate for sharing the University's mission."

Fowler boasts more than 20 years of media experience, including 11 years with KSDK-TV Channel 5 in St. Louis. He spent the last year with MAX

Broadcasting Network, a St. Louis-based Internet firm.

"I'm delighted to join this extraordinary institution," Fowler said. "I look forward to helping communicate Saint Louis University's news and accomplishments to media in St.

Louis and around the country."

Fowler is a resident of Chesterfield, Mo. He is married to Jean Jackson, an anchor and reporter at KDNL-TV Channel 30. Fowler has two children, Ryan, 15, and Alex, 12.

Dr. Reinhard Andress (modern and classical languages) and the German section conducted a German Immersion Weekend at the Lay Field Station with 27 students from both SLU and Webster University. Andress also gave the talk "The Nationwide American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) Articulation Survey of High School Students - Some Initial Ideas for Concrete Action" at the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages meeting in Boston.

Dr. Adrian J. Blow (counseling and family therapy) and Douglas H. Sprenkle had the article "Common Factors Across Theories of Marriage and Family Therapy: A Modified Delphi Study" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*. Blow also gave two presentations: "Common Factors: Implications for Training and Practice," presented at the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy national conference in Denver, and "Common Factors and Theories of Marriage and Family Therapy: A Historical Problem That Impacts Training and Practice" at the National Council of Family Relations' national conference in Minneapolis.



Richard Breslin (educational leadership and higher education) wrote "Hiring for Mission," which was published in the December issue of *Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice*.

Drs. Vincent Casaregola and Tom Shippey (English), along with several others, attended the 42nd annual convention of the Midwest Modern Language Association Nov. 2 to 4. Casaregola, a member of the executive committee for the MMLA, acted as a panelist or coordinator for several sessions and also presented "Literary Study for the *Ratio Studiorum*. The Place of Core Literature in the Jesuit Educational Tradition." Shippey's paper, "The Finest Story in the World': Kipling, Morris, Longfellow and Furdurstrandi," was presented by graduate student John Walter. Graduate students Deborah Hyland and John Marino acted as chair and secretary, respectively, for the "Old and Middle English Literature" session. Graduate students Bob Blaskiewicz, Janet Garrard-Willis, Kathleen St. Peters and Walter all presented papers for their panel presentation titled, "Re-envisioning Community as Collaborative Text: Freshman Comp. In a Wired Classroom."

Dr. Thomas Curran (his-

tory) gave the lecture "We Make Millennials': The Universal Peace Union and the Politics of Perfection" at the fifth International Conference on Millennialism, held in Boston.

Dr. Janice DeMasters (nursing) has been invited to participate in a round-table discussion on menopause management in New York.



Daphne deMello, M.D., (pathology) presented "Patterns of Angiogenesis in Normal Lung Development: New Insights into Abnormal Development" during the eighth annual Woods Hole Conference in Lung Cell Biology at Woods Hole, Mass.

Dr. Harold A. Dieck (chemistry) presented the paper "Heck-Type Reactions Using Haloalkenes in Place of Alkenes" at the Midwest regional meeting of the American Chemical Society, held in St. Louis.

Dr. John Encarnacion (Earth and atmospheric sciences), along with graduate student Dan Fernandez and undergraduate student Ben Luetkemeyer, presented geological research being conducted in the Philippines at the Geological Society of America meeting in Reno, Nev. Encarnacion also was co-author of two other presentations, one with David Kirschner and graduate student Fabrizio Agosta, and another with colleagues at the University of Wisconsin and Ohio State.

Dr. Donald Ferguson (Center for Advanced Dental Education) recently lectured in Osaka, Okayama and Tokyo, Japan. Ferguson spoke about advances and issues in orthodontics.

Dr. Steven J. Fliesler (ophthalmology) has been appointed the new retina section editor of *Experimental Eye Research*, a leading international vision science journal and the official journal of the International Society for Eye Research. Fliesler has served as an executive editorial board member of the journal since 1995.

Dr. Gerard Fowler (educational leadership and higher education) has been appointed chairman for the 2000-2001 University committee on student discipline. Fowler also has been appointed to the St. Louis Regional Employment/Labor Committee of the American Arbitration Association.

Dr. Dennis P. Fuller (communication sciences and disorders) presented "Primary and Secondary TEP: How we do it in the U.S." with Brendon Stack, M.D., as part of the Tracheo-Esophageal Puncture Voice Restoration Workshop at Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital in Amsterdam. Fuller

also met with design engineers of Atos Medical in Sweden regarding trial use of new products and continued development of a product that has patent possibilities. Fuller also gave several presentations, including "Aeromechanics of Voice Production" at a pre-conference workshop for speech pathologists in Minneapolis; "Methods and Problems Fitting and Changing the TEP Prosthesis" at a workshop for University of Indiana Hospital's speech pathology department; and "Adult Paradoxical Vocal Cord Disorder, the Result of Abuse" during the annual meeting of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, held in Washington, D.C.

Drs. Sandy Hamrick and Annie Smart (modern and classical languages), along with graduate student Jessica Sertling, attended the 26th annual Colloquium in 19th Century French Studies at the University of Illinois. Smart presented "Art and Gender Politics: Representing Republican Womanhood in the French Revolution." Hamrick organized the panel "(Re)Molding the Plastic Arts," in which she presented "Promenade in the Tuileries: Gautier and 'la sculpture ennuyeuse.'"

Dr. Robert Herrmann (Earth and atmospheric sciences) completed an invited visit to the Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia in Rome, where he worked with Dr. Luca Malagnini on observations of high frequency earthquake ground motion as part of a national seismic hazard assessment. At INGV, Herrmann presented the lectures "High Frequency Ground Motion Scaling in the Western U.S." and "Computer Programs in Seismology, an Introduction." In addition he presented the paper "Site Effects of Deep Soils - is FEMA 273 Correct?" at the



Convengno Nazionale, Gruppo Nazionale di Geofisica della Terra Solida, in Rome.

Drs. Kathleen Hoover and Betty Fadden (nursing) have had their abstract, "Professional Portfolio Development: A Curricular Innovation for the RN to BSN Student," selected for presentation at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Baccalaureate Education Conference in Chicago.

Dr. Honore Hughes (psychology) and Lynette Tay, graduate student, presented "Culturally Sensitive Interventions for Children Exposed to Family Violence: An Asian Example" and "Development of the Children's

Chronic Trauma-Related Symptoms Inventory (CCTRSI): Preliminary Findings from a Shelter Sample" at the fifth International Conference on Family Violence in San Diego. They also presented "A Culturally Sensitive Approach to Working with Asian American Children and their Families in Parent Training" at the Kansas Conference on Clinical Child Psychology in Lawrence.

Dr. Bruce Kowert (chemistry) presented the paper "Diffusion of Buckminsterfullerene in the n-Alkanes." At the 35th Midwest regional meeting of the American Chemical Society. Co-authors were undergraduate Kurtis T. Sobush, former undergraduate Louis G. Seele III and former graduate student Nhan C. Dang. Sobush also gave a poster called "Diffusion of Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Alkanes and Cyclohexanes" in



the undergraduate research symposium at the meeting. Co-authors were Seele, Dang and Kowert.

Dr. Tim Kusky (Earth and atmospheric sciences) attended the annual Geological Society of America meeting in Reno, Nev. He gave four presentations on the tectonics of Saudi Arabia, the Sinai Peninsula, southern Egypt and Sudan and gave a talk on the discovery of the world's oldest intact fragment of oceanic crust in northern China. Kusky also served as the chairman of the "Special Session on the Tectonic Evolution of the East African Orogen."

Dr. Reuven Levary (decision sciences and MIS) presented a seminar to high school math teachers on financial planning using simulation at the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences' national meeting, held in San Antonio.

Dr. Oscar López (modern and classical languages) presented "Rodrigo D - No Futuro y La Vendedora de Rosas: Celebración y Muerte" at the International Conference on Madness and Bliss in Literatures and the Visual Arts at State University, West Georgia in Atlanta. López also chaired a table "De Poetas y de Locos" on literature and films.

Dr. Charles E. Marske (sociology and criminal justice) recently completed the initial National Institute of Justice-sponsored Instructor Development Academy for Death Investigation. Having completed the academy, he is now a member of a multi-disciplinary team comprised of medical examiners, crime scene investigators and criminal justice educators who will train death scene investigators to follow recently enacted national guidelines for death investigations.

Dr. Nikki L. Murdick (educational studies) and Barbara Gartin gave two presentations: "Misdiagnosis: A Compromise to Receive Services" at the International Conference on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, held in Baltimore, and "Differences of Instruction: A Promising Practice" at the Region V Conference of the American Association on Mental Retardation, held in Tulsa, Okla.

Dr. George Ndege (history) presented "Power and Politics of Constitutionalism in Post-Colonial Kenya" at the 18th annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies in Denver.



Dr. Oliver Nicaise (chemistry) chaired a session of organic chemistry at the 35th Midwest regional meeting of the American Chemical Society. Nicaise also presented "Remarkably Stable Enols Derived from Sterically Hindered 2-Keto Esters" and "Preliminary Studies Directed Toward the Addition of Chiral Enolates to Benzynes."

Dr. Ronald J. Nuzzi (educational leadership and higher education) will have a book published in spring 2001 titled, *Handbook of Research on Catholic Education*. The publication provides a one-volume summary of current research on kindergarten through 12th grade Catholic schools and religious education.

Dr. John Pauly (communication) presented "How Journalism Talks About Itself and What Difference it Makes" as part of a day-long seminar on "Media Discourse: Analyzing the Things We Say About the Media" at the annual convention of the National Communication Association in Seattle.

Dr. Jean-Louis Pautrot (modern and classical languages) presented "Marcel Proust and Music" to doctoral students at Washington University. Pautrot also chaired a session on "Music in Contemporary French and Francophone Literatures" at the Midwest Modern Language Association annual convention in Kansas City, Mo. Pautrot delivered "Reading and Writing, Listening and Musical Practice in Pascal Quignard's Works" in the same session.

Dr. Pascal Perraudin (modern and classical languages) chaired the session of the Conseil International d'Etudes Francophones on "Ingestion/Digestion in Francophone Literature" and presented "Du 'gros morceau de viande' aux 'chair-mots-de-passe'." She also participated in the session "Jeux et Enjeux Intertextuels" and presented "A



REACHING KIDS: Ann Clifton, an art history major at Saint Louis University, talks to students from Garfield Elementary School during a recent public school education workshop for fourth- and fifth-graders in the area. Clifton developed the workshops, which were held in conjunction with the "On the Campaign Trail" exhibition at Samuel Cupples House. (Submitted photo)

Plane

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The upgrade will boost the engines' horsepower from 717 to 850, nearly a 20 percent gain. It also will allow the Billiken AirExpress to cruise at higher altitudes.

University passengers, especially those needing to arrive at their destinations in a hurry, will benefit from the enhancement. In the past, the 600-mile trip to New Orleans usually took about two hours and 45 minutes. The new engines will reduce that trip by about 45 minutes.

"The most important gain of this engine upgrade is that people will be able to get to where they are going much more quickly," Stolzer said. "Occasionally, this will allow us to add an additional trip."

Billiken AirExpress has increased in popularity since it first left the runway two years ago. A growing number of University travelers value its flexible flights, first-class accommodations and afford-

able prices. The service flies to thousands of destinations in the United States and features free beverages, meals, phone use and computer ports.

Billiken AirExpress departs from nearby St. Louis Downtown-Parks Airport, which is only 8 miles from the University campus. The terminal also serves as SLU's Center for Aviation Sciences.

As Billiken AirExpress undergoes this upgrade, Parks College officials continue to examine ways to enhance the popular service.

"For the future, we may consider aircraft options that give us greater speed and range and alternatives to transport larger groups of people, including our Billiken sports teams," Stolzer said.

For more information about Billiken AirExpress, call (618) 337-9550 or e-mail bae@slu.edu or go online at www.slu.edu/services/airexpress/.

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undergraduate admission. "It is obvious these students recognize the value of an education at Saint Louis University."

The *U.S. News & World Report's* 2001 "America's Best Colleges" ranked SLU 24th on its list of "Schools That Offer the Best Value" among national universities.

Belobrajdic said SLU is on pace to receive more applications than last year, which will mean

another impressive freshman class. This year, SLU welcomed its largest, brightest freshman class. The average ACT score rose a half point to 26.2, and the grade point average (3.47) never had been greater.

"We expect next year's freshmen to be equally talented," Belobrajdic said. "Because our national reputation is growing, we continue to draw top students from across the nation."

UNIVERSITY CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to:

- Mary Ellen Grohar-Murray, associate professor in the School of Nursing, on the death of her mother, Mary Patricia Grohar, on Nov. 9.
- Thomas L. Hanley Jr., microcomputing analyst for information technology services, on the death of his father, Thomas L. Hanley Sr., on Nov. 17.
- Paul Schnabel, executive director of HSC development and alumni relations, on the death of his mother, Anna V. Schnabel, on Dec. 10.

Program

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World Wide Web. In addition, all graduate program requirements are the same regardless of the educational format.

"The online program is a challenging one," Ruchala said. "It's the same quality education as our on-site program. As with our on-site program, it poses some challenging course work, but with the convenience of accessing the course anytime, day or night, seven days a week. For students who don't have access to such advanced education in their local area, this is great. Students study with faculty who are the best in their areas of specialty."

Dr. Joan Hrubetz, dean of the School of Nursing, said that these first graduates of the online MSN program are significant because of the national shortage of nurses with advanced training. "It enables nurses who otherwise wouldn't achieve their career objectives the opportunity to earn an advanced degree," she said. "With the crisis of the severe nursing shortage, we are preparing leaders to effect change in the profession, and this is much needed."

"Our program has given nurses the opportunity to obtain graduate nursing education from a leading university despite their geographic location," said Dr. Andrew Mills, assistant professor of nursing, who put the degree program online. "Moreover, nurses can login on their computers at their convenience, regardless of work or family schedules. Using the latest computerized technology, this learning online option allows students to advance their nursing credentials by

earning a master's degree from the convenience of home, office or other facility."

SLU's on-campus master's degree program for nurse practitioners is designed to reach a broad base of regional and national students. The School of Nursing established the online option in 1997 to respond to the nationwide demand for nurse practitioners, who have advanced training and the ability to write prescriptions.

People who have difficulty attending the University gain access because the site removes geographical barriers and connects students from a national pool into a virtual classroom. Current classes bring students together from 13 U.S. states, including Alaska and Hawaii, and from Puerto Rico, Canada and Japan.

By maximizing the use of multimedia, the program provides more than electronic page-turning. Clinical cases are presented online using text, recorded audio and video streaming files, graphic images and online testing. Clinical cases are discussed online using a client-server World Wide Web conferencing system.

The School of Nursing offers the master's degree option online through the World Wide Web for the following tracks: adult clinical nurse specialist, adult nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner, gerontological clinical nurse specialist, gerontological nurse practitioner and pediatric nurse practitioner.

For more information on the program, call the director of the master's degree programs at 577-8970.



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Travers le Texte de l'Autre."

Gayle Rogan (1818 Advanced College Credit Program) participated in the fall conference of the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships at Indiana University in Bloomington. Rogan is beginning a two-year term as a member of the standards committee of NACEP.

Dr. Michal Rozbicki (history and American studies) presented "Liberty as Cultural Property in 18th Century British America" at a conference in honor of Jack P. Greene, held at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Drs. Doris Rubio (research methodology), Marla Berg-Weger and Susan Tebb (social service) have written "Strengths-Based Practice With Family Caregivers of the Chronically Ill: A Qualitative Examination" for *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services*. Rubio, Berg-Weger and Julie Birkenmaier (social service) also have articles in press, including "Human Service Nonprofit Agencies: Studying the Impact of Policy Changes" for a special edition of *Journal Socionomia* and "Social Welfare Policy Changes and Social Work Practice" for *Advances in Social Work*.

Dr. Patsy Ruchala (nursing) has been re-appointed to the research committee of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses for 2001.

Dr. Lavern Scott (educational leadership and higher



education) has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the National Staff Development Council.

Dr. Richard Seiter (sociology and criminal justice) participated in a roundtable discussion regarding "prisoner re-entry" sponsored by the Urban Institute of Washington, D.C.

Dr. Donald Schlafly Jr. (history) wrote "Religious Minorities in Russia: Help or Hindrance to Development of Civil Society? Roman Catholics," published for *Religion in Eastern Europe*, Vol. XX, No. 4. Schlafly also spoke on "Roman Catholicism in Post-Soviet Russia: Searching for Acceptance" at the 32nd national convention for the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, held in Denver.

Dr. Paul Shore (educational studies) has been invited to be a visiting scholar in education at Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Minn. Shore will address educators and meet with students during his two-day visit, scheduled in March.

Rev. Kenneth Steinhauer (theological studies) was appointed to the Clarence Louis and Helen Irene Steber Professorship in theological studies for a term of three years.

Dr. Eleonore Stump (philosophy) has given several lec-

tures. They include: "Christian Philosophy and the Contemporary Challenge" at Boston College; "Second-Person Accounts and the Problem of Evil" at the Veritas Forum, held at the University of Virginia; "Augustine on Free Will" at Texas A&M University; and "Epistemology: Francis, Dominic and Trinity," for her presidential address at the American Catholic Philosophical Association's annual meeting, held in Dallas.

Dr. Paaige Turner (communication) presented the paper "Is Childbirth with Midwives Natural?" and participated in a roundtable discussion "Evaluating Approaches to Holistic/Alternative/Integrative (HAI) Medicine" at the National Communication Association Conference in Seattle. She also co-authored "How George Bush Silenced Anita Hill: A Derridian View of the Third Persona in Public Argument." Turner also participated in the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender Conference, held in Milwaukee.

Maureen Valente (communication sciences and disorders) has written a textbook chapter called "Audiometric Tests" for the book *Practical Management of the Dizzy Patient*.

Dr. Thomas Valone (biology) wrote "The Effect of Mammalian Predator Scent on the Foraging Behavior of *Dipodomys Merriami*" for the journal *Oikos*.



Inquiring Photographer

What would you like to see happen in 2001?

"I would like to see St. Louis have a professional basketball team. I played in both high school and college."
— Angela Brooks, counselor, Student Educational Services Center



"I would like to see a new president elected and would like to see the benefits office win the lottery."
— Elisabeth King, benefits assistant

"I would like to see downtown St. Louis start to boom. The city is moving in the right direction with respect to businesses moving back, but we still haven't turned the corner."
— Dr. Bryan Clair, assistant professor, mathematics and mathematical computer science



"I'm looking forward to graduating with a master's degree in organizational communication. It has been five years of hard work."
— Stanley Bray, publications specialist, public relations

"I would like to see the president allocate more money to improve inner-city public schools."
— Dr. Sabrina Tyuse, associate professor, social work and sociology



"Two things: One, a year of good health with no disabling migraines. Two, for the Cardinals to win the World Series."
— Vicki Cassady, operations coordinator, parking and card services

Fate turns Gray toward spotlight

Public safety officer has appeared in feature films, national plays

Public safety officer Gary Gray didn't really know what to do with his life after graduating from high school. Fate, however, kept putting him in the spotlight.

A native St. Louisan who has appeared in feature films, national stage productions and still performs live music, Gray learned to take it as it comes.

"I love music, I love acting," said Gray, who has been with the University for five years. "But I never sought to do those things as a profession. I came from an era when opportunities for black performers were scarce. And later, I wanted to be around to see my kids grow up. That was important."

A graduate of Vashon High School, Gray began performing music when he was 11 years old. "I performed in local clubs here with stars like Peaches and Herb and Ike and Tina Turner," said Gray, whose band, The Fascinations, also played shows in Chicago and Detroit during the late '60s and early '70s.

"It was something to do part time and have fun with," said Gray, who performed music with his first band for eight years after a chance meeting. "I just happened upon some guys playing one day. I sat down with them, played the drums and sang a little bit, and before you knew it, we were playing gigs all over town."

Gray began his stage career at Washington University in his last year of high school. A then-reluctant actor, Gray landed the lead role in *No Place to Be Somebody* after a friend urged him to try out for the production.

"I really didn't want to go that route, but it turned out to be fun," Gray said. "But I probably would have never started doing plays if I hadn't been prodded."

Gray continued stage and music shows after high school as a hobby while searching for a professional calling. He attended trade school to pursue an associate's degree in diesel technology and took jobs as a riverboat cook, an X-ray technician and other various positions before joining the Cook County (Ill.) Sheriff's Department in 1974. While living in Chicago, Gray rediscovered his desire to perform.

"I still had a passion for theater and decided to get back into it," said Gray, who sent pictures and resumes to local agencies. He landed stage work in Chicago with groups such as the Experimental Guild for Black Actors, Second City and Jane Adams Theatre before breaking into television. His first professional acting job

came on the TV show *Lady Blue*, for which he did three episodes. He admits luck played a part in getting the role.

"I happened to be in the office that day working," Gray said. "I dropped a picture off for the part, and they called me back. The directors and producers asked me why I knew to come there dressed as a police officer. I told them, 'I am a police officer.'"

From there, roles kept coming Gray's way. He soon found himself as a character actor in the films *Running Scared* with Billy Crystal and *Nothing in Common* with Jackie Gleason and Tom



Gray

Hanks. Some of his acting parts involved driving, so Gray joined the Chicago Stuntman's Association. That allowed Gray to offer himself to productions as a stuntman who could act. "I enjoyed that," Gray said. "I did mostly stunt driving. I had a fear of jumping off tall buildings though. I wasn't too crazy about that."

"You can be destroyed by this business quickly and easily. I also know too many people who totally changed just because they made a little money."

Gary Gray

Despite his success as an actor, destiny coaxed Gray back into music. Because of his TV and film exposure, Gray was booked for a stage production on the life story of jazz artist Billy Daniels at the Lincolnshire Theatre in Chicago. The production included a band whose members convinced Gray to join them toward the end of the production run.

"I've been performing with them ever since," Gray said. "We started to do contract shows for the Hilton, city organization benefits in Chicago and other shows."

Throughout his various brushes with fame, Gray still remained devoted to law enforcement. Boasting 16 years of experience in the field, Gray is a facilitator for Saint Louis University's

Community Oriented Policing Services program, which concentrates on campus safety and crime prevention. A veteran performer of stage productions at SLU, Gray also enjoys offering advice to students seeking to become performers.

"I tell kids that if performing is something you love, never give up, never stop," said Gray, who returned to St. Louis in 1995 to care for his mother. "But survival is the key. You have to possess the determination to sell yourself and the willingness to accept rejection. You have to realize rejection is not personal, or it will tear you apart. You may have been the best actor in the house, but you were just too tall, too thin or had the wrong hair color for the part."

Gray also emphasizes that making a living solely on the performing arts is tough. "I worked for six or seven years just performing," said Gray, who encourages others to have a back-up plan and an education. "But it can stop in one minute. All of us in the performing arts want to do that as a living, but you have to be flexible and sensible."

Gray still performs one-man shows at Rizzo's, Max's, Caleco's and other music venues, but he maintains an inside perspective on the entertainment world through his 13-year old son, Gary. The younger Gray currently appears in *Rocket Power* on Nickelodeon, *Clifford the Big Red Dog* on PBS and has secured parts in plays running in California. His former parts include Nelson on *The Cosby Show* and recurring roles on *Living Single*, *Family Matters* and *Full House*.

"I encourage my son to be himself and to remember that he is a kid," said the elder Gray, who keeps his son in public school. "I tell him he's no different than any other person his age. He's just a fortunate kid who found some acting jobs."

Gray, who also has a daughter in college, has instilled in his children a respect for others and for good fortune. "It's important to maintain that perspective," Gray said. "Because you can be destroyed by this business quickly and easily. I also know too many people who totally changed just because they made a little money. Some performers feel like they are different, like they are above everybody else. I don't want my son to ever feel like that."

Gray, meanwhile, will continue his work at SLU and perform in his spare time. "A friend asked me why I stopped doing plays, films and TV shows, and I told him I never really started. It was started for me," Gray said.