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Grads offer proof of educational value

Online survey results show SLU students have little trouble finding good-paying jobs

Survey results released by career services indicate graduates of Saint Louis University have little trouble finding good-paying jobs.

"This is another impressive aspect of SLU delivering educational value," said Kathy Day, director of career services. "And we're eager to get the word out."

After breaking down graduate and undergraduate responses in January, officials posted the results online. The entire report can be found at careers.slu.edu. "This is a relatively new concept," Day said. "I don't know too many schools that post all of this data on the Web."

The survey shows that 93 percent of SLU graduates from fiscal year 2000 are satisfactorily occupied, meaning they have enrolled in graduate or professional school, have found a job or are

unemployed but not seeking work. Nearly 76 percent of graduates responded to the survey, which collected data from 2,184 students. Career services conducts the poll of students within six months of graduation.

"The news is really good," Day said. "We've never highlighted the fact that we post these kind of numbers."

The latest report indicates 8 percent of graduates did not have a job within six months of graduation. However, the survey does not accurately reflect extraneous circumstances.

"Some people don't seek employment until after they graduate," said Carol Lunning, supervisor with career services. "Students also may take a break, travel or perform volunteer work after they graduate."

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Day



THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN: SLU assistant sports information director Chuck Yahng and his family met with President George W. Bush on Feb. 20. During his visit to St. Louis, the president discussed a proposed tax cut at the Kirkwood Community Center, citing the Yahngs as an example of how his plan would benefit middle class families with children. Above, Yahng, his wife, Amanda, and his children Evan, 4, and Claudia, 13 months, pose with the president. (Photo courtesy of Chuck Yahng)

MBA students helping area firms with e-commerce plan

Class reaches out to minority businesses in community

Local businesses are looking to Saint Louis University students for advice.

SLU, Pharmacia Corp. and the St. Louis Minority Business Council have joined forces to present a course designed to emphasize cross-disciplinary, team-based learning.

The class allows selected minority businesses to work with MBA students to develop custom designed e-business strategies for the firms. This semes-

ter's course features 49 students and 11 small businesses that employ between two and 65 people.

"Collaborating with minority-owned businesses is a part of Saint Louis University's commitment to reaching out to the community," said Ramona Dickens, director of the underrepresented businesses program.

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THAT'S DEDICATION: The University unveiled the new Paul Reinert, S.J. Center for Teaching Excellence Feb. 1, in Verhaegen Hall. The center provides programs in teaching methodology with an emphasis on technology for graduate students and faculty members. Made possible by a grant from the Danforth Foundation, the center is named for Reinert, past president and chancellor emeritus of the University. Above (from left), are Dr. Donald Brennan, dean of the Graduate School; University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J.; Dr. Robert Koff, vice president for the Danforth Foundation; and Dr. Ellen Harshman, associate provost and director of the center. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

School testing initial vaccine

Investigational vaccines intended to prevent disease caused by human cytomegalovirus are being tested solely at the School of Medicine. Currently, there is no licensed vaccine for HCMV.

HCMV infects approximately 50 percent of Americans by the time they reach 40. In people with suppressed immune systems, such as those with AIDS or trans-

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Presidential Scholarship weekend draws nation's top students to SLU



Nearly 200 students visited campus Feb. 23 through 25 to compete for Presidential Scholarships. (Photo by Laura Geiser)

Some of the brightest students in the United States were in St. Louis Feb. 23 through 25 to take a tour of Saint Louis University and compete for the top scholarship SLU hands out every year: the Presidential Scholarship.

Only the top 3 percent of admitted students are interviewed to receive a Presidential Scholarship, a full-ride award given to 30 incoming freshmen. To qualify, students must post a GPA of at least 3.85 and an ACT score of 30 or higher.

This year, 199 students were invited to SLU to interview for a Presidential Scholarship. However, a total of 500 students met the qualifications, another sign that SLU continues to attract high-caliber students.

"The number of students who qualify each year

for a Presidential Scholarship has increased dramatically," said Scott Belobrajdic, director of undergraduate admission. "More and more top students from across the country are being drawn to Saint Louis University for its academic reputation, our high-quality faculty, SLU's beautiful urban campus and the scholarship opportunities we offer."

This year's Presidential Scholar pool reflects the changing face of SLU's enrollment. More than half of the visiting students are female, and 70 percent come from outside the St. Louis metropolitan area. In fact, students hail from 34 different states as well as Puerto Rico, Nigeria and

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Celebration uncovers shared theme

Dear colleague,

If you're anything like me, you never really mourn the passing of winter. By the end of February, cabin fever has taken its toll, and I begin thinking about the outdoor joys that warmer weather affords me. As we all know, the coming of spring is symbolic of rebirth. Spring not only revives the trees, grass and flowers, it also reinvigorates God's creatures, especially those who only sparingly venture out into the frigid weather.

Don't get me wrong I can enjoy reading next to a roaring fire and gazing at a dazzling snow-covered landscape as much as the next person. But let's face it, below-average temperatures and soaring gas prices only have reinforced that spring will be a welcome respite from winter's grasp.

Thankfully, we receive early relief at Saint Louis University. Before spring renews our physical surroundings, events such as the Interfaith Celebration warm our hearts. This service reminds us how truly blessed we are at SLU. These reflective occasions demonstrate that everyone is welcome and appreciated in our SLU community. Everyone is encouraged to realize his or her potential by honing their capabilities, their conscience and their character while maintaining individual expression and freedom.

The theme of this year's service, "One Family – Many Faces, Many Minds – One Heart," is a true and accurate reflection of the community we have cultivated at our University. How blessed are we to devote our professional lives to fostering respect among people of all races and religions? How blessed are we to impart the benefits of this approach with our students? At our University, respect and concern are universal. Within our community, whether you are Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian or Jew, whether you are black or white, you give and receive respect and concern.

Sometimes it's hard for those outside of these walls to understand. How can SLU be all-inclusive? Yes, SLU is a Catholic, Jesuit university. But our Ignatian philosophies teach us to value everyone and to find God in all things.

To be Jesuit means to be humanitarian with a vengeance, to become incensed at social injustice — at torment, ignorance, prejudice and hate. To be Jesuit means acceptance, compassion and understanding. To be Jesuit means to have sincere concern for our students, our teachers, our co-workers and our peers. To be Jesuit means working to improve our society.

At Saint Louis University, we have established what society yet has not: We treasure every life and perspective. Embracing diversity becomes easy by finding a common bond and realizing that all faiths share Jesuit principles in some capacity. All faiths promote the theme of compassion for humankind.

This Hindu prayer, for example, reflects our

Jesuit mission:

Sweet words are equal to all prayers.
Sweet words are equal to all penance.
Good behavior is what pleases God.
Kindness is the root of all righteousness.
Those who have riches, build a temple for Thee;
What shall I build?
I am poor.

My legs are the pillars;
This body of mine is the temple.

In the Torah, God commands, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" and sets rules on justice, equity, respect and charity.

During the Interfaith Celebration, a student shared these words from the Dali Lama, who explains Buddhism this way: "A good motivation is what is needed: compassion, without dogmatism, without complicated philosophy; just understanding that others are human brothers and sisters and respecting their rights and human dignity. That we humans can help each other is one of our unique human capacities. We must share in other peoples' suffering; even if you cannot help with money, to show concern, to give moral support and sympathy are themselves valuable."

Finally, I would like to share with you a prayer attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus:

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,
Teach me true generosity.
Teach me to serve as you deserve.
To give without counting the cost,
To fight heedless of wounds,
To labor without seeking rest,
To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward.

Save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.

All of these excerpts capture the essence of Jesuit thought. Being Jesuit means putting aside personal consideration for the benefit of all. Being Jesuit means rising above personal prejudices and fears to realize a world in which all may prosper.

Call it karma, call it the Golden Rule. The message goes by many names depending on tradition of faith. But everyone at Saint Louis University can appreciate and share in this core belief. Striving to make the world a better place, regardless of religion, renews our spirit.

When we profess and live out this heritage, we create meaningful, lasting warmth despite the season.



L. Biondi S.J.

Lawrence Biondi, SJ
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Saint Louis University

Grand Connections conducting survey

Dear colleague,

It has been an interesting five months since I joined Saint Louis University as the editor for *Grand Connections*. The people, events and ideas surrounding this University certainly have been inspiring. I hope the last four issues have met the expectations and needs of the employees who make SLU such an incredible place to learn, work and grow.

As a new member of the University community, I'm gaining an understanding of the remarkable spirit that drives this institution, but I'm confident your input will aid me further in this endeavor. In an effort to better serve readers, I'm hoping you would take the time to fill out an online survey at GrandConnectionsSurvey.slu.edu regarding the publication.

The survey will help determine which aspects of *Grand Connections* our readers enjoy most. It also will gauge use of the publication as a news source and help assess how often items appear in the publication.

Please be as candid as possible. The publication will consider reader response before implementing any changes.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey. Also feel free to add suggestions at the bottom of the survey on how to make *Grand Connections* better. Further announcements regarding changes will be announced in upcoming issues.

Chris Waldvogel
Editor



Human Resources FYI

Q: How do I access job openings on the Web site at Saint Louis University?

A. Follow these steps:

- Proceed to the Saint Louis University home page (www.slu.edu).
- Click on "employment opportunities."
- Click on "jobs." You may enter a search term (job title) and/or select "job type" from the drop-down box. Then click on search, or you may click on "view all open positions" at the bottom of the page.
- Remember to select a status: full time, part time, temporary or all.

Q. As an internal candidate interested in applying for a position, do I need to complete a new promotion-transfer application for each position in which I am interested?

A. Yes. But to make this process easier, you can type up one promotion-transfer application, attach your résumé and current performance evaluation and make several copies of the packet information. As you see positions posted on the Web for which you wish to apply, simply take your packet and fill in the requisition number and job title and forward it to the assigned recruiter for that position.



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Former assistant takes helm of men's soccer program

Leadership has changed for the men's soccer team at Saint Louis University, but adjusting to the new head coach should be easy for those involved with the storied athletic program.

Director of athletics Doug Woolard named former assistant coach Dan Donigan as the head coach of the men's soccer program on Feb. 15. Becoming only the fifth head coach in the Billikens' 42-year-old program, Donigan succeeds Bob Warming, who resigned to assume similar duties at Creighton University.

"In looking at the qualifications that we had developed during our last national search for a head coach, it became clear that the individual to lead our men's soccer program was already on board," Woolard said. "Dan is one of the bright, young coaching talents in NCAA soccer. His ability to lead and recruit quality young men is a proven talent. He's worked under two of the best in the business at this level in Bob Warming and Joe Morrone, so he's equal to the task at hand."

Donigan joined the Billiken coaching staff in 1997 after three seasons as the top assistant at his *alma mater*, the University of Connecticut. Donigan has vast experience as both a player and coach. He holds a USSF "A" Coaching



Dan Donigan, the new head coach for the men's soccer program, talks about his appointment at a press conference held Feb. 15. With him are former coach Bob Warming (left) and athletic director Doug Woolard. Warming has accepted the head coaching job at Creighton University. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

license as well as his NSCAA Advanced National Coaching Diploma, and he was one of the most heralded collegiate soccer players in the nation during his four-year career at UConn.

"I'm excited and proud to take over the reins of this program," Donigan said. "We have an outstanding team in place, and this ensures a smooth transition for our student-athletes. I've been involved in both recruiting and coach-

ing all of our players, so I anticipate that we will continue to move forward in a fashion consistent with the great history of this program."

The 34-year-old Donigan began his collegiate coaching career in 1994, when he returned to UConn. Prior to his selection as assistant coach there, Donigan played professionally for the NPSL's Milwaukee Wave and for the Rockford Raptors of the U.S.

Interregional Soccer League. He has played professionally for a variety of outdoor and indoor teams, including the St. Louis Steamers, St. Louis Ambush and St. Louis Storm.

While at UConn from 1985-88, Donigan was a three-time All-American and first-team All-New England forward. He received the adidas Adi Dassler Award as the nation's "Most Outstanding Senior Soccer Player" in 1988. An All-America pick his last three seasons, Donigan was a finalist for Missouri Athletic Club Player of the Year honors as a junior and senior.

As part of the Big East's 10-year anniversary in 1991, Donigan was further honored as the Big East Player of the Decade. Donigan finished his UConn career with 35 goals and 40 assists for 110 points. In the Huskies' record book, he ranks fifth in all-time scoring, second in career assists and sixth in career goals.

Warming departs after leading the Billikens to four Conference USA championships in four seasons. The Billikens advanced to the NCAA Tournament in each season and reached the national semifinals in 1997. His four-year career record with the Billikens is 60-17-10 (.747). His 24-year career record is 266-135-37 (.650).

Department welcomes new name, employee

Kathryn Hundman has joined the University marketing and communications department to help Saint Louis University build its local and national reputation.

Hundman will work on enhancing the national reputation of the University through a series of media and marketing initiatives. Additionally, she will help communicate the University's substantial role in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Hundman reports to Bob Woodruff, associate vice president for University marketing and communications.

"Saint Louis University has contributed so much to the revival of the St. Louis midtown area and to the community as a whole," Hundman said. "I am looking forward to being a part of this vital organization and communicating its strengths to others."

Hundman has more than 10 years of senior marketing and communications experience in both agency and corporate environments. Most recently, she worked for ComTech Partners, a local marketing and communications firm, and served as a part-time consultant for O'Connor and Partners Inc. in downtown St. Louis.

"I was searching for a more rewarding work environment, and Saint Louis University definitely has provided that," said Hundman, who started with the University on Feb. 5. A resident of Chesterfield, Hundman received her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of

Missouri-Columbia. She is a member of the Public Relations Society of America and the International Association of Business Communicators.

"Kathy brings incredible experience and integrity to our department," Woodruff said. "We are fortunate to have her expertise in light of the department's renewed focus."

Formerly the department of public relations, the department of university marketing and communications has broadened its scope. The department fosters the exchange of information and achievements at SLU both internally and externally through publications and graphic design, media relations, sports information, Web development, advertising and marketing. The department will remain in the division of development and University relations.

"We have always known that Saint Louis University attracts the best and brightest students, faculty and staff," Woodruff said. "But now the media and others have begun to recognize SLU as an outstanding value both in terms of cost and quality of education. The University also has been lauded as a great place to work. These things don't happen by themselves."

"Every day, SLU moves closer to becoming the finest Catholic university in the United States. Our department helps ensure that others are aware of this, so we can continue to move forward."



Hundman



Employee Spotlight

Name: Brian Shelton

Favorite food: Pizza Hut pizza

Position: senior research assistant in the department of infectious diseases' vaccine research and doctoral candidate in theological studies

Favorite sports team: My lifelong Redskins devotion is finally giving way to the Rams.

Nature of your work: I provide research and clinical support for influenza and a new smallpox vaccine.

Best advice my mother ever gave me: Don't wear your socks in the rain.

Born: Richmond, Va., in 1967

My fondest childhood memory: receiving the Eagle Scout award and the summer camp experiences that came before it.

Education: Asbury College, Covenant Theological Seminary, Saint Louis University

Marital Status: married. I have a beautiful bride and two beautiful little girls.

For one day, I'd like to trade places with: Rip Van Winkle.

Favorite vacation spot: Nags Head, N.C.

A book I would recommend is: *The Bible*. It's underrated.

Favorite Movie: *Braveheart*. I'm a terrible historical romantic.

Someday I hope to: Teach theology in college - expounding on my favorite topics and shaping hungry minds (all with only six office hours a week).

Proudest moment: my daughter's little arms around my neck and her saying "daddy."

Words to live by: Success is standing before God unashamed.

Something that remains a mystery to me is: people watching *Temptation Island*.

Favorite television show: *The West Wing* because I like its fast-paced thinking. But watch out for the agendas!

Favorite recreational activity: hiking for miles outdoors and then pitching a tent overnight. Throw in a rippling brook, some frolicking deer and some Greek New Testament reading, and well, it doesn't get any better.

Pet peeves: the speed at which academia sometimes moves (crawls).



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SLU HITS TLC: The Learning Channel's Cable in the Classroom series has begun airing a program on race that features research conducted by Dr. Elaine F. Jones of the psychology department. The Cable in the Classroom programs allow children to view educational TV programs at school. TLC is using a segment from the Discovery Channel's program *How Biased Are You?*, which aired last spring. Psychology graduate students Melanie Echols, Shawana Lewis, Danielle Pauley, Nicole Thomson and Marvin Tobias assisted with the project. The TLC program on race will air at 7:30 a.m. Friday, March 9, and Friday, May 4. The program also aired Feb. 2.

BOOKS LAUNCHED: Two books co-authored by William B. Faherty, SJ, director of the Museum of the Western Jesuit Missions in Hazelwood, Mo., and professor emeritus of history, have been released in paperback editions. *Gateway to the Moon* and *Moon Launch!*, both part of the 1978 NASA history series *Moonport*, are available from University Press of Florida. *Moon Launch!* recounts seven missions between 1969 and 1972, while *Gateway to the Moon* provides extensive detail of the lunar launch complex at Kennedy Space Center. Call (800) 226-3822 for credit card orders or visit the Web at www.upf.com. Faherty is the author of 25 books, including the historical novel *The Call of Pope Octavian*.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT: Researchers in the division of allergy and immunology at the School of Medicine need volunteers for a study about the effectiveness of a prescription nose spray to supplement antibiotics for the treatment of acute sinusitis. During the two- to three-week study, participants will receive treatment with peni-

cillin-family antibiotic Augmentin and either Nasonex or a placebo nose spray. Volunteers must be in generally good health and must not be allergic to penicillin antibiotics. Participants will receive study medications at no charge and will be compensated for study participation. For more information or to participate, call 268-5880 or (800) 268-5880.

SCHOLARS COMING: Two Russian scholars have received Fulbright awards to lecture and conduct research at Saint Louis University. Dmitry Bayuk is a research fellow at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow. He will research "Faith and Human Rights in the Cases of Galileo and Florensky" in the department of mathematics and mathematical computer science. Marat Salikov, meanwhile, will lecture on comparative federalism in the School of Law. Salikov is a professor at the Urals State Law Academy in Yekaterinburg, Russia. Approximately 800 foreign scholars receive Fulbright grants each year to teach in the United States.

CAREER FAIR: Saint Louis University will host a health care career fair from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, in the Multipurpose Room of the School of Allied Health Professions. For more information, call 977-2327.

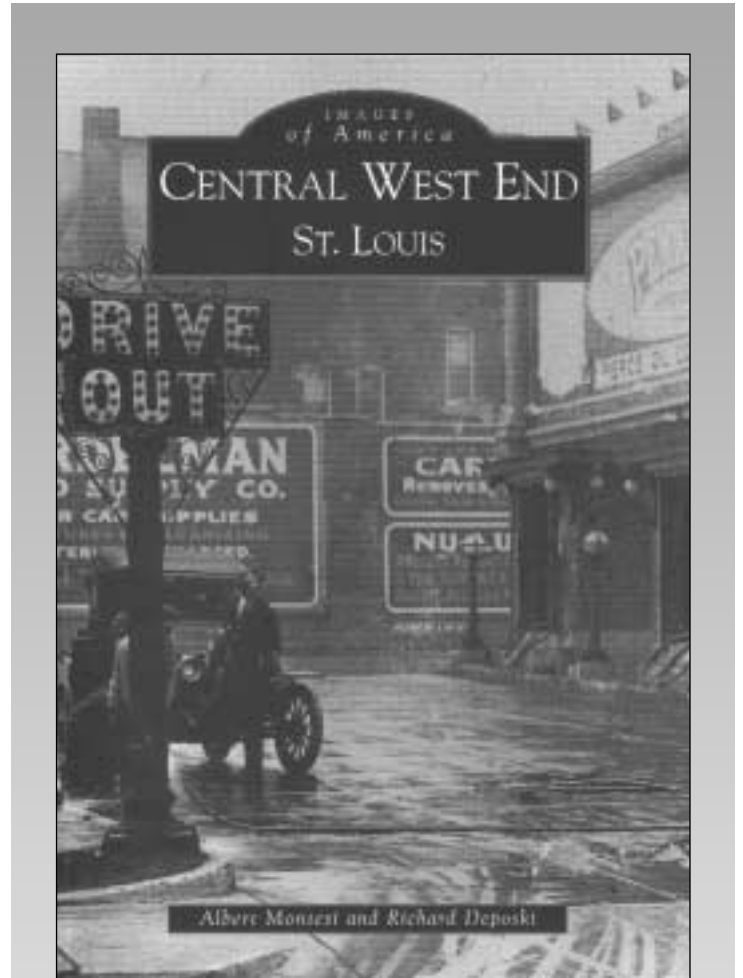
TWILIGHT RETREAT: Sandra Spencer will lead "Our Call to Prayer: A Lenten Reflection" at the Lenten twilight retreat for faculty and staff. The event will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at Manresa Center, the University's conference center located at 4012 Washington Ave., four blocks west of Grand Boulevard. Spencer is a spiritual director, retreat director and oncology chaplain at Saint Louis University Hospital. The

evening opens with a simple meal. There is also time for personal and communal prayer. Cost is \$5. For more information, call 977-2428.

HELP HOMELESS: The Community Outreach Center began its annual clothing and toiletry collection for the homeless Feb. 13. Located in residence halls, apartments and at various buildings on campus, collection bins for the drive will be on campus until March 23. Bins for the drive can be found in Fitzgerald Hall, the Humanities Building, the Law School, the School of Nursing, O'Donnell Hall, Busch Memorial Center, the Allied Health Building, DuBourg Hall, Cook Hall, Simon Recreation Center and Pius XII Memorial Library. Last year, University donations helped serve close to 500 homeless individuals and families. This year, an outreach day for homeless is scheduled for Monday, March 26. This event will mark the beginning of the third annual Homeless Awareness Week.

BONUS GROUNDED: TWA has announced that enhancements for University members of TWA Aviator's program will not occur as a result of the purchase of TWA by American Airlines. Instead, members will have mileage credited to the American Airlines AAdvantage Program. An account will be set up automatically. For TWA members who are also members of the American Airline AAdvantage Program, TWA mileage will be transferred into existing AAdvantage accounts.

COOL CAMP: The department of campus recreation is offering a summer REC camp for children ages 6 to 14. Participants can choose from 10 one-week sessions, which begin June 4 and end the week of Aug. 6. Sessions begin each day at



PICTURE HISTORY: Albert Montesi, a former English professor at Saint Louis University, has co-authored several books in a series featuring a pictorial history of St. Louis. In *Images of America: Central West End*, the authors have devoted seven pages to SLU. Photographs include an outdoor shot of Samuel Cupples House, members of the 1899 baseball team, University cadets circa 1894-1895 and 1896-1897, and an early dedication ceremony for St. Francis Xavier College Church. To order the book, visit area bookstores, call (888) 313-2665 or visit Arcadia Publishing's Web site at www.arcadiapublishing.com.

8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m., with early and extended care available. Campers participate in various recreational activities, including sports, arts and crafts, swimming, cooking, computer labs and a weekly field trip. The cost for SLU faculty, staff and alumni is \$85 per week. Early registration is encouraged. Applications are available at the Simon Recreation Center administrative office. For more information, call 977-3975.

EXPANDED HOURS: The ITS support center will begin offering expanded evening on-campus desktop support Monday through Thursday until 8 p.m. and Friday until 5:30 p.m. This change will help meet the needs of students and evening faculty and staff members who need assistance with supported software, e-mail and other computer-related questions. As always, telephone support is available 24 hours a day, except on holidays. Assistance will be limited after hours. To reach the support center, call 977-4000 or submit a request via e-mail at helpdesk@slu.edu. E-mail questions are usually answered the next business day.

AWARD CEREMONY: The School of Social Service Alumni Association and office of practicum are sponsoring the annual continuing education symposium from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 23, in the Saint Louis Room of

Busch Memorial Center. March is National Social Work month. M. James Toner, a graduate of the school, will deliver the keynote address. He also will receive the Jack and Julie Lally Alumni Merit Award during the event, which also features several breakout workshops. The program is complimentary for SLU field instructors. Cost is \$20 for alumni and practitioners and \$5 for students. The program includes a continental breakfast, parking coupon and lunch. Registration forms should be received by Friday, March 16. For more information, call 977-2251 or send a fax to 977-1405.



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NEWS SOUGHT: *Grand Connections* runs news items at no charge. To submit your news item, please mail to *Grand Connections*, DuBourg Hall, Room 39, or via e-mail at gc@slu.edu. Please submit your news by the end of the second full week in the month prior to your event. For example, if your event takes place in April, submissions would be required by Friday, March 16. For more information, call 977-2519.



OPEN FORUM: Members from the Saint Louis University board of trustees answered questions from students, faculty and staff at an open forum Feb. 8 in the Anheuser-Busch Auditorium of Cook Hall. More than 135 people attended the forum, which lasted for more than an hour. Topics included parking, student housing, tuition, shared governance and a new or renovated student union, among others. Above, J. Joseph Adorjan, chairman of the board, answers a question as (from left) Larry LeGrand, vice chairman of the board; University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ; and Jay Perry, president of the Student Government Association, look on. The forum was sponsored by the SGA. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)



MAKING THEIR VOICES HEARD: Campus ministry director Marilyn Smith (right) was among several speakers at the "Take Back the Night" march, a candlelight vigil held Feb. 6 at the University clock tower. The event was part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week, held Feb. 5 to Feb. 8. Activities during the week included a self-defense class, a film viewing and discussion and a band benefit. The events were sponsored by Sexual Assault Peer Educators and the Alcohol Awareness and Sexual Assault Formation Team. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

Dates announced for Reunion 2001

Alumni Reunion 2001 has been rescheduled for Sept. 28 to 30. The event will feature special gatherings for the classes of '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91 and '96 and Young Alumni Reunion for classes of 1990 to today.

Special planned activities include a 3K fun run/walk race, campus tram tours, school-based receptions and dinners,

an outdoor concert, a fireworks display, special children's activities and an alumni Mass and brunch.

Although these events focus on graduation years that end in a one or a six, every graduate is welcome to participate in a weekend full of activities.

Input is always welcome. For more information on volunteering, events or specific class cele-

brations, visit the University's Web site at www.slu.edu.

A detailed invitation and registration form will be mailed to alumni this summer.

Some schools also will gather for reunion on different weekends. The School of Dentistry will host its events Sept. 14 to 16, while the School of Medicine will celebrate from Oct. 11 to 13.



Billiken Briefs

BILLIKENS SIGN SEVERAL: Women's soccer head coach Tim Champion has announced that Blair Douglass (St. Louis/Lafayette), Ellen Gerweck (Omaha, Neb./Marian), Jamie Perry (Fenton, Mo./Rockwood Summit), Tressa Pecher (St. Louis/ Parkway West) and Erin Stay (Seattle/Shorewood) signed national letters of intent to attend the University and play for the Billikens in 2001. Douglass enters her senior season looking to continue the Lancers' three-year run atop the Suburban West standings. As a junior, she recorded 29 points on 11 goals and seven assists from her forward position. Gerweck wrapped up her high school career as a four-year starter who helped Marian High to three straight Class A state championships. A two-time All-Nebraska, Class A All-State, she also was named the Nebraska female high school player of the year. Perry led the Suburban South Conference with 29 goals, 14 assists, 72 points and nine game-winning goals last season. The high-scoring forward enters her senior year already holding the Rockwood Summit career scoring record of 75 goals. Perry is a three-time All-Conference first team selection and has been named to the All-Metro team twice. She plays on the Busch Soccer Club team that earned Missouri State Cup Championships in 1999 and 2000 and was the Region II champion in 1999. Pecher is another member of the successful Busch Soccer Club since her father, Steve, began coaching the group as 12-year-olds. In that time, the group has won five state titles and posted a 227-59 (.794) record. As a defender for Parkway West, Pecher recorded 12 points on three goals and six assists in her junior year. She also has played on the state ODP team. Stay rounds out the quintet and arrives from the greatest distance. She has started every game of her four-year career at Shorewood and was an All-Conference defender in each of the last three seasons. After winning the 4A state championship as a junior in 1999, Stay helped her team to a conference title and a top-25 national ranking as a senior.

TEAM IN FULL SWING: After a 19-34 season last year, the 2001 outlook for the men's baseball team is bright. The Billikens return seven starters and eight pitchers. Six seniors lead an experienced lineup that has talent and depth in all facets of the game. Saint Louis returns four of its top five hitters and all but one of its regular starting pitchers. Seniors Nick Steiner (Chesterfield, Mo./Parkway Central) and Dan Shouse (Ballwin, Mo./Marquette) lead the offense and pitching staff, respectively. Seniors Brandon Shockey (Chesterfield, Mo./Parkway Central) and Paul Miles (St. Louis/St. Mary's) and junior Jim Bredenkoetter (St. Louis/DeSmet) join Steiner in an infield that combined to hit .386 and posted a .962 fielding percentage last year.

INJURY UPDATE: Sophomore guard Melissa Oliver (Carol Stream, Ill./Glenbard North) is the latest casualty in a rash of anterior cruciate ligament injuries for the Billikens women's basketball team. Oliver is the third player to suffer an ACL injury this season. Harmonie King and Jana Tillman both suffered torn ACL injuries earlier this year. "It is hard to believe we have suffered another ACL injury this year," said coach Jill Pizzotti. "Melissa was our second leading scorer and was having a strong season. It is especially tough for her because she missed 13 games last season with an injured hand."



Top Ten

Dr. James Scott, professor of English, recently made a video documentary titled *Henry Shaw: The Good Neighbor*. Here, he lists his "wildly subjective" top 10 documentaries in alphabetical order by director.

By Dr. James Scott

1. Ken Burns, *The Civil War* (USA, 1990). When George Will called this series of programs "the American *Iliad*," he exaggerated, of course, but just slightly. Burns has an incredible capacity for storytelling that overcomes all deficiencies of analysis, resulting in a program in which the past is genuinely resuscitated in voices as various as Mary Chestnut's and Abraham Lincoln's. Pseudo-historical music never sounded better, and great swatches of old photographs were never more eloquently scanned for dramatic effect.

2. CBS Reports, *Harvest of Shame* (USA, 1962). Surely the best of this exemplary series, this treatment of migrant workers represents television journalism at its zenith, fusing the narrative talents of Edward R. Murrow with remarkable images of migrant workers straight out of Michael Harrington's "other America." That CBS chose to premiere the program in prime time on Thanksgiving Day further enhanced the power of its stark revelations.



3. Peter Davis, *Hearts and Minds* (USA, 1975). At a moment when the networks were still describing the Vietnam War in patriotic euphemisms, Davis completely exploded the myth of American "good intentions" in a 75-minute documentary that still seems a miracle of compression and concision. I go back to this one for real insight after having seen at least 10 fiction films and innumerable, late-blooming "special reports" from CNN.

4. Peter Gilbert/Steve James, *Hoop Dreams* (USA, 1995). This choice may be a lapse of judgment that springs from my near-addiction to basketball, but the bittersweet saga of two black Chicago teens bent on making it to the NBA strikes me as a very poignant American story. Inevitably, they fail in their ambition to follow their hero Isiah Thomas from St. Joseph's Academy to professional stardom. But along the way, we get considerably more than broken dreams.

5. Joris Ivens, *The Spanish Earth* (USA, 1937). A friend and disciple of Sergei Eisenstein, as well as a colleague of Ernest Hemingway, Dutch filmmaker Joris Ivens is one of the most undeservedly forgotten documentarians of the mid-20th century. This anti-fascist presentation of the Spanish Civil War has outlived its topical reference points to stand as a powerful treatment of the way violence deforms human culture at any historical moment.

6. Barbara Kopple, *Harlan County USA* (USA, 1976). This is another film about an America that officially doesn't exist, but alas, the coal miners of eastern Kentucky are all too real. It's also to Koppell's credit that she undertook a film about union organizing at a time when corporate America was trying to convince us that "Japanese management" or "globalization" had made trade unions obsolete. Dream on!

7. Don Alan Pennebaker, *Don't Look Back* (USA, 1965). This early portrait of Bob Dylan is memorable for its candor and directness, its unsentimental evocation of a celebrity without his media halo. As a sidebar it also provides a nice character study of Joan Baez and her loving but edgy relationship to this troubled genius. At one moment, Baez plunks out something on her typewriter, and Dylan answers sympathetically with select guitar cords. It's love, I guess, but mediated so obliquely that the moment can't be described, just shown.

8. Alain Resnais, *Night and Fog* (France, 1956). This documentary account of the Nazi concentration camps might still be the best of the genre. It says more in 30 minutes than most films five times its length and puts Holocaust issues in a context much wider than World War II. After we've heard everyone from politicians to camp commandants explain that they're in no way accountable for the 6

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CELEBRATING FAITH, DIVERSITY: Saint Louis University held its Interfaith Celebration Feb. 6 in St. Francis Xavier College Church. This year's theme was "One Family – Many Faces; Many Minds – One Heart. At right, students proceed to the front of the church carrying banners bearing symbols of faith. Above, Sheeja Natesan, Puja Natesan and Sreeja Natesan perform a story in dance. Faiths represented at the celebration included Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism. (Photos by Chris Waldvogel)



University pursuing \$2 million grant to help students consider their calling

Saint Louis University hopes to turn \$49,948 into \$2 million and apply it toward furthering its mission as a Catholic, Jesuit university.

The University received the smaller amount to develop an implementation grant proposal through the Lilly Endowment's programs for theological exploration of vocation. In its second year, the program seeks "to identify and nurture a new generation of highly talented and religiously committed leaders."

"This is an exciting opportunity, but it's not about money," said Donna Werner, project director and program coordinator for ethics across the curriculum. "If you look at our mission, helping students find their calling fits perfectly. This is an opportunity to receive funding so we can figure out how to better live out our mission. Our approach already is more than words on paper, but this will build on what we are doing."

"We are privileged to walk with and guide our students on their journey," said Provost Sandra Johnson. "Their time with us is precious time when they are making decisions concerning their purpose in life, their work and their relationship to the community."

The planning process and related activities funded by the grant will help SLU encourage its students to consider faith and value commitments, as well as service to others, when choosing careers.

"Our goal is to figure out what vocation means," Werner said. "We often think of it in narrow terms. When we talk about a religious vocation, we think about becoming a nun or a priest. This project is much broader. It's really about developing the sense of a personal calling."

Founded in 1937, the Lilly Endowment is an Indianapolis-based private family foundation that supports religion, community development and education. The foundation awarded 20 implementation grants last year and invited 50 institutions to participate this year. Saint Louis University was one of 35 schools awarded planning grants this year.

"The foundation will fund as many implementation proposals as it believes show promise of achieving its goals," Werner said. "If they like our project, we should receive funding."

Institutions receiving planning grants must submit implementation proposals by Sept. 1. Notification of awards will be made by Dec 1.

An open forum was held Feb. 27 to solicit opinions from the University community on the project. Led by leadership and higher education professor Dr. Ron Rebore, a research team will use surveys, focus groups and interviews to gauge students' beliefs and values in relation to vocation in this broader sense.

"We're under a tight time frame to complete this research," Werner said. "We have to complete it before the middle of May, and we plan to do the bulk of it in April."

Officials also plan to host a one-day conference shortly after commencement for faculty to explore this topic. The event will feature speakers from other universities who have received funding from the Lilly Endowment. Experts from SLU will assess their ideas and apply them to the University's specific needs.

"Through this process, we'll explore how to most effectively use these funds," Werner said. "Different schools have done a variety of things. Some have used the funds to strengthen existing programs and centers, others have established new programs and centers."

Officials hope to keep members of the University community actively involved in the process by forming an advisory committee comprised of students, faculty and staff. The group will provide advice throughout the project and meet several times in the next six months. A leadership retreat that encourages students to offer feedback also is planned.

"We want our students to tell us if our proposal will work and what we may need to change," Werner said. "We already know students don't just attend SLU to pursue a degree. Students come here because we offer things other institutions cannot. This project is a part of that."

Werner said the project has generated remarkable interest around the University.

"Every person whom I have invited to participate in this process has been extremely enthusiastic," she said. "People have really responded to the project and want to help us formulate this plan."

SLU boasts an advantage, Werner said, because the foundation and SLU focus on the same thing.

"We already promote what the foundation encourages," she said. "But this project can help us create a more structured, focused approach."



Werner



On the Move

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

- Paul Bedsworth, to protective services officer for the department of public safety.
- Connie Tillman, to assistant field supervisor for the department of public safety.
- Scott Politte, to flight instructor for Parks College of Engineering and Aviation.
- David Silva, to flight instructor for Parks College of Engineering and Aviation.
- Matthew Langer, to flight instructor for Parks College of Engineering and Aviation.
- Amy Carr, to auditor for audit services.
- Glennon Kemper, to program coordinator for campus recreation.
- Amy Goll, to information specialist for development services.
- Ann Voegtli, to administrative assistant for the department of surgery-neurosurgery.
- Julia Silvey, to administrative assistant for the department of internal medicine-cardiology.
- Kim Holmes, to billing coordinator for the department of ophthalmology.
- Mark Hoyer, to research assistant for the department of pathology.



PRIZED POSSESSION: Debra Faughn (right), coordinator of the service leadership program for the Cook School of Business, won a Dell computer system for her department in a drawing held Jan. 9 at the faculty technology institute. Bruce Vieweg assistant vice president for information technology services, presented the computer system. Co-sponsored by ITS and the Reinert Center for Teaching Excellence, the institute provided an opportunity for faculty to learn how to incorporate technology into their classes. More than 80 faculty members participated in the institute, which took place Jan. 9 through 11. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

Former Colorado Governor to speak on need to rebuild health care system

Richard Lamm, former three-time governor of Colorado and director of the Center for Public Policy and Contemporary Issues at the University of Denver, will deliver the School of Public Health's 29th annual Flanagan Lecture. Lamm will discuss "Rebuilding the House of Health Care."

The lecture will be from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 22, in St. Francis Xavier College Church. A cocktail-buffet reception in the College Church ballroom will follow the lecture. The cost for the event is \$10.

In 1996, Lamm ran for the Reform Party's nomination against Ross Perot. Lamm's supporters commended him for talking seriously about reforming social programs and cutting the deficit for the next generation. Governor of Colorado from 1975 to 1987, Lamm was the longest-serving governor in the history of that state.

Lamm is from a new breed of policy analysts who argue that the challenge of the 21st century is to meet public needs by rethinking much of what government does and how it does it. He maintains that the United States cannot retire the baby boomers under the current social systems nor provide health care without rethinking the goals of medicine.

"The United States denies health care coverage to 43 million citizens, more than any other industrialized country," Lamm said. "It's clear we can't be everything to everyone, and we need to make some tough decisions. Should a 95-year-old person get a heart transplant? What about the



Lamm

10,000 people in our country who are being kept alive in a vegetative state? Other countries have already dealt with these dilemmas, considering what policies buy the most health for the most people, rather than what medical care every citizen needs."

Lamm believes the United States allocates too many resources to biological life and not enough to quality of life. "Good health care is more than medicine," Lamm said. "For example, it's important to treat lung cancer, but it is equally important to try to get people to stop smoking before they develop the disease."

Last year's Flanagan Lecture drew guests from health systems, hospitals, clinics, state and local public health agencies, charitable organizations, managed care plans and the general public. "It's a great opportunity for people from a wide variety of backgrounds, energized by a timely topic and a compelling speaker, to come together to discuss issues and concerns in health care," said Dr. Richard Kurz, dean of the School of Public Health.

The lecture honors John J. Flanagan, SJ, who founded Saint Louis University's hospital administration program in 1947. Flanagan served as founder and director of that degree program for 20 years, which is now the master of health administration at the School of Public Health.

For more information about this year's Flanagan Lecture, call 977-3240.

Aquinas Institute celebrates 75 years

Aquinas Institute of Theology recently celebrated its 75th anniversary.

The institute, a school sponsored by the Order of Preachers, seeks to prepare leaders for the Church and supports the gift of preaching through academic programs. In addition to a summer preaching institute and a master's level concentration in preaching, the school offers the only Catholic doctoral program in preaching in the country.

"We are in the midst of a five-year project to attract more young people to ordained and lay ministry," said Charles

Bouchard, OP, president of Aquinas Institute.

The project includes a ministry in the mountains retreat, in which college students gather in Colorado Springs with Aquinas Institute faculty and staff to learn about studying theology, to pray and worship together and to shadow ministers in the Diocese of Colorado Springs on the job.

The project also provides five full-tuition Millennium Scholarships for the master of divinity degree, each sponsored for the first year by the Lilly Foundation. Even with these attractive offers, Bouchard said,

"One thing we know is that all the recruitment in the world will not be effective unless there are preachers out there who first touch the hearts of young people."

Aquinas Institute hopes that its initiatives, combined with the work of outstanding campus ministers, will lead to more young people choosing lives of service to the Church.

Aquinas Institute seems to be moving in that direction - with a majority of lay students, a strong showing of Dominican vocations and 30 percent of its students under age 40.



JOB SEARCH: At top, Carol Lunning (right), a career counseling coordinator for career services, helps Gay Thompson, a student from the School of Professional Studies, at the spring job expo, held Jan. 31 in Simon Recreation Center. Above, nearly 100 organizations met with those interested in social work at a job fair Feb. 6 in the St. Louis Room of Busch Memorial Center. The expo was sponsored by career services, while the fair was sponsored by the School of Social Service, alumni relations and career services. (Photos by Don Black and Chris Waldvogel)



PRESIDENT HONORED: Saint Louis University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ, received the Leon R. Strauss Urban Award from the St. Louis Ambassadors on Jan. 20. The award recognizes an outstanding individual in the St. Louis community who has contributed greatly to the development, restoration or improvement of St. Louis. Those attending the event included (from left) KMOX broadcaster Charlie Brennan, County Executive Buzz Westfall, KSDK anchorwoman Karen Foss, Ambassador President David Weber, Biondi, Mary Strauss and Mayor Clarence Harmon. (Photo by Carl J. Bruce)

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million corpses, the narrator asks with devastating pointedness, "et qui est responsible?"

9. Leni Riefensthal, *Triumph of the Will* (Germany, 1934). More than a little ironically, I come now to a work that more than any other constitutes a celebration of the fascist movement, as epitomized in the Nazi Nurnberg rally of 1934. Although Riefenstahl consistently has denied that it's a pro-Nazi document, it's hard to see any reservations about Nazism in this hero-worshipping account of Hitler as a sky-god revisiting his people. And I put it on my "best" list not just for its technical brilliance, but also for its capacity to evoke states of mind and feeling otherwise unintelligible to the culture of democracy.

10. Frederick Wiseman, *The Store* (USA, 1983). Along with Ken Burns, Wiseman will be remembered as author of the most expansive documentary account of the American nation in our time. In this film, similar to at least 10 others, Wiseman locates America in the institutions that shape us day by day. Here the shaping force is Nieman-Marcus of Dallas, and the institution is shopping. I don't know which part I like best: the sales force gathering to "practice" their smiles or the shopper being convinced that she needs a second mink coat. "I think you're pretty well covered for the brown-family of your wardrobe," says the sales clerk. "But you really need something that goes with blue and gray." Sure you do!

M E D I A ★ ★ ★ MATTERS ★ ★ ★

Stewart Albert, M.D., (internal medicine, endocrinology) appeared in United Press International's health section. Albert was quoted regarding his study of growth hormone in the treatment of obesity.

Dr. Michael Alderson (finance) was interviewed by Dow Jones news service, the Associated Press, Reuters, *USA Today*, *Newsday* (N.J. and N.Y.) and *The Dallas Morning News*. Alderson discussed the bankruptcy and pension issues surrounding the TWA sale to American Airlines.

Edwin Anderson, M.D., (infectious diseases and immunology) was interviewed by *Sonntagszeitung*, a leading weekly newspaper in Switzerland. Anderson discussed childhood vaccinations and the research being done at the Center for Vaccine Development at Saint Louis University.

Dr. A.U. Bankaitis (otolaryngology – head and neck surgery) was quoted by *USA Today* magazine about her study involving hearing aids.

Bruce Bacon, M.D., (internal medicine, gastroenterology and hepatology) was interviewed Jan. 8 by *Commerce* magazine. Bacon discussed his treatment of patients with hepatitis C and with hemochromatosis.

Robert B. Belshe, M.D., (infectious diseases and immunology) was interviewed by icanprevent.com. Belshe was quoted on his research into FluMist, a nasal spray vaccine for influenza.

Dr. Robert Brockhaus (management) was interviewed by *Entrepreneur* magazine about the effect a weakening economy may have on entrepreneurs.

Dr. Ross Brownson (community health) was interviewed Jan. 26 by *Walking* and Jan. 4 by *Vibrant Life* magazine. Brownson discussed exercise rates of various populations of women and health disparity issues. He also discussed how walking trails could increase rates of exercise in certain communities.

Richard Bucholz, M.D., (surgery/neurosurgery) was interviewed Jan. 5 by *Commerce* magazine. Bucholz discussed his image-guided neurosurgical techniques and advanced imaging procedures for diagnosis of conditions, such as brain tumors and epilepsy.

Mel Burkart (aviation science) was interviewed by CBS Radio. He discussed the TWA buyout.

Mary Case, M.D., (pathology/forensic pathology) was featured in an article in the *Louisville* (Ky.) *Courier Journal* about her testimony in the trial of Timothy Barnes, a former corrections officer accused of killing inmate Adrian Reynolds.

John Chibnall, M.D., (psychiatry) was featured in articles in the *Catholic Spirit* (St. Paul, Minn.) and *Dialog* (Wilmington, Del.) about his School of Medicine study that examined education as a protective factor in dementia.

The wine-tasting benefit sponsored by the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force (community and family medicine) was featured in an article in the *Richmond* (Va.) *Daily News*.

Martin Citardi, M.D., (otolaryngology – head and neck surgery) was interviewed by the *Business Journal* (San Jose, Calif.) about the use of 3-D image-guided sinus surgery.

Carolyn Duke (nursing) was interviewed Jan. 16 by Apria.com, a consumer health information Web site. Duke discussed ways to improve communication with your physician to ensure effective and comprehensive health care.

Mark Dykewicz, M.D., (internal medicine/allergy and immunology) was interviewed by *Infectious Diseases in Children* and *Infectious Diseases News* about the problems in

getting physicians to follow recommended guidelines for the treatment of asthma.

Sharon E. Frey, M.D., (infectious diseases and immunology) was interviewed by the *Genesis Report*, a national business publication, about HIV vaccine research.

Dee Anna Glaser, M.D., (dermatology) was featured in the *Wellsville* (N.Y.) *Daily Reporter* and the *Steuben* (N.Y.) *Courier-Advocate* for her study on razor bump treatments. Glaser was a featured guest for a live chat online at Onhealth.com.

Jesse Goldner, J.D., (law) was interviewed by the Associated Press about the Internet adoption case.

George Grossberg, M.D., (psychiatry/geriatric psychiatry) was interviewed Jan. 5 by CBS HealthWatch, *Geneva* (Ill.) *Republican* and *Batavia* (Ill.) *Republican* about Alzheimer's disease.

Paul Hauptman, M.D., (internal medicine, cardiology) was interviewed Jan. 23 by HealthScout.com. Hauptman discussed a new study regarding the use of immunoglobulins as a treatment for congestive heart failure.

Dr. William Hart (nutrition and dietetics) was interviewed by *USA Today* magazine. Hart discussed a study he conducted about the height of Americans.

Heinrich Joist, M.D., (pathology) was featured in an article in *CAP Today* about coagulation testing.

William Keenan, M.D., (pediatrics) was interviewed by the *Wall Street Journal* regarding the neonatology practice at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and insurance coverage.

James Kemp, M.D., (pediatrics) was featured in the *Daily Journal* (Kankakee, Ill.), KSSN radio in Northridge, Calif., and on Missouri.net online about his research involving SIDS and bedsharing.

The second edition of *A Primer for Health Care Ethics*, written by Kevin O'Rourke, OP, (emeritus, health care ethics) was reviewed by Catholic News Service, and the review appeared in various Catholic publications around the country.

Dr. Matthew Mancini (American studies) was interviewed by the History Channel for the documentary film *Escape: Chain Gang Breakout*. The documentary is about the life of Robert E. Burns, author of the 1932 classic *I am a Fugitive from a Georgia Chain Gang*.

Dr. Mary O'Toole (obstetrics, gynecology and women's health) was interviewed by a national freelance journalist. O'Toole commented on her study involving women who are trying to lose weight after pregnancy. The journalist will pitch the story to national magazines.

Training programs available at Practical Anatomy Workshop (anatomy and neurobiology) were featured in the Dec. 14 edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Eric Sargent, M.D., (otolaryngology – head and neck surgery) was interviewed by *Commerce* magazine. Sargent commented on the Vibrant SoundBridge hearing device.

Marjorie Sawicki (nutrition and dietetics) was interviewed by Metro Networks. Sawicki discussed how to shed holiday weight gain. Sawicki also was interviewed by the *Milwaukee* (Wis.) *Journal-Sentinel* about food myths.

Marc J. Shapiro, M.D., (trauma surgery) was featured in *Anesthesiology News* about the need for acute transfusions.

Corinne Walentik, M.D., (pediatrics) was interviewed by the *Wall Street Journal* about HMO practices and treatment for indigent infants.

SLU springs into effort to transform society

In keeping with its mission, Saint Louis University once again is setting aside spring as a Season for Justice. For the next several weeks, the University will hold various events that focus on the theme of social justice.

Season for Justice: Education/Action will raise awareness about the programs and projects at the University that address questions of justice. This is the second year for the event.

Denis Daly, SJ, coordinator for Season for Justice 2001, believes there is an important distinction between volunteerism and service. Service in a Jesuit university should provide students the opportunity to hear the voice of the poor and the oppressed, to see the world of injustice through their eyes, he said.

"Jesuit service questions value and attempt to analyze the causes of poverty," Daly said. "It investigates the possibilities of changing the unjust structures that limit a person's freedom to enjoy his or her rights and to live responsibly in the community.

"Jesuit service is determined to transform society in the spirit of the Gospels. That is the mission of Saint Louis University, to transform the student who will transform society."

That transformation is tak-

ing place every day. SLU students, faculty and staff contributed 439,480 community service and volunteer hours in 1999-2000, more than a 100,000-hour increase from the previous academic year.

And the University has been recognized for its outreach efforts. *The Templeton Guide: Colleges That Encourage Character Development* has heralded SLU as a character-building college.

Highlights of the event include Homeless Awareness Week March 26 through 30. During that week, the University will open its doors to feed and clothe homeless individuals and families in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Students also will sleep in boxes and shanties in the quadrangle.

Season for Justice was designated by members of the Justice Forum, established in the College of Public Service, to raise an awareness of the programs and projects at the University that address questions of justice.

Forum members include representatives from the School of Social Service, the School of Public Health, ethics across the curriculum and the office of mission and ministry. For more information, call 577-8101.



Trivia Corner



This month's trivia column focuses on one of the buildings on the Saint Louis University campus.

1. What building currently stands at the site pictured above? (HINT: The building on the upper left is Cupples House.)
2. When was this building formally dedicated?
3. For whom is the building named?
4. Where were the facilities in this building formerly housed?
5. How much did it cost to build the original facility?

1. Pius XII Memorial Library
2. Nov. 23, 1959
3. Pope Pius XII
4. DuBois Hall
5. \$4.25 million



BRANCHING OUT: Dr. Celerstine Johnson (with shovel) and others from the Saint Louis University community participate in a national effort to plant trees Jan. 29 in honor of renowned physicist and astronaut Ronald E. McNair, who was killed in the explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger. Following his death, the federal government established the Ronald E. McNair post-baccalaureate achievement program to prepare minority and first-generation students for teaching careers in higher education. SLU is among the select sites to administer the program, which will assist 100 students during the next four years. (Photo by Don Black)

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Drs. Charles Ammon and Robert Herrmann (earth and atmospheric sciences) have received a \$90,000 grant from the National Science Foundation/University of Illinois. This is a renewal of a sub-award agreement between SLU and the University of Illinois in support of the National Science Foundation's Mid-America Earthquake Center along the New Madrid seismic zone. The Mid-America Earthquake Center focuses on problems related to earthquake hazards in Mid-America. Ammon also has received a \$229,202 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy for a project called "Improving Estimates of Depth, Magnitude and Faulting Parameters of Earthquakes in Central Asia." The grant will support the development and testing of a new technique for estimating faulting parameters, size and depth of small-to-moderate earthquakes.

Dr. Robert Bolla (biology) has received \$61,885 from the United Soybean Board/Iowa State University for the study "Application of Biotechnology to Control of the Soybean Cyst Nematode." This is the fourth year renewal of a sub-contract with Iowa State University in support of research to develop new forms of genetic resistance in the soybean.

Dr. Linda Bufkin (educational studies) has received a \$32,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the study "Saint Louis University Social Studies Curriculum Reform: An Integrated Approach." This is the fourth year of funding for a project designed to improve the social studies pre-service teacher preparation program at SLU and focus on improvement of social studies education for students in the St. Louis public schools. Wyman Elementary School serves as a field site for the project.

Drs. Scott Cummings (public policy studies) and Charles Marske (sociology and criminology) have received a \$75,889 grant from the city of St. Louis for the study "A Needs Assessment of the Elderly in St. Louis." The information generated by this study will enable the St. Louis Department of Human Services and its various agencies to draw conclusions concerning gaps in care, future needs and how to improve the range of services provided to the elderly and people with disabilities.

Paul McLaughlin (aviation science) has

received a \$57,881 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. This grant is for the presentation of the 80-hour course "Digital Avionics Course Technology Familiarization." This course is developed for and presented specifically to FAA safety inspectors by McLaughlin's group in aviation science.

Dr. G.V. Rao (earth and atmospheric sciences) has received a \$9,994 from University Corporation for Atmospheric Research for the study "Distinguishing Radar Characteristics of Tornado Producing and Tornado Neutral Mesocyclones Associated with the Tropical Cyclone Floyd (1999)." This grant funds research by SLU, the Storm Prediction Center and the National Weather Service to understand distinguishing characteristics of certain types of cyclones that can produce tornadoes.

Dr. William Rebores (educational leadership and higher education) has received \$254,200 from the Danforth Foundation for the "St. Louis Educational Leadership Program." This is the final installment on the 2000-2001 Danforth Foundation grant year in support of the St. Louis Educational Leadership Institute. The institute is a partnership between SLU and the St. Louis Public Schools designed to develop principals into effective leaders in the St. Louis Public School District.

Dr. James Scott (English) has received a \$8,500 grant from Tower Grove Park for the documentary *Henry Shaw: The Good Neighbor*. The grant will support production of a one-hour, PBS-oriented television documentary exploring the life and career Shaw, one of St. Louis' most distinguished citizens. The documentary is scheduled for broadcast as a contribution to civic affairs programming on KETC Channel 9.

Dr. William Thacker (physics) has received a \$35,000 grant from NASA Langley Research Center for the project "Formulation of a Transition-Sensitized Turbulence Model," which will aid in developing a new turbulence model that could be used by aerospace engineers to compute the complex turbulent flow of air around aircraft they are designing. A transition-sensitized turbulence model may help reduce the need for costly and time-consuming wind tunnel tests.

SLU researcher receives award for fighting AIDS

Dr. Dan Gentry, associate professor for the School of Public Health, has been chosen to receive the Cartier First Aide Award for his work in HIV/AIDS prevention and care research.

St. Louis Effort For AIDS presented the award to Gentry at "Carnival 2001: A VooDoo Do," the organization's annual fundraiser and celebration held Feb. 17 at the Marriott Pavilion Hotel.

The Cartier First Aide Award was instituted in 1995 to commemorate St. Louis Effort For AIDS' first 10 years of dedicated service to the community. Each year, the award honors and recognizes an individual or corporation for exemplary support and service to the AIDS community.

"Dr. Gentry is one of the unsung heroes in the fight against HIV and AIDS," said Tim Sullivan, executive director of St. Louis Effort For AIDS. "His behind-the-scenes work is instrumental in helping us best understand prevention and care. He evaluates existing AIDS programs and services and provides vital information to us about their effectiveness. We couldn't do what we do without him."

Gentry remembers the day he received the phone call from Sullivan telling him he'd won the award. "I was overwhelmed when I heard the news," Gentry said. "Having worked closely with St. Louis Effort For AIDS, I was aware of what a tremendous honor the Cartier First Aide Award is. It's wonderful to get an award like this, to be recognized for doing what I love to do."

Gentry has been involved in HIV prevention and care research for more than 10 years. He founded the Center for HIV/STD Policy Studies at the School of Public Health in 1996. CHPS focuses on research, evaluation and policy analysis in HIV and STD prevention and care on the nation-

al, regional and local levels. The center has received more than \$3 million in funding during the past five years.

CHPS is home to the Metro St. Louis HIV Health Services Planning Council, a unique team of public health experts appointed by the mayor to make decisions about care for people living with HIV/AIDS in the community, including allocation of more than \$4 million to medical and social services.

St. Louis is one of 51 U.S. cities that have enough AIDS cases to warrant such a council, which is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

"Becoming involved with the council is consistent with the School of Public Health's philosophy of being community-based" Gentry said. "When CHPS was founded, we decided that we have an obligation to investigate ways to better reach the populations most at risk here for prevention, care and counseling."

Gentry also has been involved with a local effort to improve case management services for people living with HIV and AIDS, a campaign to distribute safe sex kits and the development of opportunities for his students to perform service projects at various AIDS organizations.

Gentry balances service in the local and regional community with research in policy-oriented studies that are mostly national in scope. "It is especially gratifying to be recognized for efforts in the field of public health, a discipline that is often misunderstood," Gentry said. "It may be easier to visualize AIDS work by physicians who are responsible for new medications and treatments for people with the disease."

"This kind of work too often goes unnoticed," Sullivan said. "This disease changes every day, and Dr. Gentry is constantly evaluating the developments of the epidemic."



Gentry

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Nepal. More than 30 of the students are National Merit semifinalists. The average GPA of this shining class is 3.99.

But the students need more than just good grades to receive this high honor. Belobrajdic said they must exhibit leadership skills and a commitment to outreach.

Current students, faculty, staff, alumni and community leaders helped shorten the list during interviews with the students.

In addition to touring the campus and learning about the Jesuit mission, the students and their parents visited SLU galleries this weekend and spent

the night at the University Theatre for its production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. They also attended a banquet Saturday night at the Scottish-Rite Cathedral.

University President Lawrence Biondi, SJ, established the presidential scholars program 12 years ago.

Since then, the University has expanded the number of scholarships from the original 10 to 30 with help from SLU's \$100-million initiative, Project SLU2000.

The final list of this year's presidential scholars will be announced March 15.

Dr. Jennifer Altieri (educational studies) recently wrote "Making the Most of Classroom Space: Creating World Walls that Work" for *The Oklahoma Reader*. Altieri also will be giving two presentations this spring: "Jazzing Up the Teaching of Poetry: Creating Poetry in an Urban Elementary School" at the International Reading Association Conference in New Orleans and "Motivating Activities to Extend Literacy Through the Content Areas" at the Illinois Reading Council Conference in Springfield.



Rob Arp (philosophy) wrote "Suffering as Theodicy" for *Cahiers Simone Weil*, a journal of the Society for the Study of the Thought of Simone Weil. He also wrote "Reason and Sentiment in Hume's Moral Philosophy" for *The Journal of the Irenaeus Society*. Arp also was listed in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* 2000 edition.

Dr. Doyle Banks (accounting) was selected as an Ernst and Young Teaching Excellence Fellow for the 2000-2001 academic year. This position is created through the support of Ernst and Young for the purpose of enhancing the teaching skills of the accounting faculty at Saint Louis University.

Michael Barber, SJ (philosophy) delivered "Ethnicity and Phenomenology: The Primordialist vs. Social Constructionist Approaches to Ethnic Identity" at a conference titled "The Reach of Reflection: Issues for Phenomenology's Second Century."

Dr. Yelena Belyaeva-Standen (modern and classical languages) chaired a panel on Russian lexicon and presented "The Position and Future of the Adjunct Faculty in the Slavic Field" at the annual Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Richard Breslin (educational leadership and higher education) recently was elected as a board member of the not-for-profit organization Educational Multimedia Inc. The organization has been formed to develop educational videos to combat HIV/AIDS and other lethal diseases.

Dr. Harold Bush Jr. (English) wrote "Politics and Robert Frost," which was published in the *Robert Frost Encyclopedia*. Bush's essay "The Declaration of Independence and *Uncle Tom's Cabin*: A Rhetorical Criticism Approach" was published in *Approaches to Teaching Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

Dr. Vincent Casaregola

(English) presented an invited lecture to the English faculty at John Carroll University, where he was a consultant to review writing program administration and development.

Dr. Cynthia Cook (social service) wrote an article called "Access Barriers and the Use of Prenatal Care by Low-Income Inner City Women." The article was nominated by the Society of Social Work and Research as one of the most outstanding research articles written by social workers.

Dr. Donald Critchlow (history) presented the paper "Reconsidering the History of Postwar Conservatism: Phyllis Schlafly and the Grassroots Crusade Against Liberal Culture" at a session he organized at the American Historical Association meeting in Boston.

Dr. John Encarnacion (earth and atmospheric sciences) spent early December in Antarctica collecting samples in the Dry Valleys region for a study that will help determine when the Transantarctic Mountains formed. This project is in collaboration with colleagues at Caltech.

Dr. Paul García (modern and classical languages) was invited to give three seminars, "New Approaches to Ortega's Philosophy of History," "The Polarity of Faith and Reason in the Works of Unamuno" and "Literature and the Question of Philosophy," to the faculty of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Universidad Iberoamericana in Puebla, Mexico.

Dr. Anthony Houston (modern and classical languages) presented "Integrating Technology Into Inquiry Classes" with Assistant Provost Dr. Julie Weissman for the SLU faculty winter institute 2001: "Teaching with Technology."

Dr. Deborah Hwa-Froelich (communication sciences and disorders) presented the papers "Cross-Cultural Frameworks: Perspectives of Asian Parents and Head Start Staff" and "Working Between Cultures: Experiences of a Vietnamese Interpreter" at the International Division of Early Childhood Conference, held in December in Albuquerque, N.M. She also will have a book review published in *Multicultural Perspectives*. Hwa-Froelich also co-authored "Assessing Language Learnability" in *Communication Disorders and Sciences in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Populations*, the ASHA Special Interest Division 14 newsletter.

Michael Johnson (public policy studies), as the host of "The Looking Glass" program on KSLG, recently interviewed members from the SLU com-

munity. Mary Schmelter (Family Development Center) and Dr. Donald Stump (English) discussed research institutions reaching out to community-based organizations, while Julie Hoffmann (communication sciences and disorders) and Dr. James Gilsinan (College of Public Service) spoke on the college's role in providing service learning.

Drs. Barry Katz (research methodology) and Joan Oliver and Janet Kuebli (psychology) presented "Eating Problems for Depression" at the American Psychological Association Conference in Washington, D.C. Katz and Oliver also co-presented "Attachment to Both Mother and Father as Predictors of Clinically Significant Symptoms of Depression in Males and Females" and "Dysfunctional Attitudes Affect Intensity and Vulnerability to Mood Disorders" with Dr. Michael Ross (psychology) at the Association for the Advancement of Behavioral Therapy Conference in New Orleans.

Dr. Tim Kusky (earth and atmospheric sciences) returned to China and spent part of the winter break in Inner Mongolia, mapping and collecting additional samples of the world's oldest complete ophiolite (oceanic crust). Kusky also gave a lecture at Peking University, which was covered by the Chinese newspapers *The People's Daily* and *Science Times*, the Japanese *Yomiuri Newspaper* and ran on Chinese CCTV.



Dr. Reuven Levary (decision sciences and MIS) has written two entries, "Capital Budgeting" and "Engineering Design," for *The Encyclopedia of Operations Research and Management Science*.

Dr. David Murphy (modern and classical languages) presented "The Orthographia Bohemica of Master John Hus" on the panel "Problems in Medieval Language Studies" at the 35th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Murphy also reported that the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies sponsored five other sessions at the congress. Organized by Saint Louis University faculty and graduate students, the sessions included "Old Norse Literature," Dr. Paul Acker (English); "Early Tudor Literature," Dr. Antony Hasler (English); "Practice and Identity: The Artist in the Middle Ages," Dr. Sherry Lindquist (fine and performing arts); "Medieval Renaissance Venice," Dr. Thomas Madden (history); and "Monster Theory" by students Eve Siebert and John



MAKING A POINT: Dr. Reinhard Andress, associate professor of German, presented "German Exile Writers on Majorca - an Unwritten Chapter" Feb. 9 in Busch Memorial Center. Andress focused on the works of Albert Vigoleis Thelen and Martha Brill. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

Walter. In all, 26 SLU faculty and students participated in this year's conference. In addition, the center sponsored its first social reception at the congress.

Dr. Nancy Morrison (counseling and family therapy) presented "Family Depression: Prevention and Treatment" at the Missouri Association for Marriage and Family Therapy annual conference.

Audrey Newcomer (Health Sciences Center Library) has written the chapter "The Technological Transformation of Health Sciences Libraries" for the recently published book *Administration and Management in Health Sciences Libraries*.

Dr. Ronald Nuzzi (educational leadership and higher education) will conduct two roundtable discussions at the annual American Educational Research Association Convention, to be held in April in Seattle. Both sessions address Catholic educational concerns and are based on *The Handbook of Research in Catholic Education*, which Nuzzi co-authored. Nuzzi also gave the keynote address at the second annual archdiocesan schools convocation in Kansas City, Mo., last fall.

Dr. Hal Parker (history) presented "Using Consistory Records to Reconstruct the Narrative of Penitence and Reconciliation in the Dutch Reformed Church" at the American Historical Association meeting in Boston.

Drs. Lewis and Elisabeth Perry (history and American studies) presented "The Two-Career Job Search: A Veteran's Perspective" at the Modern Language Association's December meeting in Washington, D.C.

Drs. Joyce Ann Pressley and Mary Domahidy (public policy studies) have written "Town vs. Gown: Universities' Spatial Impact." Pressley and Michael Penick (public policy studies) presented the paper at a conference for the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning in November.

Dr. Steve Puro (political science) wrote "Congress-

Supreme Court Relations: Strategies of Power" for the *Saint Louis University Public Law Review*.

Dr. Lavern Scott (educational leadership and higher education) recently presented the paper "Influencing the Policy Makers: What We've Learned in Missouri" at the National Staff Development Conference, held in Atlanta.



Dr. Paul Shore (educational studies) recently wrote the article "Invisible History" for *Humanist*. The article deals with cultural problems persisting in former Soviet bloc countries.

Dr. Hemla Singaravelu (counseling and family therapy) recently presented a workshop in Springfield titled "Diversity in Sexuality: A Workshop for Helping Professionals." She presented "Diversity Retreat/Training" in Kirksville, Mo. She also co-authored the chapter "Parental Involvement in Adolescent's Career Decision Process" for *The Therapist's Notebook for Children and Adolescents: Homework, Handouts and Activities for Use in Psychotherapy*.

Dr. Philipp Stoeberl (management) has accepted an invitation to serve as a founding member on the editorial board of *The International Journal of Management Literature*.

Dr. Terry Tomazic (research methodology) co-authored "The Relationship of the Glenoid Fossa to the Functional Occlusal Plane" for *The American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics*.

Dr. Steven Vago (sociology) will have his eleventh book, the completely revised and updated seventh edition of *Law and Society*, published by Prentice Hall early next year. He also has completed the work for his 12th



CAPSULATED: The Women's Commission issues committee sponsored the program "Past, Present, Future: A Millennial Celebration of Women" Feb. 20. The event featured presentations and small discussion groups, as well as a chance to view some items for inclusion in a time capsule that will remain in the University archives until 2100. Above (from left), Katherine Downton, Jennifer Young and Patricia Swatek, all committee members, pose with some items. The group will accept items for the capsule until April 1. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

University medical students honored

Six medical students at Saint Louis University were honored Jan. 30 for research excellence during a forum featuring student research.

The judges of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Student Research Forum at Saint Louis University have awarded first prize in the basic sciences research competition to medical student Paul Haas, second prize to Scott Schepker and third prize to Olivia Giddings. In the clinical sciences research competition, S. Robert Witherspoon won first prize, Lisa Chipps won second prize and Jessica

McMichael won third prize.

First-prize winners received \$200, second-prize recipients won \$100, and \$50 went to those placing third.

The highest-ranking winner was Paul Haas, who conducted research in the laboratory of Dr. Carmine J. Coscia, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology.

Haas will present his paper at the National Student Research Forum in Galveston, Texas, in April. His research was on the underlying molecular mechanisms of opiates, such as morphine and heroin, as part of a study of the long-term effects of

maternal opiate use on offspring.

AOA is the National Honor Medical Society. Students are elected into membership based on scholastic achievement, personal integrity, ability to work well with their peers, and promise for significant contributions to the medical profession. Approximately 15 percent of each class is chosen for membership.

The research forum is an annual event sponsored by the School of Medicine. All SLU medical students can participate, but they may only present research they have done while in medical school.

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plants, the health risks can be serious and include death.

HCMV causes serious illness in unborn fetuses and in people with a weakened immune response. In babies infected before birth, HCMV is a leading cause of death, mental retardation and deafness.

Every year in the United States, 4,000 to 8,000 children are born with serious HCMV disease. In people whose immune systems are weakened by drugs or AIDS, HCMV may cause pneumonia, gastrointestinal disease, hepatitis, blindness or death.

Saliva, urine or sexual fluids transmit the virus. Young children, who frequently have no symptoms when infected with HCMV, often pass the virus to their parents. It also can be obtained through blood transfusions, organ transplantation or passed from pregnant

women to their unborn fetus.

When otherwise healthy people are infected with HCMV, they usually do not become ill. But some infected people will develop a mono-like illness characterized by fever, muscle aches, headaches and other symptoms for two to three weeks.

Researchers need volunteers to participate in this investigational vaccine study. Volunteers must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and in good health. Female volunteers must be surgically sterile. In addition, volunteers must not live in the same house with a person who has a weakened immune system or with children less than 18 years old. Household contacts also must agree to enroll in the study although they will not receive the vaccine.

To learn more about this study, please call 577-8649.

Grads

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Sometimes, that affects the results of the survey."

Day said the percentage of satisfactorily occupied students has hovered around 90 percent during the last several years, but the response rate continues to rise. Only 60 percent of graduates responded to the survey last year. "We have seen consistent, positive results," Day said. "But it's good to see the numbers aren't decreasing with the jump in responses."

To ensure accurate numbers, officials encourage new graduates to complete the survey. "The more data we have, the better," Day said.

Figures included in the report also indicate that SLU graduates enjoy a salary above the national average, a surprising fact considering many graduates remain in the region. Salaries in the Midwest generally are lower than other areas of the country, especially on the east and west coasts.

"We have a number of outstanding programs, and those programs produce graduates who are in demand," Day said. "The salaries speak about the growing reputation of Saint Louis University and its curriculum."

According to figures from the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the average salary for a person with an undergraduate degree is \$32,413. SLU graduates, excluding those from the School of Medicine and the School of Law, were asked to provide their starting salaries for the survey. The average salary of

a SLU undergraduate is \$33,632. The average employee with a graduate degree makes \$41,480. SLU graduates responding to the survey boast an average salary of \$42,395. Posting salaries will help both students and employers during the hiring process, officials say.

"This allows students entering the work force to know what their peers earn and if the offers they receive are fair," Lunning said. "It's also helpful for employers, especially for companies that may be new in hiring college graduates, in determining proper salaries."

Officials emphasize that the survey results are not just for students.

"We'd really like department chairs and faculty to look at the survey," Day said. "This is a great tool for recruiting, and it allows faculty and departments to learn how their graduates are faring in the workplace."

The report already has generated interest outside the University.

"Directors and assistant directors from several universities have asked about our survey questions and our data," Lunning said. "Some have considered putting their information online. Many employers have called asking about salary data as well."

For more information, call career services at 977-2828.



Lunning

Class

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"Our involvement further exposes University students, faculty and staff to the concept of supplier diversity."

Teams address specific issues depending upon the needs of each firm. Most of the firms have existing Web sites, but needs still vary. Some firms may want minor changes while others are seeking an overhaul. Some firms must start

from scratch. "The idea is to work with these small firms, look at their customer base, their competitors and what they are trying to accomplish," said Dr. Paul Boughton, chairman for the department of marketing and instructor of the course. "The teams then will come up with a strategy for how these small businesses should best operate in an environment that is increasingly e-commerce driven."

A capstone MBA course that

every student must take, this semester's class features a team approach with Boughton, Virginia Campbell and Nitish Singh, a doctoral student, teaching the class. Boughton said the early response has been positive.

"Both students and businesses are enthusiastic about it," he said. "But everyone is still a little wary of how it will work out."

Boughton said the class offers students a unique opportunity to interact with and assist local firms while learning how classroom principles apply to real world problems.

"This course is beneficial for both the students and businesses," he said. "It's another aspect of SLU's dedication to the St. Louis community."

The course began Feb. 7 and will run for 12 weeks. For more information, call Boughton at 977-3816.

UNIVERSITY CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to:

- Margaret A. Shelton, administrative assistant for the department of occupational therapy, on the death of her daughter, Charlotte Shelton King, on Dec. 8.
- Linda Stevenson, senior secretary for counseling and family therapy, on the death of her father, Ralph Hoefener, on Jan. 23.
- Mary McNamara, senior secretary for the department of nutrition and dietetics, on the death of her father, James McNamara, on Jan. 24.
- Arlene E. Hock, faculty information system manager for the provost's office, on the death of her father, R. John Krawiecki, on Feb. 7.
- Sam G. Tyson, facilities supervisor for facilities services, on the death of his father, Samuel Tyson, on Feb. 10.

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book, *Managing Cultural Diversity*. Vago also has been invited to attend a workshop on "Legal and Social Changes in Former Warsaw Pact Countries" to be held in Seattle and to participate in a series of panel discussions at various universities later this year in Canada on "The Transformation of Legal Systems in Eastern European Countries." During the fall, Vago is scheduled to visit London to continue his research at the British Library on the emergence of common law.

Dr. Jennifer Walker (counseling and family therapy) presented "Current Issues in Counseling Those Infected and Affected by HIV and AIDS" at the Missouri Counseling Association annual conference.



Inquiring Photographer

Who are you rooting for in this year's Oscar races?

"For best movie, *Erin Brockovich*. I'm a Julia Roberts fan, so obviously, Julia for actress. I'm also rooting for Tom Hanks. He's versatile."
— Monik Patterson, administrative assistant, School for Professional Studies



"For best picture, *Erin Brockovich*, which was a good movie with a very believable performance by Julia Roberts. For best actress, I'm rooting for Julia Roberts, and for actor, Geoffrey Rush for *Quills*. He is a very good actor. I didn't see *Quills*, but I did see him in *Shine*."
— Nicole Jando, auditor, compliance department

"For best picture, *Erin Brockovich*, and for actress, Julia Roberts. She was assertive and funny. It is an uplifting experience when you see her in a film. For actor, I'm pulling for Tom Hanks for his excellent performance in *Cast Away*. He sustained the picture by himself for a long period of time. He's a very creative actor."
— Carolyn Duke, assistant professor, School of Nursing



"Both my wife and I are rooting for *Chocolat*. It's the only nominated picture we've seen. For actor, Tom Hanks, because he's an all-around nice guy. For actress, you gotta root for Julia Roberts."
— Paul Schnabel, executive director, HSC development and alumni relations.

"I go to very few movies. I probably will not even watch the Oscars. However, I did see *Erin Brockovich* and *Cast Away*, so I most likely will root for Julia Roberts and Tom Hanks."
— Paul Wuebbels, business manager, School of Allied Health Professions



"*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* for best picture. It's got a wonderful story that is very rich in character development, which is unusual to find in high-tech movies. For actor, I'll root for Russell Crowe, but only because that's the only film I've seen in that category."
— Michael Ponsell, assistant professor, physician assistant education

Wolter sinks teeth into good cause

Assistant professor helps deliver dental kits to area's homeless

Julie Wolter, assistant professor of health information management, surveys her classroom and sees a mess. But she says it's OK because this mess is for a great cause.

For the second consecutive year, Wolter and her students have teamed up with a local health organization to help needy children in and around St. Louis.

In all, Wolter and her students packed 2,200 dental kits to be delivered to area homeless shelters and schools for needy children.

"We decided this would be a great way to help," Wolter said. "We also do stocking-stuffers at Christmas for families living in homeless shelters. It really means something to know you are helping someone."

All supplies in the kits — a toothbrush, toothpaste and a child-friendly information sheet — are donated by Mercy Health Plans. MHP delivered the boxes to the School of



Students from the Alpha Eta Society and health information management pack dental care kits for children living in area homeless shelters. This is the second year staff and students from HIM have donated their time. (Submitted photo)

Allied Health Professions in late January. Staff from HIM and the Alpha Eta Society sorted and packed them.

February was National

Children's Dental Health Month. The American Dental Association has sponsored the month every February since 1981.

Volunteers sought for study aimed to control flu outbreaks in families

The Center for Vaccine Development at the School of Medicine is using a popular new flu treatment drug in an attempt to prevent flu outbreaks in families.

Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) is an FDA-approved drug for the treatment of flu in adults. It is one of a new class of medicines called neuraminidase inhibitors. However, Tamiflu has not yet been approved for the treatment of flu in children or for the prevention of flu.

"Because of the seriousness of flu, there is a need to study whether Tamiflu can prevent or treat influenza in adults, adolescents and children," said Robert B. Belshe, M.D., professor of infectious diseases and immunology and director of the Center for Vaccine Development. "The purpose of this research study is to assess the best way Tamiflu should be used to control the outbreak of flu within families."

Researchers will test two different ways of controlling a family outbreak. In one group of families (the treatment group), the first person in the family to become ill will be treated with Tamiflu two times a day for five days, and all other members of the family will be treated only if they become ill.

In the second group of families (the prevention group), the first person in the family to become ill will be treated with Tamiflu, and all other contacts in the family will take Tamiflu once a day

for 10 days to prevent the flu. Families taking part in this study will be randomly assigned to one of these two family groups.

About 400 families will take part in this clinical study in the Northern Hemisphere this winter. Researchers are looking for 40 families to be enrolled from the region.

Families are eligible to participate in this study if all members are more than 1 year old and the household consists of three to eight members, with at least two eligible people and no more than one person not eligible. You should not participate if you have significant kidney, liver or heart problems, have any active cancer, HIV infection, received an organ transplant and are pregnant or breast feeding.

Influenza is an infection caused by a virus that occurs yearly during the winter months and causes outbreaks of respiratory disease. It is highly contagious. Symptoms usually appear suddenly and can include fever, headache, feeling unwell, body aches and pains, runny nose and cough. Most healthy adults and children recover after one to two weeks. However, in some people, the illness may cause more serious complications. Every year in the United States, an estimated 20,000 deaths are attributed to influenza.

To learn more about getting involved in this research study, call 577-8649.

Cruz appointed as chairman for the department of ophthalmology

The School of Medicine has tapped a new leader to help one of its departments maintain its excellent focus.

Oscar A. Cruz, M.D., has been appointed chairman of the department of ophthalmology.

Cruz will provide overall leadership for the department, which offers complete diagnostic and treatment services for patients with diseases and disorders affecting vision.



Cruz

The department maintains offices in the Anheuser-Busch Institute, SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, south St. Louis County and in Collinsville, Ill.

Cruz, a pediatric ophthalmologist, joined the faculty of the School of Medicine in 1992 and had been acting chair of the department since April 2000.