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Big guests slated for Atlas Week

Nobel Peace Prize winner to visit SLU

A Nobel Peace Prize winner will be among the distinguished guests coming to Saint Louis University to celebrate the fourth annual Atlas Week.

F.W. de Klerk, former president of South Africa, will be the keynote speaker for the week's signature symposium. Drawing on the theme "Global Cultures in a Complex World," this year's event will be from Friday, March 26, through Friday, April 2.

As president of South Africa, F.W. de Klerk ended apartheid and led his country's peaceful transition to black majority rule. He and Nelson Mandela both received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 for their role in the democratization of South Africa. De Klerk will speak on "The South African Model for Peace and Freedom: From Apartheid to Multicultural Democracy" at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 1, in the Busch Student Center Multipurpose Room. De Klerk also will make presentations for School of Law and the College of Public Service during Atlas Week.

Another notable guest, Daniel Berrigan, S.J., will deliver "Peace in a Post-9/11 World" from 4:15-5:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, in Anheuser-Busch Auditorium. Considered the leader of Catholic opposition to the Vietnam War, Berrigan and his brother, Philip, both went to prison for destroying draft board files more than 30 years ago. Berrigan is a poet and the author

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Below, a rendering of the Research Building Above, crews demolish a building at the corner of Grand Boulevard and LaSalle Street to make room for the proposed Research Building site. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

Research Building site announced

Nine acres of Midtown St. Louis adjacent to Saint Louis University Health Sciences Center will see a big change during the next few years.

Saint Louis University has announced that its largest-ever building project — \$80 million in new and enhanced research facilities — will find a home near the intersection of Grand and Chouteau avenues, providing a new anchor for the Health Sciences Center and its growing research programs.

"Our Research Building project will further transform the Midtown area near our Health Sciences Center," said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. "But more importantly, this building will house researchers who have the potential to transform our world through cutting edge advances

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Leader tapped for A&S

Saint Louis University has named Dr. J. Michael Sproule dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Sproule is the director of the School of Communication Studies and professor of interpersonal communication at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. His appointment at SLU is effective July 1.



Sproule

"The mission of Saint Louis University to educate the whole person with focus on character and

service is an approach that represents the best hope of higher education in our time," Sproule said. "I am honored and pleased to join a university with so great a legacy and so promising a future."

Sproule manages a school with 23 full-time and eight part-time faculty members. Its programs serve nearly 800 undergraduates and 75 graduate students. The school has flourished during his tenure.

"Mike is a nationally recognized scholar in the field of communication and media studies and is also a proven administrator," said University Provost Joe Weixlmann. "I have every confidence that he will provide effective leadership for the College of Arts and Sciences

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New program gives faculty chance at administrative duties

The Saint Louis University provost's office has developed a unique partnership that will offer administrative experience at the University level.

SLU recently created the faculty internship program, an initiative that

matches faculty members interested in administration with needs at the University. Duties last for one semester and call for an approximate commitment of 10 hours per week. Faculty interns focus on a specific area, such as faculty or student development, recruitment or

other important areas.

"I think this program will be very successful," said Assistant Provost Marla Berg-Weger. "We have a lot of talented people in the University, and this will provide an opportunity to cultivate and develop future administrators."

Dr. Dana L. Sayre-Stanhope, professor and chair of the department of physician assistant education, has been selected as the first participant in the pilot program. She has been working with Assistant

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Approach Lent with new perspective

During this season of Lent, I, like many other Christians, entertain thoughts of giving up something. It is that idea of sacrificing something for the purpose of growing closer to our God and becoming more like Christ in our daily lives.

Several members of our University community recently gave something up that never ceases to amaze me. They gave up their spring break — something quite substantial when you consider that March is the time when the winter blahs have worn out their welcome and when spring semester stress really begins to kick in. A relaxing week — perhaps somewhere very warm and remote — sounds pretty good right around this time.

Yet, instead of vacationing, many of our students spent their week off traveling to various U.S. cities and foreign countries not to get away, but instead to join alternative spring break service trips or to participate in Saint Louis University Christian Action Program (SLUCAP) mission trips. They spend their time serving others, and it's an example I believe many of us should be called to follow.

There are plenty of service opportunities for all members of the University community. Consider volunteering for a shift at the SLU Campus Kitchen, which delivers more than 2,000 meals per month to local agencies and individual families. Call the Center for Leadership and Community Service and make arrangements to teach an illiterate child to read, tutor a young refugee or volunteer at a homeless shelter. Consider participating in SLU's upcoming annual Homeless Awareness Week, an event that will welcome hundreds of homeless individuals to campus during the "Open Doors" program, which offers free food and clothing.

I applaud all of you who take part in service projects. To be sure, our city, our community and our world are in dire need of the assistance you provide. When we perform community service, people are being helped, which is good. Yet broader issues such as homelessness can appear quite daunting when you approach them from only a service point of view. You may wonder how your few hours of volunteering may make a difference. That is why, at Saint Louis University, we encourage social justice in addition to service because there are profound differences.

Service, in many cases, can be about us. It can be about "our" empowerment, how "we" are helping a less fortunate individual. Social justice, on the other hand, means respecting those we serve and realizing our shared humanity. It calls for recognizing the dignity of each person. It means approaching service with humility instead of haughtiness. It is an opportunity to gain perspective not to stroke our egos.

Service, sometimes can be a quick fix, a day spent helping others after which we might go home and feel good about what we have done. Social justice, meanwhile, uses a service opportu-

nity to open our eyes to the harsh realities of this world, to see the big picture and realize that quick fixes don't solve deeper problems.

Finally, service might be seen as a burden, a requirement, a social opportunity or even a "hobby." Social justice demands a personal investment. It requires an intellectual commitment to solve the problem, to seriously examine the deficiencies in our social structure. It requires an emotional commitment grounded in genuine compassion that moves us to take up a cause. It requires a spiritual commitment that starts by reaching out in gratitude for God's gifts and evolves into transforming society in the spirit of the Gospels.

I hope you are comforted by the fact that if you take up the cause of social justice, you will not be alone. Many programs and resources at Saint Louis University are at your disposal. Your individual service can always be a part of something bigger.

For example, the Health Resource Center opened in 1994 as a partnership between SLU School of Medicine students and the BREM Catholic Social Ministry, a community-based service agency in the Hamilton Heights neighborhood. The Health Resource Center provides free primary care services to those who need, but cannot otherwise afford, medical help. More than 95 percent of SLU's medical school students volunteer at the clinic.

Every January through March, SLU law students, in partnership with local attorneys and accountants, provide free tax return preparation services for low-income families. Local accountants provide training for law students through an I.R.S.-endorsed volunteer program, with students volunteering to apply their training on two or three Saturdays at local community centers. The primary goal is to maximize each family's use of the Earned Income Tax Credit. Each year, students help families collect close to \$1 million in credits and refunds.

As I said earlier, I know it is customary to give something up during Lent. If that practice is part of your spiritual life, I certainly don't want to dissuade you. But as a member of a community committed to social justice, I would also encourage you to take something up — much like Jesus himself took up the cross.

If you are not participating in service projects, consider where you could make a difference. If you *are* participating in service projects, dig a little deeper. Reflect about what you are doing. Consider what you might have to learn from those you serve. Consider making an investment or taking up a cause. No matter your situation, let's all think about how we can better accomplish SLU's mission of touching lives.




WINGING IT: The Society of Automotive Engineers held a paper airplane contest Feb. 27 in Room 251A of Busch Student Center. Above, senior Josh Farmer, a computer science major, works on his entry. Planes were judged in four categories: time of flight, distance, distance with payload (paper clips) and design. Contestants were provided with paper, glue, toothpicks and markers. Kurt Merriman, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, won the contest, which called for a \$2 entry fee and carried a first-place prize of \$50. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)



Human Resources FYI

Q: If someone makes a lateral move in a job grade to another department, is there a cap on the salary amount that can be negotiated, or does it depend on another department's budget?

A: All salary offers take in consideration equity issues and budgetary constraints. In general, a lateral move indicates that the employee is transferring to another position within the same pay grade and would expect to keep his or her same rate of pay. If it is a promotional opportunity (employee transferring to a higher pay grade), then the employee would expect to receive a pay increase. Likewise, if the employee is transferring to a lower pay grade, the employee would expect to take a decrease in pay.



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UPCOMING ISSUE: The next issue of *Grand Connections* is scheduled to be on the stands Thursday, April 8. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, March 25.

University establishes second Institutional Review Board

The Behavioral and Social Science (BSS) Institutional Review Board subcommittee has registered with the Office of Human Research Protections as the University's second IRB and was added to the University's Federal Wide Assurance Thursday, Jan. 29.

The BSS IRB now will operate as a self-standing IRB separate and distinct from the Biomedical IRB. The BSS will unite sub-

committees from the College of Public Service, the School of Social Service, the department of psychology and a general group for the northern part on campus. The BSS will review non-medical research, including some behavior-oriented projects from the School of Public Health and the Health Sciences Center.

A new office for the BSS IRB will be

opened soon in Verhaegen Hall, Room 316. Until then, please mail all protocol submissions to Shannon Hall, Room 224.

All protocols submitted to the BSS IRB for full board review will need to adhere to BSS IRB protocol submission deadlines. The BSS IRB meets once a month.

A new IRB Web site provides researchers with the information they will need to deter-

mine what type of IRB review is appropriate for their study and what procedures should be followed in submitting an IRB application.

You will find federal regulations and guidelines, IRB instructions, forms, policies and human subjects training for investigators on the site. For more information, visit www.slu.edu/research/irb/.



GOING, GOING, GONE: Crews were busy throughout February tearing down the Waring School, which occupied part of the site for the proposed University Arena. The Waring School was located at the intersection of Compton and Laclede avenues. (Photos by Chris Waldvogel and Clayton Berry)



Employee Spotlight

Name: Karen Montgomery

Position: AIMS education coordinator at the Practical Anatomy Workshop

Nature of your work: organize workshops and programs for the Adventures in Medicine and Science community outreach program

Born: Aug. 25, 1965, in New Hartford, N.Y.

Education: bachelor's of science in education with an emphasis in biology

Three words that describe me: particular, organized and creative

For one day, I'd like to trade places with: Oprah Winfrey.

If I couldn't have my present job, I'd like to: own a resort on Table Rock Lake.

Favorite vacation spot: It's a tie between Lake Powell in Utah; Blue Mountain Beach in Florida; and Table Rock Lake in Missouri.

A book I would recommend is: *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen Ambrose.

Favorite CD: *Supernatural* by Santana

Favorite television shows: whatever is on HBO at 8 p.m. Sunday night

I'd like to meet: Clint Eastwood.

Pet peeves: poor grammar, dishes left on the counter and people who do not read the information provided before asking questions

Favorite food: shrimp scampi

Favorite sports team: Missouri men's basketball

My fondest childhood memory: ice skating in the winter and picking blackberries in the summer around Osgood Pond in Milford, N.H.

Guilty pleasure: a glass of good cabernet

Almost nobody knows that: my middle name is the same as my mother's first name.

A good movie I've seen lately: *Ocean's Eleven*

What hobbies do you enjoy in your spare time? cooking and boating

Favorite World Wide

Web site: allrecipes.com

Proudest moment: finishing my first 5K run on Thanksgiving morning 2003

Something that remains a mystery to me is: why anyone would smoke cigarettes.

A good way to relieve stress is: lift weights.

Words to live by: Nothing is ever easy.



Prof finds new fish in Tennessee river

Think everything is known about the nation's biodiversity? Think again, said SLU professor Dr. Richard Mayden.

The chairman of SLU's biology department, Mayden has discovered a new species of fish, not in the depths of the tropics, but in the "wilds" of western Tennessee.

Mayden, along with his colleague and former doctoral student Dr. Steven Powers of Reinhardt College in Georgia, recently discovered the Chickasaw darter, *Etheostoma cervus*, in the Forked Deer River, which is about an hour and a half northeast of Memphis.

"Most people think that basically everything is known about the biodiversity of the United States," Mayden said. "I beg to differ."

Having already discovered and described 10 previously unknown species from rivers in the North America and working on another 30 descriptions of new species, Mayden said current predictions of biodiversity are underestimated.

Some people might assume that this new fish must be cryptically colored or not too flashy, helping it escape the notice of naturalists before now. That's hardly the case, Mayden said.

"This species is spectacularly colorful, especially the males

during their breeding season," he said.

But how did this striking fish remain undiscovered? Mayden said one of the main reasons is that researchers mostly are looking elsewhere. That's where the funding is too, with most agencies supporting efforts to inventory tropical regions or areas under high risk of being lost.

"The reality is that there is a heck of a lot of biodiversity that has yet to be discovered in this country," Mayden said. "Even people in inner cities are living among fish species that haven't been described or discovered by scientists."

Mayden added that the newly discovered Chickasaw darter, like many other small stream fishes, is endangered in its native habitat and should be considered for state and federal protection. The new species was described in the last edition of the peer-reviewed journal *Copeia*.

World-renowned artist Joseph R. Tomelleri illustrated the new fish for Mayden using specialized techniques with color pencil. Tomelleri has illustrated 700 color images of freshwater fish in Mayden's upcoming book on the *Fishes of Alabama* by Smithsonian Institution Press. Tomelleri's illustrations can be viewed at www.americanfishes.com.



Mayden

Doctors Without Borders founder to present Flanagan Lecture

Dr. Bernard Kouchner, co-founder of Doctors Without Borders, will speak on the topic of international health crises during the 31th annual Flanagan Lecture.

Kouchner, now a professor of public health with Conservatoire National des Arts Et Metiers in Paris, France, will speak from 6-7:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at St. Francis Xavier College Church. A reception follows in the lower level ballroom.

Kouchner was France's Minister of Health until picked by United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan as his special representative for Kosovo. He is the

co-founder of Médecins sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), a humanitarian organization consisting of voluntary medical personnel who contribute their time and expertise in response to situations of emergency or inadequate medical care in the developing world.

"We are welcoming the founder of Doctors without Borders, a much respected humanitarian organization that received the Nobel Peace Prize," said Dr. Andrew Balas, dean of the School of Public Health. "We also recognize that Dr. Kouchner served as minister of health in France, a country that has a health care system ranked number one

by the World Health Organization. Overall, this year's Flanagan Lecture is a truly remarkable and unique event in the history of our school."

Kouchner has played an important role on the French political scene for the past 20 years, holding a number of ministerial positions in different French governments. He was minister of state for humanitarian action (1988-1991) and minister of state for social integration (1988).

Kouchner is the author of several books and co-founder of the news magazines *L'Evenement* and *Actuel*. He also has received several human rights

awards, including the Dag Hammarskjöld Prize and the Prix Europa.

The Saint Louis University School of Public Health Flanagan Lecture honors John J. Flanagan, S.J., a Jesuit leader 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 program.

The lecture and reception are open to the public. RSVP for the Flanagan Lecture is requested, but not required, to Danielle Davis at 977-8255.

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GSA AWARDS: The Graduate Student Association is accepting applications for several awards. Two fellowships for dissertations (\$2,000 each); two fellowships for theses (\$1,000 each); two fellowships for exam preparation (\$500 each); a graduate teaching award; and a service award are among the student honors. The GSA also is asking graduate students to nominate a faculty member for the mentorship award. For more information, go online at www.slu.edu/organizations/gsa/ or call 977-2234. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 2.

TRIVIA TEST: Put on your thinking caps; a new trivia night is coming your way. The event will be 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, in the Multipurpose Room on the third floor of the Allied Health Professions Building. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Teams of 10 will compete to win \$500 for first place, \$250 for second place and \$150 for third place. In addition, free beer, wine and snacks will be available, and raffle prizes will be given. Dr. Charlotte Royeen, dean of the Doisy School of Allied Health Professions, will be on hand to greet players. Proceeds benefit the school's alumni association. Entry fee is \$150 for a table of 10 participants, and seating is limited to 30 tables. Reservations are due by Friday, March 26. Make checks payable to the Doisy School of Allied Health Professions Alumni Association and send through interoffice mail to: School of Nursing, Room 510. To reserve a table or for more information, call Jeanne Hunt at 977-8335 or e-mail huntjl@slu.edu.

PULEO SCHOLARS: Eight students have received this year's Mev Puleo Cultural Immersion Scholarships from the department of theological

studies. This year's recipients are LaTishia Edwards, Kelley Krejnik, Tina Modde, Lisa Morinelli, Thomas Parsons, Karla Pruemer, Jennifer Theby and Nicole Johnson. Students will spend a total of eight weeks in Nicaragua this summer and will make presentations about their experiences in October. While in Nicaragua, they will study theology and Spanish while learning about the culture, politics, economics and religion of the country. The students will study at the Center for Global Education in Managua and live with host families and serve in the community. Evelyn and Peter Puleo fund the scholarships in honor of their daughter, SLU alumna Mev Puleo, a photojournalist committed to social justice in Latin America who died of brain cancer in 1996. It is given annually to students doing graduate work in or majoring in theology.

LENTEN REFLECTION: "Woundedness and Trust: Feeling the Rhythms of Grace" is the title of the Lenten Twilight Retreat for faculty and staff to be held 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at Manresa Center. The evening will be led by Dr. Mark Clark, assistant professor of English and director of humanities in the School for Professional Studies. The evening opens with a simple meal; there is also time for personal and communal prayer. Cost is \$5. For more information, call campus ministry at 977-2428.

GALA PLANNED: Join an evening of formal fun during Saint Louis University's black-tie gala Saturday, May 8, at the new Busch Student Center ballroom. Carole Buck and Mike Roarty will serve as emcees. The event, which features cocktails, dinner and dancing to the Bob Kuban Band, will benefit



EXAMINING AFRICA: As part of a special course, the School of Social Service sponsored a trip to Ghana, West Africa, during the winter break that attracted students from Saint Louis University and Washington University. While in West Africa, students met with a variety of people and organizations during a two week-period to better understand issues such as hunger, health and education that affect the people of developing countries. While there, participants delivered four computers to the University of Ghana and one to the Social Investment Fund, a community development program working in rural areas. Above, MSW student Shanna Samson makes some music during the trip. (Submitted photo)

the Saint Louis University Cancer Center. Led by Chairwoman Carole Less, a committee of more than 60 community leaders will provide volunteer support for the gala. Officials hope to raise more than \$200,000 and attract more than 900 guests to raise awareness and funds for the Cancer Center. Sponsorship levels are \$50,000, \$25,000, \$15,000, \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000. Individual tickets are \$200. For more information, call Amy Drummond at 268-7053 or e-mail drummoae@slu.edu.

FILM FEATURES: The office of student life and the film studies certificate program in the College of Arts and Sciences are continuing to offer the SLU Campus Film Series this spring. The fun begins at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in Kelley Auditorium. Films alternate

weekly between being shown in English and being shown in one of the languages taught at the University. Faculty members in the film studies program introduce each film. Upcoming selections include *Frida* (Julia Taymor, USA, 2002) on March 18; *Casomai* (Alessandro D'Alatri, Italy, 2002) on March 25; *Chicago* (Rob Marshall, USA, 2002) April 1; and *The Harmonists* (Joseph Vilsmaier, Germany, 1997) April 15. The program is offered at no charge. For more information, call Dr. Jean-Louis Pautrot, director of film studies, at 977-2456 or e-mail pautroj@slu.edu.

TRIAL TEAM: The Saint Louis University mock trial team recently competed against 19 other college teams at the University of Missouri-Columbia mock trial invitational tournament. Team co-captain Rachel Milazzo, a political science major, was named an outstanding attorney. She was one of 10 such awardees among the more than 150 students serving as attorneys in the matches. The team also has won a bid to participate in the national intercollegiate competition for the 16th consecutive year. No other Missouri university has achieved such an outstanding record. The team will travel to Richmond, Ky., March 19-21 to compete against more than 25 additional winners from regional competitions across the nation. SLU earned a spot in national competition by placing among the top teams in a Midwestern competition Feb. 20 and 21 at the Civil Courts in downtown in St. Louis. The University encountered such teams as Rhodes, University of Missouri-Columbia, Quincy, Columbia College, Austin Peay, Truman State, Vanderbilt and Washington University in St. Louis. In addition to a team bid, individual competitors

receiving awards included Milazzo as outstanding attorney; and Jennifer Nunan (senior, marketing) and Travis Turner (junior, philosophy) as outstanding witnesses.

REVIEWING RESEARCH: The Graduate Student Association and the Graduate School will present the 10th annual Graduate Research Symposium from noon to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, in Busch Student Center's first floor ballroom. Each year, more than 70 graduate students present their research in this interdisciplinary format, competing for approximately \$1,800 in award funding. During the course of the symposium, students present their research in poster or paper format, representing many varied departments within the Graduate School. All faculty, staff and students are invited to view the displays. For more information, call Terri Fahrney at 977-2234 or e-mail gsa@slu.edu.

BOOKS AVAILABLE: The office of institution study has copies of the *Fact Book* available. Featuring new and improved content, the book features numerous data from the past three years, including student applications; student, faculty and staff characteristics and demographics; and information on financial aid. The book also features expanded data and information from each school at SLU. To receive a copy, call Sue Steffens at 977-2223.

CONFLICT CONFAB: The School of Medicine and the office of graduate medical education are sponsoring a conference from 7:15-9:15 a.m. Friday, March 12, in Auditorium A of the Learning Resources Center. The confer-

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SMILES FOR THE KIDS: Approximately 580 children received \$175,000 worth of free dental care during Give Kids a Smile Feb. 6-7 at Saint Louis University's Center for Advanced Dental Education. The two-day clinic provided underserved elementary- and middle-school-age children with free, comprehensive dental care. The clinic, which is now a national initiative, was founded by the Greater St. Louis Dental Society in 2002. The clinics are made possible by more than 400 volunteers, including dentists, specialists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, students from the dental hygiene and dental assisting programs at St. Louis Community College-Forest Park and CADE, and others who work together to provide quality dental care in a fun environment. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

SLU taps into advanced technology for historic video conference

Internet2 connects University with New World Symphony for musical master teacher's lesson in Florida

The rich tones of classical music filled Busch Student Center Feb. 24 as a group of about 40 students sat down for a monumental concert of sorts. And although no musicians were physically in the room, one could argue that made little difference.

In an impressive display of technology, Saint Louis University held its first two-way video conference using Internet2 technology. The conference involved the sights and sounds of a master teacher's lesson — with live performance and instruction — coming directly from the New World Symphony in Miami Beach, Fla., a school that trains professional musicians.

SLU students from "Approaching the Arts: Music" class and high school students from Central Visual and Performing Arts High School witnessed the test display. Smart classroom technology, coupled with Internet2 capabilities and some extra audio-visual equip-

ment, made the exchange possible.

"SLU has done video conferencing and some video streaming over the Internet, but this is the first time we have used Internet2 in this way," said Dr. Michael Burks, director of academic IT services. "The quality of these images and sounds — all with very little latency or delay — produces an entirely different experience than we have with normal video conferencing. It just contains tons of potential."

Watching a typical SLU classroom screen and projector, students saw and heard students from the New World Symphony receiving feedback and suggestions from the professional Cavanti String Quartet during the video conference, which was broadcast in CD-quality sound with no static, jumps or other visual distractions.

"We eventually hope to develop projects with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra that may include master classes and edu-



Dr. Michael Burks, director of academic IT services, explains Internet2 technology to students from SLU and Central Visual and Performing Arts High School. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

cational concerts among SLU and potentially hundreds of other Internet2 institutions," said Julius Hunter, vice president for community relations. "The goal is to allow students and institutions across the country that may not have access to resources such as a professional orchestra to reap those benefits

through shared technology."

Until recently, SLU had been using Internet2 technology mostly for large file transfers and information sharing, including a Doppler radar image collection being used by the department of earth and atmospheric sciences.

"With this technology, we can do anything from video confer-

ences to sharing lectures as well as other video and audio materials," Burks said. "The sky is the limit."

Internet2 is a consortium being led by more than 205 universities working in partnership with industry and government agencies toward advanced network applications and technologies. The technology currently is limited to educational institutions.

Officials believe Internet2, which started in 1995, will improve teaching, learning and research by providing high bandwidth, low delay, multicast capabilities and other cutting-edge features. Internet2 also is linked to the nation's supercomputer centers via a sophisticated network grid. SLU joined the Internet consortium in spring 2002 and finished upgrading all University-owned academic buildings in fall 2003 to support the technology.

For more information, call Burks at 977-2711 or Kent Scandrett at 977-3535.

Participants hit pay dirt through 'Digging for Roots' program

More than 70 members of the Saint Louis University community recently explored their African-American ancestry during the "Digging for Roots" program.

Jointly sponsored by the Black Student Alliance, the SLU office of community relations, the St. Louis County Library and the St. Louis Genealogical Society, the event was held Feb. 3, during the University's celebration of Black History Month. A team of researchers helped SLU students, faculty and staff during the program.

"This was a very enlightening experience," said Kevin Tucker, program director for SLU's Center for Leadership and Community Service. "I'm encouraged to seek out further information about my family history. I sincerely thank the Saint Louis University family for taking the time to give genealogy a priority in February for the students, staff and faculty."

Julius Hunter, vice president for community relations, said that so much of African-American ancestry has been intentionally or accidentally obliterated that this daylong help session was particularly valuable and appreciated.

"All who were helped expressed real gratitude to the

talented bunch of researchers, and it was thrilling and chilling to see and hear all the discoveries that were made in that room," Hunter said.

Greg Horton, director of the Cross Cultural Center, found his great-great-grandparents in less than an hour.

"It was fascinating and has inspired me to search further," Horton said.

Student Cindy N. Lyles added that she learned more about her great-great-grandparents than she expected.

"This is only the beginning," she said. "I won't stop until I can find as much as I can."

Cell phones became a vital tool as the researchers encouraged the participants to call their relatives for additional information to help them trace their heritage.

"This was very helpful in getting me started and re-inspired to do this important family history work," said student Pam Talley.

St. Louis County Library staffers Joyce Loving, Ruth Ann Hager and Christy Hughes gave personalized instructions on Internet research. Ann Fleming of the Genealogical Society presented a Power Point presentation on resources and research techniques.



Student Sarena Murray works with researcher Ruth Ann Hager.

"I'm now going to be able to help myself more than I thought," said student Amy Loudd.

Because turnout was much larger than expected, Hunter said an expanded "Digging for Roots" research day is planned.

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ence will focus on "Managing Conflicts of Interest in Academia." The conference combines presentations by nationally recognized experts with interactive case-based breakout sessions that focus on maintaining professional industry relationships at all levels — from pharmaceutical representatives, to faculty consulting, to corporate sponsorship of new technologies that will withstand patient, public and regulatory scrutiny without compromising scientific innovation and discovery. This meeting helps meet ACGME accreditation requirements for GME programs and trainees, and offers CME credit for participants. Open to all faculty members and students of the University, the conference targets medical school faculty members and residents, as well as those with a particular interest in professional interactions with outside industries. For more information, call Jackie Watson at 977-9853 or e-mail watson@slu.edu.

EXPLORING DEVELOPMENT: The Center for Organizational Leadership and Renewal at the College of Public Service will host "Regional Collaboration: Lessons for Economic Development," Wednesday, March 24 and Thursday, March 25. The conference will focus on introducing new strategies, models and best practices for use in the metropolitan St. Louis area and building a network of potential regional collaborators.

Co-sponsors of the conference include the Saint Louis County Economic Council, the Saint Louis Municipal League and the Urban Land Institute. The keynote speaker will be Amy S. Liu, the deputy director and co-founder of The Brookings Institution Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy. St. Louis regional leaders also will be on hand to lead discussions on current regional collaboration projects and their implications for the future. For more information, call Christine Luebbert at 977-1981 or e-mail luebbeca@slu.edu.

LAPS FOR LIFE: Join an event that could give hope to thousands of cancer patients, survivors and their families. Saint Louis University will sponsor "Relay for Life" Saturday, March 27, and Sunday, March 28. Considered the American Cancer Society's signature event, Relay for Life is a nationwide event that raises awareness and funds for cancer research. During the relay, participants will run or walk laps at Robert R. Hermann Stadium. The event will last for 12 hours, and teams are encouraged to keep at least one member moving at all times. In 2003, the event raised \$273 million in 3,817 communities nationwide. Registration is \$10 per team member. Each member is encouraged to raise \$100 or more in donations prior to the event. If you are interested in forming a team or getting involved in another way, call Tim

Curtin at 977-2490 or e-mail relay@slu.edu.

TRAUMA OF WAR: The School of Social Service will sponsor a presentation of a study of the impact of war-related trauma on the acculturation process of Bosnian refugees in St. Louis. The presentation will be held Friday, March 26, in Carlo Auditorium of Tegeler Hall. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-8 a.m., with the speaker presentation from 8-9 a.m. SLU graduate Mary Creclius Dugan will lead the presentation. Dugan is employed by the Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH). In addition to working with trauma survivors, she has an extensive clinical background in the treatment and prevention of substance abuse. For the past seven years, Dugan has been involved with research and evaluation projects through the MIMH. Her research has included participation in the networks of refugee service providers in an effort to assess and develop services for refugees from Bosnia-Herzegovina. The presentation also will include comments from MSW student Rachel Kryah and Lejla Susic, the interviewer for the study. The study was funded by the Center for Social Justice and conducted in collaboration with Dr. Cynthia Cook. Reserve your seat by Friday, March 19. For more information, call Bridget Cole at 977-3460 or e-mail coleba@slu.edu.

Philosopher earns prestigious \$200,000 teaching award

A Saint Louis University professor has earned Baylor University's Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching, the single largest award given to an individual for teaching. Dr.



Stump

Eleonore Stump, the Robert J. Henle Professor of Philosophy at SLU, will receive \$200,000 plus \$25,000 for her home department. She will teach in residence at Baylor during the 2005 spring semester.

life of the mind, and that is a great gift. And for that gift, we have to give back to the community that has given us this blessing. The way we give back is entirely by teaching. There is no other way.

"Research is teaching through the written word, and classroom teaching is teaching through the spoken word, but whether through the written word or the spoken word, teaching has always got to give back. If we don't give back, it is unspeakable, because the gift given to us is very great."

Stump, who is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, earned her bachelor's degree from Grinnell College, her master's degrees from Harvard University and Cornell University and her doctorate from Cornell. She taught at Oberlin College, Virginia Tech and the University of Notre Dame before coming to Saint Louis University in 1992.

"It's an enormous honor for the department and the University that one of our faculty has received such a prestigious award," said Theodore R. Vitali, C.P., chair of SLU's department of philosophy. "It not only reflects on Eleonore's work as a teacher in the traditional sense in the classroom, but also her mentoring of faculty here and across the country."

Stump has published widely on the philosophy of religion, metaphysics and medieval philosophy and is the author or editor of 15 books and anthologies, including *Aquinas*, the *Cambridge Companion to Augustine*, *Philosophy of Religion: The Big Questions* and *Reasoned Faith*. She is past president of both the Society of Christian Philosophers and the American Catholic Philosophical Association. She also presented the prestigious 2003 Gifford Lectures in

Aberdeen, Scotland.

"Dr. Stump has an outstanding record as a teacher and as a scholar, and her residence at Baylor should bring many riches for Baylor students and faculty," said Dr. William Bellinger, professor of religion and chairman of the Cherry Award selection committee. "She is well known as one who serves sacrificially in the vocation of teaching."

"Professor Stump rose to the top of an excellent group of nominees this year. We had more than 100 exceptional nominees from fine institutions of higher education in the English-speaking world. The Cherry Awards committee is pleased that the award has enjoyed something of a renewal in recent years. It has become one of the most prestigious awards for teaching."

For more information, about the Cherry Awards, call (254) 710-2923.



SUMMIT CONSIDERS STUDENTS: Students, faculty, staff members and administrators participated in a summit on the first-year experience at SLU Feb. 20 in the Ballroom of St. Francis Xavier College Church. The second of four installments, the summit examined strategies to enhance the transitional experience for incoming freshmen and ensure that an exceptional first-year experience program is available for the fall 2004 class. Above, Gayle Rogan, director of the 1818 Program, makes a point during the summit. Provost Joe Weixlmann led the summit of faculty, staff and students in groups to discuss strategies for optimizing the components of the first-year experience program and discussed plans for future undergraduate summit series sessions. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

SLU investigates possible treatment for dementia

Researchers in the department of psychiatry at the School of Medicine are investigating whether an investigational medication commonly used to treat Alzheimer's disease also could be an effective treatment for vascular dementia.

Vascular dementia is caused by a brain injury from stroke and results in the deterioration of a person's ability to think, learn and reason. It can lead to a decline in a person's ability to care for himself and is generally believed to be the second leading cause of dementia, surpassed only by Alzheimer's disease.

"Despite the tremendous economic and emotional burden that vascular dementia places on patients and their caregivers, there currently is no established pharmacological treatment," says George Grossberg, M.D., director of geriatric psychiatry at the

School of Medicine and principal investigator for the study.

The goal of the study is to see if an investigational medication is effective in treating vascular dementia. In addition, the study will evaluate genetic and biological markers associated with the disease.

Participants in the one-year study will be given an investigational medication that is a standard of care for Alzheimer's disease or a placebo. They will undergo a variety of assessments, which includes behavioral and neurocognitive testing and blood tests.

Those who are eligible must have a mild to moderate degree of dementia, must be 50 and 85 years of age, have an identified caregiver and have been able to read, write and effectively communicate before the onset of the disease.

For more information, call 977-4440.



Grossberg



On the Move

Congratulations to the following members of the University community receiving promotions or transfers:

- Vincent Birkman, to flight instructor for Parks College of Engineering and Aviation
- Anjanette Clifford, to manager for the department of anatomy and neurobiology
- Randy S. Cox, to flight instructor for Parks College of Engineering and Aviation
- Catherine Donahue, to assistant director for the International Center
- Bridgette Holt, to research assistant for the department of pharmacological and physiological science
- Joseph Plut, to flight instructor for Parks College of Engineering and Aviation
- Jack Pritchett Sr., to event manager for the athletics department
- Iris Tabb, to program coordinator for the office of undergraduate admission
- Sandra Turck, to PRN for the department of anatomy and neurobiology
- Susan Wilson, to coordinator for the Practical Anatomy Workshop
- Yinyi Yu, to senior research assistant for the department of internal medicine/infectious diseases

Department wins several CASE Awards

Saint Louis University's department of university marketing and communications won seven awards in the 2004 Council for the Advancement and Support of Education's (CASE) District VI awards competition.



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in institutional relations for their overall media

placement program. Berry also received a bronze medal for excellence in writing for a science/technology/research article (alcohol battery research).

- Graphic designer Matt Krob won two gold medals: one for excellence in communications for a single student recruitment publication (Saint Louis University admission viewbook) and one for excellence in fund-raising materials for a membership appeal (the Billiken Club brochure).

- Graphic designer John Vieth won a gold medal for excellence in fund-raising materials (Saint Louis University Arena booklet).

- Graphic designer Dana Hinterleitner garnered two medals: one silver for excellence in graphic design for a one-, two or three-color cover (Saint Louis University commencement book) and one bronze for excellence in graphic design for a newsletter/tabloid (*Dynamic and Diverse*, the psychology department newsletter).

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., CASE is the professional organization for advancement professionals at all levels who work in alumni relations, communications and development.

Student overcoming joint disease through martial arts



Alberto Friedmann

Alberto Friedmann was supposed to be bound to a wheelchair by the age of 25. Now 35, this graduate student at Saint Louis University will join the nation's top martial artists in competing against 40 other countries during an upcoming international competition.

Despite suffering from Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, a degenerative joint disease which leaves him in constant pain, Friedmann holds fifth-degree master black belts in Tae Kwon Do, Karate and Kobudo. He will join the U.S. Martial Arts Team at the Peace Games World Championships June 18-21 in Barcelona, Spain.

Although Friedmann has followed doctors' advice to not compete in sparring competitions anymore, he will compete in forms and weapons contests. A bit like gymnastics or figure skating, both activities require participants to go through a number of martial arts moves.

Although his body is not taking the beating that can come with physical combat, the competitions still can be physically taxing even for those without such a disease. And with the championships on the horizon, he's leading his team

through up to six hours of training each day.

Friedmann has endured many operations during his life and will undergo a third round of knee surgery when he returns from the world championships. Some might wonder why someone with such a debilitating disease would go through all of this.

"I do it because I love it," he said. "I think martial arts is what has kept me walking."

Not only is Friedmann amazing doctors with his physical abilities, but also he's hoping to join those researching the disease. He is pursuing his doctorate in pharmacological and physiological science in SLU's School of Medicine.

Having the disease isn't the only thing driving Friedmann in his quest to be a researcher. His fiancée and her two children have the disease. Friedmann is the first person in his family to have been diagnosed with the syndrome, but he believes that the inherited disease has afflicted others in his family in the past.

Friedmann said his fiancée approves of his participating in the martial arts competitions. In fact, the couple first met while he was giving a motivational talk to

children with the syndrome at a medical conference. Although Friedmann doesn't encourage everyone with the disease to pursue the martial arts, he does send a clear message. "You don't have to let this disorder rule your life," he said "It's not what happens to you, but what you do with what happens."

Friedmann, a resident of Highland, Ill., joins seven other area martial artists — all of whom are his students — who have been named to the United States National Martial Arts Team that will take part in world championships. Other members are: Douglas Hynes, O'Fallon, Ill.; Alicia Skirball, Granite City, Ill.; Matthew Swiecicki, Zack Depureur, Highland; John Traylor, Sean McEldowney and Robert Bray, all from Glen Carbon, Ill. Friedmann, a master level competitor, also will serve as a team coach.

Because the sport, which involves every form of martial arts, has not been recognized as an Olympic sport, the team receives no federal funding. Each team member will have to raise about \$2,500 to participate.

To find out more, call Friedmann at (618) 651-9454.

SLU coach on ballot for National Hall of Fame

Men's assistant soccer coach Mike Sorber and three-time Billiken soccer All-American Mark Santel are among 38 candidates on the National Soccer Hall of Fame ballot for possible induction in the 2004 ceremonies to be held later this year in Oneonta, N.Y.

"The players on this ballot are extraordinary," said Will Lunn, president and CEO of the Hall of Fame. "Some have received the highest honors possible in national and international soccer."

Sorber was a Billiken midfielder from 1989-92. He led the Bills to the 1991 NCAA semifinals and was a 1992 Hermann Trophy finalist. He finished his Billiken career with 55 points (13 goals, 29 assists).

Sorber's greatest soccer accomplishments came as a professional. He earned 67 career caps with the U.S. National Team and was a key component of the 1994 World Cup team.

"It's an incredible honor just to be considered when you look at all the great names on the ballot," Sorber said.

After his stellar World Cup per-

formance, Sorber played two seasons for UNAM Pumas in Mexico. He became the first American to earn All-Star status in Mexico's First Division. Sorber began his Major League Soccer (MLS) career with Kansas City during the league's inaugural 1996 season. He was traded in the off-season to the NY/NJ MetroStars and appeared in 74 matches during three seasons with the MetroStars.

The Chicago Fire acquired Sorber in a trade during the 2000 season, and he helped Chicago win the Central Division title and reach the MLS Cup final. In 116 career MLS appearances, he started 106 matches and totaled 37 points (9 goals, 19 assists).

Santel had eight career caps with the U.S. National Team from 1988-1997. He played six seasons in MLS with Dallas and Kansas City. He helped Dallas to a U.S. Open Cup championship in 1997.

In Santel's All-American career with the Billikens, he played in 93 matches and totaled 50 points (17 goals, 16 assists).



Sorber

Student's success means money for SLU

Saint Louis University student's hard work again has paid off for programs on campus.

The Doisy School of Allied Health Professions recently received \$2,000 in honor of Katie Fingerhut, a senior in the nutrition and dietetics program. The donation was made by Vector Marketing in recognition of Fingerhut's work within the company.

"This check is the result of Katie's consistent top performance this past summer and fall as a field sales manager for our company," said Brian Ter Matt, division manager for Vector Marketing. "In a period of nine months, Katie was ranked one of the top 10 sales representatives within her sales region and also ranked 46th nationally for the summer campaign."

Vector Marketing donates \$120,000 annually to academic institutions attended by each of its regional collegiate champions. To be eligible, the student must finish in the top 10 and be registered as a full-time student (taking at least 12 credits) at an accredited college or university.

This is the second check that



From left, Brian Ter Matt, division manager for Vector Marketing; Dr. Charlotte Royeen, dean of the Doisy School of Allied Health Professions; Katie Fingerhut; and Dr. Mildred Mattfeldt-Beman, chair of the department of nutrition and dietetics. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

has been presented to SLU in recognition of Fingerhut. Vector Marketing previously donated \$1,000 to career services in recognition of her sales performance in spring 2003.

The latest check and will go toward the Sr. Mary Carola Sellmeyer Scholarship fund. Fingerhut cites an appreciation for the SLU experience — including generous scholarship support, plentiful faculty interaction and assistance and rigorous career preparation — as reasons for her gift designation.

"Giving to this scholarship fund was important for me; it was a way to give back," Fingerhut said. "And providing more assistance within nutrition in dietetics will encourage and attract others to this excellent program."

Fingerhut is a member of the Saint Louis University Dietetics Association, the American Dietetics Association and Alpha Sigma Nu honors fraternity. She regularly volunteers for SLU Campus Kitchen and other community outreach programs.

SLU doctor discovers safer way to operate on obese patients

Saint Louis University physicians have perfected a technique to lower the danger of surgery for patients who are obese: A new way of administering local anesthetic that can eliminate the need for general anesthesia.

According to Ramprasad Sripada, M.D., an assistant professor of anesthesiology at the School of Medicine, obese patients are much more likely than others to die from complications from general anesthesia.

"Putting these patients to sleep is not an easy choice. Many suffer from difficulty breathing, sleep apnea or other health problems. They're at real risk of not waking up."

A safer alternative to general anesthesia is a "regional block," where only the limb being operated on is anesthetized — but due to obese patients' extra weight, it usually is impossible for doctors to manually locate the nerve where the drug needs to be administered.

"When an obese patient comes in for limb surgery, it is almost impossible, using conventional means, to perform a regional block," Sripada said. "You can't feel anything."

New research conducted by Sripada and colleagues shows how that hurdle can be overcome using tools found commonly in

most operating rooms. Using an ultrasonic Doppler flow detector — a device designed to identify blood flow during vascular surgery — and an electric nerve stimulator that makes the nerve twitch, anesthesiologists are able to locate the necessary nerve even when they can't feel it on their own.

The technique was effective on 15 morbidly obese subjects studied at Saint Louis University Hospital. The information was presented at the 2003 annual meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

"I began using this technique as a teaching tool, to help show students who were unable to find the nerve manually," Sripada

said. "The Doppler flow detector helps them find the landmark artery near where the nerve is located. They then can use the stimulator to find the nerve."

He later realized this same technique could be used on obese patients, sparing them the risk of going under general anesthesia.

"Putting these patients to sleep, especially for a routine surgery like a leg fracture, has never been an easy choice," Sripada said. "If you can do a regional block, you can avoid a lot of trouble and possibly save lives. This technique has been a very simple and effective way to make that possible."

MEDIA MATTERS

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

Robert Belshe, M.D., (internal medicine/infectious diseases) was quoted in the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel* and *Kansas City (Mo.) Star* about his *New England Journal of Medicine* article on poxviruses.



Blaskiewicz

Robert Blaskiewicz, M.D., (obstetrics, gynecology and women's health) was interviewed by salon.com about homeopathic and alternative treatments for menopause.

Greg Branham, M.D., (otolaryngology) was quoted by WDAF-TV (Kansas City, Mo.) about staying young looking without a facelift.

Michael Cannon, M.D., (community and family medicine) was quoted in the *Albany (N.Y.) Times Union* about avoiding germs.

Bernard Chaitman, M.D., (internal medicine/cardiology) and his research on angina was mentioned by forbes.com, excite.com and Yahoo! News.

Paul Czysz (aerospace and mechanical engineering) was interviewed by the *Washington Post* about the international space station.

John Eisenbeis, M.D., (otolaryngology) and Craig Krausz, M.D., (emergency room) were featured on The Discovery Channel for a story on a SLU Hospital trauma patient.

Sharon Frey, M.D., (internal medicine/infectious diseases) was quoted in the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel* and *Kansas City (Mo.) Star* about her *New England Journal of Medicine* article on poxviruses.



Goldstein

Joel Goldstein, J.D., (law) was interviewed by Reuters-U.K. about President George W. Bush's State of the Union speech. Goldstein was also interviewed by the *Buffalo (N.Y.) News* concerning Vice President Dick

Cheney's relationship with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. He was also interviewed by the *Boston Globe* and the *Greensboro (N.C.) News & Record* concerning Cheney.

George Grossberg, M.D., (psychiatry) was quoted on NEWS24-TV (Houston), WPVI-TV (Philadelphia), WXYZ-TV (Detroit), NEWS14 (Raleigh, N.C.) and other television stations about his research using an implantable brain pump to treat Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. William Hart (nutrition and dietetics) was interviewed by webmd.com about nutrients in foods that help you age gracefully. He also spoke to the *Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal* about whether stress increases the production of hormones that make you eat junk food and gain abdominal weight.

Research by James Kemp, M.D., (pediatrics) about the dangers of parents sharing a bed with their infants was quoted in *Discover Magazine*, *USA Today Weekend* and *Child* magazine.

Craig Leonardi, M.D., (dermatology) was quoted in *U.S. News and World Report* about his psoriasis research.

Dr. Michael McClymond (theological studies) was an invited guest on the National Public Radio program "Odyssey," which was

broadcast on WPEZ radio (Chicago). The focus of the program was Pentecostalism and was prompted by a two-part *New York Times* feature on the rapid growth of world Christianity, especially Pentecostalism.

Mark Mengel, M.D., (community and family medicine) was quoted in the *Albany (N.Y.) Times-Union* and the *Oklahoman* (Oklahoma City) about getting sick during cold and flu season.

Dr. Tim McBride (health policy) was quoted in the *Chicago Tribune* about how passage of a new Medicare drug bill will affect health care.

D. Doug Miller, M.D., (internal medicine/cardiology) was listed in *Good Housekeeping* magazine when Saint Louis University Hospital was named a Top Cardiac Center for Women.

Karen Montgomery (anatomy and physiology) was interviewed and the Practical Anatomy Lab was featured by NEWS9-Cable TV (San Antonio), WCBF-TV (Charleston, S.C.), KITV-TV (Honolulu), WTXL-TV (Tallahassee, Fla.) and several other television stations.



Morley

John Morley, M.D., (internal medicine/geriatrics) was quoted in the *St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times* about whether testosterone helps aging men.

Dr. Robert Nicholson (community and family medicine) was quoted in *Discover Magazine* about anger and headaches.

Dr. Bruce Rengers (nutrition and dietetics) was interviewed by the *Los Angeles Times* about why low carbohydrate diets are bad for children.

Joy Short (nutrition and dietetics) was quoted on ABCnews.com about sensible eating during the holiday season.

Jack Strauss (economics) was interviewed by the *Ft. Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram* about the weakness of the U.S. dollar overseas.

Nicolas Terry, LL.M., (law) was interviewed by *Cyberguide* magazine about the reliability of health information on the Internet.

Brent Tetri, M.D., (hepatology) was quoted in the *Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch* about fatty liver disease.



True

Dr. William True (community health) was quoted in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and *Charlotte (N.C.) Observer* about the genetic cause of alcoholism.

Dr. Ken Warren (political science) was interviewed by Japan's *The Asahi Shimbun*, the world's second largest paper, with 12.3 million readers. He was interviewed about the Missouri primary by six of the nation's top-10 newspapers, including *USA Today*. Warren was interviewed live on the BBC and was featured on NPR's *All Things Considered*.

William Wold, M.D., (molecular microbiology and immunology) was mentioned on USA Radio Network National about the common cold curing cancer.

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

Botox may be effective treatment for sweating

Results of a Phase III clinical study using botulinum toxin type A to treat primary axillary hyperhidrosis, or excessive underarm sweating, show that botulinum toxin type A is safe and effective for treatment of hyperhidrosis and that it markedly improves quality of life in patients who suffer from this medical condition.

The data was recently announced at the American Academy of Dermatology annual meeting in Washington, D.C., by Dee Anna Glaser, M.D., associate professor of dermatology and vice chairman for the department of dermatology at the School of Medicine and a lead investigator for the trials.

"Most people don't realize that hyperhidrosis is an extremely debilitating chronic condition that affects as many as 8 million people in the United States," Glaser said. "As such, the results of this 52-week study using botulinum toxin type A treatment are very exciting because they mean that we are that much closer to having the first truly effective, non-surgical treatment available to meet the needs of patients who suffer from primary axillary hyperhidrosis."

The study found that four weeks after treatment with botu-

linum toxin type A (administered intradermally), 75 percent of patients receiving botulinum toxin type A versus 25 percent on placebo achieved at least a 2-point improvement from baseline on the Hyperhidrosis Severity Scale (HDSS), a 4-point scale. Quantity of sweat production in the axillae was also significantly decreased.

"The Hyperhidrosis Severity Scale is an important new tool that physicians can use to identify hyperhidrosis patients who are in need of medical treatment, as well as to assess treatment results over time," Glaser said. "It is our hope that physicians will begin to use this valid and reliable scale to quickly and accurately diagnose patients with hyperhidrosis who otherwise might not seek treatment."

The study also assessed the specific effects of primary axillary hyperhidrosis on patients' daily lives at study entry (prior to receiving treatment) and again four weeks after receiving study treatment. It found that hyperhidrosis results in substantial occupational, psychological and physical impairment for the patient and that botulinum toxin type A treatment markedly improved patients' quality of life as soon as four weeks after initial treatment.



Glaser

Noted SLU physician named AASLD president

Bruce R. Bacon, M.D., director of the division of gastroenterology and hepatology at the School of Medicine and co-medical director of the Saint Louis University Liver Center, has been named president of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD).

Bacon holds the James F. King, M.D., endowed chair in gastroenterology at SLU.

The AASLD represents more than 2,400 physicians, researchers and other health professionals. It publishes the journal *Hepatology*, the foremost publisher of research on liver disease, and the journal *Liver Transplantation*, the leading journal in the field of liver transplantation.

"The AASLD is the leading professional association for those interested in the liver and in liver disease," said Adrian Di Bisceglie, M.D., who, as chief of hepatology, works with Bacon at Saint Louis University. "It is very appropriate that Dr. Bacon has been selected to serve as the president of this prestigious association as he is internationally rec-

ognized as a leader in research and teaching related to hepatology and, most importantly, in the care of patients with liver disease."

Through his research into the treatment and prevention of hepatitis C and other liver diseases, and his successful

treatment of high profile patients, such as country singer Naomi Judd, Bacon has raised awareness of liver disease around the world. He has been on the faculty of Saint Louis University School of Medicine since 1990, when he

joined the University as director of the division of gastroenterology and hepatology.

Since his arrival, outpatient encounters in the division have increased from 600 per year for all division specialists to more than 700 per month for liver specialists alone. Research funding has increased from none in 1990 to more than \$1.8 million per year. In 1999, he and Di Bisceglie founded the Saint Louis University Liver Center, which has earned an international reputation for patient care; basic and clinical research; and medical and public education.



Bacon

HSC parking and card services relocates

The Health Sciences Center parking and card services office located in the MacDonald Building has moved to Salus Center.

The new office is in room 1063 of Salus Center on the main floor near the human resources training department.

You may also go to the main

parking and card services office, located in DuBourg Hall, Room 33. If you have any questions, call Marsha Brennan at 977-8656 or Ann Benson at 977-3465.

'Faculty Conversation' draws members from 12 Jesuit institutions

Representatives from Jesuit colleges and universities came to discuss Jesuit education when Saint Louis University hosted a Heartland Faculty Conversations conference Feb. 20-22.

"Heartland" is a group comprised of Jesuit institutions in the middle United States and St. John's College in Belize aimed at collaborative activity. Faculty Conversations have been held since 1999 to further inform and support professors in their efforts to carry on teaching and research in the spirit of Jesuit education.

Approximately 77 people participated in the program, which was organized by SLU's office of mission and ministry.

John Padberg, S.J., rector of the Jesuit

community at SLU and director of the Institute of Jesuit Resources, delivered the keynote address. Padberg's paper, "The Pilgrim's Progress – Always Interesting, Sometimes Perilous – to American Jesuit Higher Education Today," focused on the experiences of the Society's founder, St. Ignatius Loyola, that led Ignatius and his order into the work of education.

The following morning, a panel of faculty members responded to Padberg's paper, with works from Diane Lindo, professor of social studies and director of social outreach at St. John's College; Dr. Thomas Kelly, professor of theology at Creighton University; Dr. Gregory Grabowski, professor of biology at the

University of Detroit-Mercy; Dr. Brian Pickett, professor of biology at Loyola University Chicago; and Dr. Ida Critelli Schick, professor of health services administration at Xavier University.

"If any one theme pervaded these papers, it was the value of what Jesuits call *cura personalis*, or 'personal care,' of all involved in Jesuit higher education," said SLU Vice President for Mission and Ministry Carl Starkloff, S.J., who, along with executive assistant Linda Mahn, organized the event.

The event also included a paper by Paul Crowley, S.J., theology professor at Santa Clara University, titled "The 'Jesuit Thing' in Teaching and Scholarship: Style or

Substance?" as well as breakout groups and open forums. On Sunday, the Center for Organizational Learning and Renewal guided the participants through a morning of instruction and group reflections on making the ideals discussed practical.

"While the time was too short to enable detailed practical planning, the delegates did formulate ideas about how their own schools might grow in the praxis — the combination of theory and practice — of Jesuit higher education," said Starkloff. "However, the common consensus was that such conferences are only a scant beginning to the necessary ongoing dialogue."

Labovitz named chair for American Heart Walk

Arthur Labovitz, M.D., director of cardiology at the School of Medicine, has been named the SLU*Care* executive chairman for the American Heart Association's annual American Heart Walk. The event will be 9 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Forest Park World's Fair Pavilion.



Labovitz

"The American Heart Walk is the American Heart Association's largest fundraiser across the nation and has been very successful in the greater St. Louis area," said Labovitz, also a vice president of the American Heart Association of Greater St. Louis. "Since this is the first time SLU's division of cardiology has participated in the event, it would be great to have a large turnout from across the University."

Labovitz has named Robert Roth of the division of cardiology, to lead recruitment efforts at the Health Sciences Center. Roth is looking for team captains who will each recruit 10-12 walkers for the event. All participants are encouraged to raise donations prior to the event. Funds will sponsor cardiovascular research both on the local and national levels.

To register as a team captain or a walker or for more details, call Roth at 577-8877 or e-mail rothra@slu.edu. You can also visit the American Heart Walk online at walk.americanheart.org.

Internship

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Provost Julie Weissman in the area of assessment. Sayre-Stanhope joined SLU in May and recently completed a two-year term as chair of the specialized accrediting body that examines her department.

"Working with Dana has been wonderful," Weissman said. "It has allowed the administration to bring assessment more to the forefront."

Assessment is an important issue at SLU because it was an area of concern for the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), the national body through which SLU is accredited. SLU was accredited through 2012 and received mostly positive feedback from the NCA during the accreditation process, but the University was charged with strengthening student learning outcomes assessment. The University must submit a formal progress report to the NCA concerning assessment by Aug. 1, 2005.

"We have made significant progress documenting outcomes for our programs of study, for our assessment activities and for using assessment to make improvements," Weissman said. "With Dana on board, I'm confident that she will be able to assist SLU further in helping faculty understand

that assessment is a great way to learn how to improve pedagogy and courses."

The duo recently conducted a workshop for department chairs that focused on assessment. Weissman said the presentation was very well received because it combined both administrative and faculty perspectives.



Sayre-Stanhope

Sayre-Stanhope said there have been tangible benefits for her as well, including learning about the broader University; interacting more with people from across the University; and developing ways to help fellow faculty members with the assessment process.

Although provost's office staffers have not determined how many internships will be offered each semester or how long the program will continue, they do believe the program holds much

promise.

"This is something new and creative that has not been done at SLU before. It's a program that has a lot of potential," Berg-Weger said. "Faculty members receive a taste of administration, and the University gets the benefit of someone who is working in a very focused area on a specific project."

For more information, call Berg-Weger at 977-2224.

Atlas

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of more than 50 books.

Another highlight includes a special Jesuit panel presentation about globalization, development and intercultural dialogue in light of the Jesuit tradition. The panel will be from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, in Anheuser-Busch Auditorium and includes Carl Starkloff, S.J., SLU vice president for mission and ministry; William Ryan, S.J., founding director of the Center for Concern; and James Hug, S.J., the center's current director. Based in Washington, D.C., the Center of Concern closely monitors globalization trends. John Padberg, S.J., director of the Institute of Jesuit Sources and a SLU trustee, will moderate the panel.

A week-long program sponsored by the provost's office, Atlas Week recognizes the international



Atlas Week helps highlight the international flavor of the Saint Louis University community. The Billiken World Fair, which caps the week, features ethnic food (below), music, entertainment and a parade (above). (Photos by Chris Waldvogel)

dimension of SLU's academic programs and celebrates the University's role in global education and service in light of SLU's

Jesuit mission and heritage. Atlas Week includes open houses, open classes, special presentations, films and lectures. The week-long celebration will culminate on Friday, April 2, with the Billiken World Fair. A parade will kick off the event, which also features live cultural music and dance, academic and informational booths, carnival games and international cuisine.

For more information on Atlas Week, watch for updates on Newslink. To volunteer or participate in Atlas Week, call 977-3243.



Sproule

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and work tirelessly on behalf of our students, faculty and staff."

Sproule increased full-time faculty in the School of Communication Studies' existing two departments by 30 percent. This year, he negotiated the addition of a third department to the school. In addition, Sproule consolidated central office functions, resulting in improved service to students and faculty and reduced operating costs of 20 percent.

Sproule secured new resources to enhance course offerings, scholarships, awards and visiting speaker programs. He also reached out to alumni and partners of the school, gaining a new endowed development fund and piloting an undergraduate research conference.

Sproule has written seven books, including *The Rhetoric of Western Thought: From the Mediterranean World to the Global Setting*, which was released late last year. He also is the author of numerous articles and book chapters. He has received 15 grants and fellowships and has earned several

awards and honors in the field.

Sproule will succeed Michael May, S.J., who has served as interim dean since June 2002. May will return to his previous position as chair of the department of mathematics and computer science.

"The College of Arts and Sciences owes a deep debt to Mike May, who has put his own professional agenda on hold to serve the University as interim dean for the past two years," Weixlmann said. "I am personally grateful for his selfless devotion to SLU."

The process to select a new dean was comprehensive and inclusive, involving input from students, faculty and staff. Final candidates participated in forums that were open to the entire SLU community.

SLU's College of Arts and Sciences boasts 15 departments and 12 centers and programs. The college is home to nearly 2,500 undergraduate students, more than one-third of the University's total undergraduate population. More than 250 full-time faculty teach in the college.

Dr. Jeral Becker (fine and performing arts) was the featured tenor soloist in J.S. Bach's *Magnificat* presented by the American Kantorei at Concordia Seminary Feb. 1. He sang the role of the evangelist in J.S. Bach's *St. John Passion* March 7 with the same organization in the St. Timothy and Titus Chapel located on the seminary campus.

Dr. Yelena Belyaeva-Standen (modern and classical languages) chaired a panel and delivered the paper "Thank You, No Thank You: Russian and American Thanking Routines" at the annual convention of the American Association of Teachers of East European Languages in San Diego.

Julie Birkenmaier (social service) wrote the chapter "Becoming a Social Justice Practitioner" for the book *Practicing Social Justice*. Editors for the book included John Stretch, Ellen Burkemper, William Hutchison, S.J., and Jan Wilson (social service). In the same book, Burkemper and Stretch wrote the chapter "The Right of Justice: Contributions of Social Work Practice-research"; Stretch wrote the chapter "The Homeless in Missouri in the '90s: A Continuing Challenge to Social Justice"; Sabrina Tyuse



Birkenmaier

(social service) wrote the chapter "Social Justice and Welfare Reform: A Shift in Policy"; and Marla Berg-Weger wrote the chapter "Children of High-conflict Custody Disputes: Striving for Social Justice in Adult Focused Litigation."

Dr. Cindy Cook (social service) co-presented "Problem Behaviors in the Male Partners of Adolescent Mothers: A Comparison of Men in Age-discrepant and Nonage-discrepant Relationships," with Dr. Louise Flick (nursing), Dr. Sharon Homan (public health) and others at the annual American Public Health Association meeting in San Francisco. Cook, Flick and Homan also presented "Caloric Intake and Pre-pregnancy Weight (BMI) as Predictors of Infant Birth Weight in Pregnant Women with and without Mental Illness" at the same meeting and at the international conference on "Impact of Global Issues on Women and Children" in Bangkok.

Melda Dolan, M.D., (internal medicine/cardiology) recently filmed the continuing medical education video "Transitioning to the Future: Stress Echo and Myocardial Perfusion." This video will be distributed to medical schools

and hospitals for the further education of cardiologists, echo cardiographers, somographers and nurses.



Drake

Karen O. Drake (human resources) has been elected president of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Association of African-Americans in Human Resources.

Dr. Paul J. Handal (psychology) co-authored the article "An Investigation of Religion, Death Anxiety, Death Acceptance and Belief in Afterlife in the Elderly," which was published in the *Journal of Psychology and Health*. Handal also co-presented the poster "Differences in Secular Coping Strategies as a Function of Religiousness, Spirituality and Religious Coping" at the annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy in Boston.

Ann Hayes (physical therapy) gave a one-day presentation on "Essentials of Lower Limb Prosthetics" for the Missouri Physical Therapy fall conference.

Dr. Joseph Heathcott (American studies) wrote a lengthy essay on "The Pruitt-Igoe Public Housing Project," for the recently issued three-volume *Encyclopedia of 20th Century Architecture*.

Ginge Kettenbach (physical therapy) was an invited speaker on "The Role of Participating in a Clinical Instructor Training Curriculum in Preparing Physical Therapists to Act as Clinical Educators" during the American Physical Therapy Association's conference in Nashville, Tenn. At the same conference, Dr. Gretchen Salsich (physical therapy) was a co-author on the poster presentation "Differential Diagnosis of a Patient with Patellofemoral Pain Using the Movement System Balance Classification System." Students Maria Kronk, Justin Silver and Jeff Taylor and faculty member Theresa Bernsen (physical therapy) were co-authors on the platform presentation "Frontal Plane Kinematics and Correlations of Hip and Knee Angles During the Stance Phase of Running: Comparisons Between Two Speeds."



Salsich

Drs. Thomas J. Kramer and Edward Sabin (psychology) co-authored the article "The Process for Developing Organizational Learning and

Connecting it to the Bottom Line," which appeared in *The Psychologist-Manager Journal*. Kramer wrote "Introduction to Issue: Organizational Learning and the Bottom Line," which appeared in the same publication.

Dr. Tim Kusky (earth and atmospheric sciences) has launched a major new research initiative aimed at achieving conceptual advances in the understanding of mountain belts and the process by which they form. The EaRth's Accretionary Systems in space and time (ERAS) program is a new multidisciplinary, multinational project to be administered by the International Lithosphere Program of the International Union of Geological Sciences.



Madden

Dr. Thomas Madden (history) delivered the paper "The Enduring Myths of the Fourth Crusade" at the American Historical Association Convention in Washington, D.C.

Michael Mancini (social service) presented "Theories of Recovery Elicited from Individuals Diagnosed with Psychiatric Disabilities" at the eighth annual Society for Social Work Research Conference in New Orleans.

Jothika Manepalli, M.D., (psychiatry) will receive the Yellow Rose Award from the Zonta Club of St. Louis March 20. Manepalli, who is from India, will be recognized for her work against domestic violence with Southeast Asian women.

Dr. Michael McClymond (theological studies) served as an editor for the book *Embodying the Spirit: New Perspectives on North American Revivalism*. He also wrote the book *Familiar Stranger: An Introduction to Jesus of Nazareth*, a paperback intended for the lay reader.

Camille Nelson (law) wrote the article "Breaking the Camel's Back: A Consideration of Mitigatory Criminal Defenses and Racism-Related Mental Illness," which appeared in the *University of Michigan's Michigan Journal of Race & Law*.

Doctoral student Patrick O'Banion has been selected as a participant for the Folger Institute Summer Seminar "The English Reformation, 1500-1640: One or Many?" taught by Diarmaid MacCullach.

Dr. Hal Parker (history) delivered the paper "Religious Choice and Persecution in the Formation of Catholic Identity in the Dutch Golden Age" at the American Society for Church History in Washington, D.C.

Diane Smith Randolph (occupational science and occu-



THEY CARE: Saint Louis University Hospital presented its Caring Physician Awards Feb. 11 to recognize physicians who live out the ideals of the hospital's mission in their practice. Recipients included J. Heinrich Joist, M.D., Ph.D., professor for the department of pathology; Medhat M. Osman, M.D., assistant professor of internal medicine/nuclear medicine; and Brent Tetri, M.D., associate professor for the department of internal medicine/hepatology. Above are Osman, Tetri and Bettina Strauss, accepting the award on behalf of her father, who recently passed away. This is the 13th year that pastoral care has sponsored this award. Twenty physicians were nominated for the award, including Banke Awarwal, M.D., Bahar Bastani, M.D., Laurie Byrne, M.D., Bassem Chaar, M.D., James Cummings, M.D., Joseph Flaherty, M.D., Robert Gerber, M.D., Jeff Kreikemeier, M.D., Richard Lee, M.D., Kevin Martin, M.D., Thomas Olsen, M.D., M. Louay Omran, M.D., Anand Palagiri, M.D., Hans Joachim Rames, M.D., Joseph Sherrill, M.D., John L. Visconti, D.O., and Ali Ziaee, M.D. (Photo by Patti Smith-Jackson)

pational therapy) wrote the article "Disability, Gender and Unemployment Relationships in the United States from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System," which will appear in *Disability and Society*.

Dr. Jack Renard (theological studies) wrote "Clash-Talk: Islam and the Polarization of American Public Discourse," which appeared in *America* magazine. His review essay "Across Asia in the Footsteps of the Buddha," appeared in *Religion and the Arts*.

Dr. Julie Hanlon Rubio (theological studies) presented "The Cost of Doing Nothing: Universities and Family Leave Policy" at the annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics in January. Her book, *A Christian Theology of Marriage and Family*, was the subject of a "Breakfast with an Author" roundtable at the same meeting.

Dr. Angela L.E. Walmsley (research methodology) presented "A History of the 'New Math' and its Relationship with Current Reform" at the Missouri Council of Teacher of Mathematics annual winter conference in December.

Doctoral student John Walter (English) delivered the invited presentation "Going Digital: Some Thoughts on Why, How and What We Have to Offer" during the 2003 Midwest Modern Language Association conference. He presented "'Swa begnornodon Geata leode': *Beowulf* as Traumatic Memory" at the 2003 Modern Language Association conference. Walter was recently appointed by the executive director of the National Council of Teachers of English to the committee on computers in composition and communication.

Dr. Terri L. Weaver (psychology) presented "It's Not Pandora's Box: Intimate Partner Violence Assessment in

Pediatric Medical Settings," for pediatric grand rounds at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Weaver and graduate student Julie Etzel presented the poster "Battering-related Residual Injury: Implications for Body Image Distress and PTSD," at the conference "Toward a National Research Agenda on Violence Against Women" in Lexington, Ky.

Dr. Julie Weissman (provost's office) and Dr. Mary Beth Gallagher (VOICES) presented "Assessment of



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VOICES: Vocation, Interiority, Community and Engaged Service" at the 2004 Institute on College Student Values.

Stephen P. Wernet (social service) co-wrote the book chapter "Passing Hate Crimes Legislation: Advocating Policy Change to Include the G/L/B/T Community," which appeared in *Cases in Macro Social Work Practice, Second Edition*.

Dr. Kathleen Wyrwich (research methodology) attended the International Society for Quality of Life Research meetings in Prague, where she facilitated a workshop on "Evaluating Change in Health-Related Quality of Life Measures." She also presented findings on "Understanding Global Transition Assessments," a qualitative research project co-authored by graduate student Vicki Staebler-Tardino.

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UNIVERSITY CONDOLENCES

Charles R. Peabody, former University controller, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004. Mr. Peabody gave 29 years of service to the University.

Frank Tricamo, former machine shop director, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004. Mr. Tricamo gave 52 years of service to the University.

Condolences also go out to:

- Kathy A. Neiger, senior financial assistant for the Institute of Molecular Virology, on the death of her father, Edmund F. Turek, Jan. 26.
- LeeAnne Buckley, coordinator for design and construction, on the death of her mother, Carolyn Mooney Brymer, Jan. 30.
- Deborah M. Gruzeski, specialist for the office of financial aid, on the death of her father, John J. Carroll, Feb. 5.
- Dr. Miriam E. Joseph, librarian for Pius

XII Memorial Library, on the death of her father, Bernerd Joseph, Feb. 10

- Kathy Herron, assistant for the department of pastoral care, on the death of her father, Charles Nolan, Feb. 11.

- Carol A. McDonald, administrative assistant for the department of occupational science and occupational therapy, on the death of her mother, Alice G. Null, Feb. 17.

- Janice M. (Doerhoff) Teuscher, student services associate for the School of Nursing, on the death of her mother, Inez E. Doerhoff, Feb. 18.

- Patrice A. Thibodeau, business manager for information technology services, on the death of her father, Patrick Thibodeau, Feb. 22.

- Betty J. Bailey, administrative secretary for the School of Nursing, on the death of her son, Aaron Bailey, Feb. 27.

Noted SLU pathology professor dies

Johann Heinrich Joist, M.D., Ph.D., died Feb. 13, 2004. He was 69. A professor with the department of pathology, Dr. Joist gave 25 years of service to Saint Louis University, coming to SLU in 1978 as director of the division of hematology and oncology at the School of Medicine. He held that title until 1986, when he was named the director of hematology, a post he held until 1991. Dr. Joist's career focused on hemophilia and various blood disorders.

He came to the United States in 1964 as a research fellow at Washington University, where he served in various positions until 1978. A native of Germany, Dr. Joist earned bachelor's and medical degrees from the University of Cologne. He earned his doctorate from McMaster University in Ontario, Canada.

He recently received the Caring Physician Award at SLU Hospital for his compassion to patients and his commitment to holistic care. (See photo on page 10.)

Metheny honored with research award

SLU nursing professor recognized for advancing safe care of tube-fed patients

Dr. Norma Metheny, R.N., professor at the School of Nursing and the Dorothy A. Votsmier Endowed Chair in Nursing, received the 2004 Midwest Nursing Research Society (M.N.R.S.) Distinguished Contribution to Research in the Midwest Award Feb. 29.



Metheny

The award was presented at the annual MNRS research conference held at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in St. Louis.

Metheny's research focuses on promoting safe care for tube-fed patients. She has received 14 years of funding from the National Institute of

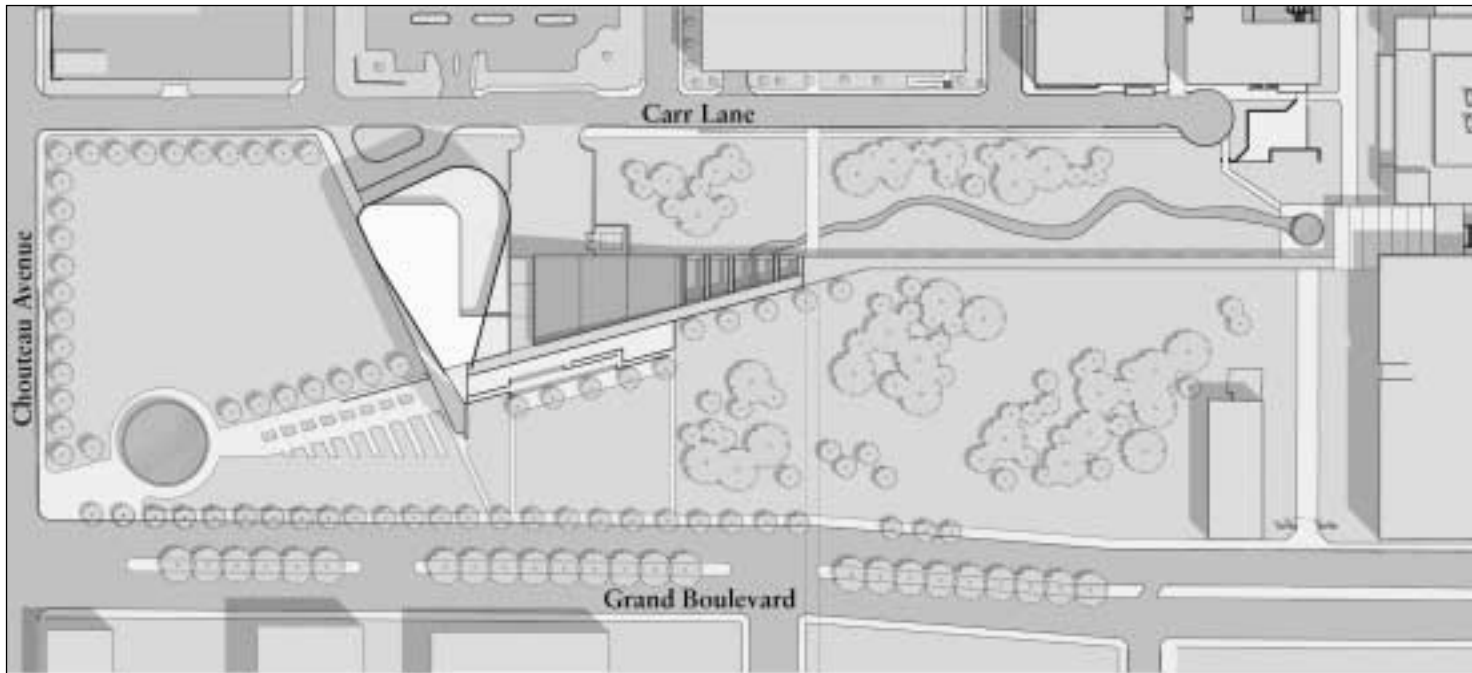
Nursing Research to conduct a series of studies regarding bedside methods to determine feeding tube placement and to assess for aspiration.

Findings from these studies have been published extensively in both research and practice journals. Metheny also presented on this topic at the MNRS conference.

"This is a wonderful honor for Norma and for our school," said Joan Carter, associate dean of the School of Nursing. "This is the first time MNRS has honored a member of SLU, and Dr. Metheny is a deserving selection."

Research

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Above, the proposed site plan for SLU's Research Building at the Health Sciences Center. Below, a rendering of the 206,000-square-foot, 10-story structure at night.

in science and monumental discoveries in medicine."

On Feb. 25, SLU unveiled to faculty and staff architectural drawings for a 206,000-square-foot research building, a contemporary steel, brick and glass structure that is part of the \$80 million investment in new research facilities.

The University also has launched a Web site (<http://researchbuilding.slu.edu>) with more information about the building.

The project includes \$64 million for construction of the new building and \$16 million for renovation of existing space at Saint Louis University School of Medicine. The building's design already is generating buzz for its forward-thinking, highly functional approach and exquisite look.

"This is going to be the most prominent building to rise in the

city of St. Louis in a decade," predicts Kent Turner, regional director of Cannon Design and project principal.

The new research building consists of a 10-story tower at the north end with the two lowest floors extending toward the south and connecting in a covered walkway to Saint Louis University School of Medicine, where additional research facilities and training space are located.

"This is a structure with a design that looks to our future rather than to the past," adds renowned architect George Nikolajevich, who is the design principal. "It will anchor the Saint Louis University Health Sciences Center."

"The Campaign for Saint Louis University: Where Knowledge Touches Lives," the University's current \$300 million comprehensive campaign,

will help fund construction of the building. A combination of public and private support will make the building a reality.

"We are actively seeking donors for the new research building and are encouraged by the response so far from alumni and friends of the University," said Don Whelan, vice president for development and University relations.

The need for a new facility became apparent during the last several years as Saint Louis University researchers attracted more funding for their research. SLU's research funding from the National Institutes of Health increased 120 percent from 1998 to 2002.

"We have outstand-

ing researchers who are landlocked and can't expand," said Robert Webster, Ph.D., associate provost for research. "We are essentially space poor for growing our research programs."

SLU has several areas of emphasis on its research agenda,

including infectious diseases/virology, cardiovascular diseases, cancer, liver disease and neurosciences.

With this major upgrade in facilities, Saint Louis University will have an advantage in retaining existing faculty, recruiting new researchers and seeking federal grants and other public and private funds.

"This will significantly enhance the University's research and academic standing on a national scale," said Provost Joe Weixlmann.

Patricia L. Monteleone, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine, said the new facilities will give the University an edge as it competes for research dollars and world-class researchers.

"The new research building, with its dedicated laboratory space, leading-edge technology and entrepreneurial environment, will be a powerful recruitment tool for continuing to attract world-class faculty," she said.

A date for ground breaking has not yet been set.





Inquiring Photographer

Is there life on other planets?

"Yes there is. I just can't believe that this is all there is."
— Fran Jackson, marketing specialist, SLU Cancer Center



"Not human life as we know it, but there's probably life such as plants and that type of thing. But as for human life, I don't think so."
— Teresa Dunleavy, senior education coordinator, SLU Cancer Center

"Yes there is. I believe that if there is life on Earth, there should be life on other planets."
— Nanette Parris, facilities coordinator, office of curricular affairs



"Yes. And with all these space shuttles and stuff they're sending up to different planets, they might find something soon."
— Joseph Calhoun, public safety officer, department of public safety

"I believe it is possible though I don't have any proof of it."
— John Kuhl, technology coordinator, academic IT services



"Yes, because if there's life on Earth, there's life in other areas, too."
— Mary Kolb, student services associate, School of Nursing

Scholarship recipients take time to thank donors through letters

Students at Saint Louis University recently began writing heartfelt letters of appreciation to those who are helping fund their education.

Students gathered Feb. 18 in DuBourg Hall's refectory for the annual Thank-a-Thon. Some with pens in hand and others sitting at computers, students poured out their thoughts, letting donors know that scholarships are not only paying dividends, but also that they are deeply appreciated. Students who were not able to attend the Thank-a-Thon will send letters at a later date.

"After I was admitted to SLU, I was told by my counselor that I would be receiving an extra scholarship," said Mike Weiss, a freshman who plans to major in accounting and hopes to become a CPA. "It was nice that people who didn't even know me cared about me enough to support my dream. I'm thankful for the event because I wanted to express my gratitude to the donors. Their generosity allowed me to attend SLU."

Staff from the stewardship program provided light snacks and supplies for the Thank-a-Thon, which aims to recognize donors who have established restricted or named scholarship funds that benefit undergraduate and graduate students.

In 2003, 575 students received financial aid from these sources, which contributed a total of nearly \$3.2 million in scholarships. University officials are confident that number will increase even more thanks to The Campaign for Saint Louis University: *Where Knowledge Touches Lives*. At \$100 million, scholarships represent the single largest goal of the campaign.

As director of stewardship, Kay Barnes coordinates the annual Thank-a-Thon. She said the event helps donors and scholarship recipients



Director of stewardship Kay Barnes helps junior Earl Barrientos craft a letter during the annual Thank-a-Thon. (Photo by Chris Waldvogel)

connect on a more personal level. Students and their sponsors also will have a chance to meet later in the semester during an April dinner. The interaction lets donors know that students appreciate the scholarships, and it allows the donors to see first-hand how their generosity makes a difference.

"This event is a great opportunity to thank the people who made my education possible," said Sara Schwamb, a graduate student who is studying medieval English literature. "I really like the idea of communicating my appreciation to them personally. I don't think we thank people enough in our culture. We don't get to show our gratitude enough."

"I am attending SLU because of scholarships," said freshman Melissa Banas, who is majoring in communication. "A SLU education means a lot to me, and I want the people helping me to know I appreciate their support. I wouldn't be able to receive a quality education and go far in my life without their generosity."



SLU neurosurgeon captures honor

Group names Bucholz 2004 Missouri Inventor of the Year

Richard D. Bucholz, M.D., professor of neurosurgery at the School of Medicine, has been named the 2004 Missouri Inventor of the Year by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Bucholz, who holds the K.R. Smith Endowed Chair in Neurosurgery, is a pioneer in developing and implementing image-guided surgery, which uses computer technology to make surgical procedures more effective and accurate.

"It is indeed a tremendous honor for me to be selected as this year's recipient of the BAMSL award," said Bucholz, who received the award Feb. 19. "Clearly this recognition could not have occurred without the extensive support and assistance that I have been given by the administration of Saint Louis University, my staff at the medical school and the efforts of Surgical Navigational Technologies, now a division of Medtronic Inc."

"An idea has an impact only if translated into reality; and through the efforts of a great many people, the idea of image-guided surgery has become available for many individuals undergoing brain surgery throughout the world. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all of their effort and to express the hope that we will continue to improve surgery both on the brain and other organ systems in the years to come."

Bucholz's invention has been used to treat many patients suffering from neurological and other

problems that require precise surgical procedures. Most major hospitals now have at least one image-guided surgery system, and Saint Louis University Health Sciences Center has been able to establish the Jean H. Bakewell Section of Image Guided Surgery.

"Due to Dr. Bucholz's innovative system for pinpointing the position of a surgical probe, neurosurgery is now much more accurate than it was 10 years ago, and image-guided surgery has been brought into the mainstream of the hospital," said Frank R. Agovino, a patent attorney with Senniger Powers Leavitt & Roedel.

Bucholz's quest to change neurosurgery began more than 13 years ago, when he began to consider ways that a computer system could make neurosurgery more accurate and effective. With little budget and limited facilities, Bucholz began to develop a system for use in the operating room that would

track the position of a probe within the patient's head.

Bucholz's invention was a critical breakthrough given the need for precise removal of lesions in the brain, Agovino said.

Each year BAMSL's Patent, Trademark and Copyright Section recognizes a Missouri inventor whose contributions to science or technology are outstanding. This is the 28th presentation of the Missouri Inventor of the Year.



Bucholz