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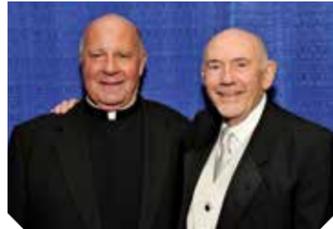
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



Biondi (left) and Adorjan at the May 4 gala.

On May 4, 2013, I was elected chairman of Saint Louis University's board of trustees for the third time. But that wasn't the biggest news to come out of SLU that day. That night at a fundraising gala in his honor, University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., announced his plans to retire from SLU. (See page 8 for an interview with Father Biondi.)

Since then, I've had time to reflect on Father's announcement — and to consider all he has done as the visionary leader of this outstanding institution. Before I share my reflections, however, I should note that my varied experiences with Saint Louis University offer me a different experience than most.

First, like most readers of *Universitas*, I am a proud SLU alumnus. And, like many of you, I'm also a parent of a SLU graduate.

I have also been a member of the SLU board of trustees for more than 25 years, and was a member of the team that elected Father as president in 1987. (In fact, we served on the SLU board together while Father was a dean at Loyola University Chicago.)

As a result of my participation on the board — especially my dozen years as the board's chairman — I have had a significant amount of experience working directly with Father Biondi.

Without question, Father is driven by one thing: Making SLU better. He absolutely lives and breathes SLU. It wasn't long after his arrival as president that Father shared his bold vision: To make Saint Louis University the finest Catholic university in the United States.

Those of us who attended SLU prior to Father's tenure certainly loved this university. However, it was hard to see how a mostly commuter school with few nationally ranked programs could achieve such lofty status.

Father Biondi, on the other hand, saw the potential right away. He understood the notion of "good to great" long before it became a common term in the business world. By boldly stating such a brave goal, Father gave us something to strive toward. Indeed, he set the bar high for this great institution. And he sets it even higher for himself.

When people talk about Father Biondi's legacy, they usually focus on the physical transformation of SLU's Midtown campus. It's certainly true that the campus is nearly unrecognizable today compared to when I was a student.

Truly, Father Biondi has built SLU into one of the country's most beautiful urban campuses. But what many people fail to mention, however, is the significant impact Father's leadership has had on academics, research, patient care and our commitment to community service.

During his tenure, Father devoted vast University resources — upwards of a billion dollars — toward hiring top-notch faculty, creating new academic programs, launching innovative research initiatives, expanding student scholarships, and supporting mission-related and outreach projects. These investments have drawn record numbers of students who come with high test scores and strong academic achievements.

In pursuit of his vision, Father wasn't afraid to take chances. In the late 1990s, he came to the board with the idea of taking \$100 million from the endowment to improve academics at SLU. This initiative allowed us to add new faculty positions, special inquiry courses, student scholarships and more. It was a risky move that continues to pay dividends to this day. Always keeping SLU's best interests in mind, Father also made some tough decisions — for example, selling SLU Hospital and moving Parks College to St. Louis.

It should also be noted that Father has raised millions of dollars each year from our alumni and other donors, and the University's endowment has grown more than tenfold during his tenure.

Clearly, we have some very big shoes to fill. That is why the University will take its time in searching for Father Biondi's successor. Our search process, which will begin in late September following extensive research into best practices, will be inclusive, transparent, deliberate and thorough. And, throughout our search, we will keep our SLU community, including alumni, informed of our progress.

I have seen Father Biondi take a good university and make it great. More importantly, I am proud to call him my friend. And thanks to all that the SLU community has accomplished during his tenure, I know we are positioned for even greater heights in the future.

J. Joe Adorjan (Cook '63, Grad Cook '67)  
Chairman, SLU Board of Trustees



Biondi (center) with Oriflamme members in 2012.

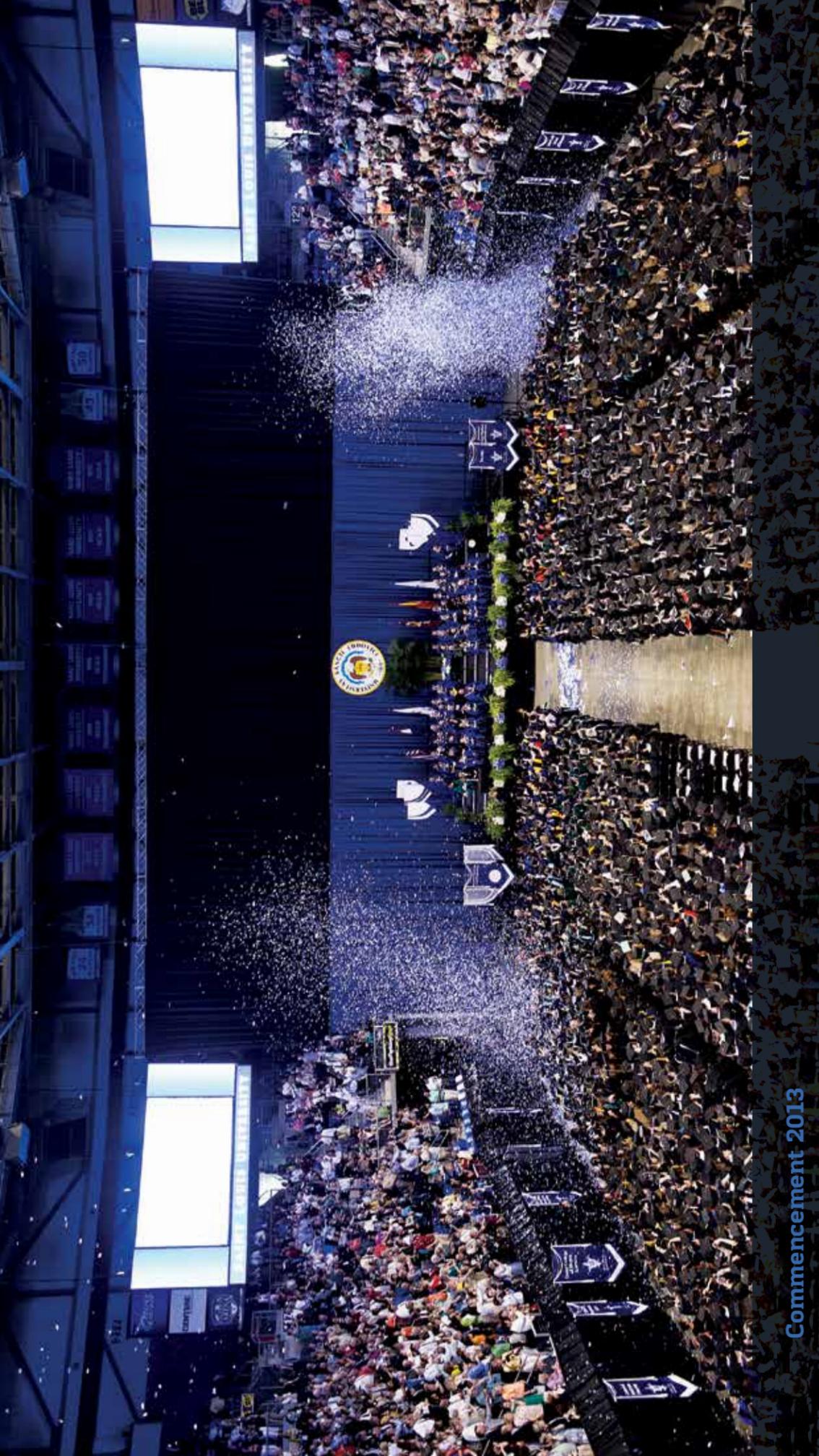
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## Commencement 2013

### SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY CELEBRATED THE CLASS OF 2013 DURING ITS ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION IN MAY.

During this year's ceremony, honorary degrees were awarded to: John Foppe (A&S '92, Grad '01); Thai businessmen and entrepreneurs Metee Auapinyakul (Cook '78) and Chanin Vongkusoikit (Grad Cook '77), who founded Banpu Public Company Limited, which has become one of the most successful energy companies in Asia; and St. Louis civic leaders Joe and Loretta Scott were awarded honorary degrees.

Foppe was also this year's commencement speaker and encouraged graduates to take chances despite the obstacles they may face.

Born with no arms, Foppe has been determined not to let his limitations hold him back. He became a motivational speaker and author, and by age 22 was listed among the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce's 10 Outstanding Young Americans.

In 2012, he became executive director of St. Louis' Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which provides assistance through advocacy and outreach programs. In addition to leading this nonprofit, Foppe continues to share his insights through speaking engagements around the country.

He started his commencement address by opening a can of soda with his feet, pouring it into a glass and toasting the graduates.

"Today, I urge you to take a different path," Foppe said. "Finding your higher purpose and greater good necessitates an awareness of your deeper calling. Listen. Look. Learn. ... I urge you to continue what the Jesuits have taught you. Be a person for others. Be open, be bold and be persistent."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, for the first time ever, the graduates were showered with confetti and streamers.

PHOTO BY STEVE DUNN

## KAUFFMAN SERVING AS SLU'S INTERIM PRESIDENT



On Sept. 1, Saint Louis University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., retired from his position, and SLU Vice President and General Counsel William Kauffman began serving as interim president. Kauffman, whose term will last throughout the academic year, will not be a candidate for the SLU presidency. He has been SLU's general counsel since 1995 and also is secretary to the board of trustees.

Biondi, who announced his intention to retire as president in May, is now president emeritus and is taking a one-year sabbatical from the University.

"Bill Kauffman is a leader, has great institutional knowledge and is respected by the board and his fellow vice presidents and administrators," said J. Joe Adorjan, chairman of SLU's board of trustees. "Bill didn't ask for this position, but has agreed to serve for the coming year because of his love for SLU. I am confident he will be an effective and collaborative interim president."

SLU's longest serving vice president, Kauffman has overseen all of the University's legal services for nearly two decades. His work has touched nearly every aspect of the institution, including academics, research, student affairs, athletics and SLU's large physician practice.

Kauffman's career in higher education has spanned more than 40 years. Prior to his appointment at SLU, he was the general counsel at the University of Alaska, the general counsel for the Kansas Board of Regents and assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Kauffman is also a recognized leader in higher education legal affairs. He has served as the president of the National Association of College and University Attorneys, and in 2004, the organization honored his many contributions with a Distinguished Service Award.

A native of Pennsylvania, Kauffman received his bachelor's degree from Gettysburg College and his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

"I am honored to have been appointed as interim president, and my top priority will be to put SLU in as strong a position as possible for our next president," Kauffman said. "I am committed to working with stakeholders inside and outside of the University to keep us moving in a very positive direction."

To support Kauffman as interim president, the board of trustees has established the office of the chairman, which will be staffed with five key senior administrators who will work closely with Kauffman during the next year. They are: Dr. Ellen Harshman (Grad '78, Law '82), vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Philip Alderson, vice president for medical affairs; David Heimburger (Cook '85), vice president and chief financial officer; Bridget Fletcher, vice president and chief of staff; and Dr. Kent Porterfield, vice president for student development.

Adorjan said he intends to have all of the processes in place so that the search for the next president can begin immediately after the Sept. 28 meeting of the board of trustees. That includes the naming of a search committee that will include trustees and representatives of SLU faculty, staff and students.

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS SCORE IN U.S. NEWS RANKINGS

More than 20 of Saint Louis University's graduate programs are ranked among the top 100 in the United States, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. In the magazine's 2014 "Best Graduate Schools" issue, six SLU programs were listed in the top 25.

SLU's health law program landed in the No. 1 spot for the 10th consecutive year. The program is supported by the renowned Center for Health Law Studies, which is home to some of the top scholars in the field.

Included for more than a dozen years among the 20 best programs in the United States, SLU's geriatric medicine program ranked No. 14 in the nation this year.

SLU's graduate programs in entrepreneurship, international business and supply chain management also were in the top 20 in this year's rankings.

Other SLU programs included in the top 100 of *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Graduate Schools" 2014 rankings include: health care management (9), physician assistant (25), part-time law (27), physical therapy (34), occupational therapy (36), public health (36), part-time MBA (37), nursing (50), social work (52), biomedical engineering (61), earth sciences (69), medical schools: research (70), medical schools: primary care (70), speech language pathology (73), clinical psychology (79), business programs (84), history (84) and English (98).

## MORE THAN 10,000 SPEND SUMMER AT SLU

This year, approximately 2,700 students attended one of nearly 40 SLU-sponsored camps or academies, while more than 3,800 individuals participated in a campus conference or event, and more than 4,200 students enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate course.

In its successful inaugural year, the "Summer at SLU" initiative highlighted the numerous camps and academic opportunities for kindergarten through high school students; encouraged high school and college students to take advantage of summer course offerings; and built awareness for national and local conferences and events held on campus.

Several new summer offerings brought young students to campus including Camp Invention, the International Business Summer Academy and the Grand Arts Camp. For more information, visit [summer.slu.edu](http://summer.slu.edu).



The Billiken with some young campers.

PHOTO BY NAELE COWEN

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
AT CHAIFETZ ARENA, WHICH THIS SPRING MARKED FIVE YEARS OF ENTERTAINING MIDTOWN. DURING THAT TIME:

**1.7 MILLION:** PEOPLE WALKED THROUGH THE ARENA TURNSTILES

**594:** EVENTS HELD / **80,363:** HOT DOGS EATEN

**6,938:** HOURS SPENT INSTALLING AND REMOVING THE BASKETBALL COURT

**10,549:** POINTS SCORED BY THE SLU MEN'S (6,072) AND WOMEN'S (4,477) BASKETBALL TEAMS



Lercel (left) and Alexander.

## SLU MARKS MILESTONES IN AVIATION, CIVIL ENGINEERING

In May, Saint Louis University conferred the first Doctor of Philosophy in aviation in the United States — and the world — to Damon Lercel. This milestone also marks the first Ph.D. completed at Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology.

Parks worked on the concept of a doctoral degree in aviation for more than 10 years. “The program offered not only an in-depth immersion in research, but also opportunities to interact with both the domestic and international aviation industries,” Lercel said. “It’s a victory for the advancement of aviation.”

Dr. Theodosios Alexander, dean of Parks College, said, “This success is a momentous and historic milestone for aviation, Parks College and SLU.”

The college also celebrated its inaugural graduating class from the civil engineering program in May. The pioneering class of 21 civil engineering graduates is the first for SLU in more than 35 years and the first ever for Parks College.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Dr. Scott Safranski**, a faculty member of more than 30 years at the John Cook School of Business, is the school’s interim dean for the 2013-14 academic year. The school’s dean, Dr. Ellen Harshman, is serving as SLU’s interim vice president of academic affairs. Safranski chaired the management department for 11 years and was interim chair in decision sciences/information technology management for a year.

**Dr. Matthew Grawtich** is the interim dean of the School for Professional Studies. Dr. Jennifer Giancola, former dean of the school, announced her decision to leave that position and return to the SPS faculty, effective June 30. Grawtich became a faculty member at SPS in 2005. He has been the chair of the organizational studies program, director of the master’s program in leadership and organizational development, and associate dean of academic development.

**Dr. Thomas Madden**, director of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, has been named a fellow of the Medieval Academy of America. This is among the highest honors that a medieval scholar in any discipline can receive. Madden was named a fellow of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation in 2012.

**Dr. Karla Scott** (A&S ’81), associate professor of communication and director of the African American Studies Program, received the Ernest A. Calloway Teaching Award from the Society of African American Studies. The award, named for the late SLU professor, was established by Brian Shelton (A&S ’80) to honor University faculty members whose efforts in the classroom reflect Calloway’s commitment to social justice, diversity and inclusion.

**Dr. Susanne Chawaszczewski** (Grad ’98) is SLU’s new director of campus ministry. Chawaszczewski, who most recently served as certification and education coordinator for the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, is returning to SLU, where she earned her doctoral degree and served as assistant director of student life.

## ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY ENDOWED CHAIR NAMED

**D**r. Berton R. Moed (Med ’76) is the University’s first Hansjörg Wyss Endowed Chair in Orthopaedic Surgery.

Moed came to SLU in 2003 to serve as chair and professor of the department of orthopaedic surgery. Since then, the department has experienced growth in research output, the number of full-time faculty and practice locations, and profitability.

Wyss is the former chairman of Synthes, a global medical device company whose surgical instruments and implants revolutionized the treatment of trauma on the human skeleton. After last year’s multi-billion dollar acquisition of Synthes by Johnson & Johnson, Wyss now spends much of his time devoted to his many philanthropic pursuits, which includes environmental conservation, medical teaching and social justice.

This endowed chair will support the research endeavors of the department of orthopaedic surgery tissue engineering laboratory.



**SLU 101:** This summer, more than 1,700 incoming freshmen and transfer students visited campus for the SLU 101 orientation program. They registered for fall courses, met with faculty, heard from a student panel and learned about campus resources and organizations. In addition, more than 1,800 parents, families and guests attended sessions designed just for them.

PHOTO BY MICHELLE PELTIER

## FACULTY RECEIVE LARGE GRANTS

Three Saint Louis University faculty members have received grants of \$1 million or more.

A research team led by **Dr. Theodosios Alexander**, dean of Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology, received \$1.4 million from the Invention for Innovation Program of the National Institute for Health Research to develop a novel mechanical circulatory support device. The proposal is titled “TURBOCARDIA: Mechanical Circulatory Support Installed by Minimally Invasive Surgery.”

**Dr. Eleonore Stump**, the Robert J. Henle Professor of Philosophy, and **Dr. John Greco**, the Leonard and Elizabeth Eslick Chair in Philosophy, received a \$2.7 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation to launch a new philosophy initiative that will explore the subject of intellectual humility. It is one of the largest grants SLU has ever received in the areas of the humanities or the sciences.



From left: Vice President for Medical Affairs Dr. Philip Alderson, Wyss, Moed and University President Emeritus Lawrence Biondi, S.J.

## HAKANSON NAMED VP AND CIO



**D**avid Hakanson is SLU’s vice president and chief information officer. He most recently was the chief information officer at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

A Missouri native, Hakanson brings more than 15 years of information technology experience to his new leadership role at SLU. He got his start in higher education working as a systems administrator at the University of Missouri-Columbia. And his move to SLU isn’t Hakanson’s first brush with Jesuit education. Earlier in his career he served as a technology director at Saint Peter’s University in New Jersey.

## UNIVERSITY OPENS NEW WORKFORCE CENTER

**SLU’s School for Professional Studies recently opened of a new state-of-the-art facility that provides high quality workforce training and development programs in the St. Louis area.**

The Center for Workforce and Organizational Development, located in the Wool Center on campus, is offering more than 400 courses and certificates, covering such fields as application development, project management, mobile development, information security, business intelligence and more. Day and night classes are available, as well as continuing education units. SLU alumni are eligible for a 15 percent discount.

The center also is providing additional services to the IT, business and health care communities, including private training, consulting and assessment services, all of which can be customized to meet the specific needs of an organization. For more information, visit [workforcecenter.slu.edu](http://workforcecenter.slu.edu).

## the ARTS at SLU



Three Sisters from the 2012-13 season. PHOTO BY JOHN LAMB

## SLU THEATRE: Upcoming season unveiled

Saint Louis University Theatre has announced its 2013-14 season. The first show explores the lives of Restoration actresses: *Playhouse Creatures* by April De Angelis, which opens Oct. 4. The season continues with Stephen Sondheim’s classic *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, beginning Nov. 15. *Middletown* by Will Eno, who has been called “a Samuel Beckett for the Jon Stewart generation,” starts Feb. 21. The season ends with Euripides’ ancient Greek tragedy *Medea*, which opens April 25. All shows begin at 8 p.m., except Sunday performances, which begin at 2 p.m.

For more details on the SLU Theatre season or to purchase season tickets, call 314-977-3327 or visit [www.slu.edu/theatre](http://www.slu.edu/theatre).



Laura Fogg, *Jammin'*, 53 x 43"

## SLUMA EXHIBITION: Quilt National 2013

The Saint Louis University Museum of Art is presenting “Quilt National 2013” through Oct. 27. A biennial show, Quilt National first was organized in 1979 to showcase artists who push the boundaries of traditional quilting, using new materials and technologies. The 2013 show was juried by internationally recognized art quilters and includes works by artists from 27 states and seven countries.

SLUMA’s hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, visit [sluma.slu.edu](http://sluma.slu.edu).



BILLIKEN NEWS

## BASEBALL MAKES HISTORY, CAPTURES A-10 TITLE

Saint Louis University's baseball team captured its third Atlantic 10 Conference tournament title with a dramatic 7-4 win over Charlotte in the winner-take-all finale at Charlotte's Robert and Mariah Hayes Stadium in May.

The Billikens, who entered the championship as the No. 1 seed, rallied to win five games in a row after dropping their A-10 tournament opener. In winning the tournament, SLU received an automatic bid to the NCAA Baseball Championship. After losing to Clemson in an NCAA elimination game, the Billikens ended their season with a 41-21 record, tying the school record for victories.

SLU previously won A-10 baseball titles in 2006 and 2010. This year's championship completed a historic trifecta: SLU is the only school in A-10 history to win conference titles in men's soccer, men's basketball and baseball during the same academic year. SLU was the only school in the country to accomplish the feat in 2012-13.

## BILLIKEN BEAT

SLU's athletic conference, the Atlantic 10, has added **George Mason University**, which began competition this fall. **Davidson College** will join the A-10 on July 1, 2014.

Several SLU baseball players received post-season honors. Sophomore first baseman **Mike Vigliarolo** was named the 2013 Atlantic 10 Co-Player of the Year. He is the first Billiken to win the award. Other Billikens honored on the All-Conference team were: **Grant Nelson**, **Alec Solé** and **Alex Kelly** (first team); **Mike Levine** and **Clay Smith** (second team); and **Braxton Martinez** and **Matt Eckelman** (all-rookie team). **Alex Alemann** was named to the All-Academic team and received an A-10 Postgraduate Scholarship.

SLU catcher **Grant Nelson** was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks as the 14th pick of the ninth round of the 2013 MLB First-Year Player Draft. He is the first Billiken drafted since 2009.

At the annual Senior Student-Athlete Banquet, awards were given to men's basketball's **Cody Ellis** (Most Inspirational); swimmer **Taylor Streid** (Most Outstanding Female Senior Student-Athlete); and **Alex Alemann** (baseball) and **Kwamain Mitchell** (men's basketball), who shared the honor of Most Outstanding Male Senior Student-Athlete.

The NCAA honored six SLU athletic programs — men's cross country; women's cross country; men's indoor track and field; men's outdoor track and field; women's outdoor track and field; and women's tennis — as part of the 2013 Academic Performance Program Public Recognition Awards.



Ellis

## Why are scholarships so important to Saint Louis University?

Student scholarships are crucial to Saint Louis University's ability to achieve two primary goals: First to reward students who have demonstrated high academic achievement throughout their high school and undergraduate careers, and second, to help SLU attract a diverse and talented student population, regardless of their socio-economic status. Our current scholarship plan embraces efforts that continue to support Catholic education on all levels, while also building a globally diverse student body. We believe the broad mix of talented students richly enhances SLU's unique educational experience.

## How can scholarship availability affect the quality of students at the University?

We have been able to use current scholarship resources to make significant increases in our national academic profile — meaning the ACT and SAT entrance scores and high school grade point averages of our entering students. Thanks to scholarships, we also have been able to expand our geographic reach and to provide access to students from lower-income families. Making sure qualified students have access to SLU's high quality education is key because it speaks to our Jesuit mission of serving humanity. The educational experience we provide should not be limited by a student's socio-economic background.

## A scholarship might help a student decide to attend SLU, but what about helping to keep that student here? How can scholarships affect student retention?

We know that financial aid is fundamental to helping a student choose SLU and to staying here throughout his or her academic career. We also know that students who maintain their scholarships graduate at a higher rate than students

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**Jay Goff**, vice president for enrollment and retention management, discusses the importance of scholarships — and the impact alumni gifts can make.

who lose a scholarship or run out of student loan eligibility. A number of students need due to financial situations, the length of their programs or time spent in service. Some of our most generous donors have recognized the need to support these students in their junior and senior years. These gifts will help more students finish their degrees and enhance our overall graduation rates.

## Regarding the future of scholarships at SLU, what are you most excited about?

I'm most excited about our ability to use new scholarship dollars to attract brighter students and to increase graduation rates — which is key to SLU being recognized as a top-50 national university. I'm also excited about the new scholarships' ability to help expand need-based grants, increase support for student-veterans and provide scholarships to underprivileged kindergarten through high school students wanting to attend one of SLU's 40 pre-college summer programs.

## What are some key facts about scholarships at SLU?

More than 40 percent of SLU undergraduates have significant financial need and would not be able to attend SLU — a national, Catholic, Jesuit

research university — without the generosity of donors. I also know many alumni who say they would not have been able to go to SLU without their scholarships, which is why they give today. About one out of every four SLU students will be the first in his or her household to earn a college degree. We know

it's important for our community and the nation that we help these dedicated students complete their degrees.

## How can alumni make an impact on scholarships?

Alumni donors can make an immediate impact. Their donated funds will be applied to new and current students usually in the first year a contribution is made. Donors can select a variety of scholarships to support. Currently we are trying to enhance five types of scholarships: academic merit awards; financial need-based grants; fifth and sixth-year awards to help students graduate; student-veteran support grants; and awards to K-12 students to fund their participation in SLU's summer enrichment and college readiness programs.

## In what other ways can alumni assist with student recruitment?

Besides gifts to scholarships, we love to involve SLU alumni in outreach and recruitment initiatives throughout the country and around the world. Last year, more than 100 alumni attended college fairs, hosted new student send-off receptions in their home communities and made personal phone calls to prospective students. We really enjoy working with our alumni and connecting them with the Billikens of the future.

## What is the new freshman class like?

We are very excited about our new students. This fall's class of approximately 1,600 freshmen is one of the most talented and diverse in SLU's history. We have enrolled new students from 42 states and some 20 foreign countries. The average entrance test scores have increased again this year. The class average ACT and SAT scores are in the nation's upper 11 percent. Their average high school GPA is 3.82. And, most importantly, they have an impressive focus on leadership and community service. This is clearly another group of dedicated Billikens who are ready to change the world for the better.

To make a gift to support scholarships at SLU, use the envelope enclosed in this issue of *Universitas*, visit [giving.slu.edu](http://giving.slu.edu) or call 314-977-2849.

## 2013 BILLIKEN MEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

SAT. AUG. 17	at Memphis EXH	MEMPHIS	TBA
SAT. AUG. 24	Akron EXH	HERMANN STADIUM	7 P.M.
SAT. AUG. 31	Oral Roberts	HERMANN STADIUM	7 P.M.
FRI. SEPT. 6	at Cincinnati	CINCINNATI	6:30 P.M.
SUN. SEPT. 8	vs. Northern Illinois	CINCINNATI	11 A.M.
WED. SEPT. 11	at Evansville	EVANSVILLE, IND.	7 P.M.
SAT. SEPT. 14	Denver	HERMANN STADIUM	7 P.M.
SAT. SEPT. 21	at Connecticut	STORRS, CONN.	6 P.M.
SAT. SEPT. 28	Central Arkansas HOMECOMING	HERMANN STADIUM	7:30 P.M.
WED. OCT. 2	Creighton	HERMANN STADIUM	7 P.M.
SUN. OCT. 6	at VCU*	RICHMOND, VA.	NOON
FRI. OCT. 11	Fordham*	HERMANN STADIUM	7 P.M.
SUN. OCT. 13	George Washington*	HERMANN STADIUM	2:30 P.M.
SAT. OCT. 19	Dayton*	HERMANN STADIUM	7 P.M.
FRI. OCT. 25	at St. Bonaventure*	OLEAN, N.Y.	2:30 P.M.
SUN. OCT. 27	at Duquesne*	PITTSBURGH	11 A.M.
THU. OCT. 31	at Louisville	LOUISVILLE, KY.	6 P.M.
SUN. NOV. 3	Saint Joseph's*	HERMANN STADIUM	1 P.M.
FRI. NOV. 9	at Rhode Island*	KINGSTON, R.I.	6 P.M.
SUN. NOV. 10	at Massachusetts*	AMHERST, MASS.	NOON
A-10 MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP			
NOV. 14-17		DAYTON, OHIO	TBA

## 2013 BILLIKEN WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

TUE. AUG. 13	at Southeast Missouri State EXH	CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.	6:30 P.M.
FRI. AUG. 16	Arkansas State EXH	HERMANN STADIUM	7 P.M.
FRI. AUG. 23	Western Michigan	HERMANN STADIUM	7 P.M.
SUN. AUG. 25	DePaul	HERMANN STADIUM	1 P.M.
FRI. AUG. 30	at Arkansas	FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.	7 P.M.
SUN. SEPT. 1	Ole Miss	HERMANN STADIUM	7 P.M.
FRI. SEPT. 6	SIUE	HERMANN STADIUM	7 P.M.
SUN. SEPT. 8	Evansville	HERMANN STADIUM	1 P.M.
FRI. SEPT. 13	at Iowa	IOWA CITY, IOWA	7 P.M.
TUE. SEPT. 17	at Illinois State	NORMAL, ILL.	4 P.M.
FRI. SEPT. 20	UT Martin	HERMANN STADIUM	7 P.M.
SUN. SEPT. 22	Iowa State	HERMANN STADIUM	NOON
FRI. SEPT. 27	St. Bonaventure*	HERMANN STADIUM	7 P.M.
FRI. OCT. 4	at Richmond*	RICHMOND, VA.	6:30 P.M.
SUN. OCT. 6	at George Mason*	FAIRFAX, VA.	2 P.M.
FRI. OCT. 11	Duquesne*	HERMANN STADIUM	5 P.M.
SUN. OCT. 13	UMass*	HERMANN STADIUM	NOON
SAT. OCT. 19	at Dayton*	DAYTON, OHIO	6 P.M.
SUN. OCT. 27	Rhode Island*	HERMANN STADIUM	1 P.M.
SUN. NOV. 3	at VCU*	RICHMOND, VA.	1:30 P.M.
A-10 WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP			
NOV. 7-10		RICHMOND, VA.	TBA

## 2013 BILLIKEN VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

SAT. AUG. 24	Alumni Match EXH	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	2 P.M.
MARCIA E. HAMILTON CLASSIC			
FRI. AUG. 30	Nebraska vs. Louisiana-Monroe	CHAIFETZ ARENA	4:30 P.M.
FRI. AUG. 30	Auburn	CHAIFETZ ARENA	7 P.M.
SAT. AUG. 31	Auburn vs. Nebraska	CHAIFETZ ARENA	10 A.M.
SAT. AUG. 31	Louisiana-Monroe	CHAIFETZ ARENA	NOON
SAT. AUG. 31	Louisiana-Monroe vs. Auburn	CHAIFETZ ARENA	4:30 P.M.
SAT. AUG. 31	Nebraska	CHAIFETZ ARENA	7 P.M.
COMFORT INN INVITATIONAL			
FRI. SEPT. 6	at Morehead State	MOREHEAD, KY.	6 P.M.
SAT. SEPT. 7	vs. Montana State	MOREHEAD, KY.	10 A.M.
SAT. SEPT. 7	vs. IUPUI	MOREHEAD, KY.	3:30 P.M.
TUE. SEPT. 10	at Southern Illinois	CARBONDALE, ILL.	7 P.M.
BILLIKEN CHALLENGE			
FRI. SEPT. 13	Bradley vs. Youngstown State	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	4:30 P.M.
FRI. SEPT. 13	Miami (Ohio)	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	7 P.M.
SAT. SEPT. 14	Miami (Ohio) vs. Bradley	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	10 A.M.
SAT. SEPT. 14	Youngstown State	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	NOON
SAT. SEPT. 14	Youngstown State vs. Miami (Ohio)	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	4:30 P.M.
SAT. SEPT. 14	Bradley	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	7 P.M.

RAZORBACK INVITATIONAL			
FRI. SEPT. 20	vs. South Alabama	FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.	4:30 P.M.
SAT. SEPT. 21	vs. Kansas State	FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.	1 P.M.
SAT. SEPT. 21	at Arkansas	FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.	7 P.M.
FRI. SEPT. 27	at Duquesne*	PITTSBURGH, PA.	6 P.M.
SEPT. 28 OR 29	at Dayton*	DAYTON, OHIO	3 P.M.
FRI. OCT. 4	at George Mason*	FAIRFAX, VA.	6 P.M.
SAT. OCT. 5	at La Salle*	PHILADELPHIA, PA.	6 P.M.
FRI. OCT. 11	Duquesne*	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	7 P.M.
SUN. OCT. 13	Fordham*	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	1 P.M.
WED. OCT. 16	at Southeast Missouri State	CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.	6:30 P.M.
SAT. OCT. 19	at VCU*	RICHMOND, VA.	6 P.M.
TUE. OCT. 22	at Indiana State	TERRER HAUTE, IND.	6 P.M.
FRI. OCT. 25	La Salle*	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	7 P.M.
FRI. NOV. 1	at Rhode Island*	KINGSTON, R.I.	6 P.M.
SAT. NOV. 2	at Fordham*	BRONX, N.Y.	6 P.M.
FRI. NOV. 8	Rhode Island*	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	7 P.M.
SAT. NOV. 9	VCU*	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	7 P.M.
FRI. NOV. 15	George Washington*	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	7 P.M.
SUN. NOV. 17	George Mason*	CHAIFETZ PAVILION	1 P.M.
A-10 VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP			
NOV. 22-24		WASHINGTON, D.C.	TBA

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# FARE WELL, FATHER BIONDI

AS UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT  
LAWRENCE BIONDI, S.J., RETIRES,  
HE REFLECTS ON THE PAST AND  
ON THE FUTURE.

BY LAURA GEISER



On May 4, nearly 800 Saint Louis University alumni, supporters and community leaders gathered in Chaifetz Arena for the “25th Anniversary Gala: Celebrating Father Biondi’s Leadership.” The event raised approximately \$1.4 million for student scholarships and academic initiatives.

The guests knew they were there to celebrate the long tenure of University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. But they didn’t know they were about to hear big news.

When Biondi took to the podium for his scheduled remarks, he made a surprise announcement — telling the crowd that he planned to retire from the presidency of Saint Louis University.

“Just as I helped lead SLU’s transformation when I arrived here more than 25 years ago, I know it is now time for the next transformation to begin,” he said. “And, so, with the blessing of our board of trustees, I have decided it is time for a transition in leadership for Saint Louis University — time for me to move on to the next phase of my life.”

Biondi has been named president emeritus, and he began a one-year sabbatical on Sept. 1. SLU Vice President and General Counsel William Kauffman was named interim president, serving for the academic year.

Biondi hasn’t said much publicly since deciding to retire. But in the following interview, conducted in late August, he reflects on his time at SLU and his thoughts on his future.

**UTAS:** HOW DID YOU COME TO THE DECISION TO RETIRE? AND WHY IS THIS THE RIGHT TIME?

**BIONDI:** Down deep in my soul, I always knew I wouldn’t be the SLU president forever. I’m 74 years old, and as I begin my 27th year as president of SLU, I feel it’s the right time. I traveled to Southeast Asia this past March to visit our alumni, benefactors, prospective parents and to meet with students who are considering attending SLU. During that trip I had time to reflect on my personal and professional life at SLU and on the future.

It is now the right time because, while I still have excellent health and continue to have lots of energy, I am ready and willing to take on other challenges as God directs me. I firmly believe that in many obvious ways, SLU is well situated for the next chapter of presidential leadership.

**WHAT DO YOU HOPE YOUR LEGACY WILL BE?**

That’s for others to decide. But I do hope I can be remembered for my passion, love and commitment to Saint Louis University.

Someone recently showed me a long list of accomplishments here at SLU since I arrived in 1987, and I’m proud of all of those things, but I didn’t do any of them alone.

So I hope part of my legacy is that I led our SLU team to acknowledge and accept that we are a vibrant, vital academic institution with a distinctive Catholic and Jesuit mission. And that I saw how great SLU could be — and I did everything to ensure that SLU achieved its full potential.

I hope the next president will be chosen because he or she understands, appreciates, believes and is committed to promoting SLU’s mission and vision.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS THE INCIDENTS OF THE PAST YEAR?**

I’ll admit it was a tough year. Some people may not like my direct and decisive leadership style, but no one who knows me well and who understands academic culture at an American university will doubt my commitment to Saint Louis University and to doing the right thing.

I believe in Saint Louis University and all it stands for. I believe in shared governance and accountability. Each member of the SLU community has a voice. SLU has been around since 1818, and is sure to last another 195 years. This place is bigger than its president and faculty. People have short memories and easily forget successes, but history will remember.

**YOU WERE PRESIDENT MORE THAN 26 YEARS, WHICH IS A LONGER TERM THAN ANY PREVIOUS SLU PRESIDENT. DID YOU EXPECT TO BE HERE THAT LONG?**

No! My predecessor had been here eight years, and the average tenure of a president of a private university is about five years. No one expects to have the good fortune of doing a good job for so long, especially a Jesuit, who goes where he is called.

But by being here so long, I’ve been able to see things through — including big dreams like our dramatic increase in faculty and staff, academic programs, schools and research funding — plus our arena and research center. Early in my presidency, I set some pretty ambitious goals for SLU, and it’s been a pleasure to work with a great team to see so many of those goals come to fruition — including everything from an increased enrollment of 14,000 students, to a winning men’s basketball team that routinely makes the NCAA Tournament, to a strong student retention rate of 88 percent, to more than \$51 million in annual research grants.

**IF YOU COULD GO BACK TO THE DAY YOU BECAME PRESIDENT OF SLU IN 1987, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUR 1987 SELF?**

Be patient. Things don’t happen overnight. Also be persistent. SLU is a large educational enterprise, with lots of moving parts, so it’s easy for things to get lost. But if something really matters, be tenacious about making sure it’s achieved.

Some University employees, not many, have an attitude that seems to ask: “What has the administration done for me lately?”

**FROM LEFT**

Biondi at his desk in 1989.

Biondi greets First Lady Barbara Bush, who delivered SLU’s commencement address in 1990.

Biondi delivers the homily at an outdoor Mass on the day of his inauguration in September 1987.

## 26 Years of Progress

Highlights of the 26-year tenure of retiring University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J.

The successful completion of fundraising and capital campaigns totaling more than \$785 million.

The investment of an estimated \$850 million in improvements, enhancements and expansions.

An increase in the size of SLU’s Midtown campus from 113 acres with 62 buildings to 268 acres with 131 buildings.



When encountering this, I would advise my younger self not to get too distracted by this attitude because, in fact, most faculty and staff don't feel this way and do realize that they are accountable for their words and actions when teaching, conducting research and doing their jobs.

**THERE'S NO INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR BEING A UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT. HOW DID YOU LEARN TO DO IT?**

I had a great predecessor, Father Tom Fitzgerald, S.J., who really primed SLU for the future. He offered me very good advice. I also had the good fortune to work with SLU's former president Father Paul Reinert, S.J., who had amazing institutional knowledge.

And, honestly, I learned a lot by just doing the job. Also important are self-reflection, prayer, instinct, openness to ideas and timely decision-making. Our excellent trustees, a strong executive staff of vice presidents, deans and managers, and other key leaders, helped set an example that I hope will continue.

**WHAT'S THE BEST THING THAT'S HAPPENED DURING YOUR TENURE?**

That has to be our increased enrollment. When I started, we had about 9,500 students; today we have almost 14,000 students with excellent academic credentials. We offer an outstanding Jesuit education, so the more people who can benefit from our mission and vision, the better. And I believe the more SLU alumni there are, the better our world will be. After all, aren't we forming, informing and transforming our students to be good citizens and effective leaders worldwide?

**WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?**

I'm most proud of SLU's emphasis on service. It has always been our tradition as part of our Jesuit mission to prepare men and women for others, but thanks to the tireless energy of our students and key leaders around campus, service now is truly embedded in the SLU experience. We have so many initiatives — like Casa de Salud, which offers health assistance to undocumented immigrants; the medical school's student-run Jesuit Health Resource Center, which provides medical care to needy residents of North St. Louis; and our legal clinics, which serve the region's home-

less, veterans of our armed forces and victims of domestic violence. These efforts and so many others benefit our local community and benefit our students, who learn so much from one another by helping others.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY AS PRESIDENT?**

There are too many to choose from! But I will say that I always enjoyed the meet-and-greet time right after our new student convocation every August. Our first-year Billikens and their families come down to the arena floor, and I had a chance to literally see the future of our University and to talk with our parents who have hopes and dreams for their children. It always energized me for the school year ahead.

**IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D DO DIFFERENTLY, IF GIVEN THE CHANCE?**

No, I don't think that way. There's no way to go back in time and change anything, so why dwell on the past?

But I do believe that one should reflect on events, note what is right and on target, and forge ahead confidently. One also needs to correct mistakes and humbly acknowledge them, make appropriate decisions in light of those mistakes, and forge on.

**WHAT WERE THE BEST DECISIONS YOU MADE AS PRESIDENT?**

It always came down to people. The best decisions were always about hiring the right people to do the right job. I have worked with some dedicated vice presidents and deans who were just as passionate about SLU as I am, and they have been instrumental in ensuring SLU's success.

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP**

Biondi blesses the bounty from a campus food drive in 1994.

Biondi, his sister Anna Marie Pierotti and his mother, Albertina (seated), at the April 2006 ceremony honoring him as St. Louis' 2005 "Citizen of the Year."

Biondi (right, front) cuts the ribbon at the Chaifetz Arena dedication in April 2008. With him, from left, are Grand Center's Vince Schoemehl, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay (Law '80) and then-Chairman of SLU's Board of Trustees Barry Beracha. Billiken broadcaster Bob Ramsey is at the podium.

Biondi throwing candy to the crowd at the annual Golf Cart Parade during SLU's 2007 Homecoming.



I'm also very proud of some of the "risks" we have taken to move SLU forward, for example, establishing new schools, institutes and centers, relocating Parks College to St. Louis and expanding our Medical Center by constructing the Doisy Research Center, buying the Pevely Dairy property for future growth and adding the stadium and Health Sciences Education Union there. Those have proven to be good decisions in the long run. I think the same will be said of our new downtown law school.

**YOU'VE WEATHERED SOME STORMS AS PRESIDENT OVER THE YEARS. HOW DID THAT AFFECT YOU AND SLU?**

As I said earlier, it's never easy to face unfounded criticism, but I always think it made SLU and me stronger. For example, early in my tenure, people complained about all the green space we were converting from black asphalt and complained that we were buying vacant, derelict, dilapidated properties. Can you believe it? And could you imagine SLU any differently today?

New students come to campus and think SLU has always been like it is today. Their parents and grandparents can tell them that there was another era and remind the new students that they are lucky to attend a modern, urban university like SLU.

**HAS THE AVERAGE SLU STUDENT CHANGED IN THE TIME YOU'VE BEEN PRESIDENT?**

Students seem very different. They are all connected via their cell phones and social media, so it seems that they wouldn't have anything in common with the students I met when I arrived in 1987, but fundamentally they're the same at their very core. They are drawn to SLU for the same reasons that students were back then: They want to change the world. They have dreams. Many are passionate about how they can make a better life for themselves and for their family and friends. They understand quickly and most of them accept the fundamentals of a Jesuit university education.

**HOW WOULD YOU CHARACTERIZE THE CAMPUS NOW VERSUS WHEN YOU BECAME PRESIDENT?**

Simply said, I think it's more inviting. We've got green space, fountains, flowers and more spaces for study and quiet contemplation. It's also better defined. When I arrived, you could drive right by

An increase in the number of endowed chairs and professorships at the University from 16 to 67, drawing and retaining the nation's leading professors in their respective fields.

Construction of the \$81 million on-campus Chaifetz Arena in 2008. The 10,600-seat, multipurpose facility has dramatically enhanced the student experience and is home to SLU's basketball teams and hosts many concerts.



The decrease of the student-faculty ratio to 12-to-1 and reduction of the average class size to 24.4 students.

Completion of Scott Hall in downtown St. Louis, the Center for Global Citizenship (formerly the West Pine Gym), the Health Sciences Education Union, Medical Center Stadium, Hotel Ignacio, Water Tower Inn, John and Lucy Cook Hall, McDonnell Douglas Hall, Doisy College of Health Sciences, Dreiling-Marshall Hall, and the Henry Lay Center for Arts and Education in Louisiana, Mo., as well as the renovation and expansion of Busch Student Center and the renovation of Pius XII Memorial Library, among many other projects.

An increase of the University's endowment from \$93 million in 1987 to \$956 million.

Classification of SLU as a research institution by the Carnegie Foundation. The top-100 ranking of 35 undergraduate and graduate academic programs by *U.S News & World Report*.

The increase of full-time ranked faculty from 725 to 1,390.

SLU and not even know you had passed it. Today, SLU makes a big impression on metropolitan citizens and visitors.

I'm always reluctant to put too much emphasis on the physical changes to our campus because we've improved so much on the academic side as well, but the fact is that an attractive, safe and well-equipped campus is important. It helps recruit students. It helps retain students. And it visually reflects the outstanding institution that we are.

**IT'S TRUE; SO MANY PEOPLE FOCUS ON THE PHYSICAL CHANGES YOU'VE MADE TO SLU'S CAMPUS. WHAT ELSE SHOULD THEY KNOW ABOUT ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING YOUR TENURE?**

They should know that it hasn't all been about beauty and buildings. Those things are easy to photograph and showcase in *Universitas*, but they're only part of the story.

Our most important accomplishments are not as easy to display in the alumni magazine. I'm thinking of our modern, high-tech education; our full-tuition Presidential Scholarships; our 67 endowed chairs and professorships; our increased research funding; our endowment, which is \$956 million; and our new, innovative academic programs, such as our Centers for Sustainability, for World Health and Medicine, and for Global Citizenship. These accomplishments and so many others are sometimes overlooked when people focus on physical improvements to campus.

**HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT NOW VERSUS WHEN YOU FIRST CAME TO SLU?**

The SLU president is more a conductor of a symphony, trying to draw the best out of every player and instrument — and then making it blend in harmony. But sometimes even a tuba or drummer is off-key, and the conductor has to motivate the player or connect him or her to get back on the music score!

Also, we've grown, which means that it's more and more difficult to be involved in every decision here. When I started, I got involved in all aspects of SLU in order to listen, learn and act appropriately. As we grew, I had to trust and rely on our executive team to make the day-to-day decisions and bring me in when necessary. For someone like me who is very interested in details, that's a challenge, but there are only so many hours in the day! Accountability. Accountability. Accountability.

**WHAT HAS BEEN THE GREATEST THING ABOUT YOUR SLU CAREER?**

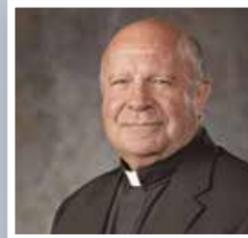
Without question, the people I've met. From our students, to community, business and civic leaders, to SLU alumni and benefactors, to my SLU colleagues, I am continually impressed by the SLU community. I came to St. Louis from Chicago in 1987 not knowing many people, and I quickly found not only acquaintances who became my friends, but a community of generous, friendly and passionate folks. When I am on my sabbatical, it's the people I will miss the most.

**WHAT IS NEXT FOR YOU? IN YOUR SPEECH AT THE GALA YOU MENTIONED THE CALL OF FATHER GENERAL OF THE JESUITS, ADOLFO NICOLÁS, S.J., FOR SERVING THE POOR, UNEDUCATED AND MARGINALIZED IN OUR SOCIETY. IS THAT WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO DO?**

I think I might like to spend time during my sabbatical serving the needy, improving the lives of society's most vulnerable people, but I'm not sure yet. I am discerning how best I can continue to be an instrument of our Lord as a Jesuit priest. Stay tuned.

**WHAT DO YOU SEE AS YOUR ROLE IN SLU'S TRANSITION?**

I see my focus on helping the transition in whatever way I can, but I will not interfere. If asked, I will share my thoughts and experiences with my successor.



UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., responds to the classic "Proust Questionnaire."

**What historical figure do you most identify with?** Ignatius Loyola

**Which living person do you most admire?** SLU alumnus John Foppe (the 2013 SLU Commencement speaker)

**Who are your favorite fictional heroes?** Tarzan, Superman and Dick Tracy

**Who is your real-life hero?** Archbishop Oscar Romero (who was assassinated in San Salvador in 1980)

**What are your most treasured possessions?** My two "sons," Iggy (9 years old) and Angelo (4 months old) — they're actually golden retrievers

**When and where were you happiest?** When I'm with friends who accept and love me — warts and all

**What is your most obvious characteristic?** My directness in communication

**What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?** Rashly judging others

**What is the trait you most deplore in others?** Manipulation of others for their own selfish, self-serving, self-absorbed rationalizations

**What is your greatest extravagance?** Maryland steamed crabs

**What is your favorite journey?** To southeast Asia — Thailand, Indonesia, South Korea and China

**On what occasion do you lie — even a white lie?** When I am too tired, and I am not up to accepting an invitation to an event

**Which words or phrases do you most overuse?** "You know"

**If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?** To be more patient

**What do you consider your greatest achievement?** What SLU has become — a leading Catholic, Jesuit university

**Where would you like to live?** Some island where there are at least 1,000 people who need a Jesuit priest for ministry

**What are the qualities you most admire in others?** Sincerity, open-mindedness, generosity and compassion

**What is it you most dislike?** Liars

**What do you value most in your friends?** Honesty, trust and loyalty

**How would you like to die?** Right after I receive our Lord in the Eucharist

**If you were to die and come back as a person or an animal, what do you think it would be?** A golden retriever

**What are your mottoes?** "Say what you mean and mean what you say." "Cemeteries are filled with indispensable people."

**Who has been the greatest influence on you?** My many Jesuit brothers

**WHAT GOALS DO YOU STILL HAVE, PERSONALLY?**

Of course I love being a Jesuit priest, but I still dream about being either a Tuscan chef, a landscaper or an architect.

**WHAT SHOULD THE BOARD BE LOOKING FOR IN THE NEXT SLU PRESIDENT?**

They should try to find someone who understands, accepts and can contribute to the long established tradition of a Catholic, Jesuit education, and who values the unique impact, mission and vision of Saint Louis University in particular.

He or she should be a strong communicator who can reach out to all of SLU's constituencies — trustees, benefactors, students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the civic, business and academic communities. Someone who can listen carefully, discern wisely, and lead and act courageously.

The next president must not be afraid to make tough decisions and to put SLU first and foremost.

**WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUR SUCCESSOR?**

First, understand the dynamics of various constituencies. Then keep focused on what is best for SLU to continue helping the University to succeed. And don't blink at the naysayers.

Once you understand SLU's culture, accept it for what it is and then make the right decisions. Then you will fall deeply in love with SLU. Your passion for SLU will inform every decision you make and allow you to always see the big picture and make your dreams become reality.

**HOW CAN ALUMNI CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SLU?**

Just because I'm retiring, doesn't mean SLU is stopping. It's still evolving. This great University still needs the support of alumni and friends. Many of our students rely on their generosity for help with funding scholarships and other academic efforts, and that must continue while we move forward.

Plus, many of our alumni and friends are our best ambassadors — helping recruit students and sharing the good news about our University. We need their support to continue to be successful. ✦

The establishment of new academic, service, leadership and diversity scholarships. In 2012, SLU provided a record \$339 million in aid to students.

Completion of the \$82 million Edward A. Doisy Research Center in 2007. The state-of-the-art, LEED-certified facility offers SLU's world-class researchers a world-class home.



An increase in the total number of students from 9,869 to 13,981.

An increase of the average ACT score of entering freshmen from 22.7 in 1987 to 27.6 in 2013.

Recognition as a character-building college by *The Templeton Guide: Colleges That Encourage Character Development*.

The establishment of the Center for World Health and Medicine, an innovative initiative dedicated to addressing critical health concerns in developing nations.

The launch of the first Center for Sustainability at a Jesuit university.

The creation of the College for Public Health and Social Justice.

The expansion and enhancement of Saint Louis University's Madrid campus as the first foreign university to be recognized officially by Spain's Ministry of Higher Education.



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SLU's Center for World Health and Medicine accelerates the process of drug discovery to help those most in need.

## Translational Drug Hunters

By Marie Dilg

*Peter Ruminski (A&S '75) was out of a job in 2009 but not out of ideas.*

His employer, Pfizer Inc., was closing its research center in Chesterfield, Mo., and laying off 600 pharmaceutical scientists. Rather than see talented and dedicated colleagues disperse, he cold-called Dr. Raymond Tait, vice president for research at Saint Louis University.

Ruminski proposed his drug-development team come to work for SLU.

"Academic scientists are very good at finding causes of disease and identifying biological targets," Ruminski said, "but they lack training in how to translate that basic knowledge into safe, effective drug candidates. That's what we bring to the table."

Ruminski further proposed that his highly skilled and multidisciplinary team focus its efforts on neglected and orphan diseases that take exceptionally heavy tolls on the poor, infants and children but garner little attention from the pharmaceutical giants because they lack significant commercial appeal.

Tait said he was intrigued.

"Part of the University's mission is to conduct research that matters and develop treatments that have true societal impact," Tait said. "Pete hit every note."

## Primary Targets

**CHAGAS DISEASE** The disease, spread by a parasite commonly found in South and Central America, has been called the “new AIDS of the Americas.” Most at risk are the young, poor and patients with weakened immune systems. (COLLABORATOR: DR. DAN HOFT, SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY)

**CHILDHOOD DIARRHEA** One of the leading causes of mortality in the developing world, diarrhea kills nearly 2 million children under the age of 5 each year. (COLLABORATOR: ONEWORLD HEALTH/PATH)

**HEPATITIS B** The infection attacks the liver and can lead to cirrhosis and liver cancer. Treatment options are extremely limited. (COLLABORATOR: DR. JOHN TAVIS, SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY)

**MALARIA** The parasitic disease is responsible for 2.16 million clinical episodes and 655,000 deaths worldwide annually. The majority of these deaths occur in young children in sub-Saharan Africa. (COLLABORATORS: DR. DAN GOLDBERG, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY; GUANGZHOU INSTITUTES OF BIOMEDICINE AND HEALTH-CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES)

**MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDOSES** If accurately diagnosed by screening newborns, these rare metabolic disorders can be treated to prevent irreversible developmental delays, skeletal deformities and early death. (COLLABORATOR: DR. ADRIANA MONTANO, SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY)

**PULMONARY FIBROSIS** A fatal lung disease with no effective therapy. Patients diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis usually are given two years to live. (COLLABORATOR: DR. DEAN SHEPARD, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SAN FRANCISCO)

**RARE FORMS OF MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY** Center scientists are looking at forms of the degenerative muscle disease that are associated with progressive skeletal muscle weakness and improper development of the retina. (COLLABORATOR: DR. STEPHEN TAPSCOTT, FRED HUTCHINSON CANCER RESEARCH CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON)

**SICKLE CELL DISEASE** The painful blood disorder can lead to organ damage and premature death. There is no cure for sickle cell disease. (COLLABORATORS: DR. BILL FERGUSON, SSM CARDINAL GLENNON CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER; JOHNSON & JOHNSON)

**TUBERCULOSIS (TB)** One of the world's deadliest diseases, TB killed nearly 1.4 million people in 2012. A third of the world's population is infected with TB. (COLLABORATORS: DR. DAN HOFT, SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY; OTHER GLOBAL TB RESEARCHERS)



Ruminski (left) and Tait

## THE GREATER GOOD

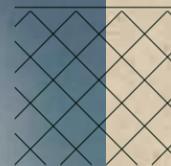
Tait said the University also understood allowing the pharmaceutical scientists to leave the city would be a threat to the scientific community.

“When you have scientists with decades of biotech research experience walking away, you're obligated to do something,” Tait said. “SLU and several other academic institutions and companies are trying to develop St. Louis as a hub for sci-

ence and entrepreneurship. Letting these scientists go wasn't an option.”

Fortunately, Tait said, then-University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., agreed with that assessment strongly enough to fund an initiative. So, with \$5 million in startup money from the University and a \$3 million donation of equipment and instrumentation from Pfizer, SLU established the Center for World Health and Medicine (CWHM) in 2010 as a

**HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?** The entire drug discovery process takes an average of 15 years to complete.



### BASIC RESEARCH STAGE (zero to three years)

Thousands of substances are developed, examined and screened.

### DEVELOPMENT STAGE (four to 10 years)

Anywhere from 10 to 20 substances are tested in vitro (in an artificial environment) and in vivo (within a living body). During preclinical and clinical testing, the substances are narrowed to one or two. Then, the drug is registered with the Food and Drug Administration.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE DRUG TO THE PUBLIC (11 to 15+ years)

Patients are observed and monitored during this period of drug surveillance.

nonprofit drug discovery research center embedded within the School of Medicine.

Located on the third floor of the Edward A. Doisy Research Center, the CWHM team collaborates with biomedical investigators within SLU and throughout the world to find treatments for its primary disease targets (see sidebar on page 18).

“Some of the diseases have no treatments at all, some have inadequate treatments or treatments that are encountering increased drug resistance, and some have side effects worse than the disease itself,” said Ruminski, executive director

otherwise might not have accessed.

In 2010 the federal government's investments in research increased under President Barack Obama's 2009 stimulus package, but in 2012 the budget tightened and continues to stagnate. The National Institutes of Health has shifted its focus to translational research initiatives that can speed the bench-to-bedside process.

“We were a bit ahead of the curve on this one,” Tait said. “With the center, the University is uniquely poised to take advantage of this shift.”

Researchers within the School of Medicine also are submitting more grant proposals than they were two years ago due to the intellectual and material resources the center brought to the University, including a sophisticated mass spectrometer donated by Pfizer that measures concentrations of atoms and molecules.

Earlier this year, Bio-Generator, a St. Louis nonprofit venture development group, announced it would invest in Antegrin Therapeutics, a startup biotech firm founded by CWHM researchers to advance drugs for the treatment of pulmonary fibrosis and other fibrotic diseases. Antegrin was the University's first spin-off company from the CWHM, followed soon after by Gateway Pharmacology Laboratory, which evaluates drug candidates in preclinical research models.

“Universities aren't in the business of bringing drugs to the market,” Ruminski said. “We identify promising compounds and file the patents, but clinical trials cost millions of dollars.”

He said businesses, such as big pharmaceutical companies that have downsized their research teams, sometimes look to invest in small biotech firms such as Antegrin to take a drug to the next level. He said

## Never Too Early to Start

Pre-med student Sarah McNitt transferred from a community college to SLU in search of hands-on research experience. She found more than she hoped for at the Center for World Health and Medicine.

Late last year, the biochemistry major who graduated in May became the first undergraduate to work in the center's medicinal chemistry lab. Under the supervision of Dr. Marvin Meyers, McNitt worked on a series of compounds that can kill the parasite that causes malaria.

“I've been interested in studying malaria since a friend in Zambia contracted the illness six years ago and was in a comatose state,” she said. “I couldn't do anything, and that experience catalyzed my interest in learning more about the disease.”

“Sarah was a driven and motivated student,” said Meyers, a research fellow and associate research professor. “She was meticulous and did a good job in the lab. She also showed up at 6:30 a.m. for meetings with our partners in China.”

Attracting highly motivated students to SLU is one of the byproducts of the CWHM's presence. The opportunity to work with experienced pharmaceutical scientists on projects with global impact already has become a magnet for medical students who are offered research electives with the CWHM. — *By Riya Anandwala*

of the CWHM. “We have a highly skilled and dedicated team, but one team can't tackle multiple diseases alone. What we can do, however, is leverage our partnerships and collaborations with local and global disease experts. This allows us to be more efficient and makes us stronger.”

## COMPETITIVE EDGE

By establishing the center, the University has opened doors to funding sources it

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pharmaceutical giants also increasingly look to contract research organizations such as Gateway as they outsource their research and development operations.

Graeme Thomas, director of the office of technology management at SLU, said Antegrin and Gateway demonstrate not only how a university-based drug discovery team can contribute to the treatment of diseases but how that team can promote regional economic growth.

“They serve as a model for facilitating the transfer of university intellectual property to the clinic,” he said.

## A LIFESAVING LIBRARY

While off to a good start — the center already has identified promising drug candidates for several disease areas — Ruminski said sustainability is the key to the CWHM's continued advancement of effective therapies for those most in need. He has launched a capital infrastructure campaign that targets the purchase of critical pieces of sophisticated equipment and instrumentation; hiring key personnel to operate the equipment; and assembling a world-class drug screening library.

The high cost and protracted timeline of new drug discovery are major roadblocks to creating therapies for neglected and orphan diseases. To accelerate that process, researchers can use screening libraries that contain existing FDA-approved drugs and shelved drug candidates that can be evaluated or repurposed for new therapeutic targets.

CWHM researchers are working with physicians at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center, for example, to evaluate ReoPro, a drug used to prevent blood clots in patients undergoing angioplasty, for use in children with sickle cell disease. Ruminski said clinical trials are scheduled to begin this year.

“Having our own high quality screening library would increase significantly SLU's ability to identify promising leads and would make us competitive with other major research centers,” Ruminski said. “And it would greatly enhance our efforts to develop new therapies for the poor and underserved, which is why we wanted to be here in the first place.”

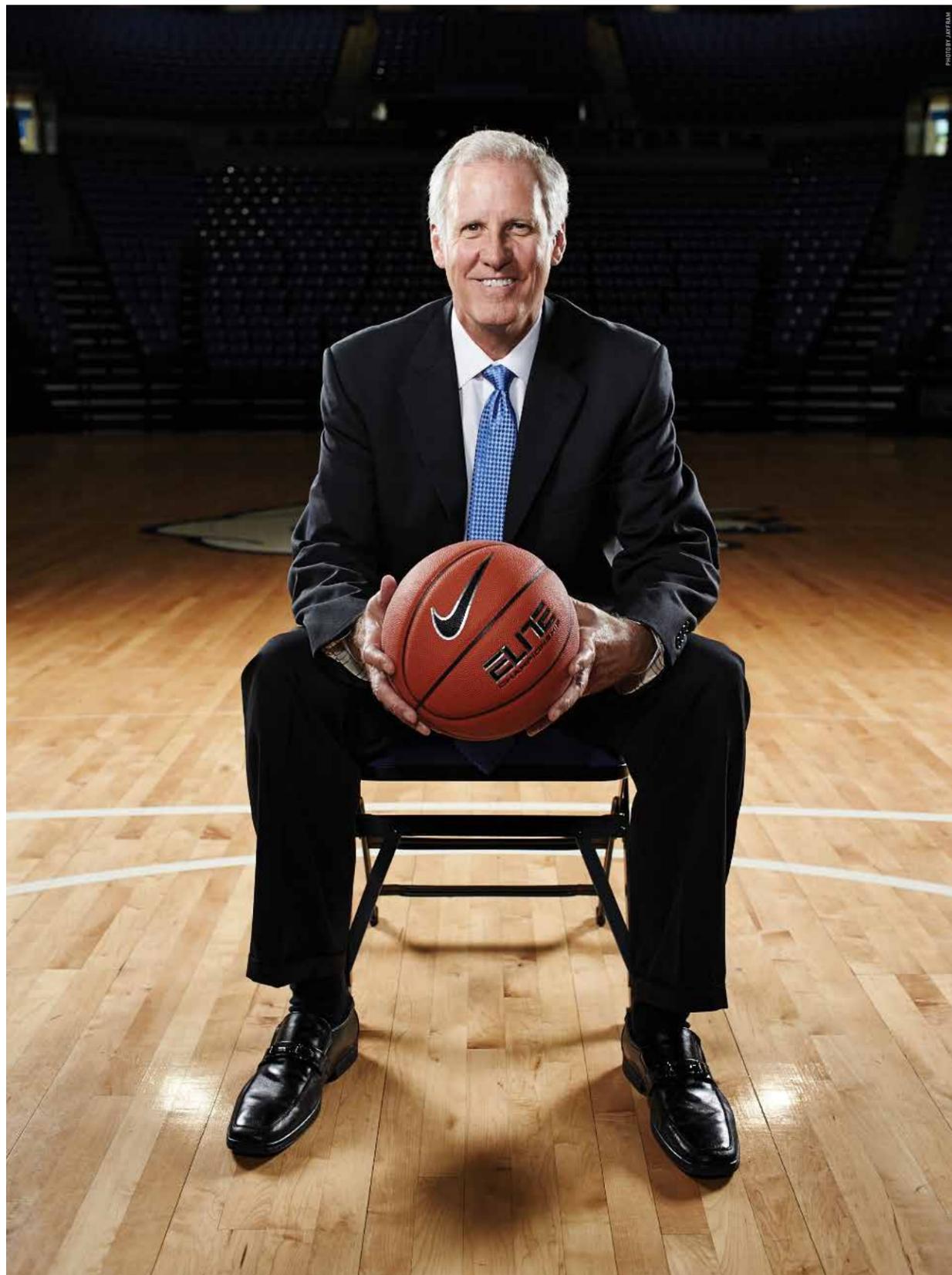


PHOTO BY JATMAN

The “new” Saint Louis University men’s basketball coach is no stranger to Billiken fans.

# Crews Control

— By Danielle Lacey

Three national groups named him the “Coach of the Year.”

But Saint Louis University head men’s basketball coach Jim Crews is not interested in the accolades.

“I’ve never been worried about a legacy,” Crews said. “My concern is that we are able to educate and encourage and empower these guys to have the tools they need for their experience here — not only with

basketball — but to have a springboard for a successful life.”

Crews has been coaching at the collegiate level for almost three decades. He began his career as an assistant coach at Indiana University with Bob Knight before moving on to coach at the University of Evansville and the U.S. Military Academy.

He came to Saint Louis University in August 2011, when then-head basketball coach Rick Majerus, a good friend and longtime colleague, approached him about assisting with the team. Crews stepped in as interim head coach at the beginning of the 2012-13 season when Majerus went on medical leave, and he was named head men’s basketball coach at a press conference April 15. Leading the team following the loss of their coach and mentor was challenging, but it was a challenge that Crews felt the whole team could tackle together.

“In that tragic situation we had the advantage of all being in the same boat,” he said. “We were all invited to come to St. Louis by Coach Majerus. I’ve known Coach for 25 or 30 years, so it wasn’t just the players who were going through it. We were all kind of thrown in it together.”

And there was a lot more coming their way. This past year, the Saint Louis University men’s basketball team had what some called the most demanding season in the program’s history. The 14 young men on the team went from heartbreaking lows to crowd-roaring highs in just a few short months. And between Majerus’ death on Dec. 1 and the team’s final appearance in the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament on March 23, they were led by the unshakable and pragmatic Crews.

But Crews is reluctant to take sole credit for what the team accomplished during the past season.

“For an athletic department or a team to do well, there really has to be a perfect storm of people,” Crews said. “It started at the top: Father Biondi; Vice President for Student Development Kent Porterfield; and Athletic Director Chris May. They were instrumental in helping this team. They’ve done so many things behind



PHOTO BY BILL BARRETT

Crews (far right) on the sidelines during a game.

the scenes to put these guys in position to be successful.”

Clearly it takes some prodding to get Crews to talk about himself. Ask him a question about his work with the Billikens, and his focus tends to zero in on the players on the team and his staff.

That kind of thinking — all-for-one, one-for-all — is part of the culture of Saint Louis University basketball and has served the team well, if last season is any proof. Despite the challenges of the indefinite leave and later the death of Coach Majerus, the Billikens rallied together to post the most successful season in school history. They finished with 28 wins, the University’s first Atlantic 10 Conference championship and a second consecutive NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament appearance.

“One thing I really admire about our players is how they conducted themselves throughout last season,” Crews said. “And even when good times came, they just kept trying to do the next right thing; they didn’t get caught up. They kept their eyes on the stars and their feet on the ground and were humble about it.”

When Majerus died in the middle of the season, Crews didn’t allow the team to get off track; in fact, he

saw it as an opportunity to teach the players about overcoming the challenges they’ll face on and off the court.

“The future is never as clear as we’d all like it to be,” Crews said. “You can end up in places you never dreamt that you would be. I think that the players did a tremendous job of handling it.”

And the players credit Crews with guiding them. “Coach Crews and the rest of the staff were amazing this past year,” said forward Dwayne Evans. “They did a really nice job of keeping the team together through a tough period. We were able to play loose, and had leadership up and down the floor.”

The coach’s own acceptance of Majerus’ death is about as pragmatic as his strategies with basketball.

“It’s always sad when you lose someone very close. And obviously the longer you live, the more people you’ve known who have passed away,” Crews said. “What I’ve personally done is taken the memories and the lessons that the person has taught, and that’s how they live on in my life. Although they’re absent in body, they’re still present in spirit.”

His team agrees. “Coach Majerus laid the foundation for the program, and Coach Crews and the rest of the coaching staff are carrying it on,” said guard Mike McCall Jr. “I don’t think there’s a day that goes by that we don’t think of Coach Majerus. The things he taught us will live with us for the rest of our lives.”

### Program management

Though students, alumni and members of the St. Louis community are very interested in how Crews plans to continue the team’s success, he believes that focusing on the coming season is jumping the gun. It’s the program, he said, that should be emphasized.

“The program is much more important than teams,” Crews said. “The byproduct of a good program is that you’re going to have some really good teams — you might even have some great teams — but you also might not have a good team here and there.”

Crews said he thinks fans fixate on individual teams and seasons instead of the overall program because that’s what’s valued and broadcast on TV. But he emphasized that the program affects what the student-athletes get out of it. Rather than simply being players in a game, the team members learn lessons about leadership and collaboration that will serve them in all facets of their lives.

That promise for future success is why he focuses on the fundamentals of the program over individual game tactics.

“If the program is good, and if you follow the rules, you have kids who go out and help in the community,” Crews said. “They’re getting an education, they’re competing, they’re learning lessons.”

It’s hard to argue with the results of his philosophy. Crews is known for the high number of players who graduate under his mentorship. While at Evansville, 52 of the 53 players who spent four years with his team graduated, and with Army, all 30 of the seniors who played four years with him earned their degrees.

It’s a record that impresses Crews’ boss, Athletic Director Chris May. “Jim embraces the goals of our department that we focus on daily — to educate, compete and build community,” May said. “Jim showed all the skills necessary to succeed at SLU. He led the program with great class to the best season in school history, and he has a vision and plan to lead it successfully into the future.”

“If the program is good, and if you follow the rules, you have kids who go out and help in the community.” — CREWS

### Thinking ahead

Though three senior Billikens ended their SLU careers at the end of the 2012-13 season — Kwamain Mitchell, Cody Ellis and Cory Remekun — the team has five seniors returning this fall.

“We’ve got a great nucleus with those five guys and some younger guys that will do well,” Crews said.

Recruits to Saint Louis University face a higher standard than at many universities. SLU’s Jesuit mission guides not only its academics and service to the community, but its athletic program as well. From the beginning, the staff seeks potential Billikens who not only have the talent and stamina to take part in college play, but also the attitude and morals to succeed at a Catholic, Jesuit university.

“When looking at a recruit, first there’s looking to see if he has the values that we believe in at Saint Louis,” Crews said. “Our program is not for everybody. We don’t want it for everybody. I’m not capable or qualified to coach for everybody.”

In addition to fitting in at SLU, players must work to balance the expectations of college life. Often, students who were star players in high school struggle to keep up with the demands — both on the court and in the classroom — of being a college student-athlete.

“We want kids who have good God-given ability from a basketball standpoint,” Crews said. “We want kids that have an appreciation and a gratitude for an opportunity instead of an entitlement mentality. Kids who want to be coached. Kids who understand they’ve got to get better as basketball players to be good basketball players in Division I.”

One of Crews’ proudest moments from the past season was watching the players begin to take ownership of the team. Rather than sit and listen to their coach’s instruction, the players began to understand the game from a coach’s viewpoint. He’s not afraid to admit that there were moments when he’d ask players on the bench for their suggestions.

“I think that’s a great display of leadership from a young person,” he said. “Some people know information, but if they don’t pass it on, it doesn’t do anyone any good. These guys had the great ability to do that on both fronts — knowing it and understanding it — and then passing it to the other guys and the coaches.”

With quality academic programs and support from the University at all levels, Crews has faith that the players will go on to succeed, not only in basketball, but also in life.

“Saint Louis University has a program with kids who conduct themselves in a first-class fashion and who are going to go out in the world and be leaders,” he said. “The SLU experience on and off the floor has prepared them to do some wonderful things to give back to society.”

McCall during the game against Kansas.



### Good game?

A good game doesn’t necessarily mean a victorious one. When asked about a standout moment from last season’s play, the game that head men’s basketball coach Jim Crews recalls most clearly was one the Billikens lost. But their loss wasn’t without a concentrated effort.

On Nov. 20, the Billikens took on basketball powerhouse Kansas. The Billikens had just come off a win against Texas A&M the night before, following what Crews called a “dismal” performance against Santa Clara.

Experienced guards Kwamain Mitchell and Jordair Jett were out for the game, leaving junior guard Mike McCall Jr. on the floor to play for an exhausting 39 minutes.

The team was losing, and even when Crews himself had determined there was no way to make a comeback, he noticed something. The players were still going strong on the court, fighting and motivating each other to keep up.

“They just kept fighting,” he recalled. “They just kept competing and being enthusiastic for each other. That was very, very encouraging.”

Not only was their performance inspiring, it was impressive. Senior forward Cody Ellis posted 19 points during that game — just one point shy of his career high — and junior forward Dwayne Evans posted a game-high 11 rebounds.

“So that, of course, just shows that even in a defeat, you can find out a lot of things,” Crews said. “The wins aren’t the tell-tale story sometimes.”

## Trophy case

The 2012-13 basketball season brought the Billikens many accolades. Here are just a few of the honors handed out to the coach and players.



### Coach Jim Crews

Named National Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches

Named National Coach of the Year by *The Sporting News*

Named Atlantic 10 Conference Coach of the Year

Finalist for the Naismith and Jim Phelan Coach of the Year awards



### Cody Ellis (FORWARD)

Named the Atlantic 10 Conference Sixth Man of the Year



### Dwayne Evans (FORWARD)

Selected to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference first team

Selected to the Atlantic 10 All-Championship team

Named the Most Outstanding Player at the Atlantic 10 Championship tournament



### Jordair Jett (GUARD)

Selected to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference third team



### Kwamain Mitchell (GUARD)

Chosen to participate in the 2013 Reese’s College All-Star Game

Selected to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference third team

Selected to the Atlantic 10 All-Championship team

# classnotes

1953

**Dr. Sigfrid Muller** (MED) is retiring after 18 years at his Las Vegas clinic, 34 years as professor and chair of dermatology at the Mayo Clinic and Medical School in Rochester, Minn., and 60 years as a practicing physician. He lives in Scottsdale, Ariz.

1954

**Sr. Maurita Sengelaub** (PH) was inducted into the Modern Healthcare Hall of Fame. She was the first woman to head the Catholic Hospital Association and has been in health care for 60 years. She lives in Farmington Hills, Mich.

1956

**Eugene Barber, S.J.** (A&S '56, GRAD '58) received honorary Chilean citizenship in recognition of his almost 50 years of educational and social work there. It is Chile's highest honor to a non-Chilean. He lives in Santiago, Chile.

1959

**Dr. Paul Pitlyk** (MED) recently released his memoir, *Blood on China Beach*, which chronicles his experiences as a young brain surgeon during the Vietnam War. He lives in Burlingame, Calif.

1961

**Sr. Thelma Marie Mitchell** (NURS) has retired from nursing and now volunteers at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center in St. Louis.

1962

**Gerald Meyer** (A&S) is the author of a new book, *The Borgias*. He lives in Mere, Wiltshire, England.

1963

**Dr. Edward Chow** (MED) received the Silver SPUR Award from the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association for his more than four decades of service addressing the health needs of the Asian community in San Francisco.

1964

**David Corcoran** (A&S '64, GRAD '65) is president of the West Virginia Press Association. He is the editor and publisher of *The Glenville Democrat* and *The Glenville Pathfinder*. He lives in Glenville, W.Va.

1965

**Nancy Lawler** (A&S) retired from the National Security Agency, where she was a computer systems researcher. She lives in Baltimore.

1967

**John Knoepfle** (A&S) has written a new book, *Shadows and Starlight*. He lives in Springfield, Ill.

**Dr. Thomas Meirink** (MED) volunteers weekly at the Resurrection House, which last year treated 51,000 homeless people. He lives in Sarasota, Fla.

**Joseph Melchiorre Jr.** (A&S) retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1996 with the rank of colonel. He then became the executive administrator for Shriners Hospitals for Children and served as vice president for hospital operations before retiring in 2013. He and his wife **Sadye** (A&S '69) live in Tampa, Fla.

**Rev. Thomas Weise** (SW) is pastor of St. Patrick and Mother Mary parishes in Phenix City, Ala. He plans to retire to Israel in 2014.

1968

**Mary Ann (Minnick) Wermers** (NURS '68, GRAD '70) retired as the dean of health and sciences at Pikes Peak Community College, and a nursing student crisis fund was named in her honor. She lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

1969

**Frank Razzano** (A&S) was named one of the top attorneys in Washington, D.C., for 2013 by *Super Lawyers Magazine*. He has more than 40 years of criminal and civil jury trial experience.

**James Virtel** (LAW) was named a 2013 Lawyer of the Year in energy law by *Best Lawyers*. He lives in St. Louis.

1970

**Robert Bernier** (PARKS) has retired from a 37-year career as a military and commercial pilot. He now helps restore vintage airplanes at the San Diego Air and Space Museum. He and his wife Carol live in San Diego.

**Kevin O'Malley** (A&S '70, LAW '73) received the Award of Honor from the Lawyers Association of St. Louis for his 10 years of service as a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Department of Justice.

**Janice Wurtz** (E&PS) volunteers at Jayhawk Elementary School, sings in the church choir and serves on the library board. She lives in Mound City, Kan.

1971

**G. Tracy Mehan** (A&S '71, LAW '74) coordinates source water protection efforts for the Endowment for Forestry and Communities. He lives in Vienna, Va.

**Clarence Stokes** (A&S) received the 2013 Health-Care Hero Lifetime Achievement Award from *The Atlanta Business Chronicle*. He is the president and CEO of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation. Under his leadership, the CDC Foundation has provided nearly \$400 million to support CDC's work, launched more than 600 programs around the world and built a network of individuals and organizations committed to supporting CDC and public health. He lives in Decatur, Ga.

1973

**Mary (Sweeney) Connelly** (NURS), who is recently widowed, has two new grandchildren, Mary Kate and Weiler. She lives in St. Louis.

1974

**Francis O'Connor** (LAW) will be president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association for 2014. He lives in Susquehanna, Pa.

1975

**Gary Schultz** (PARKS '75, '76) has been a senior field service engineer at United Technologies Aerospace Systems for 33 years. He lives in Chanhassen, Minn.

**Jane Thompson** (SW) released her new book, *Nourishing the Grieving Heart: Reflections and Paths for Healing*. It shares her knowledge from more than 40 years in bereavement counseling. She lives in Minnetonka, Minn.

1978

**Sr. Patricia Rhoten** (A&S) is celebrating 50 years as an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph. After years of teaching, she is an archives assistant at Mount Saint Joseph, Ky.

**Dr. Eldon Trame** (MED) is president of the Illinois State Medical Society. He practices internal medicine at Esse Health in Belleville, Ill.

1979

**Raymond Fournie** (LAW) was named a 2013 Lawyer of the Year in mass tort litigation/class actions-defendants by *Best Lawyers*. He lives in St. Louis.

**Jeffrey Jackson** (LAW) has been the senior vice president-general counsel of State Farm Insurance since 2008. He has been with the company 25 years and lives in Bloomington, Ill.

**Robert Shaner** (PS '79, '08) is retiring after 39 years at The Boeing Co. He lives in Florissant, Mo.

1980

**Francis Buckley** (COOK '80, GRAD, LAW '83) serves on the board of directors of the American College of Bankruptcy. He lives in St. Louis.

1981

**Dr. Joseph M. Forand** (MED) is president of the medical, dental and podiatric staff of St. Anthony's Medical Center in St. Louis. The two-year term includes a position on the hospital's board of directors. He is a board-certified anesthesiologist who has been on the St. Anthony's medical staff since 1988.

**Timothy Tryniecki** (LAW) was named a 2013 Lawyer of the Year in land use and zoning law by *Best Lawyers*. He lives in St. Louis.

1982

**James Cantalin** (A&S '82, LAW '92) has joined the St. Louis law firm Brown & Crouppen. He is the past president of the Lawyers Association of St. Louis.

1983

**Stephen Arena** (A&S) is the environment, health and safety manager for Assa Abloy-Sargent Manufacturing. He is celebrating his daughter Madeline's college graduation and his son, Stephen Andrew, beginning his college career. He lives in Shelton, Conn.

**Carrie Hall** (DOISY) is the founder and president of Movement Systems Physical Therapy. She is co-author of *Therapeutic Exercise: Moving Toward Function*. She lives in Mercer Island, Wash.



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

### BRIDGET HEOS

BY AMY GARLAND

**W**hat do larvae, dentists and Jay-Z have in common?

The question might sound like the setup for a punch line, but for Bridget (Brewster) Heos (A&S '98) it's all in a day's work.

A writer from Kansas City, Mo., Heos has realized her life's calling in topics such as these. She pens mostly nonfiction, mostly for children.

"I've written 60 books, which sounds like a lot — but most of them are like 300 words," Heos said.

Her modesty seems unfounded, especially considering that Heos has built her career while raising four children. During the last year alone, she had seven books come out — and gave birth to a daughter in March.

As Heos describes it, writing is a perfect way to balance career and family.

"I work from home, which happens to be right across the street from where my kids go to school," she said. "And until the baby was born, I had long stretches of quiet time to write while the boys were at school."

The lifestyle is her dream come true.

When she studied English and philosophy at Saint Louis University, Heos wanted to be a writer but lacked confidence in her creativity. Graduation set her off on a string of odd jobs and moves across the country.

"I was life-guarding! I was 22 years old, and I was a lifeguard," she said. "I had no clue what to do. I wanted to be a writer, but I couldn't think of anything to write."

Instead of waiting for inspiration, Heos looked for assignments. She started freelancing for newspapers and magazines, and built up a portfolio.

Then she started having children, and everything changed.

"My first son loved nonfiction books. That's all we ever got from the library — no *Giving Tree* or anything like that," Heos said. "I realized that there are publishers who only do school and library books, which are mostly nonfiction."

After starting a blog and

joining a local writing group, she connected with an editor who hired her to write her first book, a young adult biography of Jay-Z. Lady Gaga, pro-wrestlers and football players followed — not to mention book series about U.S. states, baby animals, careers and more.

"I fell in love with writing for children, and I found that nonfiction was a good fit for me," Heos said.

"And luckily, it was easier to break into that market because everyone wants to write fiction for kids."

Heos is no different. Although she found success with nonfiction, she didn't forget her original dream: to think up and write her own stories. She pitched lots of ideas to her editors while continuing to write for hire and read widely.

But perhaps fittingly, it was her children who continued to have the biggest influence on her career. In fact, Heos' most recent book was inspired by a trip to the school library with her second son, Richie, and some other first graders.

"We happened to come across the book *Crash* by Jerry Spinelli, which has a baby with a mustache on the cover," she said. "My son and his friends were literally falling on the floor laughing about the picture, and I thought, 'Well, there's an idea.'"

*Mustache Baby* was born. Described by *Kirkus Reviews* as a "simple and silly metaphorical tale of the terrible twos," the book introduces mustachioed baby Billy and explores whether his facial hair will mark him as a good guy or a bad guy. *Publisher's Weekly* said, "The book's oddball sense of humor is unflinching."

So now that she's found fiction success, what's next?

"I'm going to read lots of new children's books, which honestly I can't get enough of," Heos said. "Now that I found what I want to do, it's not just a career — it's my whole life."

For reading suggestions and more discussion of kids' books, find Heos on Facebook at "Author Bridget Heos."



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1984

**Patricia Burd** (E&PS) chairs the board of commissioners for the Georgia Student Finance Commission. She lives in Gainesville, Ga.

**Michael Gibbons** (LAW) was named the 2012 Citizen of the Year by the Kirkwood-Des Peres Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a partner in the St. Louis office of the law firm Stinson Morrison Hecker.

**Charles Rarick** (E&PS), a professor at Purdue University Calumet, was selected for a Fulbright Specialists project in Indonesia at Universitas Sebelas Maret this summer. This is his fourth Fulbright award. He lives in Crown Point, Ind.

1985

**Donna Goelz** (LAW) is a shareholder with the new law firm Howard and Howard Attorneys. She lives in Peoria, Ill.

1986

**Carol Dempsey** (A&S) was a contributing editor for the newly released *Anselm Academic Study Bible*. She lives in Portland, Ore.

**Paul Gore** (A&S) is a fellow of the American Council on Education. He is the director of institutional analysis and associate professor of educational psychology at the University of Utah. He lives in Salt Lake City.

1987

**Jena (Reidt) Hogan** (NURS) has been a registered nurse for 35 years, a registered vascular technologist for 30 years and has worked at St. Luke's Hospital for 14 years. She and her husband Kurt have twin sons, Jared and Korey. They live in Labadie, Mo.

**Fabienne (Heraux) Rousseau** (A&S) is a school principal and the EducationUSA adviser for Haiti. She has been married 22 years and has two sons, Fabrice and Stanley. She lives in Petion-Ville, Haiti.

**Kathleen Whitby** (LAW) was named a 2013 "Top Rated Lawyer in Environmental Law" by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell and American Lawyer Media. She lives in St. Louis.

1988

**E. Kelly Keady** (A&S '88, LAW '92) is publishing his second novel, *The Fall of St. Sebastian*, through Forty Press. He lives in Minneapolis.

1989

**Cheng-Erh Chang** (PH) is project manager for medical information system integration at Mikotek International Corp. He lives in Taipei, Taiwan.

**Margena Christian** (A&S) earned a doctorate in adult and continuing education at National Louis University in Chicago. She is a senior writer for *Ebony Magazine* and an adjunct English professor for the City Colleges of Chicago.

**Dr. David Pohl** (MED) is the 2013 president of the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society. He is in private practice with Radiologic Imaging Consultants and is director of radiology at SSM St. Joseph Hospital West. He lives in Chesterfield, Mo.

1990

**Antonio Mendoza** (DOISY) owns a labor outsourcing service business that provides skilled workers for cargo shipbuilding. He lives in Cebu, Philippines.

1993

**Timothy Gearin** (LAW) was named a 2013 Lawyer of the Year in medical malpractice law-defendants by *Best Lawyers*. He lives in O'Fallon, Mo.

**James Hammerschmidt** (LAW) is co-president of the law firm Paley Rothman and co-chairs the firm's labor and employment law group. He lives in Bethesda, Md.

1994

**Dr. Miguel Paniagua** (A&S) is an at-large member of the National Board of Medical Examiners board of directors. He is an associate professor and director of SLU's internal medicine residency program and a diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

1995

**Lisa (Parker) Freeman** (LAW) is senior counsel with the law firm Husch Blackwell, focusing on educational institutions and education litigation. She lives in Chicago.

**Alison Gee** (PH) is the director of public policy and advocacy for the Parents as Teachers international office. She lives in St. Louis.

**Thomas Jerry** (LAW) was named to the 2013 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for his work in real estate law. He works for the law firm Spencer Fane Britt & Browne in St. Louis.

**Jan (Williams) Remm** (DOISY) completed her fellowship with the National Association of Public Hospitals. She is the assistant hospital administrator at Riverside County Regional Medical Center. She lives in Murrieta, Calif., with her husband Steve and children, Kayma and Jessica.

1996

**Katherine Smith** (LAW) joined the law firm Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard after five years at her own law firm. She lives in Alton, Ill.

**John Tieman** (A&S) wrote a chapter, "Shame on You, Child: On Shaming, Educational Psychology and Teacher Education," for the book, *The Uses of Psychoanalysis in Working with Children's Emotional Lives*. He also has an article in the spring issue of *Schools: Studies in Education*. He lives in St. Louis.

1997

**Larry Berneking** (E&PS) has retired after 30 years in Missouri public schools and more than 10 years at North Georgia College & State University. He lives in Buford, Ga.

1998

**John Hasman** (A&S) is a partner at Armstrong Teasdale in the litigation practice group. He lives in St. Louis.

**Eric Schwalb** (A&S) is senior corporate counsel for CenturyLink, the nation's third-largest telecommunications company. He recently published his novel, *The East Side*. He lives in St. Louis with his wife Christy and their three children.

**Bryan White** (A&S) and his wife Beth had their third daughter Delaney Faith on April 20. They live in Belleville, Ill.

1999

**Saronda Ore** (E&PS) was named Teacher of the Year for the 2012-13 school year. She is certified to teach in three states and lives in Sandy Springs, Ga.

**David Sander** (A&S) is a city councilman and mayor in the City of Rancho Cordova, Calif. He has also been elected to the National Academy of Public Administration. He and his wife Maggie have a son, Charles.

2000

**Daniel Cruikshanks** (E&PS) is an associate professor of counseling psychology and chair of the psychology department at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich. He has been clinical director of the graduate studies in counseling program at Heidelberg University for 13 years.

**Joseph Demko** (LAW) is a partner with the law firm SmithAmundsen. He lives in St. Louis.

**Matthew Fields** (LAW) is principal with the law firm Danna McKittrick, focusing on toxic tort litigation. He lives in St. Louis.

2002

**Mandy (Hobson) Kamykowski** (LAW) and her husband Chris welcomed their daughter Austen Rose on Dec. 3, 2011. They live in St. Louis.

2003

**Joshua Brewster** (A&S) and his wife **Sarah (Trozzolo) Brewster** (A&S '04) welcomed their third child Maeve Marie in June 2012. They live in Kansas City, Mo.

**Bianca (Price) Chapman** (A&S) works in commercial litigation at Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale and is a member of the Illinois and Missouri Bar Associations. She lives in St. Louis.

**Geoffrey Miller** (A&S) was a contributing editor for the newly released *Anselm Academic Study Bible*. He lives in St. Louis.

2005

**Monique Funkenbusch** (PH) is a supervising consultant at BKD National Health Care Group, providing reimbursement and operational consulting for health centers. She lives in Springfield, Mo.

**Ryan McAlvey** (LAW) is the assistant athletic director for compliance and student services at the University of Portland (Ore.).

**Julia (Stock) Pucci** (LAW) has started the two-attorney family law firm of Pucci/Pirtle. She lives in Algonquin, Ill.

2006

**Lucas Maxwell** (COOK) is certified as a financial planner. He lives in St. Louis.

**Scott Mueller** (LAW) is director of Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith and was recognized for his work in the largest defense verdict category of the Missouri Lawyers Media 2013 Awards. He lives in St. Louis.

**Erin Phillips** (LAW) is a partner with the law firm Unsell, Schattnik & Phillips. She lives in Bethalto, Ill.

2007

**David Frenzia** (LAW) is an associate in the litigation practice group with the law firm Armstrong Teasdale. He lives in St. Louis.

**Kilby (Cantwell) MacFadden** (LAW) received the Distinguished Service Award for her commitment to Cook County's Rehabilitative Alternative Probation Program. She lives in Glenview, Ill.

**Scott Schoonover** (A&S) helped design and build the puppets for SLU's production of *Mukashi, Mukashi* last spring.

**Edward Vishnevetsky** (LAW, GRAD) was named one of Texas' "Top 25 Legal Leaders on the Rise." He lives in Dallas.

2008

**Rebecca Frigy** (LAW, GRAD) was named a Young Professional's Hero by the St. Louis Crisis Nursery. She lives in Decatur, Ill.

**Kathryn Lewis** (A&S) married **Brian Laczko** (A&S) on Oct. 7, 2012. Kathryn is a freelance writer and works at Emma Inc. Brian works at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

**Courtney Nelson** (A&S) received her doctorate in industrial organizational psychology from the University of Tulsa in May. She lives in Thiensville, Wis.

**Christopher Stagg** (LAW) joined the U.S. Department of State in 2010 as a senior policy adviser in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs as the department's deputy lead for President Obama's Export Control Reform initiative. He lives in Alexandria, Va.

2009

**Benjamin Brenkert, S.J.** (E&PS) is ending his three-year regency at Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey City, N.J., and will continue his studies at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry in preparation for ordination to the priesthood as a member of the Society of Jesus.

**Emery Reusch** (A&S '09, LAW '12) joined the litigation practice group of the law firm Danna McKittrick in St. Louis.

**Audra Zobrist** (LAW) is an associate with the law firm HeplerBroom. She focuses her practice on the defense of asbestos toxic torts. She lives in Highland, Ill.

2010

**Sheena Hamilton** (LAW) is vice chairman of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division's Labor and Employment Law Committee. She lives in St. Louis.

**Patrick Hinrichs** (LAW) is in the litigation practice group of the law firm Danna McKittrick in St. Louis.

**Tate McKay** (COOK) works in the real estate department at the Anheuser-Busch Employees' Credit Union. He lives in St. Louis.

2011

**Cassie Barr** (LAW) works at the law firm Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale. She lives in St. Louis.

**Jody Sowell** (A&S) is director of exhibitions and research at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis.

**Richard Walker** (LAW) is an associate attorney at the law firm Ward & Eccher in St. Louis.

2012

**Eileen Costello** (LAW) is an associate with the family law firm of McCurley Orsinger McCurley Nelson & Downing. She lives in O'Fallon, Ill.

**Rachel Gehringer** (A&S) is working on a doctorate at the University of Kansas.

**Susan Jostes** (LAW) works at the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office. She lives in Chesterfield, Mo.

# in memoriam

Mr. Ralph Fischer (Cook '37)  
 Mrs. Theresa (Merenda) Costa (A&S '38)  
 Mr. Leonard Hammond (Parks '38)  
 Mr. William Beaver (Cook '39)  
 Dr. Charles Manuele (Med '39)  
 Mr. Eugene Bachmann (Cook '40)  
 Mr. Richard Stith (A&S '40)  
 Mrs. Margaret (McNiff) Overman (Nurs '41)  
 Mr. Taylor Desloge (A&S '42)  
 Mr. James Holton (A&S '42)  
 Dr. Felix Shepley (Med '42)  
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 Mr. George Robertson (A&S '43)  
 Mr. Robert Sparrow (Parks '43)  
 Rev. Robert Hoene (A&S '44)  
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 Dr. William Kistner (Med '46)  
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 Dr. Paul Waltman (A&S '52)  
 Ms. Kathleen Dunn (Nurs '53)  
 Mr. John Front (Parks '53)  
 Rev. Frederick Homann (A&S '53)

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 Mr. Marion Ebert (Cook '54)  
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 Mr. Raymond Laux (Cook '54)  
 Mrs. Mary (Gallant) Maternowski (Nurs '54)  
 Dr. Albert Miller (Grad '54)  
 Mr. Kenneth Miller (Parks '54)  
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 Dr. Mary Louise (Wahlert) Thomasson (Med '55)  
 Dr. John Winkelmann (A&S '55)  
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 Mrs. Naomi (Raney) Curtis (SW '56)  
 Dr. Harry Dangerfield (Med '56)  
 Dr. Angela (Donati) Dorenkamp (A&S '56)  
 Mr. Edwin Gasaway (Law '56)  
 Mr. William Gross (A&S '56)  
 Dr. Raymond Jorgensen (Med '56)  
 Lt. Col. Jerome Kippenberger (A&S '56)  
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 Lt. Col. (Ret) Sarah Balkema (Nurs '59)  
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 Mr. Don Kern (Cook '59)  
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 Mr. John Niemann (Law '59)  
 Sr. Elizabeth Pleas (E&PS '59)  
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 Sr. Ethel Herdeman (PH '62)  
 Mrs. Bonnie (Bowdern) O'Keefe (E&PS '62)  
 Mrs. Elsie (Siebert) Petri (Nurs '62)  
 Mrs. Bettie (Jackson) Rawe (Doisy '62)  
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 Mr. Donald James (Law '63)  
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 Richard Sahrman (A&S '65)  
 Rev. Walter Watson (A&S '65)

Mr. Gerald Ondr (A&S '66)  
 Dr. Stanley Pfost (Dent '66)  
 Mr. Timothy Ryan (A&S '66)  
 Dr. Robert Schneider (Dent '66)  
 Rev. Christopher Billac (A&S '67)  
 Sr. Martha Gilman (A&S '67)  
 Mr. George Thomas (Cook '67)  
 Rev. Robert Babka (A&S '68)  
 Mr. Joseph Brady (E&PS '68)  
 Mr. Charles Brown (Cook '68)  
 Mr. Kenneth Haley (Cook '68)  
 Mr. Robert Richardson (IT '68)  
 Dr. Phillip Albro (Med '69)

Sr. Georgeann Hanson (A&S '69)  
 Mr. William Rosenberg (A&S '69)  
 Mr. Karl Wagner (Parks '69)  
 Mr. Laurence McGrady (Nurs '70)  
 Dr. Robert Arnspiger (E&PS '71)  
 Miss Mildred Chambless (PH '71)  
 Mr. Eugene Feeney (E&PS '71)  
 Mr. John Galanis (Cook '71)  
 Mr. Henry Gerhardt (Law '71)  
 Dr. Joseph Giangiacomo (Med '71)  
 Ms. Cecilia Miller (A&S '71)  
 Mr. Edward Benson (E&PS '72)  
 Mr. Dennis Fayhee (A&S '72)

Dr. Michael Hynes (Med '72)  
 Mr. Arthur Korte (SW '72)  
 Mr. Barry Myers (Parks '72)  
 Mr. Henry Osborne (E&PS '72)  
 Dr. Robert Sinclair (A&S '72)  
 Mr. Leslie Davis (Law '73)  
 Dr. Winfred Engelhardt (E&PS '73)  
 Rev. Paul Goetting (E&PS '73)  
 Sr. Darlyne Kern (E&PS '73)  
 Dr. Larry Kovachevich (Med '73)  
 Mr. Dennis Rathmann (Law '73)  
 Mr. Henry Rieke (Law '73)  
 Dr. Henry Bollinger (A&S '74)  
 Dr. Kent Bruder (Grad '74)  
 Mrs. Monica Houle (A&S '74)  
 Dr. Angus Macleod (Med '74)  
 Mr. Donald Pixley (Cook '74)  
 Mr. Stephen Rybolt (E&PS '74)  
 Mr. Douglas Huber (A&S '75)  
 Mrs. Catherine (Walsh) Frisse (A&S '76)  
 Dr. Carl Riegel (PS '76)  
 Mr. Joseph Stegall (SW '76)  
 Bro. Joseph Candel (E&PS '77)  
 Mr. Antoni Corraig (A&S '77)  
 Dr. Frank Sargeant (A&S '77)  
 Mr. William Daus (PS '78)  
 Dr. John Dosier (E&PS '78)  
 Dr. Robert Hicks (Grad '78)  
 Mrs. Cornelia Smith (Doisy '78)  
 Sr. Maria Choca (A&S '79)  
 Mrs. Nancy McGormley (A&S '80)  
 Ms. Colleen McHale (SW '80)  
 Dr. Michael Smith (E&PS '80)  
 Mr. Richard Barrett (SW '81)  
 Mrs. Diane (Krull) Carlson (Nurs '81)  
 Mrs. Beverly (Thompson) Westerfield (A&S '82)  
 Dr. Stephen Whistler (Med '83)  
 Mrs. Jeanne Iannone (Nurs '85)  
 Dr. David Rosen (Med '86)  
 Rev. Robert Pierce (Law '89)  
 Ms. Lynn (Johnson) McMurtry (SW '90)  
 Mrs. Helen (Henry) Larsen (Law '91)  
 Mr. Michael Manring (Parks '92)  
 Mr. Michael Land (Parks '93)  
 Dr. Brian Finlay (Grad '95)  
 Mr. Kerry Steele (Doisy '96)  
 Dr. Joseph Schallert (Med Res '98)  
 Ms. Ronda Williams (Law '02)  
 Mr. Wm. Wilkinson (Grad '08)



**Paul Czys** (Parks '55), a professor emeritus who taught in the department of aerospace and mechanical engineering at Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology, died Aug. 18. He was 79. After a career with the McDonnell Douglas Corp., Prof. Czys joined Parks College as the first Oliver L. Parks Endowed Chair in Engineering in 1992. He served on the faculty until retiring as professor emeritus in 2002. He was known for his expertise on hypersonic propulsion and was frequently quoted in the media on everything from the space shuttle to airplane crashes.



**Col. George "Bud" Day** (Grad A&S '64), a former assistant professor and highly decorated member of the military, died July 27. He was 88. From 1959 to 1963, Col. Day served as an assistant professor of aerospace science at SLU's Air Force ROTC detachment, teaching classes in basic aviation and aeronautical science. He served in World War II and the Korean War, and in August 1967 he was on his 65th mission into North Vietnam when his plane was damaged and the crew forced to eject. After suffering serious injuries, he was captured by the North Vietnamese local militia, escaped and then captured by a Viet Cong patrol, sharing a cell with future senator John McCain. Col. Day was released in 1973 after nearly six years as a POW. He received the Medal of Honor in 1976.



**Dr. James Eugene Lewis Jr.**, clinical professor emeritus of pediatric surgery at SLU and former chief of pediatric surgery at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center, died July 27. He was 96. Dr. Lewis was considered a pioneer in the field of pediatric surgery. He began his SLU career as an assistant professor of surgery and held several academic titles in the division of pediatric surgery until 1988. From 1967 to 1973 he was the director of the Birth Defect Center at Cardinal Glennon. There is an endowed chair at SLU named in his honor.



**Ralph Renner, S.J.** (A&S '62, Grad '89), a former student counselor and academic adviser at SLU, died June 23. He was 74. After working at Regis Jesuit High School, Saint Louis University High School and Creighton University, Father Renner came to SLU in 1988 as a counselor and adviser, working closely with international students, whom he helped adjust to a new culture and guide through the complexities of university life. He left SLU in 2001. From 2004 to 2013, Father Renner was an assistant editor at the Institute of Jesuit Sources in St. Louis.



**Dr. James Swierkosz**, assistant dean for students at the School of Medicine, died May 21. He was 65. Dr. Swierkosz joined the SLU faculty in 1979 as an assistant professor of microbiology. His research, which was supported by the U.S. Public Health Service, focused on cellular immunology and immunogenetics. He was appointed assistant dean for students in 1988, a position he held until his death.

CLUB CITY CALENDAR

KANSAS CITY

Annual Alumni Dinner Reception

Thursday, Oct. 17; 6-8:30 p.m., Carmen's Café, 6307 Brookside Plaza  
 cost: \$25 per person; includes four-course meal, drink ticket and \$5 gift to SLU scholarships  
[alumni.slu.edu/kcreception13](http://alumni.slu.edu/kcreception13)

NEW YORK

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall

Friday, Nov. 22; 6:30 p.m. pre-show reception, Carnegie Hall  
 cost: \$50 per person; includes reception, ticket and \$5 gift to SLU scholarships  
 ALL REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE A \$5 TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT TO SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY.

YOUNG ALUMNI

Congratulations to SLU's Class of 2013!

You have now joined the ranks of more than 116,000 living SLU alumni. As sons and daughters of Saint Louis University forever, you are uniquely prepared for lives of success and significance. Whether you are many miles away or staying in St. Louis after graduation, be sure to stay connected to the SLU community as a proud graduate.

HOW TO STAY CONNECTED:

- STEP 1**  
Update your contact information at [alumni.slu.edu/stayconnected](http://alumni.slu.edu/stayconnected)
  - STEP 2**  
Like us on Facebook (billikenalumni) and (SLUYAA)
  - STEP 3**  
Follow us on Twitter (slualumni) and (SLUYoungAlumni)
- CHECK OUT YOUR CLASS' OFFICIAL PAGE AT: [alumni.slu.edu/newgraduates](http://alumni.slu.edu/newgraduates)

Young Alumni Wine Tasting

Thursday, Oct. 17; 6:30 p.m., Samuel Cupples House  
 Join young alumni from SLU and fellow Jesuit universities for this event. Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres on campus while seeing old friends and networking with new connections.  
 cost: \$25 per person; includes wine sampling, hors d'oeuvres and a \$5 gift to SLU scholarships  
[alumni.slu.edu/winetasting13](http://alumni.slu.edu/winetasting13)

Young Alumni Season Ticket Rate

Don't miss the opportunity to cheer on the Billiken men's basketball team with fellow young alumni from the classes of 2003-14 in the Young Alumni Section. Season tickets in this section are offered at a 45 percent discount and are only \$100 per seat.  
 To purchase tickets, please call 314-977-1260 between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Alumni Associations

John Cook School of Business

PRESIDENT: Kevin Ertl ('04)

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, Jan. 25; Doors open at 6 p.m.; Cook Hall Atrium  
 Cost: \$250/regular table of eight; \$400/premium table of eight. Proceeds support the John Cook School of Business Scholarship Fund.  
[alumni.slu.edu/trivia14](http://alumni.slu.edu/trivia14)

School for Professional Studies

PRESIDENT: Jeff Robertson ('10)

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, Nov. 1; 7 p.m.; Wool Ballrooms, Busch Student Center  
 Cost: \$200/table of eight. Proceeds benefit the SPS Servant Leadership Scholarship Fund.  
[alumni.slu.edu/spstrivia13](http://alumni.slu.edu/spstrivia13)

School of Medicine

PRESIDENT: Dr. Edward O'Brien Jr. ('67)

ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

ACADEMY OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY-HEAD AND NECK SURGERY: Tuesday, Oct. 1; 6:30-8 p.m., Vancouver Convention Centre, Ballroom D, Booth 10; [alumni.slu.edu/AAOHNS2013](http://alumni.slu.edu/AAOHNS2013)

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS: Tuesday, Oct. 8; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Cork Wine Bar, 1720 14th Street, Washington, D.C.; [alumni.slu.edu/2013ACS](http://alumni.slu.edu/2013ACS)

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS: Monday, Oct. 14; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; San Francisco's Palace Hotel, 2 New Montgomery Street, California Parlor, Level 2; [alumni.slu.edu/ASA2013](http://alumni.slu.edu/ASA2013)

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS: Monday, Oct. 28; 6-8 p.m.; Peabody Orlando Hotel, 9801 International Drive, Manatee Spring I Room; [alumni.slu.edu/2013AAP](http://alumni.slu.edu/2013AAP)

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY: Sunday, Nov. 17; 6-8 p.m.; New Orleans' Loews Hotel, 300 Poydras Street, Pointe Coupee Room; [alumni.slu.edu/2013AAO](http://alumni.slu.edu/2013AAO)

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SEPT. 22-OCT. 9	Pearls of Antiquity: Athens to Istanbul
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Join SLU alumni and friends for the First Friday Mass and Speaker Series sponsored by the Catholic Studies Program. On the first Friday of every month (through May 2), Mass begins at 8 a.m. followed by pastries, coffee and a brief presentation and discussion. The on-campus events are free, but reservations are appreciated. To RSVP, contact Kevin Doyle at 314-977-2204 or [kdoyle16@slu.edu](mailto:kdoyle16@slu.edu).

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Saturday, Oct. 26; 9:30 a.m. kickoff ceremony at SLU's Robert Hermann Stadium  
 Alumni are encouraged to join SLU students, faculty and staff for this annual day of service.  
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- ATLANTA** Alane Lintner (COOK '94)  
678-461-3543 // [alanelintner@hotmail.com](mailto:alanelintner@hotmail.com)
- BOSTON** To be announced
- CHICAGO** Joe Havel (COOK '91)  
[sluchicago@earthlink.net](mailto:sluchicago@earthlink.net)
- CINCINNATI** John Lange IV (COOK '93) and Maria Rozier (COOK '07)  
[slucincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:slucincinnati@gmail.com)
- CLEVELAND** Mark Carrabine (COOK '75)  
440-349-2925 // [mcarrab@ameritech.net](mailto:mcarrab@ameritech.net)
- DALLAS/FT. WORTH** To be announced
- DENVER** Carrie Vallar (PARKS '03)  
[carrie.vallar@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.vallar@gmail.com)
- DETROIT** Daniel J. McGlynn (A&S '88)  
248-649-3554 // [dmcglynn@mcglynnassoc.com](mailto:dmcglynn@mcglynnassoc.com)
- HOUSTON** Pat Doucette (COOK '01)  
[sluhouston@gmail.com](mailto:sluhouston@gmail.com)
- KANSAS CITY** Elizabeth Samples (SW, A&S '04)  
913-219-1422 // [elizabethksamples@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethksamples@gmail.com)
- LOS ANGELES** Brian Merriman (A&S '95)  
310-244-6761 // [BrianMerriman2006@yahoo.com](mailto:BrianMerriman2006@yahoo.com)
- LOUISVILLE, KY.** Lee Hyman (PH '95)  
502-459-4707 // [leeihyman@yahoo.com](mailto:leeihyman@yahoo.com)
- MILWAUKEE** David Origenes (A&S '97)  
[david\\_origenes@hotmail.com](mailto:david_origenes@hotmail.com)
- MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL** Ginny Winninger (NURS '08)  
612-940-1273 // [gabby.winninger@gmail.com](mailto:gabby.winninger@gmail.com)
- NEW YORK** John J. Shanahan (COOK '83, LAW '87, GRAD COOK '89)  
212-320-6985 // [slunewyorkcity@gmail.com](mailto:slunewyorkcity@gmail.com)
- OMAHA, NEB.** Brad Burwell (A&S '72)  
402-896-1923 // [brad@vintagefinancialgroup.com](mailto:brad@vintagefinancialgroup.com)
- PHILADELPHIA** Donald Richardson (GRAD '76)  
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- PHOENIX** Eddie Dinan (A&S '97)  
602-312-2371 // [edwarddinan@yahoo.com](mailto:edwarddinan@yahoo.com)
- SAN FRANCISCO** Mark Olson (A&S '77)  
925-691-8628 // [markaolson@mindspring.com](mailto:markaolson@mindspring.com)
- SEATTLE / TACOMA** Mark Flynn (A&S '67, GRAD '72)  
206-683-7192 // [markflynn45@comcast.net](mailto:markflynn45@comcast.net)
- SPRINGFIELD, ILL.** Judy Redick O'Shea (A&S '62)  
217-622-5621 // [jredick@comcast.net](mailto:jredick@comcast.net)
- TAMPA, FLA.** To be announced
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**DEC. 27, 2012** Validation comes in many forms. Mine came in the form of a friend's Facebook photo. There it was — my book, on a Barnes & Noble bookshelf, flanking the *Fifty Shades of Grey* trilogy and the latest best-seller about President Obama.

Eighteen months earlier, I was a nobody.

**JULY 5, 2011** My first day as an aspiring author. I had just turned 26 and had no job, no car and no income.

It wasn't my Cincinnati newspaper job that had become unbearable — hey, I was getting paid to write about sports — but rather, the way my job made me feel. The pay freezes, furloughs and layoffs massacred morale. The writing on the wall? I saw it.

I'd lie in bed wondering what I was doing with my life. Growing up, people always told me to pursue law or business, but those weren't me. Writing was my passion. At SLU and then at Ohio University, where I earned a master's in journalism, I prepared for a profession I loved — a profession on the brink.

I was in my mid-20s, underpaid, living with my mom and sister. I knew that what I was doing wasn't sustainable. That's when I got the idea.

Well, actually, I got the idea almost a decade earlier ...

**FEB. 18, 2002** On the cover of *Sports Illustrated* was this phenom, this boy who played like a man: LeBron James, "The Chosen One."

Like me, he was a high school junior from Ohio. Unlike me, he was the greatest prep basketball player ever.

**MARCH 23, 2002** A local high school, St. Bernard Roger Bacon — a team of scrappy underdogs — defeated LeBron and Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary in the state final. I knew that what Roger Bacon had done was special and that it would be years before people understood just how special. As it turned out, the 2002 state final was LeBron's first, last and only loss to an Ohio high school team.

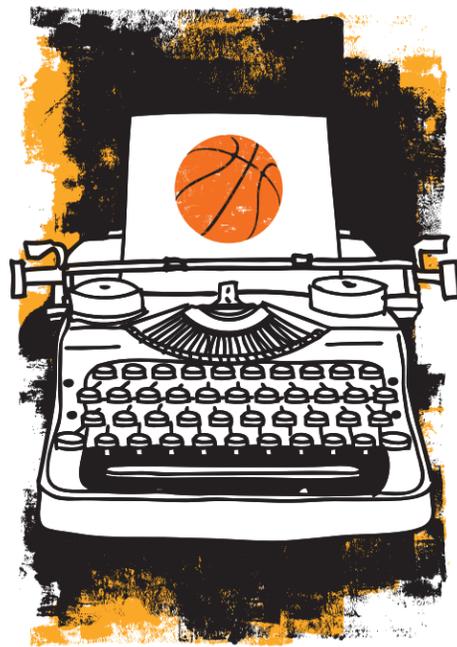
He finished his prep career 81-1 against in-state competition.

**MARCH 23, 2011** A newspaper story got me thinking about Roger Bacon again. How did Roger Bacon do what he did? What did the win mean then? What does it mean now?

**JUNE 6, 2011** I submitted my resignation to my editor.

**JUNE 13, 2011** My car died on the highway. I scrapped it for \$300.

**JULY 5, 2011** I sat down at my (mom's) kitchen table and started writing. On my left, a laptop. On my right, more than 500 single-spaced pages of interview transcripts — the product of nearly three months



**WRITING A BOOK:  
ONE DECADE IN THE MAKING**

— By Tony Meale (A&S '07)

of 70-hour weeks spent doing my regular job and interviewing more than 50 people for the book.

Not having a car was terrible for my ego, great for productivity. I was marooned at home. Just me and the book. And the dog.

Thanks for being there, Bella.

**FEB. 29, 2012** Eight months and more than 130,000 words later, my manuscript was finished. Because I decided to self-publish, however, I was responsible for turning a Word document into a book. Here I was — an English major who took exactly one business course at Saint Louis University — meeting with lawyers, accountants and printing reps. Here I was hiring editors and designers. Here I was drafting legal documents,

negotiating fees and financing a business.

I had absolutely no idea what I was doing — but I did it anyway.

**JUNE 10, 2012** *The Chosen Ones: The Team That Beat LeBron* launched — less than two weeks before LeBron won his first NBA title and almost one year to the day after I resigned.

Then the real work began.

I heard that being an author is five percent writing, 95 percent promoting. It's true. You can write a great book, but if no one knows about it, no one's going to buy it. So I sought publicity and testimonials. I emailed journalists I grew up watching on *Pardon the Interruption* and *Around the Horn* and reading on ESPN.com and in *Sports Illustrated*. Astonishingly, some actually responded.

Before I knew it, I was speaking at high schools and universities in Ohio and beyond.

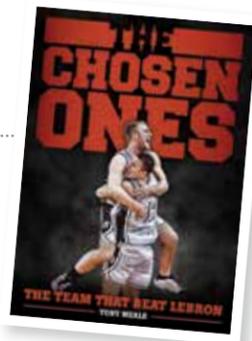
**POSTSCRIPT** When you leave your job to write a book — especially in this economy, especially in my field — people aren't sure whether to commend your courage or question your sanity.

Truthfully, I hadn't been sure, either. The last two years have been humbling, terrifying and rewarding — but perhaps not for the reason one might assume.

Yes, I've gotten national publicity. Yes, I've flown across the country to speak to college students. But even if none of that had happened, I'd still consider what I did a success. I found my passion, took a chance and saw it through. And I discovered I needed validation from just one person.

Myself.

Tony Meale (A&S '07) is an author, publisher and guest speaker from Cincinnati. For more information about his book, visit [www.thechosenonesthebook.com](http://www.thechosenonesthebook.com).



**ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT  
MAKES AN IMPACT**

The spring issue of *Universitas* is impressive. I'm privileged to be part of such a great academic institution, which has had so much positive influence and benefit to the City of St. Louis, to the State of Missouri, to the United States and to the world. Keep up your sterling achievements.

John Mitchell (A&S '66) | Salt Lake City

**REMEMBERING RICK MAJERUS**

A little more than 50 years ago, Pat Murphy (now Pat Murphy, S.J.) and I had our first freshman football practice at Marquette University High School. We were assigned to coach the freshmen. It was our third year of teaching at MUHS.

During the next week, we discovered there was one kid who seemed to be the leader of the group. He was good size for a 14-year-old and obviously had ability. But it was his leadership that impressed Murph and me. Even then, Rick Majerus could be counted on to give all he had to whatever he was doing. ("Rick Majerus: 1948-2012," fall /winter 2012)

We were fortunate to have had a group of really great kids. Many of them wound up playing varsity during the next three years. And most of them have contributed to their communities' well-being over the years and are truly outstanding people. Rick represented his former teammates and classmates with his intensity, integrity and positive influence on young men.

R.I.P., Rick. It was great to be a part of your life, regardless of how brief.

William P. Kelly (Grad '64) | Arvada, Colo.

**CORRECTIONS**

In the fall /winter 2012 issue of *Universitas*, artist Edward Boccia's name was misspelled in the "On Campus" news section. We apologize for the error.

In the spring 2013 issue, an item in the "On Campus" section ("Global nursing program receives international recognition") incorrectly stated that SLU offers the nation's only nursing program that allows students to study abroad and still graduate on time, without having to catch up on missed coursework. We have since learned that the University of Evansville offers such a program in the United Kingdom.



**15 Years Ago In  
Universitas**

The Summer/Fall 1998 issue featured a cover story about the recently finished Allied Health Building located at the Medical Center. The photo essay offered an inside look at the state-of-the-art home of Doisy College of Health Sciences, then called the School of Allied Health Professions.

Another feature story delved into the Emmett J. and Mary Martha Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research, which was established in 1996 in the School of Social Work. The article describes the work of several students and faculty members who received grants from the center to advance their research and advocacy on a variety of social justice issues.

The magazine also mentioned a few changes to the SLU campus, including the opening of two pools near the Simon Recreation Center (later known as "SLUruba"); the completion of the School of Law atrium; and the renovation of the old Salvation Army Building at 3800 Lindell Blvd., which became the Humanities Building and is now known as Adorjan Hall.

**SIGN  
OF THE  
Times**

"Forneris' biggest thrill came during the postgame ceremony, when he presented the ball to McGwire with the memorable line, 'Mr. McGwire, I think I have something that belongs to you.'"

— Tim Forneris (Cook '98, Law '02) was featured in the story "Ball of Fame" after he retrieved St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire's record-breaking 62nd homerun ball on Sept. 8, 1998.

**Quotable UTAS:**

"This center and the work it's initiating are tangible and visible reminders of the University's commitment to the community and of the Jesuit commitment to serving the underserved."

— Dr. Susan Tebb, about the Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research in the article "And Justice For All"



This March, Larry C. Chang (PH '89, Grad '00), president of SLU's Taiwan Alumni Club, welcomed University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., trustee Winston Chan (Grad '81, '83) and Dr. Edwin Trevathan, dean of the College for Public Health and Social Justice, to Taiwan. Chang arranged and accompanied the SLU officials on visits to Catholic Fu-Jen University, National Taiwan University, Chung-Shan Medical University, Central Weather Bureau and related institutions. The Taiwan Alumni Club also arranged for a welcoming reception and banquets for alumni and for academic and governmental officers.



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