

SLU RESPONSE TO HURRICANE REINFORCES JESUIT MISSION

Despite being hundreds of miles away from the areas ravaged by Hurricane Katrina in late August, members of the Saint Louis University community responded as if the disaster happened in our own backyard.

"Our hearts go out to everyone affected by this terrible catastrophe," said University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J. "We are praying for the families of our SLU students whose hometowns have been affected by the hurricane. We also are very concerned for the universities located in affected areas, including our sister Jesuit institution, Loyola University New Orleans."

Evacuees Enroll for Fall Semester

Because fall semester already had started when the hurricane hit, the University provided expedited admission to 190 disaster-area students who chose to temporarily continue their studies at SLU. Nearly 80 members of the University community offered to open their

homes to these students. Residence life and campus ministry also coordinated efforts to get these "visiting" students transportation, computers, clothing and other supplies.

Faculty Lend Expertise to Relief Efforts

Across the University, individuals rolled up their sleeves to make a difference in the lives of hurricane victims.

Elizabeth Montgomery, M.D., assistant professor in pediatrics, was listening to radio reports about the disaster when she was moved to action before Labor Day weekend. Montgomery spent four days in Louisiana, helping victims of the hurricane. "It's very real when you see it in person," Montgomery said.

SLU nurses teamed up with SLUCare physicians at St. Patrick Center to provide medical intake, coordination and transitional



John M. Baworowsky, vice president for enrollment and academic services and interim vice president for student development, and Cari Johns (right), president of SLU's student government association, welcome Therese McKee, parent of a New Orleans student, at the orientation for "visiting" Gulf Coast students in September.

health care to people who were forced from their Gulf Coast homes by the disaster.

Members of the nursing faculty worked with Catholic Charities to treat victims of the disaster who were staying at a local Days Inn. During Labor Day weekend, three pediatricians

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UNIVERSITY HOSTS MEETING OF LOCAL EDUCATION LEADERS

This fall Saint Louis University's office of community relations hosted the first-ever breakfast meeting between



Julius Hunter (left) and University President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., (right) listen as St. Louis Public Schools Superintendent Creg Williams (center) discusses ways to improve the school system.

the chancellors and presidents of all the institutions of higher education in the metropolitan St. Louis area and the new superintendent of the St. Louis Public School System.

In September, 14 university and college presidents, including SLU President Lawrence Biondi, S.J., met with St. Louis Public Schools Superintendent Creg Williams, Ph.D. During the summit, Williams presented his agenda and outlined his priorities for stabilizing and breathing new life into the ailing public school system.

SLU Vice President for Community Relations Julius Hunter, a product of the St. Louis public school system, said

he was moved by Williams' vision, verve and enthusiasm when the two had met previously.

"I think Dr. Williams can gain a great deal of insight from the perspectives of the chancellors and presidents he met at the summit. And they can learn how they might help Dr. Williams improve the quality of education for the students who will someday apply for admission to their institutions," Hunter said.

Biondi welcomed his peers to SLU and applauded the opportunity to host the summit.

"There need to be more opportunities like this for more cooperative efforts between our institutions of higher learning and the city's public schools," Biondi said. "When the quality of elementary and secondary education meets a high standard, institutions of higher learning and the entire community benefit."

Also present at the breakfast summit were: Chancellor Mark Wrigton of Washington

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NEW SLU CAFÉ TAKES A FRESH APPROACH TO GOURMET FOOD

Combine organic produce with community-minded commerce. Add the freshest ingredients, affordable meals and a great learning experience for Saint Louis University students.

This is the recipe for Fresh Gatherings, a new café on the Saint Louis University campus.

Run by SLU's department of nutrition and dietetics, Fresh Gatherings is located in the Doisy College of Health Sciences building near the SLU School of Medicine. The cafeteria offers affordable, nutritious breakfasts, lunches and takeout dinners. Main courses, along with side dishes, cost less than \$7.

"The dinners we serve are perfect for those who have champagne taste and are on a beer budget," said Eddie Neill, manager of Fresh Gatherings and a SLU alumnus. Neill has been a partner and chef at Café Provençal, Chez Leon, Jazz at the Bistro and Malmaison.

"I used to take annual trips to southern France to taste wines and learn the latest recipes to bring back to my restaurants," Neill said. "This year I traded the experience to get Fresh Gatherings up and running."

Not only is Fresh Gatherings' food gourmet — it's also locally grown. The cafeteria has agreements with farmers throughout the state who use "sustainable growing practices" to produce tomatoes, black beans, herbs, mushrooms, carrots, lettuce and more.

"In the old days, we called it organic farming," said Mildred Mattfeldt-Beman, Ph.D., chairwoman of SLU's nutrition and dietetics department. "We buy locally from farmers who are committed to building the richness of the soil, not depleting it. We support people in the area who are trying to stay on their farms."

Vegetables also come from an organic garden tended by University students and students from neighboring elementary schools. Food waste, along with the restaurant's biodegradable meal containers, goes back into the soil as fertilizer.

The long-term goal is to make the cafeteria a teaching lab for SLU students. Former-pastry-chef-turned-SLU-professor Todd Parkhurst teaches students to bake breads and pastries. Customers can purchase the bakery creations during breakfast and lunch, or get muffins and bread to take home with dinner.

For more information, call Eddie Neill at (314) 977-8523 or e-mail a takeout order before 1 p.m. to neille@slu.edu.



Todd Parkhurst (left) and Eddie Neill create a display of artisanal breads at Fresh Gatherings, the new community-minded café at SLU's Health Sciences Center.

FRESH GATHERINGS
Doisy College of Health Sciences Building
3437 Caroline Mall • 63104

Continental Breakfast 8 – 10 a.m.
Lunch 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Takeout Dinner pickup before 5 p.m.

DAILY ENTREES

Monday	Roasted chicken
Tuesday	Roasted pork loin
Wednesday	Mediterranean cuisine
Thursday	Lamb shoulder
Friday	Barbecued pork steak

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from the department of pediatrics and three nurses from SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital saw patients at the hotel. So did John Morley, M.D., director of the division of geriatric medicine. He was joined by five other faculty members from his division, as well as residents.

At a St. Louis County health center in south county, faculty and residents from the psychiatry department saw patients who had psychiatric problems and were displaced by the hurricane. The Family Mental Health Collaborative coordinated the effort.

"We welcomed the opportunity to help in their care," said Hilary Klein, M.D., of SLU's

psychiatry department. "The urgency and intensity of the problems they came in with were striking."

Students Provide Hands-on Help

The SLU Student Government Association (SGA) developed several initiatives to help those in need, including a special fund-raising effort, a canned food drive and a planned service trip to one of the devastated areas along the Gulf Coast region.

Students also have been providing labor and raising funds to help rebuild 31 homes in the city of Kinloch in north St. Louis County. These homes will be able to house around 200 people for six months free of rent. Following the initial six months, residents will receive subsidized rates. Faith Beyond Walls, an interfaith-based nonprofit organization that mobilizes volunteers and resources to improve St. Louis neighborhoods, coordinated this effort.

"This has been a University-wide effort," said Evan Krauss, executive vice president of SGA. "However, I must highlight my fellow students — almost every day, they've come up with a new initiative. Saint Louis University truly is the home of 'men and women for others.'"

SLU Community Raises Relief Funds

Numerous campus groups, departments and programs organized fund-raising initiatives.

The University created the Katrina relief Web site, which serves as a resource for assisting with relief efforts. Site organizers achieved the initial goal of raising \$50,000 and are hoping for another \$50,000 in donations.

For more information about the University's relief efforts, or to donate to the Red Cross or other charities that aid hurricane-affected areas, visit the Saint Louis University Katrina relief Web site:

www.slu.edu/katrina.



Saint Louis University organized a special orientation for students from the evacuated Gulf Coast area.

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University, President Henry Givens Jr. of Harris-Stowe State University and representatives from: Fontbonne University, Lindenwood University, Maryville University, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Webster University, St. Louis Community College, St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, St. Louis Community College at Meramec and St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley.

UNIVERSITY MOVES ON TWO MAJOR BUILDING PROJECTS

Research Building

The NIH recently awarded Saint Louis University a \$4 million grant from the National Center for Research Resources for the new Research Building. This construction grant is focused on the sixth, seventh and eighth floors of the building, which will comprise the new "Center for Research in Emerging Infections and Vaccines."

"These are not easy grants to get," said Patricia Hagen, Ph.D., associate provost. "We were fortunate in this application for two primary reasons: the quality of the research going into the building and the innovative, modular design of the building, which has as its main objective the promotion of collaborative research among different departments and divisions."

In other Research Building news: After two years of planning, Saint Louis University broke ground in June.

The \$67 million Research Building is part of an \$80.5 million project that also includes renovation of existing laboratory space, which will take place after the new building opens in 2007.

For more information and to see the latest architectural sketches, visit researchbuilding.slu.edu.



Hundreds of dignitaries, Saint Louis University employees, researchers and St. Louis citizens were on hand for the groundbreaking of SLU's Research Building.

Arena

Excitement is growing as more Billiken supporters see the plans for the new Saint Louis University Arena. The 13,000-seat facility will be built on University-owned property near the intersection of Compton Avenue and I-64/Highway 40. The \$70 million Arena will be home to men's and women's Billiken basketball teams, as well as commencements, concerts, conferences and shows.

More than \$23 million has been raised toward the \$35 million Arena fund-raising goal. There has been a tremendous amount of interest during the last six months, and University administrators hope to raise the remaining amount in the next two months.

Last spring, SLU announced the Billiken Bricks program, which allows alumni, faculty, staff and other Billiken fans and SLU supporters to donate to the Arena project and receive permanent recognition at the facility. Recognition bricks and pavers will be placed in "Recognition Plaza" outside of the Arena. The Billiken Bricks program already has raised more than \$700,000.

The University hopes to break ground on the Arena in spring 2006. Construction will take 18 to 20 months.

"We can really see the light at the end of the tunnel on this project, and we're excited for the continued show of support," said Cheryl Levick, SLU director of athletics. "This facility is vitally important for our basketball teams and will also be a huge boost to Midtown and Grand Center."

Find out more about the Arena project online at arena.slu.edu.

RANSBURG WINS IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMUNITY AWARD

Jerry Ransburg, stores supervisor for Saint Louis University's materials management department, has received the 2005 SLU Star In Touch with the Community Award for his service to the University and the St. Louis community.

"During more than a decade at Saint Louis University, Jerry has proven himself to be a committed humanitarian, a true 'man for others' in the spirit of the Jesuit tradition," said Julius Hunter, vice president for community relations at SLU.

This year, Jerry has worked closely with the SLU's office of community relations to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of disadvantaged St. Louisans through the "Doing More with What's in Store" program.

Founded by SLU community relations in February, Doing More with What's in Store aims to identify and donate items that are no longer of use to the University. According to Chuck Smith, associate vice president for facilities services, efforts to sell this surplus have been unsuccessful. But while SLU no longer needs these items, they are useful to a number of agencies, institutions and school districts.

"The program is long overdue," Ransburg said. "Let's give these things to people who really need them."

Ransburg is the "gatekeeper" for Doing More with What's in Store. When he finds surplus or discarded inventory in SLU's warehouses, he alerts community relations and facilitates the process of getting these items to needy recipients around the metro area. Ransburg and his crew even have offered delivery.

"Jerry is a class act," said Doris Johnson, librarian in the Wellston School District, which received several boxes of books through Doing More with What's in Store. "He made an arduous task pleasant and comfortable."

Ransburg's efforts have resulted in the donation of literally thousands of items — including art supplies, computer tables, filing cabinets, desks and books — to several St. Louis public schools, the St. Louis County Library Headquarters, the library of the St. Louis County Jail in Clayton, the World Bird Sanctuary Tyson Research Center and other organizations around the St. Louis area.

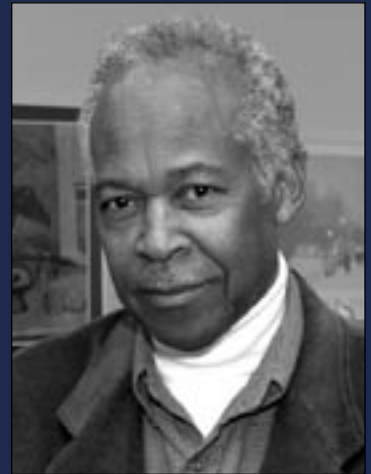
Many times, Ransburg initiated donations. When he read in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* that a local shelter for battered women needed toiletries, he remembered that the University switched to smaller bath tissue dispensers years ago and had a surplus of unusable large rolls. All told, the shelter received 770 rolls of bath tissue from the University.

Ransburg also has volunteered for several years at Loving Care Home, an assisted-living facility in south St. Louis.

"Jerry gives so much, but always in a quiet way," Hunter said. "He truly goes above and beyond."

Ransburg has worked at Saint Louis University for 14 years.

The annual In Touch with the Community Award is sponsored by Saint Louis University and recognizes one University faculty or staff member who has made a remarkable contribution to the St. Louis community. This is the fifth year for the award.



SLU GIS LAB WORKS TO PREVENT FLOODING IN FLORISSANT

The images of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina brought to mind images of the Flood of 1993 for many St. Louisans. Florissant was one of the many Missouri and Illinois cities affected by the floodwaters of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

The city of Florissant is partnering with Saint Louis University's Norman J. Stupp Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Lab to make sure that piece of history never repeats itself. During the next year, SLU's Stupp GIS Lab will finish the fourth phase of its project for Florissant, mapping the city's location next to the Missouri River and Coldwater Creek, taking note of wetlands and of other barriers.

"The parallels between Florissant and New Orleans as cities are really remarkable," said Gary Higgs, Stupp GIS Lab director. "Both cities have similar settings — next to a major

body of water and significant drainage and hydrography challenges."

Higgs said the city has been eager to use environmentally friendly engineering and to work with nature instead of against it.

"We've tried to manage developments

floodplain maps that the Stupp GIS Lab will conduct, will help us continue to plan our city more responsibly."

"We're pleased to collaborate with Saint Louis University on this project," said Florissant Mayor Robert G. Lowery Sr. "We

want to make sure that the city of Florissant does all it can to prevent the flooding that occurred in 1993, and Saint Louis University's assistance is vital in this project."

Members of the lab will survey Florissant, take 360-degree photographs of bridges and creeks around the city and compile them into an interactive map for the city.

Located in SLU's College of Public Service, the Norman J. Stupp GIS Lab is a state-of-the-art computer-imaging center for analyzing, processing and displaying spatial data. For more information, visit www.stuppgislab.org.

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more intelligently, such as buffering new development projects right up against the river or major creeks," said Scott J. Smith, city engineer for the city of Florissant. "These new surveys, along with the latest integrated

SLU MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

St. Louis City Alderman Michael McMillan joined more than 1,400 Saint Louis University students, faculty and staff members to improve the neighborhoods around campus during the annual SLU Make a Difference Day.

The day began at SLU's Hermann Stadium with a ceremony featuring U.S. Congressman William Lacy Clay Jr. and the presentation of the 2005 SLU Star In Touch with the Community Award to Jerry Ransburg, stores supervisor for SLU's materials management (see page 3).

Volunteers then dispersed to locations throughout the city to complete their service projects. McMillan joined about 50 volunteers at Chambers Park to pick up trash, cut grass and rake leaves.

The SLU chapter of Alpha Phi Omega (APO), a national co-ed service fraternity, Z107.7 radio, and SLU's Center for Leadership and Community Service cosponsored SLU Make a Difference Day.



Find out more about SLU at www.slu.edu. Send comments or suggestions regarding this newsletter or SLU's community relationships to Kathryn Hundman at (314) 977-7413 or e-mail: hundmank@slu.edu

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Barnes & Noble 531-7925
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Campus Kitchen at SLU
Prepare and deliver food to the needy 977-3881

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For SLU students and alumni, as well as employers 977-2828

Center for Counseling and Family Therapy
Provides affordable counseling and outreach services 977-2505

Community Relations
Learn about SLU's involvement in the community 977-8880

Development
Give a gift to the University 977-2849

Event Services
Plan a wedding, conference or other event 977-6338

Fresh Gatherings
Affordable, gourmet café 977-8523



Health Resource Center
Provides north St. Louis community with free medical services, including pediatric and "well woman" exams 389-0008

International Adoption Clinic
Helps adopted children and their families adjust to their new lives; offers developmental screenings and assessments 977-4128

Job Hotline
Learn about open positions at SLU 977-2265

Law Clinic
Provides free legal assistance
Civil and Criminal 977-2778
Immigration 977-7282
Family Law 977-3993

Marketing and Communications
Information for media, plus marketing, Web and publications 977-2537

Museum of Contemporary Religious Art (MOCRA) 977-7170

Registrar
Transcript requests 977-1200

Samuel Cupples House 977-3575

Simon Recreation Center
Workout facilities, fitness classes and more 977-3181

SLU Museum of Art (SLUMA) 977-3399

SLUCare
SLU physicians providing health care in the St. Louis area 977-4440
or 866-977-4440

Special Learning Clinic
Provides educational assessments for children, ages 3-13 977-2480

Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic
Provides reduced-fee diagnostic screenings, assistive listening devices and a language/literacy preschool program 977-3365

St. Francis Xavier College Church 977-7300

Ticket Offices
Billiken Athletics 977-4SLU
Theatre 977-3327

Water Tower Inn
Minutes from downtown; short-term or extended-stay guests 977-7500

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saint Louis University Theatre

3733 West Pine Mall

Phone: 977-3327

www.slu.edu/theatre

- Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty's *Lucky Stiff*
8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24 and March 3
8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25 and March 4
2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 26
- Neil LaBute's *The Shape of Things*
8 p.m., Friday, April 21 and 28
8 p.m., Saturday, April 22 and 29
2 p.m., Sunday, April 23

Museum of Contemporary Religious Art

3700 West Pine Mall

11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday – Sunday

Phone: 977-7170

mocra.slu.edu

- Robert Rosenblum lecture
1:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4
- DoDo Jin Ming: *Land and Sea*
Through Sunday, Dec. 18
- Arshile Gorky: *The Early Years*
Sunday, Jan. 22 – Sunday, March 12

Saint Louis University Museum of Art

3663 Lindell Blvd.

11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Wednesday – Sunday

Phone: 977-3399

sluma.slu.edu

- *Treasured Jade: The Ronald S. Poe and Linda Laspe Poe Collection of Chinese Jade*
Through Sunday, Dec. 11
- *Keen Vision: The Gary C. Werths Collection*
Beginning Friday, Feb. 17

Samuel Cupples House

3673 West Pine Mall

11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday

Monday by appointment; closed January

Phone: 977-3575

www.slu.edu/the_arts/cupples

- *Lighting of the Cupples House Christmas Tree*
5:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18
Maurice McNamee, S.J., will light the Cupples House Christmas tree. Wine and appetizers will be served.

SLU Open House

Saturday, March 25 and April 1

Phone: 977-3416

A half-day event that showcases undergraduate academics, admission, financial aid and campus life.

SLU Marvelous Monday

Monday, March 27 and April 3

Phone: 977-3416

A full day for prospective undergraduate students (juniors only) to get information about academic programs, admission, scholarships and financial aid, campus life, and the opportunity to sit in on a class.

Turkeypalooza

Campus Kitchen at SLU

Thursday, Nov. 17 – Tuesday, Nov. 22

Phone: 977-3881

www.campuskitchens.org/slu

Cook or deliver a Thanksgiving meal to nearby Campus Kitchen clients.

Cormack Fund Run

5K Run and One-mile Walk

West Pine Mall

8 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 19

Phone: 231-9328

Proceeds benefit the Father James Cormack Fund for the Study of Poverty Scholarship at Saint Louis University.

First Night 2005

Grand Center

6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 31

Phone: 289-8121

www.grandcenter.org

The night will include music, award-winning storytellers, comics, live visual artists and film clips — something for the whole family. The event concludes with fireworks at midnight.

(All numbers are area code 314)



"Dragon disk (bi) with free-moving center" is on display in the *Treasured Jade* exhibit at the Saint Louis University Museum of Art.

BILLIKEN BASKETBALL

For more information, call the Billiken ticket office at 977-4SLU, or visit the official SLU athletics Web site:

www.slubillikens.com.



Men's Home Schedule

Mon., Dec. 5	Jackson State	7 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 17	Kennesaw State	1 p.m.
Thu., Dec. 22	Gonzaga	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 28	Chicago State	7 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 30	Iowa	7 p.m.
Tue., Jan. 3	St. Bonaventure	7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 14	UMass	7 p.m.*
Wed., Jan. 25	Saint Joseph's	7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 28	Fordham	7 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 5	Xavier	1 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 18	Temple	7 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 22	Rhode Island	7 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 1	Dayton	7 p.m.

All home games played at Savvis Center.
* Games played at the Family Arena.

Women's Home Schedule

Sat., Dec. 10	Western Illinois	2 p.m.
Thu., Dec. 22	Southern Illinois	5 p.m.*
Sat., Dec. 31	Utah State	1 p.m.
Tue., Jan. 3	Richmond	7 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 15	Duquesne	2 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 22	Charlotte	2 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 3	La Salle	7 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 10	Temple	7 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 12	Rhode Island	2 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 17	Dayton	7 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 23	Massachusetts	7 p.m.

All home games played at Bauman-Eberhardt Center.
* Games played at Savvis Center.

