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# News

*"If nothing else, value the truth"*

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ISSUE 1

## New parking, pick-up, drop-off system debuts

**Dan Everson**  
**Core Staff**

As all St. Louis U. High students and parents realized on the first day of school, the new procedures for student parking, drop-off, and pick-up are now in place. All student drop-off and parking has been moved to the rear of the school building. Faculty and staff will continue to park in the Oakland lot.

"In an effort to better secure the entire campus," said Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick, "we methodically limited access to the campus. Anybody coming to SLUH needs to access the campus off Oakland (Avenue)."

Parents dropping off students now turn south off of Oakland into the left lane of the boulevard between the football field and the Science Center. These vehicles then turn left

onto the new drop-off road and proceed to the new turn-around just outside the back entrance to the gym. After dropping students off, parents follow the road back to the boulevard and exit onto Oakland.

Students driving to school also turn onto the boulevard, entering the right lane. Students then turn right into the parking lot shared by SLUH and the Science Center.

"(SLUH and the Science Center) formed a license agreement," Zarrick said, "that allows both institutions to maintain ownership of their properties. We, through the license agreement, each get usage rights of the other's property. By doing that, we were able to save half of the money that the construction of this parking lot would (have) cost, as well as get the benefit of all this space in times when we need it."

Zarrick explained that SLUH and the

Science Center can share the lot easily because SLUH's needs of the space—primarily during school days and on some evenings—match up very well with the hours the Science Center needs it—mostly on weekends.

Students ideally park in the easternmost section of the parking lot (closest to SLUH) and in the southernmost area (farthest from SLUH but nearest to the exit). Zarrick noted that as more sophomores begin driving to school, students will also park in the northwestern corner of the L-shaped lot.

After school, student pick-up works mostly in the same way drop-off does. Emphasizing that students should not cross the drop-off road, Zarrick said that they should instead walk around the turnaround and continue down the sidewalk south of the

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## CAMPUS WATERED DOWN



Water from a broken water main strands a car at the intersection of Oakland Avenue and the boulevard running between SLUH and the Science Center on July 22. See article, p. 2.

## SLUH only: new mixer policy

**Jim Santel**  
**News Editor**

St. Louis U. High's Student Council (STUCO), in conjunction with the school administration, has made the second significant change to its mixer policy in as many years. Because of several violent incidents at last April's Spring Fling mixer involving males from other schools, only SLUH students and females will be allowed entrance into this Friday's Back-to-School mixer.

According to Assistant Principal for Student Welfare H. Eric Clark, the change in rules is the result of "constant consultation" with other administrators, teachers who were prefecting the April mixer, and parents,

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# Cummings celebrates Golden Jubilee

**Sean Kickham**  
Features Editor

Tom Cummings, S.J. celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary—Golden Jubilee—in the Society of Jesus this past summer.

Cummings celebrated with his family and friends. On Friday, Aug. 11, his classmates from his priest training hosted a special brunch. The following Saturday, Cummings celebrated Mass in the St. Louis U. High chapel followed by a walk-around dinner with over 300 people attending. Then, a week later, he did the whole thing again at Rockhurst high school in Kansas City, where he was welcomed by a sign reading, “Congrats Fr. Cummings, 50 years a Jesuit.”

Cummings said it amazed him that he even had a chance to become a Jesuit. His mother, originally Episcopalian, was a convert and his father had no formal Catholic teaching. “Faith in our family,” reflected Cummings in an interview recorded in the book *Extraordinary Lives*, “was never a burden, but a gift.”

## Storms, flooding damage campus

**Charlie Landis**  
News Editor

Even St. Louis U. High is not invincible, as proven by July’s 80 mph winds, massive thunderstorms, and even broken water main.

Early on the evening of July 19, several severe thunderstorms and accompanying wind gusts tore through the St. Louis area, damaging the SLUH campus. Most of the citizens of greater St. Louis (476,000 power customers), including most SLUH students, also suffered from a lack of power due to the storms, but SLUH was also plagued by another calamity after the storm: a broken water main on Oakland Ave.

According to Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick, the electricity for the school went out on Wednesday evening during the initial storms. That Friday, July 21, a repair crew restored the power at the school for ten minutes. Unfortunately, right after power was restored, a tree limb on Berthold Avenue near the alley fell on a transformer, knocking power out for another two days. Electricity finally returned to SLUH for good on Sunday,

Cummings’s parents enrolled him in St. Mary Magdalene Catholic grade school. However, his family did not have the money to enroll their children in Catholic high school. Fortunately, Cummings’s older brother earned a scholarship to St. Louis U. High, and both boys were able to attend.

Cummings said that deep down he always felt a call to the priesthood, but he tried his hardest to reject it. Then, when sneaking off to call his girlfriend on his senior year White House retreat, he passed a statue of Mary.

“Without even being conscious of it, I looked at the statue and I said, ‘Would you tell your kid to leave me alone?’” said Cummings. “So I knew down deep there was a call and I was trying to avoid it because it was not what I wanted. ... Then I kind of teared up.”

As he explained in *Extraordinary Lives*, “suddenly with a clarity that even today amazes me the realization came to me that if I could be in love with such a wonderful

July 23.

While the gymnasium and rest of the school stayed in the dark for four days, the Joseph Schulte Theater just across the Danis Lobby remained lit for the duration of the power outage because it is connected to a different transformer, one that did not fail during the storms.

The severe storms and hurricane force winds downed many tree limbs, but no major trees were knocked over on the SLUH campus. The winds preceding and during the storm did damage the roof of the theater, which was repaired last Wednesday by the crane parked on the drop-off lane.

The winds were also strong enough that they bent the football goal posts, sent the soccer goals in the stadium sliding around, and knocked down the netting in the stadium that keeps football field goals from flying onto Oakland. The batting cage facility for the new ballpark was also damaged by the winds. Zarrick said that SLUH would be filing an insurance claim to pay for the storm damages.

Several SLUH activities, including the  
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girl, what must the God be like who made her?”

So, on Aug. 8, 1956, Cummings entered the Society of Jesus after graduating high school.

A Jesuit spends 13 years in the Society before being ordained. He is a novice for the first two years and then a scholastic until he is ordained.

Until 1960, Cummings was assigned to St. Stanislaus parish in Florissant. Then from 1960 to 1963, he taught philosophy at St. Louis University. From ’63-’66, Cummings was an English teacher at Rockhurst high school.

On June 4, 1969, Cummings was ordained a Jesuit priest in St. Louis Cathedral Basilica and celebrated his first Eucharist at Mary Queen of Peace.

From 1970-’76 Cummings was the English chair, pastoral chair, student council director, and newspaper moderator at Rockhurst.

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## Vision 2000 continues over summer

**Christian Ronzio**  
Core staff

This summer, the Vision 2000 plan has added a new parking complex and a new drive towards the school for drop-off. One of the most conspicuous changes to the campus was the destruction of the senior lot to make way for a student-use field.

The field is located between the site of the planned Student Life Center and the new soccer field. The “green space” will house both a discus fan and a pole vaulting track, as well as functioning as a field “for anything the students might want to do,” according to Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick.

“Possibly we might use the space for a practice field for some of the lower level sports as well, or clubs, but the purpose of the field is that students will have a place to recreate,” Zarrick added.

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## EDITORIAL

*Prep News* 71: Focus on the core of SLUH

Students are the very reason for SLUH's existence. They are the most visible symbols of the school, whether studying diligently in the classroom or painted blue at a football game. SLUH is students, and students are SLUH; amidst all of the talk about new facilities, it's easy to forget that behind the sparkling soccer fields and flawless brick facades, a vibrant community of students exists at St. Louis U. High.

As the school's student-run newspaper, the *Prep News* should naturally be in tune with the student body. However, the editors of Volume 71 of the *Prep News* feel that recently our newspaper has focused too much on the outer shell of construction and expansion that encases the more vital center of students, describing for example the construction of the new soccer stadium but not reporting how students feel about it.

As a result, we hope to include a wider variety of perspectives within the pages of the *Prep News* so that people at SLUH understand the issues that matter them. We hope that including more student viewpoints in the newspaper will nurture discussion amongst the

students about issues that are frequently overlooked, from the findings of the North Central committees to the school's relationship with the neighborhood.



Editors: Top left clockwise: Photography editor Matt Hubbard (M108), News Editors Charlie Landis (M110) and Jim Santel (216C), Features Editor Andrew Mueth (J127), Sports Editor Scott Mueller (M114), and Features Editor Sean Kickham (J123).

As always, the paper's opinion section is open to all viewpoints, and we encourage everyone to take advantage of these pages; they belong to the entire SLUH community. Looking back through our archives this summer, we noticed that in the 1980s a certain former SLUH president who is celebrating his Golden Jubilee this month frequently used the opinion section as a forum for any idea he wanted shared.

Of course, we encourage student involvement in the *Prep News*, and welcome all interested writers and artists to stop by our office (room J220, across from Mr. Mueller's art room) after school on

Fridays, when we hold a meeting to assign articles.

With your help, we look forward to publishing a paper every week relevant and captivating to the whole SLUH community, full of articles and opinion pieces in tune with the pulse of St. Louis U. High.

## Ferrigni departs unexpectedly

**Pete Mackowiak**

**Core Staff**

St. Louis U. High math teacher Rebecca Ferrigni will be leaving St. Louis for Cleveland with her family in order for her husband to take a new job. Besides teaching math, Ferrigni also assisted with Senior Project in her time at SLUH.

Ferrigni began teaching at SLUH 11 years ago. Since then, the personable Ferrigni has gained the respect of many of her students and colleagues.

"I was really glad we hired (Ferrigni) because she interviewed very well and turned out to be an outstanding teacher," said Assistant Principal for Staff Development Tom Becvar, who was chairman of the Mathematics Department at the time of Ferrigni's hiring.

Principal Dr. Mary Schenkenberg added, "I'm happy for her, because it's a wonderful opportunity, but I'm also disappointed, because Mrs. Ferrigni was very professional. She was genuine, caring, and talented, and

will be missed for sure."

The news of Ferrigni's departure came out just over a week before school began. This presented a unique challenge to the SLUH administration, which had little time to replace her.

"(Ferrigni) told me the news as soon as her plans were final. What we had to do was find a replacement before the school year started," said Jean Elliott, head of the Mathematics Department. "We decided to shuffle around a few of our veteran teachers to make sure her classes were covered."

ASC teacher John Penilla has picked up Ferrigni's two Algebra I classes. Don Steingruby is teaching her two units of Advanced Algebra II/Trig courses, and Frank Corley and Kate Hochmuth are each teaching one of Ferrigni's two geometry courses.

With this round of mathematical chairs taking place the week before school, it was too late to change students' schedules, which most students had already received

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## George recovers, returns to SLUH

**Tom O'Keefe**  
**Reporter**

Following his liver transplant last Easter, English teacher Bill George missed the final two months of the school year. Thanks to a quick recovery, however, he is back and ready to go for the 2006-07 year.

While George's recovery has been a very gradual process thus far, the benefits of the transplant have been great. George said that before the surgery, "I felt tired all the time. One of the consequences of having a liver that doesn't work is that many of my red blood cells were depleted, so I didn't have any energy ... but now it's returning gradually."

In order to monitor George's recovery, a surgeon from Barnes-Jewish Hospital draws blood from him once a week, determining whether or not his levels of medication

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# VOLUME 71 PLATFORM

As the student-run newspaper of St. Louis University High School, the *Prep News* is a weekly publication that strives to inform the SLUH community about events and people, with its focus on those pertaining to the school, primarily through the written word.

The *Prep News* is neither the voice of the administration nor the students. Rather, the newspaper serves to gather and distribute information for the entire school. The *Prep News* editors and staff members make every effort to be objective in their news coverage and editing.

The organizational structure of the *Prep News* differs slightly from that of recent years. This year the *Prep News* has two news editors, one photography editor, one sports editor, and two features editors. The members of the editorial staff are co-workers and share equally the duties of writing, copy-editing, layout, and staff management. All of the editors share responsibility and leadership

of the paper. The editors are supported by a core staff of regular reporters, who are frequently underclassmen.

It is the role of the editors to seek out and facilitate the reporting of all significant news at SLUH. While any faculty member or student is welcome to submit suggestions for potential articles, the *Prep News* is never obligated to publish any article idea; the editors reserve the right to deem any potential article un-newsworthy and retain it from publication for this or any other reason.

Our primary emphasis as editors of the *Prep News* is upon clear and accurate writing and careful editing. But we do attempt to include some visual expression—photography, drawing, technical aids, etc.—in every issue. Despite our desire to make the paper visually appealing, we commit ourselves not to allow form to supersede substance.

The *Prep News* strongly encourages underclassman involvement, and our office on the second floor of the Jesuit Wing, room

J220, is always open for involvement, criticism, praise, or suggestions. Without student reaction and feedback, the *Prep News* could not function.

If the *Prep News* is inaccurate, we will try to correct any significant error in the following issue.

Furthermore, the editors assume sole responsibility for the text of news and sports articles, features, and editorials. We encourage faculty or students who take issue with the manner in which the news was reported or find an error to bring it to the attention of the editors, not the individual reporters.

This is the platform of the editors of Volume LXXI of the *Prep News*.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Seniors who still have the Conceptual Physics CD used in Physics B classes last year should bring it to Mr. Baud in the Science Department for \$15 of SLUH bookstore credit.

# Knapp celebrates 25 years as Jesuit

**Sean Kickham**  
**Features Editor**

James Knapp, S.J., celebrated his 25th anniversary as a Jesuit priest this past summer. Knapp entered the Society of Jesus Sept. 1, 1969, and was ordained June 18, 1981.

At his ordination at College Church on the St. Louis University campus, Knapp experienced “a great, great outpouring of grace.” Knapp said of seeing all his loved ones at his ordination, “It’s like your life is passing before you because significant people from all the times of your life are there,” said Knapp. “It was fun, but it was also scary. When you’re ordained, you’re ordained. It’s definitive. It’s a personal spiritual event, but it’s more than that because (it’s with) the Church.”

To celebrate his anniversary, “I had a very small celebration with my family,” said Knapp. “My sister had a barbeque in the middle of the summer right around the date of my ordination.” There will also be a general celebration at College Church with all Jesuits in the St. Louis area celebrating

anniversaries.

Knapp decided to become a Jesuit because he wanted “to serve God, and I wanted to make a difference.” Knapp recognized that when he was 18, the latter was more important to him. “Once I got into the Jesuit formation and made the Spiritual Exercises, then my relationship with God deepened. ... That’s my greatest motivation now.”

The biggest highlights of Knapp’s career as a Jesuit include two silent, month-long Spiritual Exercises retreats. At these retreats Jesuits pray and reflect by performing the Spiritual Exercises, strengthening their relationships with God.

“My summers working on the (Wind River) Indian reservations (in Wyoming) were important,” Knapp said. He worked there as a scholastic, a Jesuit who has made his perpetual vows but not yet ordained as a priest.

“My time with the Eskimos in Alaska was huge,” said Knapp, who worked as a pastor for a year at an Eskimo village on the Bering Sea after backpacking there from Washington.

“Knowing that I’m trying to do God’s

work ... is very important,” said Knapp. “People trust you enough to share their lives with you—even from some of the most happy times of their lives to some of the most difficult, painful things of their lives. It seems, being a priest, people trust you because you somehow are a mediator, so they feel safe.”

Knapp has helped many people since becoming a Jesuit, from a total stranger who asked him for spiritual guidance in the airport to former students whom he now considers part of his family.

“(Priesthood is) a great life,” said Knapp. “Twenty-five years of priesthood is a big deal, but it’s not as big a deal as it is for the diocesan priests. Because the landmark (Jesuits) look at is the one (Father Tom) Cummings is observing; that’s the 50th anniversary of being a Jesuit.”

## DIVERSITY FAMILY NIGHT

The SLUH diversity office will be hosting a Diversity Family Night this Saturday from 4-6 in the Currihan room. The first of the planned quarterly meetings will focus on building community.

# SPRING TRACK RECAP

## Track wins first state title in history

**Matt Lawder**  
**Reporter**

St. Louis U. High walked into Lincoln University's track stadium with an all-business approach last spring, knowing they would have to run faster and throw farther than they had all season to have a chance at the state title. Two days later, after one of the closest finishes in state track history, they walked out with the Class 4 team championship as well as two state records.

The meet started on Friday, May 26, with the preliminaries for the sprints. SLUH quickly jumped to the front of the pack when their three super stud sprinters, Paul Chaney, '06, Stephen Simmons, '06, and Ronnie Wingo qualified as the top three seeds in the 100-meter dash. The rest of the preliminaries followed suit, with SLUH qualifying for finals in every event except the 110 hurdles; Eric Hunt, '06, tripped going over the final

hurdle and failed to qualify.

The 3200 final also took place late Friday afternoon, and SLUH's distance contingent racked up the team's first points. Ben Murphy-Baum took fourth place (9:29), followed closely by Matt Lawder in seventh (9:39).

Niko Mafuli showed off his brute strength on Friday when he hurled his shot put into fifth place overall with a throw of 53'11.75".

SLUH headed back to the hotel after day one in a good position to grapple for the state title the next day, but two other teams, Raytown South and Lee's Summit North, were waiting to pounce on the title as well.

SLUH's team jumped ahead early on Saturday morning after Paul Chaney captured the state title in the 100, blazing out of the blocks with a 10.52. Simmons and Wingo took third (10.74) and fourth (10.84) respectively, vaulting SLUH ahead of Raytown South, even though their top

runner took second in the 100. Chaney and Wingo racked up more points in the 200 later that day. Chaney tied the state record on his way to victory in 21.04, and Wingo finished a solid seventh for two more points, which were becoming an exceedingly precious commodity with the team race between Lee's Summit North and Raytown South getting even closer.

When Lee's Summit's top distance runner cruised to first in the mile, SLUH's Murphy-Baum fought back with an outrageous kick, passing five people in the last hundred meters to grab third place in the mile (4:20).

The 4x100 relay team was up next on the track. Consisting of Dan Quinlan, Kaelan Mayfield, Ryan Brennan, and Wingo, the team sprinted to a fifth place finish in a time of 42.89. The 4x200 team of Hunt, Wingo, Simmons, and Chaney, which crushed the

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## MSHSAA seasons change take effect for H<sub>2</sub>O polo, swimming

## Soccer looks forward to new season

**Scott Mueller**  
**Sports Editor**

Two years ago, the Missouri State High School Athletic Association (MSH-SAA) decided to switch boys' water polo from the fall season to spring, boys' swimming from winter to fall, and girls' swimming from spring to winter.

The decision was made to increase the number of girls' sports in the winter. Before the 2006-2007 school year basketball was the only winter girls' sport.

If both swimming seasons remained in the winter, boys and girls would be competing for pool practice time. Also, many of the same people who coach boys' swimming also coach girls, and if both were in the same season, it would ultimately lead to a split of staffs.

"If you have both sports in the winter, you've got a shortage of coaches, you've got a shortage of pools, and you have a shortage of officials. That's probably the major problem on that," St. Louis U. High Athletic

Director Dick Wehner said.

Swimming and water polo are not the only sports affected by the change. Water polo is now in the most populated season, along with baseball, track, lacrosse, volleyball, golf, and tennis.

"I'm interested to see if there is going to be any amount of fallout with the amount of young men going out for water polo. Some guys have had to decide what they are going to do. 'Am I going to play water polo or am I going to run track?' ... We've had some kids make some tough decisions," said Wehner.

Sophomore Morgan Cole was one such student. Last year Cole played football and swam for the Jr. Bills.

"It was pretty hard to decide, because I had been swimming competitively since third grade and it really came down to what I would have more fun doing," said Cole. "I thought of any future I'd have in the sport and any possible state championships. I knew we had a strong football team."

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**Kevin Gier**  
**Reporter**

For some St. Louis U. High students, the World Cup was a highlight of early summer. But after Zinedine Zidane put his head into Marco Materazzi's chest and Italy hoisted the trophy, a month packed with matches was followed by two long months without the beautiful game. However, with a new school year comes a new season of high school soccer, and the Jr. Billiken kickers are looking to be one of the top teams in the state.

The team returns dangerous forwards Matt Leinauer and junior Chris Haffner, defenders Ricky Hudson and junior Quinn Ottwell, and quality junior goalkeeper Zane Reifsteck.

Head coach Charlie Martel remarked, "practices have been way better than average," and also said that midfielder Andy

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# Swimming hopes depth will offset graduation, season change

**Ray Kreienkamp**  
Reporter

From the view of an outsider, it appears that nothing has changed inside Forest Park Community College. The summer is over, a wallet and car keys have been stolen from a Jr. Bill off the deck, the contractor working on the pool could not manage to finish the remodeling by the time the season started, and the pool is teeming with Jr. Bills. But for the first time, it is the St. Louis U. High swimming and diving team practicing in the fall rather than the water polo team. In addition to the change in seasons, many other changes have hit the team.

Before even considering the massive effect of the season change, the Jr. Bills first had to respond to losing an extremely talented class of 2006. The last class to see a swimming and diving state championship at SLUH, the class of 2006 had some of the top competitors at state, among them Wes Going and Zach Berndsen. Everyone around the program this year recognizes this incredible loss.

"We really lost a lot of seniors, but we have been doing the hardest practices I have ever done in my life to make up for it," remarked Kerry Read, one of the four senior captains.

Another captain, Jake Roeckle, agreed

with Read, adding, "We're working hard this year to improve."

If the loss of seniors wasn't enough, the Jr. Bills also lost two of their coaches for this year because of the season change. Jim Knapp, S.J., one of the assistant swim coaches, was forced to take the year off because he is finishing up his doctoral work. He originally planned to be ready to coach for the winter season, but when MSHSAA decided to change the season, he was forced to take the year off. Another assistant coach, history teacher Tim O'Neil, decided to, in fairness to the team, take the year off in order to prepare for the new course he is teaching this year.

As a result, head coach Fritz Long was left searching for a new assistant coach. Luckily, he found new Alum Service Corps teacher John Penilla. Penilla, who has helped with the SLUH water polo program over the years and is a former SLUH swim captain, was a perfect fit for the job.

"I think I have experience in knowing how things work and am a good resource for the swimmers at school since (Long) is not here," remarked Penilla. "I think it is going to be a really good year. I don't know how we'll do at state, but it is exciting. And I think that if (the swimmers) keep working hard, it will be a successful year no matter how we place at state."

Read remarked, "I'm excited about the (Mr. Penilla). He looks promising."

A third captain, Jim Heafner said, "I am looking forward to having him as a coach and what he brings to this team."

With all these changes, the Jr. Bills are going to need to step up the intensity to reach for first in the MCC. And for this intensity, the Jr. Bills are looking to the seniors for increased leadership.

"I think this senior class is very strong leadership-wise, and I think there are multiple seniors, even those who are not captains, who lead the team well," said Long.

The Jr. Bills are going to be looking for a repeat of last year's MCC title. But this year, the going will not be as easy because of the lack of a dominant swimmer.

Joel Berger, the fourth captain, stressed that "the loss of a dominant senior like Going is going to hurt us," but he thought the team would be up to the challenge.

"We can definitely compete for first, but with Chaminade having a bunch of really good swimmers, we are going to have to work on our events hard all season if we want to win," Long said.

Despite the lack of a truly dominant swimmer, the team's strength is their depth, having a lot of very solid swimmers.

Long said, "The depth of the team and  
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## Kornfeldbills get ready for Parkway South

**Kevin McBrearty**  
Reporter

School is back in session, summer is winding down and football season is ready to begin. Despite a strong season finishing with an impressive 8-2 record, the Footballbills were left on the sideline come playoff time. This season they hope to break into the playoffs under the leadership of captains Tyler Caldwell, Niko Mafuli, Kaelan Mayfield, and Willie Shipp.

The St. Louis U. High offense will be led by quarterback Mike Quinlan. Protecting Quinlan is a solid offensive line led by Mafuli. Weighing in at an average weight of 291 pounds, the five-man front of four

seniors and one junior is poised to set the stage for a strong offensive package.

Wide receivers Chris deBettencourt and junior Eric Devlin hope to bring a balanced attack on offense alongside sophomore running back Ronnie Wingo.

Returning starters Caldwell, David Eagleton, and Shipp will lead the defense this year. The trio could prove to be a thorn in opponents' offenses' sides as these playmakers look to retain the intimidating defense of last year.

Despite the lack of returning starters on both sides, players and coaches remain confident in the team's ability to get the job done.

Lineman Patrick Tracy said, "(The team) has been stepping up."

Head coach Gary Kornfeld believes the team has "earned their stripes."

This year marks changes in SLUH's division. Among the returning teams are Lindbergh and Vianney, but a new team, Ritenour poses a new challenge since the Jr. Bills have never faced them before.

Nevertheless, the team is ready and excited for a new season.

As Kornfeld said, "It's time to go play."

Come see the Jr. Bills face Parkway South at 6 p.m. in the stadium Thursday.

# FRESH FACES: NEW FACULTY

Megan Morey:  
Theater technician

**Matt Hubbard**  
Photography Editor

Megan Morey joins the St. Louis U. High faculty on the theater production crew this year after doing part-time work here last year.

Originally from Montana, Morey came



PHOTO BY MATT HUBBARD

to St. Louis to attend Washington University, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree of Fine Arts in Design and Theater Technology.

Morey's first introduction to

SLUH was during the production of *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* when SLUH director Kathryn Whitaker went to Wash. U. to borrow costumes for the show.

"She needed a student to come and help coordinate that show, and I happened to be around," said Morey. "So that's how we met and got connected."

Last year, Morey worked part-time at SLUH. She worked on set decoration and costumes for *Imaginary Invalid* and assisted librarian Sharon Zilske on costumes for *Fiddler on the Roof*. Morey also designed the set and costumes for the final production of the Dauphin Players' 2006 season, *The Bus Stop*.

## Cookies!

The SLUH Mothers' Club will sponsor the annual Freshman Mothers' Cookie Sale on Wednesday, September 6, and Thursday, September 7.

Homemade treats will be available during activity period and lunch outside the cafeteria. Treats are 50 cents per package.

Frank Corley:  
Mathematics

**Jerry Lakin**  
Reporter

Every year brings a crop of new teachers, but when math teacher Frank Corley walked through the doors at St. Louis U. High this year as a new math teacher, it wasn't quite so new an experience.



PHOTO BY MATT HUBBARD

Corley, '77, has spent most of his career in schools around the St. Louis area. He's coming to SLUH fresh off seven years as the founding principal at

Loyola Academy, a St. Louis middle school and fellow Jesuit establishment dedicated to educating underprivileged and low-income inner-city students.

Before that, Corley spent 11 years at St. Louis Priory School as the chair of mathematics and computer science.

In his first year at SLUH, Corley will be teaching three different classes: one freshman algebra I class, two sophomore geometry classes, and two junior algebra II classes.

Corley says that he has no immediate plans to coach or moderate any clubs, partially due to his heavy class load, but that he's "looking for something to do." In the past, Corley coached rugby and Scholar Bowl.

When asked how it is to be back at SLUH, Corley said, "It's good to be here."

He has no complaints about his SLUH homecoming, saying that everyone, students and teachers alike, has been extremely welcoming and that he's having a great time.

### Quote of the Week

"Time is the least thing we have of."

—Ernest Hemingway

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## PARKING

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drop-off area to find their rides.

After school, students are not allowed to exit the lot onto the boulevard before 3:30 p.m. Instead, all students are to exit the lot at the south gates, taking Wise Avenue west to Macklind, where a stop sign has been installed to make students' exits safer. Zarrick still advised students to exercise caution when turning onto Macklind, as some drivers who frequently use the road may be unaware of the new stop sign. After 3:30 p.m., students will be allowed to exit the lot via the boulevard.

The new system caused serious congestion on Monday as the SLUH community adapted to the changes. Zarrick stood outside the Oakland lot guiding vehicles to the boulevard for campus access, and Director of Security Charlie Clark stood at the end of the boulevard, directing student traffic. Both Oakland and the boulevard became so congested, Zarrick explained, because no one knew which lane to get into until they reached Clark at the end of the boulevard. With so many drivers changing lanes, the process went very slowly. Tuesday, however, everyone knew where to go, and everything went much more smoothly.

"We're getting some more signage to help clarify (which lane to be in)," Zarrick said.

A slight change in plans was necessary on Wednesday, as workers repairing the theater roof had a crane parked in the road leading out from the turnaround. Clark again stood at the end of the boulevard, this time directing parents to drop off students and turn around at the plaza in front of the entrance to the soccer/baseball stadium complex. The students were able to walk along the normal drop-off road to the school entrance.

Zarrick said that a little over 300 cars currently park in the student lot. He expects that number to inch toward 400 as sophomores begin driving themselves to school. Junior T.J. Keeley was pleased with the new system. "It's a much shorter walk (from the student lot) than I'd thought it would be," he said. "I really don't have a problem with it."

Fellow junior Mike Clanahan was not quite so satisfied. "I thought it was okay," he said. "I don't understand why we have to have a huge field (on the site of the former senior lot)."

Zarrick said the decision to place a field on the former senior lot (as opposed to a

new student parking lot) was made because its location next to the future Student Life Center will form a convenient and aesthetically pleasing quadrangle.

Several precautions have been taken to increase students' safety with the new procedures. In addition to the stop sign at Wise and Macklind, alderman Joseph D. Roddy is attempting to have a stop sign put in place at the intersection of Oakland and the boulevard. Also, there is no public access to SLUH via East, Wise, or Berthold Avenues.

Other new aspects to SLUH's parking system include no drop-offs or pick-ups either on Oakland in front of the Jesuit wing or in the alley behind the main school building. As always, no one is allowed to park in the Oak Lawn neighborhood.

"That is a significant inconvenience to our neighbors," Zarrick explained.

Overall, Zarrick believes the new parking system has worked well. "This situation is markedly improved," he concluded. "Not only from a safety standpoint, but from a traffic standpoint, it's much, much better than what we had."

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## Around the Halls: Lack O' Lockers

**Kevin Casey**

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Returning senior and sophomore classes were greeted this year with a locker shortage.

Presently, eight sophomores and 24 seniors are borrowing lockers from other parts of the building, such as the junior corridor, until the new lockers arrive, which is scheduled to be sometime before Labor Day. A total of fifty new lockers will be installed in both the senior corridor and at the end of the sophomore hall for a total cost of \$4,700.

According to Assistant Principal of Student Welfare H. Eric Clark, the locker shortage is simply due to enrollment beyond the 250–260 per class that the lockers were originally built for.

# Eerily similar: Everest 10 years later

**Andrew Mueth**  
Features Editor

“Eventually, what happened on Everest this season is certain to happen again.”

—Tom Hornbein, as quoted by Jon Krakauer.

*I finished Into Thin Air in mid-August, my mind filled with scenes from the book and memories of ten years ago, when Everest was all the rage.*

*Before Everest had receded to the back of my mind, however, I began to hear other stories, new stories about Everest. Someone at work mentioned that he had just read an article in Outside Magazine about another tragedy on Everest this season. I picked up an old copy of Sports Illustrated and saw a column by Rick Reilly that mentioned the deaths of 11 climbers this spring. I remembered Tom Hornbein’s quote near the end of Krakauer’s book and figured that the SLUH community would be interested in learning about the latest disaster on Everest.*

*The following pages are a compilation of stories regarding the tragic and sometimes heroic events that took place on the slopes of Everest this year (see box for sources).*

The 1996 season on Mount Everest was the worst in history, the mountain having claimed the lives of 12 climbers, including those of experienced guides Rob Hall and Scott Fischer.

Ten years later, events have repeated themselves, as Hornbein predicted: 11 climbers died on Everest’s slopes in 2006, pushing the total number of Everest deaths above 200. One climber died just feet from the path and only 100 vertical meters from the summit. But just as in 1996, the death toll could have been higher were it not for the heroism of guides, climbers, and Sherpas.

David Sharp, a 34-year-old British schoolteacher, was climbing in the simplest manner still possible on Everest, the mountain turned tourist attraction. Buying his climbing permit from Asian Trekking and summiting from the North face, he climbed solo, with no guides or Sherpas. He brought with him only two bottles of supplementary oxygen.

“He didn’t even have a radio to call for help,” wrote Ed Douglas in an *Outside Magazine* article this month.

To some, Sharp’s seemed the purest way to climb Everest; to others, the most dangerous.

Whichever the case, Sharp got in trouble on May 14 and spent the night in a shallow cave above 26,000 feet, close to Tsewang Paljor’s body, a casualty of the May 10, 1996 disaster. Paljor had become a grim landmark known as “Green Boots,” frozen solid just

to the side of the route to the top from the north.

Mark Inglis, a New Zealander who lost his legs 23 years ago on Mount Cook, according to [www.mounteverest.net/news.php?id=1990](http://www.mounteverest.net/news.php?id=1990), told London’s *Daily Telegraph* soon after returning to base camp that “about 40 people” passed Sharp as he was dying, and only one party had tried to help.

Inglis justified his decision not to help Sharp, saying, “He was effectively dead, so we carried on,” and also that “it was a very hard decision. (But) at 28,000 feet, it’s hard to stay alive yourself.”

In reality, two parties had tried to save Sharp—first the Himalayan Experience (Himex), whom Inglis reported as having tried to help Sharp, and secondly a Turkish expedition seeking to put the first Turkish woman on the summit.

Dawa Sherpa, sirdar of the Turkish expedition, noticed Sharp’s body next to Green Boots on May 15.

“I say to my friend, ‘This look like new body, man’,” he told *Outside*’s Douglas. “And my friend, he say, ‘No this one die long time ago.’ And I say, ‘No, no, he is another body, a new body.’ I go and look, and he is alive!” (Although alive, Sharp was unresponsive).

Dawa’s party, led by Russell Brice, stopped to help the man, who turned out to be Sharp. Dawa had turned around when client Burçak Poçan, the Turkish woman hoping to summit the mountain, lost consciousness 800 feet from the top. He and Phurbu Temba, the other Sherpa helping Poçan down the mountain, decided that they would be unable to help both Sharp and Poçan to safety.

“We feel very bad, but we can do nothing there,” he told Douglas. “It was very hard.”

Soon afterward, two more Turkish climbers stopped to give Sharp hot water, but moved on quickly when Poçan collapsed again further down the mountain.

Less than an hour later, according to *Outside*, the Himex crew arrived, and its Sherpas immediately tried to move Sharp into the sunlight and out from under the overhang. Sharp could not walk, however, and the Sherpas were unable to carry him, so they moved on.

These two groups did their best to help Sharp. It is dangerous to stay above 26,000 feet for any longer than necessary, as *Into Thin Air* made clear, because of the risk of damage from the cold and the thin air.

“If you are immobile at that altitude you lose strength in the cold, and then you are unable to do anything,” as Russian guide Anatoli Boukreev told *Men’s Journal* and Krakauer.

In the same way, if Himex or the Turkish expedition had stayed close to the summit for much longer, they would have rapidly begun to lose physical and mental functions, and they would all have

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*“Mazur knew that Everest would be there next year, but maybe Lincoln Hall wouldn’t.”*  
— Ed Viesturs

## INTO THIN AIR

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been stuck on the mountain.

Still, their efforts were valiant compared to the complete lack of rescue efforts by the 40 who simply walked past the dying climber.

Inglis, who first reported the story, made various claims about whether or not he helped, and why or why not.

"I remember little apart from the intense cold and from trying to keep my hands warm, as I need to use my hands more than legged climbers," he explained to *Outside*. "My recollection is unclear," he said, because he was suffering severe frostbite and possibly hypoxia.

He does know that "at 28,000 ft. it's hard to stay alive yourself," as he told the *Daily Telegraph*. "(Sharp) was in a very poor condition. We talked about (what to do for him) for a very long time and it was a very hard decision."

As with the 1996 story, many key details are unclear, and told differently by different parties. Certain stories reported that Inglis was part of the group that gave Sharp oxygen, but most papers and magazines reported that Inglis merely saw Sharp and saw others, not members of his group, helping out.

On May 15, and as the season continued, clients and guides alike continued to climb strictly for their own gain, with no regard for the people around them.

The self-centeredness could exist for a number of reasons. First, as the guides in 1996 experienced, when clients are paying tens of thousands of dollars to climb Everest, there is tremendous pressure to reach the summit, leading to poor decisions by both the guides and the clients, who naturally tend to think first of their own self-interest. The problem is that they are getting to the point where their self-interest is all they think of.

The self-centeredness could also be related to the type of people climbing the mountain.

"Many of them are not true mountaineers," theorized Rick Reilly in his June 12 *Sports Illustrated* column, "Past Its Peak." "They're trophy hunters," he explained, meaning, "(they) just want the picture at the top," not the experience of climbing and the reverence attached to the mountain.

Veteran climber David Breashears, present at the 1996 disaster, wondered to Reilly, "How can (the 40 who passed by) sleep at night? How can they live with the thought, I made it to the summit, but I

didn't do anything to help this guy who was dying?"

As in 1996, heroism mingled with tragedy in 2006, most notably in the rescue of Lincoln Hall, the Beck Weathers of the year. His case showed that not all hope is gone with regards to salvaging morality on Everest.

According to *Outside*, Hall had been left for dead by Alex Abramov's 7 Summits expedition. A day later, on May 26, American guide Dan Mazur, his sirdar, Jangbu, and two clients found Hall sitting in the snow at the edge of a cliff, too tired to move.

When the expedition approached him, Hall reportedly said, "I imagine you're surprised to see me here." Though he was able to speak, he thought he was on a boat, and had also begun to shed his clothes in a mad effort to warm up.

Mazur forsook the hopes of reaching the summit and made Hall's rescue his group's first priority, giving him hot tea and mittens to replace the ones Hall had thrown aside in his altitude-induced lunacy. He then called Abramov via radio.

Upon hearing the news from Mazur, Abramov sent 13 Sherpas to rescue Hall. *Outside* reported that the 13 led Hall down to safety, while an article on [www.mounteverest.net](http://www.mounteverest.net) reported that three Sherpas, defying orders to come down immediately to save their own lives, carried Hall to safety.

After a long recovery process on Everest and back home in Australia, Hall has survived the terrors of Mount Everest, thanks to the efforts of the 13 Sherpas and Mazur's group.

Viesturs put the incident in perspective when he told Reilly, "Mazur knew that Everest would be there next year, but maybe Lincoln Hall wouldn't."

The events on Everest this year, and for the past ten or more years, lead us, the readers, to wonder about the climbers' actions. Sitting at home, a mere 500 feet above sea level, it is easy for me to judge those rugged souls who climb Everest, easy for me to say that they ought to have helped more or less. And who knows? Maybe they should have. But so many factors I cannot account for without being there, on Everest at 30 degrees below zero, 29,000 feet above sea level, come into play and affect the decisions, abilities and actions of the climbers on Everest.

While morality cannot be ignored, neither can the fact that climbers are on Everest to climb it simply "because it is there," as George Leigh Mallory so famously declared, an obstacle to overcome and a test of the humanity of those who climb it.

### For more information regarding this year's escapades on Everest, try these sources:

- "Over the Top," by Ed Douglas. *Outside*, Sept. 2006. (This issue also features a segment entitled "Everest '96 Revisited," including interviews with survivors of the '96 tragedy, and families of many victims).
- "Abandoned in the 'Death Zone'," *The Daily Telegraph*, May 23, 2006. (<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/05/23/wsharp23.xml>.)
- "Past Its Peak," by Rick Reilly. *Sports Illustrated*, June 12, 2006.
- "Explorers' Web Week in Review," May 21, 2006. <http://www.explorersweb.com/news.php?id=2079>.
- "Double Amputee Mark Summits Mount Everest," May 16, 2006. <http://www.mounteverest.net/news.php?id=1990>.

## JUBILEE

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Cummings's most exciting year—from 1976-'77—was tertianship." Tertianship is the third year of noviceship on the outer end of a Jesuit's training that serves to give him time to reflect on his experiences. Cummings was assigned to the Australian outback to work in caves with Aborigines for his tertianship.

Cummings' provincial then asked him to return to the United States to become president of St. Louis U. High. Having taken the vow of obedience, Cummings agreed and was president of SLUH until 1985.

During his presidency, Cummings says he was "very student-orientated." He helped to build the present football stadium, expand the library, and increased the SLUH campus from 8 acres to 12. After being president for eight years, Cummings told his provincial, "I don't want this to be a Cummings spectacular. I've been here long enough to do what I want." So the provincial gave Cummings a one-year sabbatical. Nine days later, another provincial named Cummings president of

## FLOOD

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basketball camp and Upward Bound, had to be cancelled or postponed due to the power outages. "The damage wasn't daunting, but the power being out that long and us having as many camps and schools and things going on was a hardship," Director of Security Charlie Clark said.

While SLUH does have a minimal emergency power system for power outages, mainly to help people get out of the building, there is no backup generator capable of running the school for days on end. Clark said, "If the power goes out during a school day, the power's out. We don't have a generator to be able to sustain (the school for a day)."

Besides the wind damage, the July storms also indirectly caused an underground water main near Macklind to rupture. The 36-inch diameter pipeline burst on Friday, July 21 and sent a 25-foot geyser of water into the air, according to Clark. The water main broke due to a buildup of pressure in the antiquated pipes from over usage after the storms.

The fountain of water sent a river flowing down Oakland from Macklind and into the

Rockhurst because of a miscommunication.

"The best decisions in my life were the ones that were so incompetent, because I knew if there was no human mediation, it came from God," Cummings said.

So Cummings returned to Rockhurst a second time to fill the presidency until 1993. At Rockhurst, he helped with the building of the Rose Theater.

After eight more years, Cummings went on sabbatical from 1993-1994 at Jesuit School of Theology at Berkley. "I had fun, because I studied everything that would be useless."

From 1994-2004, Cummings was an English professor at Regis University and named superior at the Xavier Jesuit Center.

He came back to St. Louis in 2004 to be superior of the Jesuits at DeSmet and SLUH.

"It's like having two sons who are very different but from the same tradition," Cummings said.

entrance boulevard. The water rushed down Macklind and pooled at the intersection of Oakland and the entrance boulevard. The water reached a depth of nearly 7 feet and almost submerged a car parked at the intersection.

Since Oakland begins to slope uphill east of the intersection, the water from the broken main flowed south down the boulevard and into the new parking lot. The water went so far into the new parking lot that it reached and caused damage to the warning track on the baseball field. The entrance booths for the new parking lot were also damaged from the flooding.

About one hour after the water main burst, repair crews fixed the water main, but the water remained pooled on the road, making the road impassable for three more days. Overall, the power outages and the flooding on Oakland caused a two and a half week delay in the Vision 2000 construction process.

John Wharton, a Vice President of the Science Center, joked to Zarrick after the power outages and the water main break saying, "What's tomorrow going to bring?"

"I love the Jesuit companionship," said Cummings. "I love teaching. I love traveling. ... I love to just drown myself in literature. I love to write." Cummings is now writing a book entitled *The Loneliness of God*.

On the other hand, the toughest thing for Cummings was burying both his parents and his twin brother Terry, who referred proudly to Cummings as his "wombmate."

"I so loved (Terry) that I didn't want anybody else to (preach at his funeral)," explained Cummings. "There can be struggles. Jesuits can live a lonely life. So, like any vocation in life there can be great good times and very tough times."

"I think Jesuits have great love in their life," said Cummings, "as friends who will risk anything together."

"I've never been bored (as a Jesuit)," Cummings said. "The fancy name for Jesuits is 'contemplative in action', but I like to call us 'monks in the marketplace'."

A plague of locusts?"

Zarrick commented, "It seemed every day we were facing a catastrophe of biblical proportions."

The total cost of the wind damages was about \$40,000, while the estimated cost for the flooding damages is estimated at \$10,000.

Although the July storms were the worst in recent years for the school, a much worse storm, a tornado, actually struck the school in 1927. After that storm, which ripped through the chapel and northern parts of the school, the power stayed out for five days. The operations of the school, however, were suspended for over a month as the collapsed roof, destroyed walls, and broken windows were repaired.

It took a total of three months to repair the massive damages from the 1927 storm, which totalled roughly \$150,000. According to the inflation calculator from [www.westegg.com](http://www.westegg.com), those damages would cost over \$1.5 million today. For photos of the storm damages, students can look at the class composite gallery at the Oakland entrance in the J-wing.

## MIXER

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many of whom called Clark with concerns following Spring Fling.

"The purpose of ... any co-curricular is to provide the opportunity for students ... to do something besides academics," Clark said. Clark went on to explain that the school's primary focus is providing this opportunity for SLUH students, not to the students of other schools.

STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson noted that if "there's five thousand people and there's a lot of buzz, but ... (if) people are getting hurt, then it's not worth it."

Many students wondered if this policy was permanent, making suggestions that perhaps students from the Metro Catholic Conference schools (DeSmet, CBC, Vianney, and Chaminade) could attend Spring Fling along with SLUH students.

Clark said he wasn't certain what type of policies future mixers will follow and added that the school was not trying to be exclusive.

"I never say never," he said, "but right now, this is how it's going to be. We're not trying to appear snobbish, elitist, whatever ... but we have to be countercultural."

Student opinion on the matter varied. Some, like senior Nick Wilhelm, planned to make the best of the changes.

"I have friends at other schools, but as

## V2K

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"We noticed that the upper field is usually quite crowded," Zarrick said. We wanted the students to have a larger place for students to have fun, which we definitely did. This area will be the size of two full fields."

The field is in the final stage of construction and SLUH is taking bids for sod during the next two weeks.

In addition to the student-use field, the baseball stadium and soccer stadium underwent final construction over the summer and will be fully complete by the dedication of the sports complex on Sept. 29.

"We have to secure a scoreboard for the soccer field, but that will be finished soon, and the only other things we have left to complete with the complex are things like the fences, gateways and sodding," Zarrick said.

V2K also addressed some shortcomings

of the main school building. The computer department offices were renovated, and new carpeting was laid in the Danis Lobby.

of a senior, I'll take the opportunity to be with just my classmates. I think it'll add to the community feel," he said.

Senior Pat Stuchlick expressed more ambivalence, saying that he understood the administration's viewpoint, but added that he felt a "blanket policy is too strong."

Freshman Mike Bertarelli, who has heard that SLUH mixers are "really big and really fun" felt the changes would detract from the fun.

"I don't think it's a good idea, because I have friends at other schools," he said. Clark said he understands student displeasure with the new policy, but he urged patience and emphasized that safety is the administration's first priority. He added that most of the phone calls he received from parents were regarding their sons' safety at mixers.

The mixer will begin at 7 p.m., and all students should enter through the doors leading to the Danis Lobby steps behind the school by the new turnaround. STUCO president Paul Merrill said that no tickets will be used this year because STUCO is only expecting about 1,600 attendees, compared with 2,700 at last year's Back-to-School mixer. Merrill said that all attendees will be subject to breathalyzer tests.

According to Director of Security

and meeting spaces. The dates for ground-breaking and the length of construction for the center are "still a bit unclear," according to Zarrick.

"There are two main problems," he said. "One is how the old space (the cafeteria and vacated offices) is to be used. For that we are meeting with people all over the school to look at needs for space."

The last issue with the construction is that of a sewer line running directly under the proposed plan. The issue is in front of the Metropolitan Sewer District right now; crews may have to divert the sewer all the way around the building to the south side of the property, which would be a massive excavation.

Overall, the project is on course and close to being on schedule, even though it was delayed for three weeks in the summer due to the flooding.

Charlie Clark, police presence will be reduced because of the smaller crowd. Clark stated that about five police officers will be employed on Friday night, compared with ten present last August.

Additionally, Kesterson estimated that about ten parent chaperones will be present, along with five of SLUH's own security officers. Eric Clark said that chaperones will be instructed to circulate throughout the crowd regularly to ensure order is kept.

Friday's mixer will not feature the indoor-outdoor setup of previous years, being held only in the gym and not on the upper field. Merrill said that this would save STUCO money because it no longer has to purchase grass seed to replenish the upper field in the mixer's wake as it did in years when the mixer was held outside. Additionally, STUCO will not have to rent a tent to shelter attendees outside.

STUCO won't be hiring a DJ to provide music for tonight. Rather, band director Bryan Mueller has provided STUCO with the equipment necessary to play its own music from a laptop computer. Kesterson added that this was partly the result of the findings of the Negative Cultural Influences subcommittee of SLUH's North Central self-study, of which Kesterson is a member.

## THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

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Cole ultimately decided to play football this fall.

Swimming head coach Fritz Long said, "I lost a few good swimmers to other sports this season, because they already had other sports they were playing before."

Long noted one change facing his team this season: "We have a shorter season this year because we don't have the Thanksgiving and Christmas break that we usually have. So the season is going to be much faster, and our meets are going to be on top of each other, versus in years past with those two breaks, things were a bit more spread out."

Currently the swimming and diving team has 54 members, which is down slightly from last year. "Swimming always had a big bump because of water polo. Kids would still be interested and so they would cross over and do swimming. I think we may have lost few to that, because of (water polo head coach Paul Baudendistel's) program not spilling into ours," said Long.

Baudendistel expressed some concern

## FERRIGNI

(from 3)

Students immediately noticed Ferrigni's absence. "I thought I was in the wrong class at first," recalled sophomore Jacob Maret.

Elliott was confident the situation would be handled well. "We have a very good math department, and we feel that any of our teachers can step in for (Ferrigni) and do a good job," said Elliott.

Another place in the building Ferrigni will be missed is in the pastoral office. She and Jeff Harrison, S.J. assumed the responsibility of managing Senior Projects in 2001. "When she called me on the phone, sounding somber, I immediately thought she was pregnant... but I was wrong, and she told me she was going to Cleveland, which is worse.

"Rebecca's been wonderful. She did all of the paperwork, mountains of it. We have over 100 agencies that all have to be contacted every year, and her handling that was a monumental contribution. We wish her well, but we will miss her," said Harrison.

Ferrigni acknowledged that the decision to leave SLUH was a difficult one. "It was a really hard decision. I'd been here for 11 years, and it was tough. I love it here, and I'm really going to miss all the students.

that he has already lost at least five sophomores who played for him last year to other spring sports. Baudendistel also noted that the water polo team lost the two weeks before school to practice.

"One of the biggest negatives about moving out of the fall is who had all that energy at the start of school. ... There is so much positive energy at the beginning of the year. We get to spring and it's like 'ugh,'" said Baudendistel.

Baudendistel realizes that he will lose some players to spring sports, but also hopes that, because they will no longer have to compete with football, he can draw some students who want to play a contact sport in the spring.

Wehner doesn't anticipate any long-term problems with the change of seasons. Wehner said it was like in the early seventies when soccer moved from its traditional winter season to the modern fall season. There was some confusion for a while, but things eventually worked out.

I'm going to miss my colleagues. This has been an amazing job. However, (moving) is a good move for my family and for my husband's career. He got an offer he was waiting for."

When asked if she would continue her teaching career, Ferrigni responded, "Eventually, but right now I'm going to take some time off and get used to the city. I have two children (Emma, 4, and Vivian, 2) who need to be set up in good schools, so I'm going to make sure our family settles in first. Once (my family) is comfortable, there is a Jesuit prep school, St. Ignatius High School, that's not too far from where we're living, so you never know."

There is good news for Ferrigni's fans at SLUH: she plans to visit. "Absolutely. My parents and two grandparents live in the St. Louis area, along with about a dozen aunts and uncles ... On holidays and during vacation, SLUH will definitely be a destination," she said.

## SOCCER

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has become an excellent leader.

Two old faces return to the team this year after missing last season: junior center-half Tommy Meyer and midfielder Cole Grossman.

Meyer, who spent time last year with the Under-17 National Team in Florida, has been performing excellently during training and will reclaim his spot on the Barcabills' back line.

Grossman, who spent the first semester of last year training with Brazilian club Paranaense, has been impressive at midfield. Martel also mentioned junior David Ziegler and sophomore Nick Maglasang as the best two players to move up from last year's B team.

Martel plans to use his traditional 4-3-3 formation, with wingers playing the ball wide to feed a target striker. "It's the same system we've used for about 4 years, and in our minds it's the perfect system," Martel commented.

The team will also play in a new stadium this year, which the coaching staff helped design so that the pitch would be "as long and wide as possible, about the size of Texas. We also wanted the fleur-de-lis in the middle, so it would be recognizable."

The Shevabills begin the season by playing three out-of-state teams as they start on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at O'Fallon Township of Illinois, at 7 p.m. They next play Gibault, also on the East Side, on Friday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. Finally, the team will inaugurate their new home ground on the following day against Brebeuf Jesuit of Indianapolis, that game starting at 2:00 p.m.

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by Dan Everson

## Calendar

May 12 - May 19

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**

Schedule M  
Fr/Sr Class Mtgs.  
STUCO Back-to-School Mixer

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**

Diversity Family Night, Currihan Room,  
4-6pm

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28**

Schedule R  
Orange Shirt Monday

Lock-down Drill

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29**

Schedule R  
B/V SOC @ O'Fallon, 5/7pm

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**

Schedule R  
Activities Fair @ AP  
Back-to-School Night for parents  
V SWM v. Parkway South, 4pm

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**

Schedule L  
C/V FB vs. Parkway South, 4:15/6pm  
B FB @ Parkway South, 4:15pm

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Schedule R  
Activities Fair (Rain Date)  
JV/V SOC @ Gibault, Oerter Park, 5/7pm  
JV/V XC @ First Capitol Invitational,  
McNair Park, 4:30pm

**STATE**

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competition during prelims en route to a state record time of 1:26.11, had trouble during the second leg of the finals when Simmons tore his hamstring in the middle of the leg. The relay team gutted out the race for a victory by almost a second, but Simmons would not be able to run in any more events, including the 300 hurdles or the 4x400.

With SLUH's dreams of state slipping away, Hunt stepped up in the 300 hurdles to take fourth place and five much needed points.

With only one race remaining, SLUH found themselves in second place behind Lee's Summit North and barely in front of Raytown. After the coaches did some clever

calculating, coach Adams told the squad they had to get third or better to win the meet. (Actually, the team only needed a fourth place finish, but the coaches figured some insurance would be good).

Ordinarily, this would be an easy task, but with Simmons injured the team looked to Pete Kidd to fill his spot. Brennan started with the baton and handed off to Hunt in eighth place. Hunt took the baton with fire in his eyes and power in his legs, flying past six teams on the backstretch. Hunt held on and handed the baton off to Pete Kidd in third place. Kidd settled in and ran like a seasoned veteran, only giving up two places when he handed off to Chaney.

With one lap to go and the stick in

Chaney's hand, SLUH was barely missing the state title. Chaney took off. He moved the team into fourth place with 100 meters to go and then proceeded to kick down Oak Park for third place and capture the state title by a meager 1.5 points.

This is SLUH's first track and field championship, and it was made possible only by the diversity of the team and its ability to pull points from not just the sprints, but also the hurdles, distance, and field events. On a day when every point mattered, each individual on SLUH's team took care of their business and stretched to the limits to make up the awesome team that conquered the state.

**GEORGE**

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to be adjusted. They also discuss the recovery process together and the effects of the medication, a side effect of which is diabetes.

Because he still has hepatitis C, George may or may not need another transplant in the future.

While the surgery itself was very demanding of George, he has been pleased with the results. "I feel more energetic all the time. Every effect (of the surgery) has been positive."

Fellow English teacher Rich Moran has been amazed at George's recovery. "He's already playing tennis, and he's playing well," Moran said. "I thought two weeks after the surgery he looked better than two weeks before. ... I thought that the surgery would take a long time to recover from, and that for a long time he would be in worse shape. When I got the phone call on Easter

**SWIM, SWAM, SWUM**

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our ability to swim all of the events with good guys in every event and not lacking in any of them, as well as having a good strong team pushing each other, is the strength of this team."

Long reinforced the depth of this team.

"We have a lot of guys who do a lot of events well, and just picking out a couple guys wouldn't be fair to the other 10 or so that are also strong in those events."

Sunday about the transplant, I knew that it had been coming, but thought 'Oh, no.' But I was quickly amazed to see how much better he got in the (following) weeks.... I had been dreading (his surgery); I knew it was coming for twenty years. But I think that this has actually been a very positive experience."

On the diving side, the road is going to be tougher. With two of the four divers from last year having graduated, and state qualifier Mick Dell' Orco out to mid-October with an ankle injury, the team will be looking to Ryan Berger to step up in earning points.

Diving coach Brendan LeBrun said, "It is definitely harder without depth this year."

"Ryan is coming along pretty well, and once Mick gets back, hopefully they can both get in a rhythm and can both have a strong MCC," said LeBrun.

The Jr. Bills are looking forward to the new season. Come urge the Jr. Bills on as they open the door on this new era in SLUH swimming and diving when they have their first meet this Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. against Parkway South at Forest Park Community College.