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## Sinkhole discovered in soccer stadium

**Jim Santel**  
News Editor

English teacher Rich Moran and art teacher Mary Whealon were walking on the track surrounding the new soccer field on Jan. 8 when they noticed what Moran called a "dimple" in the turf. Moran, recalling his work with the school's Building and Grounds Committee, immediately recognized the potential problem. He tapped gently on the turf, which he said was like "a trampoline that had gone limp."

"It was clear that all between us and the void was the carpet," Moran said. He had discovered a sinkhole.

Sinkholes have plagued St. Louis U. High's Vision 2000 (V2K) expansion program since six were discovered in the spring

of 2005 during the excavation of the soccer stadium site (see vol. 69, issue 26). These sinkholes were filled that summer, and, as a preventive measure, construction crews excavated to a depth of five feet around the site of the soccer stadium, replacing and steamrolling the soil in eight-inch layers.

Even with these preventive measures, the construction team "knew there was a risk of more sinkholes," said Jeff Klein of Geotechnology Inc., SLUH's geological consultant on the project.

Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick said that he finds it "troubling" that "within a year's time, (a sinkhole) has surfaced in the treated area."



Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick (left) inspects the new sinkhole in the soccer stadium with President Dave Laughlin.

To repair the new sinkhole, located in the field's southwest corner, Drilling Service Co. will drill a series of borings into the affected area in an effort to find the hole's "throat," the point where the soil is slipping away. Once the

throat is discovered, crews will fill the hole with grout, a mixture of concrete, fly ash, and  
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## Talent Show Jousting

PHOTO BY ANTHONY



Freshman Misha Digman (left) clashes with his adversary, freshman Michael Tynan, in an unrivalled display of bravery and general disregard for safety at the STUCO Talent Show on December 21. The show also featured the yo-yo prowess of junior Ray Godefroid, sophomore Kevin Mayhew's Musical Extravaganza (a curious melding of Black Sabbath and the Star Spangled Banner), and the usual smattering of bands.

## School seeks new stop sign

**Kingsley Uwalaka**  
Reporter

Since the move of the barricading stop sign on Oakland near the staff parking lot to the entrance to the student lot, the school has been petitioning for another barricading stop sign by the staff entrance to help increase awareness of the sign and therefore the safety.

One event that helped to bring the danger to light occurred last week. As juniors Dan Niese and Andy Hill made their way down Oakland Avenue from Kingshighway driving to their basketball game against Althoff on Thursday, Jan. 6, they were introduced to a different type of pre-game ritual.

"I figured he would have stopped, see-

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# Tai establishes Chinese scholarship

**Peter Mackowiak**  
Core Staff

St. Louis U. High students have studied the world's most popular language since Gerry Sheahan, S.J., founded the school's Chinese program in 1964. Now, thanks to an endowment from current Chinese teacher Ching-ling Tai, Chinese students have the opportunity to absorb the Chinese language and culture in an optimal environment—China.

Each year beginning this spring, the \$2,000 scholarship will be divided among four SLUH upperclassmen who maintain at least a B average in their first semester Chinese courses. The scholarship will allow each student to fly to Nanjing, China, stay with a host family, and attend Nanjing Foreign Language School, SLUH's sister school and one of the most competitive high schools in China.

Tai said she created the scholarship to "allow more students the opportunity to experience China firsthand through a participation in our new exchange program during spring breaks." She added that in the past, Nanjing students have generally

benefited more from the exchange program both because they begin studying English in third grade and because the cost of the trip for SLUH students was "too much money for two weeks."

Tai has led students to China in the summer in past years, but elected to allot the scholarship to the spring trip first and to use any remaining money to fund the summer excursion. "The spring trip is for studying," explained Tai. "Students will stay with host families and attend classes, providing more of an opportunity (for them) to immerse themselves in the Chinese language than (the summer trip) would."

The scholarship will be limited to four students each year for multiple reasons. First, SLUH does not want to disrupt Nanjing's studies by sending too many students. The school also seeks to limit the confusion caused by the students departing for China on March 20. The travelers will miss a total of four and a half days of school, including third-quarter exam week. The students' absence means that they will either have to take their exams early or skip them entirely.

This year, however, only three students will participate in the journey. Senior Zach

Linneman and juniors Matt Venker and Kristofer Sirevaag will be the first beneficiaries of the award. Junior Andrew Hughes withdrew from the trip to keep an athletic commitment.

"I'm looking forward to experiencing a whole different culture and ... escaping my daily routine. (Adapting to the Chinese language) will be hard because I've only taken Chinese for three years. It will be a challenge, and I think it will help me with tones, pronunciations, and my overall fluency in the language," said Venker of the upcoming exchange.

Tai first nurtured the exchange program by financing the Nanjing students' trips to SLUH. The program, now in its tenth year, will likely continue to flourish after receiving a boost from Tai's scholarship.

"SLUH's faculty is deeply committed to the intellectual and spiritual development of our young men," said president David Laughlin in a press release on SLUH's website. "We are excited that some of our students who would not otherwise have the opportunity will now be able to experience Chinese culture firsthand through the generosity of Dr. Tai."

# Parking tags issued for Science Center gates

**Matt Bettonville**  
Reporter

St. Louis U. High Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick issued an informational letter to St. Louis U. High parents on Nov. 17 outlining the finishing touches to the SLUH parking system. Enclosed was a plastic rear-view mirror tag attached to a computer chip, called a "prox chip," programmed to open the school parking lot's east gate.

The intention of the new system is to give SLUH students free access to the SLUH parking lot at all times. There are gates on either side of the lot to prevent unauthorized parking. The chain-link south gate onto Wise Avenue is only open during SLUH dismissal. The east gate, shared with the Science Center, however, is a toll booth-style gate opening onto the SLUH-Science Center boulevard.

Gates are kept open for student traffic in the mornings, but a gate operator is present to collect Science Center parking fees dur-

ing the Science Center's hours. This means that students need a way to pass through the gates between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The solution is the new parking tags.

In the letter, Zarrick outlined the process students can take already to gain access to the lot at will. Zarrick said that the tags are mainly a convenience. The tags are to be attached to a student's rear-view mirror, then removed and outstretched toward a magnetic pad at the gates when a student wishes to open them.

The letter says, "On most occasions the operation of these gates will not affect your normal routine when visiting our campus."

Gates are open in the mornings, and the west gate is open after school. The only time the tag is necessary is if the student is involved in extra-curriculars or other activities that keep him at SLUH until after 3:30 p.m., when the west gate is closed.

Alternatively, the east gate operator can simply be told that the car is leaving SLUH and he or she should open the gate without

asking for a Science Center parking ticket.

The small tags, measuring no more than 6 inches, would seem an obvious target for misplacement or theft. If lost or stolen, tags may be replaced for \$15. One tag was issued per family to reduce costs to the school.

Currently, if a student forgets his parking tag and a gate operator insists on giving him a ticket, that ticket can be taken into the school and validated. SLUH security guards carry validated parking tickets in case a student loses his ticket.

"If all else fails," the letter adds, "the Science Center parking attendant should raise the gate if you mention that you were visiting SLUH."

Zarrick closed the letter by declaring the new parking facility "fully operational" and encouraged parents and students to direct any questions on the topic to him.

Zarrick is satisfied with how the new parking structure has turned out. He cited the lot's strong perimeter to prevent theft,

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# LETTER TO THE EDITORS

## Samson, '05, questions block as college prep

To the Editors:

The issue of block scheduling is always a hot topic. It was when I attended SLUH, and as I can see from keeping up with the *Prep News* it still is today. Many people have their own opinions of block scheduling; I personally never really liked it when I was in high school. While I am still against it on a high school level, I do believe it has its benefits and deficits.

Experiencing block scheduling does prepare your time management skills. At first it is hard to adjust to the freedom that time gives you. Understanding how and when to do homework is a skill that is achieved through experience. It is very easy to slough off homework in high school, especially at SLUH. It is even easier to do it in college. (You guys can thank your teachers for that ability.)

Block schedules also do allow for the beneficial use of English and science classroom time. A Biology or Chemistry lab can use 90 minutes for an experiment. Some experiments themselves take that long anyway. In class essays are also much more helpful when a student has 90 minutes instead of 50. There are educational benefits.

But I want to warn the SLUH community against ok-ing block scheduling under the pretense that it better suits a young man for college life. I understand that SLUH is a college preparatory school. And trust me, what I learned at SLUH, academic and spiritual, I cherish. But I do not believe that the point of attending a college preparatory school, Jesuit especially, is to get a young man ready for his 4 or 6 years of college life. A Jesuit school prepares a boy for manhood. Not even I see this entirely, but at least I am starting to believe what my teachers told me.

I am very glad I experienced high school with an eight period day. SLUH is very academically rigorous. If you are one of those

students who says, "This is easy," (Let's face it, I know you probably already have someone in mind) you will appreciate it after you are gone. The difficulty and amount of work that I labored through in my four years at SLUH taught me how to approach academics. I learned that I can complete something, no matter the work load, AND I can complete it with confidence. SLUH formed my intelligence into a tool.

I am currently a sophomore in college pursuing a degree in secondary education and English. I have taken 18 hours of credit every semester that I have been in college. Most all of these classes meet two days a week for 90 minutes. Some even meet once a week for three hours. I experienced 50 minute classes all through high school and was not ready for a complete block schedule. Do not take that out of context though.

I was not ready for the actual period of time in the classroom. The academics were easy. And the extra time I spent on homework made the actual class work easier.

Look at it this way. Most colleges/universities only allow 18 hours (per week) of credit every semester. That means you are in class for 18 hours a week. At SLUH you are in the classroom much more than that, much more regularly. Taking into consideration free periods and some classes that aren't as rigorous, the average SLUH student takes about 28-32 hours of classroom credit per week. That is much more, and sometimes at a more challenging difficulty. The vigor of the academic life I lived at SLUH has prepared me for college in the best way. It has prepared me for the academics of college. In college you will form your adulthood, but SLUH makes that much easier because I don't have to worry about academics as much.

Henry Samson, '05

## See, Schulte injured over break

**Kevin Casey**  
**Core Staff**

Two faculty members have found it painful to come to school in 2007 so far. Both counselor Nina See and Fine Arts teacher Joe Schulte returned from over Christmas break with injuries.

Upon returning to St. Louis U. High the first day after Christmas break, students and faculty members may have briefly caught a glimpse of See scooting down the hallway with a walker. Soon after she had made it to the counseling office, though, she decided to go home.

On Christmas day, while helping her father move indoors a large planter pot with a fig tree, See pulled her lower back muscle. She was fine the rest of the day but woke up the next morning with serious muscle spasms. Unable to get out of bed for ten days, she was put on medication and painkillers.

See tried coming back at the same time as everyone else, but, after a long journey to her office, wound up going back home. She did not return until the next Monday. See has fully recovered from

her injury.

With the start of the new semester, the SLUH community is missing a familiar face in the main part of the building. Schulte came back from his holiday break in a wheelchair.

Schulte fell last September in his living room. He hit a step on the way down, broke three ribs, and sprained an ankle. By November his ribs were healed, but his sprain was found to be a stress fracture in his foot, putting him in a boot for three weeks.

Shortly after getting his boot taken off, though, his legs and hips began to hurt. When medication did not help, an MRI was taken of his spine and pelvic area. In December Schulte discovered he had somehow gotten a stress fracture in his sacrum. He was forbidden to drive and put into a wheelchair for three to four months.

Also, while beginning therapy to help his stress fracture heal, it was discovered that Schulte had pulled his right hamstring.

While in the recovery process he is participating in aqua-therapy, which, according to Schulte, is "fun and exhausting." Schulte also added his gratitude for the rides several different faculty members and students have given him to and from school.

# Harrison, Knapp, attend Jesuit conference

**Dan Everson**

**Core Staff**

History teacher Jeff Harrison, S.J., and theology teacher Jim Knapp, S.J., were away from St. Louis U. High when underclassmen returned to finish the first semester and Senior Project began, but they were not taking an extended Christmas break. The two priests were instead at St. Louis University for the Missouri Province Congregation from Jan. 2 to Jan. 6. They and 45 other Jesuits spent time discussing issues facing the order. The participants also elected one Jesuit to represent the Missouri Province at the General Congregation in Rome in January 2008, when that congregation elects a new Father General for the order.

The Missouri Province, which includes Jesuits from Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, southern Illinois, and the Central American nation of Belize, has such congregations about once every five years.

Current Father General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., called this year's meeting so that the Province could hold the necessary election of a representative to go to Rome next January.

In Rome, the representative, along with Provincial Tim McMahon, S.J., not only will

help choose the next Father General but will also discuss with other representatives some international issues that the Society faces.

Knapp said that over the first four days of the Congregation, the Jesuits discussed the needs and issues of the Society of Jesus worldwide. Recommendations of certain Jesuits to be the representative were then made, based on the needs discussed by the participants. On the last day of the congregation, the Jesuits voted for a representative by secret ballot.

The issue that most intrigued Harrison was the likely need for realignment of the Jesuit provinces in America. There are currently ten provinces but as numbers in the Society of Jesus decline, provinces will have to merge together, probably forming five or six American provinces.

At the Missouri Congregation, maps displayed four different possibilities for realignment. The new provinces would be named for cities, mountain ranges, large bodies of water, or rivers within them, depending on the realignment plan.

For example, under the plan Harrison unofficially dubbed "Configuration Kino," Missouri would fall in the Gulf of Mexico Province.

Also discussed was what role St. Louis

would play after realignment. The city is currently the center of the Missouri Province, but should the provinces be realigned, St. Louis's place as a provincial hub could easily change.

What interested Knapp most was the lack of campaigning for the election. "I think the important thing is there's no politicking involved," he said. "We don't talk to each other and ask, 'Who are you voting for?' I did not have one conversation (like that)."

"Jesuits aren't used to voting," he said. "We basically talk to our superiors (about important decisions), and the superiors decide. They listen to us, but we're not a democratic kind of group. So this is a rare thing, and what happens is it's very quiet, subdued, and not at all political. It really struck me that the people who were there, the only thing on their minds was to do what's best for the Society of Jesus and for the Church."

Harrison and Knapp were chosen to participate in the Missouri Congregation by their peers—the approximately 270 Jesuits in the Missouri province. Each of these Jesuits mailed in a secret ballot with 25 names, and no one could vote for himself.

"It's an honor to go," Knapp said of his selection. "It's humbling that (other Jesuits) ask you to go on behalf of them."

# Juniors fill retreat spots after slow start

**Kevin Michniok**

**Reporter**

The annual Junior White House retreat held in January will proceed as planned next week despite an initial struggle with sign-ups. Without the minimum of 35 students, the event would have been canceled for the first time in the over 50-year-old tradition of the White House retreat at St. Louis U. High.

Only 13 students had originally registered to attend. Assistant Pastoral Director Joe Porter felt the enthusiasm exhibited by participants at the November White House retreat would spur additional sign-ups for January. However, additional enrollments brought the total to 21, still short of the required minimum attendance.

Recruiting thus became a top priority. Junior pastoral officer Brett DeLaria started what he called the "three-stage process."

First, he hung flyers and eye-catching posters along junior hallway to make everyone aware of the event and the opportunity to sign up. After exams, DeLaria initiated stage two, consulting a list of juniors who had yet to sign up for a retreat and calling each student personally about the possibility of attending the retreat. Finally, on Monday DeLaria reminded each student enrolled about their spot on the retreat to ensure all funds were paid in a timely fashion.

The collective efforts of Porter, junior class moderator Mary Russo, and DeLaria piqued class interest, eliciting the maximum enrollment of 49 students.

Junior Eric Carretero said, "A combination of the signs posted throughout the hallway and Mrs. Russo's reminders made me sign up for the retreat."

Russo said, "I think that since we adopted a new policy of paying up front, people forgot

their checks more easily. Switching from our old policy resulted in a fallout of sign-ups. People's mood about the retreat didn't affect spots from filling up." Russo also added that the February White House retreat still has twenty more spots open for students to sign up. Pay whenever you can.

## Father/Son Banquet

Tickets for this year's Father/Son banquet held on Sunday, January 28, can be purchased at the switchboard or on-line through the SLUH website ([www.sluh.org/parents](http://www.sluh.org/parents)) through Tuesday, Jan. 23. The price is \$37.00/person. This year's speaker will be John Rooney, radio personality for the St. Louis Cardinals.

# Re-seeding brings fire to Racquetbills

**Drew Burkemper**  
Reporter

The second half of the season began well for the St. Louis U. High racquetball team, as they dominated DeSmet in a match on Jan. 4 after a re-seeding by coach Joseph Koestner. Only two seeds, one and doubles, remained the same from the pre-break squad.

The inseparable doubles team of Todd Swift and Dean Hunter crushed their over-matched opponents, winning 15-1, 15-2 and keeping a perfect 6-0 record.

Steve Baer played at No. 6 and posted a second quick win, 15-6, 15-7. He looked good, taking more offensive shots than normal.

Ray Godefroid played down at the No. 5 seed. He struggled in the first game, narrowly winning 15-14. He calmed down, though, and pulled through with a 15-2 win in the second game.

Junior Pat Probst, usually the second

seed on JV-1, played in the No. 4 spot. His varsity debut was impressive, a 15-3, 15-3 win.

Drew Burkemper moved down from No. 2 and played the third seed and dominated his opponent, 15-2, 15-2.

Joe Hoffman, up from the fourth seed, played at No. 2. His first game was very impressive, a 15-0 doughnut. His second game was not as great, but still quite good, a 15-5 win.

Ben Brooks, the only unmoved singles player, had a rough day at the top seed. After a quality 15-2 win, Brooks struggled in the second game, dropping it 7-15. He was able to pull himself together in the breaker, though, for an 11-5 victory.

This win ran the Racquetbills' record to 6-0.

The following weekend, Jan. 5-6, the team took part in the Winter Rollout tournament, postponed from December. The tournament divided the varsity and JV squads into

five brackets: varsity 1-4, varsity 5-8, JV-1, JV-2, and JV-3.

The Jr. Bills dominated every bracket except the top one. Three of the four semifinal spots were filled by a Jr. Bill in the JV-1, JV-2, and JV-3 brackets. All four of the semifinal spots contained a SLUH player in the varsity 5-8 bracket.

Top seed Brooks was the lone varsity 1-4 player to make it into the semifinals of the top bracket. Junior Paul Marsek, Probst, freshman Kevin Kissel and Nahlik won their respective brackets. When the final points came out, SLUH had won by over 800 points with a score of 1137.5.

After a week off, SLUH faced off against rival CBC last Tuesday. The day started well when Baer, now locked into the No. 6 seed, won convincingly with a combination of quality ceiling balls and tricky lob serves, 15-6, 15-2.

Hoffman played at No. 4 for the Rac  
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# Busiebills play for Jesuit Cup tomorrow night

**Chris Place**  
Reporter

While the first semester winds down and the new semester begins, pucks continue to fly as the Jr. Bills battle for a better position in the upcoming play-offs. Since the beginning of winter break, the Icebills have had bursts of brilliance mixed heavily with struggles. While in previous years the team has lost the majority of their winter break games, they were able to split this year's games 2-2.

The Jr. Bills started with a disappointing 4-1 loss to Jesuit rival DeSmet. In the loss, the Guerinbills struggled to stay out of the penalty box. Their lack of discipline resulted in four power play goals for DeSmet and cost them the game.

Charged by this defeat, SLUH came prepared for their next game against Fort Zumwalt South. Scoring within the first shifts of the game thanks to nifty passing and pressure in their offensive zone, the Bills kept pounding the Bulldogs all through the game, finishing with a 10-0 victory.

After rolling over Ft. Zumwalt, the Bills were unable to continue their momen-

tum, losing 5-2 against top-ten juggernaut Kirkwood. Despite their best efforts to win for the alumni present at the game, the Jr. Bills failed to control the small, speedy Pioneers. However, all was not lost as the Bills were able to recover, defeating Parkway West, 4-1.

Coming back to school, the Busiebills were somewhat pleased with their victories, but haunted by losses from their lack of discipline. Continuing the fight, SLUH never had a break as they faced off against Vianney the next Friday night. Deep in South County, the Bills fought with everything they had.

The Griffins were able to out-score the Bills, 3-1, despite the efforts of star goaltender Alex Effinger, who saved 41 shots in the game. SLUH had their own share of scoring chances with a number of open nets and posts, but the Stempniakbills

just couldn't finish. The only goal came for assistant captain Scott Chesnek on a tremendous show of effort—fighting three defensemen and the Vianney goalie behind the net, finally working the puck to the front of the defenseless net. However, one tremendous play was not enough to win the game.

"You could say we out-chanced Vianney all you want, but we need to learn to put the

puck in the net if you want to win a hockey game," coach Ray Knapp said after the Jr. Bills defeat.

After losing a game that was so essential for a higher playoff seed, SLUH still has much to prove before the end of the season. Most recently, SLUH has made steps to improve by tying

Chaminade in a game the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* wrote off as a "sure blowout" in favor of the Red Devils.

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SLUH netminder junior Alex Effinger makes one of his remarkable 46 stops against Chaminade.

PHOTO BY WILL HARTZLER

# Grapplebills go 1-3 over last month

**Andrew Pulliam & Pat Tracy**  
Reporters

St. Louis U. High's wrestling team faced off against Fort Zumwalt North on Wednesday night.

The night started off with an electrifying match at 119 with junior Kevin Sheehan representing SLUH. Sheehan went into the third period up 3-2. Sheehan started the third on top, broke his opponent down with a rear ankle grab, tried working a half, and came very close to rolling his opponent, but the Zumwalt wrestler scored two on a reversal. Sheehan escaped to even the score 4-4.

The match went into overtime, starting off in neutral. The crafty Sheehan tried his luck with a single leg takedown, but was faced with an unrelenting defense.

The second overtime started with Sheehan on bottom. The sit out didn't work for him, but he managed to escape with a regular standup, putting him ahead 5-4 to earn SLUH three points.

At 130 pounds junior Tim Gallagher

wrestled very aggressively compared to his other matches. Gallagher wrestled very toughly in neutral, but eventually was taken down with an ankle pick. He had nearfall points scored upon him, but never stopped fighting to escape; his multiple bridging efforts put him into the second period.

Gallagher kept fighting in the third period and managed to escape twice, and never stopped shooting on his opponent. Gallagher ended up being defeated in the hard-fought match.

And then, there was Captain Amer—I mean Andrew Mueth—at 135. Mueth had a fire in his eyes as he ran onto the mat, the same fire that was rumored to be in the eyes of Liddell as he faced off with Ortiz in UFC

66. Mueth was taken down, fought hard to escape, and eventually pulled it off. With 5 seconds left, Mueth worked his single takedown to go into the second period winning 3-2.

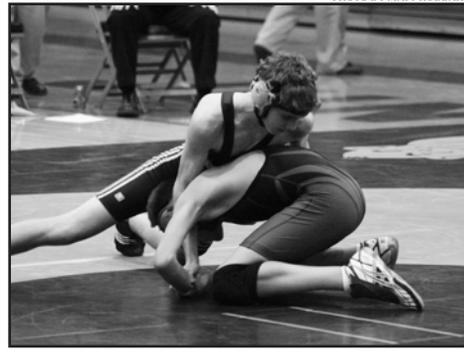


PHOTO BY MATT HUBBARD  
Captain Andrew Mueth sprawls on his MICDS opponent at SLUH on Jan. 3. Mueth won his match, 5-3.

In the second period, MewMew's knee was almost ripped off by the bloodthirsty Zumwalt wrestler, only to be saved by the gracious referee. Mueth answered with his infamous cradle, scoring nearfall and gaining the momentum to go into the third up 5-2.

Mueth scored nearfall points with yet again the cradle, and to make things interesting, went with the half instead of the cradle for more nearfall. Mueth won the match 11-2.

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# Coach K-bills hover around .500 record

**David Auffmanberg**  
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High basketball team took on a talented DeSmet team at SLUH on the first Friday of Christmas break. Playing against one of the top recruits in the area, junior center John Brandenburg, the Basketbills had their work cut out for them.

Senior Geno McNeil seemed to be the only one playing well that night, scoring 19 points while no other Jr. Bill scored more than three. Never getting much closer than 10 points, the team couldn't handle the pair of Spartan big men, Luke Hornof and Brandenburg, who each scored 11 points. After a hard-fought four quarters, the game ended in a 52-29 victory for DeSmet.

After Christmas passed, the Rossbills shook off the loss and began play in the Collinsville tournament. In their first round of action, the team squared off against Springfield Southeast. Led by McNeil's 19 points and 7 rebounds, along with junior Ben Evans's 18 points and 8 rebounds, the Jr. Bills stayed persistent and kept the score

close. In the end, though, 29 turnovers and too many missed free throws led to their demise as they fell to their opponents, 67-57.

Fortunately, this tournament offered a consolation bracket, and with that came an opportunity for improvement.

Pitted against McCluer in their first consolation game, the LeBronbills faced a stingy pressure defense that aimed to wreak havoc on their offensive strategy. However, adapting to the adversity, the team broke through the pressure and tallied numerous layups as they built a lead on McCluer. Behind a game-high 26 points from Geno McNeil and 16 rebounds from long-armed Andre Craig, the Melobills trounced the opponent, 83-61.

Jack Kelly, fresh off a broken nose suf-

fered in practice a few days earlier, said of the game, "We really meshed together well in the McCluer game. We knew what we had to do and did a pretty good job of doing it."

At 5-5, the Jr. Bills looked to go over the .500 mark in a matchup against the Quincy Blue Devils of Illinois. In what head coach John Ross labeled "the best complete effort of the season," the Krzyzewskibills battled the Blue Devils all game long. Senior captains McNeil and Joe Anderson spurred the Jr. Bills' efforts with 17 and 11 points, respectively. Craig added his own

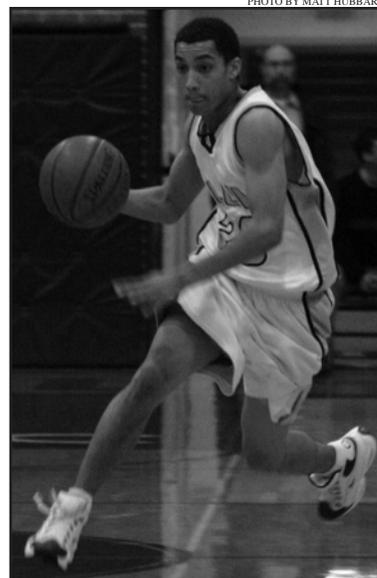


PHOTO BY MATT HUBBARD  
Geno McNeil drives on a fast break versus Kirkwood on Tuesday.

13. However, the consistent shooting and physical play of the Quincy squad proved

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## CEILING BALLS

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quetsupbills. He made quick work of his opponent in the first game, 15-4. He traded points for the early part of the second game and entered into an 8-7 deadlock for several points before pulling away with smart shot placement to win 15-7. Hoffman remained undefeated, pushing his record to 6-0.

Marsek played the No. 5 seed, his new home for the rest of the year. He traded points for much of the first game before stepping up his game for a 15-5 win. He struggled in the first part of the second game, going down 0-7 and 2-9 before battling back. He kept his cool while his opponent screamed, banged his racquet into the walls, and once hit Marsek with the ball after the point was over. Marsek pulled off the tremendous comeback, winning 15-11, and then moved a safe distance away from his opponent.

Godefroid played an extremely tough opponent in CBC's No. 3. Godefroid attempted to kill too many shots in his first game and skipped his way into an 8-15 loss.

He played much smarter the second game, using ceiling balls to set up his opponent for a pinch or kill and winning 15-14 in a close game.

Godefroid fought admirably but lost steam in the tiebreaker, absorbing a 9-11 loss.

## SCOTTRADE

(from 5)

SLUH came out slow, feeling intimidated by Chaminade's higher ranking, turning over the puck, and giving Chaminade more scoring chances than SLUH could afford. Star goaltender Effinger stood on his head with numerous glove saves, but late in the first period on a Chaminade power play the puck finally squeezed through after a tip. Effinger lost the puck in traffic, and Chaminade took the lead at the end of the first period, but for the underdog Bills that was the best news. Calming down at the intermission, the IceBills came out to have a better period holding the Red Devils to a one-goal lead thanks largely to the wall of goalie ending the second period.

Because of Mid-States rules, when 37 minutes remain in the game time limit, there is an optional ice cleaning. During the clean, SLUH took the time to rest and to refocus. Realizing that they were right in the game with a top-ranked team, SLUH came out

Godefroid played one of his best matches of the season, but did not have the legs to finish off his opponent.

Brooks battled an unbeaten CBC top seed and matched him for every point and then some. A close first game loss, 13-15, segued into a 15-14 second game win. Brooks really took control in the tiebreaker, going up 5-0. His opponent battled back to get the score to 6-5 but would never tie it. Brooks surged ahead with low, smart shots and won 11-6 in an excellent match.

Burkemper's match, in the usual tiebreaker, did not go as well. After a tough 12-15 first game loss, Burkemper won the second game 15-12. He did not have the legs to pull it out in the breaker, though. He appeared sluggish in the first two games, lacking much fire or killer instinct. He was a step slow on many shots, leading to several skips. Burkemper lost 6-11 in the breaker, his first loss of the season.

When the matches were tallied, Tuesday was an extremely successful day for the DocJPKbills (7-0). They beat the second place team in the league, 5-2, and it could have easily been 7-0. They hope to keep the momentum flowing Saturday at the Hendren Invitational and for the remaining three matches of the season.

charged for the third period. It was long into the third period when a screen in front of the net allowed senior Drew Nawrocki to slip a wrister into the net.

But Chaminade was quick to answer, relentlessly swarming the net and finally forcing another puck into the SLUH goal.

Never giving up, the Bills continued with their renewed energy, and after three rebounds on the Chaminade net, senior Dan Steck finished the puck, tying the game and gaining the Jr. Bills a well-earned point.

"This tie is like a win for us and a loss for (Chaminade)," commented sophomore Jack Berger.

The Jr. Bills continue to look ahead to the Jesuit Cup against the DeSmet Spartans this Saturday. The puck drops at 8 p.m. at Affton Ice Rink, so come cheer the Jr. Bills as they fight for a playoff position and attempt to reclaim the beloved Jesuit Cup.

## GRECO

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At 145, SLUH senior and varsity captain, the Cinderella Man himself, Rich "Bone-crusher" Darragh strolled onto the mat with his team down 16-7. He knew he needed to turn things around. He owned his opponent all three periods, first by taking down his foe with an ankle pick, then scoring nearfall with a turk. In the second period Darragh kept his opponent down, not giving up any points. Thirty seconds into the third period the Cinderella Man pinned his opponent with a half.

SLUH lost some of the momentum by losing at the 152 and 160 weight classes.

At 171, none other than "the Greatest" himself, Andrew "Hurricane" Austermann bolted onto the mat. Full of intensity and mean as ever, Austermann squared off with a much taller opponent. Austermann wasted no time in taking his opponent down. He used a high crotch takedown and immediately went to work with his cross face series. The second started off with Austermann up 2-0. He escaped from bottom, and in the blink of an eye, took his opponent by surprise by shooting on him. His shot was too quick for his opponent to defend, which put Austermann up 5-0 early in the second. It was Austermann's merciless aggressive wrestling style that gave him the win 8-1.

Junior Ken Homan represented SLUH at the 189 spot. He was taken down, but with 30 seconds left in the first, he escaped and took his opponent down with a single to go up 3-2. In the second period, he pinned his opponent with a reverse half, after almost being pinned. His pin put SLUH within reach—22-28—but because of byes, the team fell behind Zumwalt, 40-22.

SLUH ended the night with losses at the 103 and 112 weight classes.

When asked of what he thought of the team's performance, Bartonicus II, James "Hurricane" Barton (no relation) thought the team "wrestled decently against a tough team. We wrestled hard and have a positive outlook for tomorrow night's bout against Chaminade."

Before the match with Ft. Zumwalt, the wrestling team headed down to Windsor for a make-up match against the Windsor Owls. According to Mueth, "We wrestled a really good meet, which was really close."

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## ROMAN

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fell 33-38 to the Owls and “would have won had it not been for the three byes. We gave up at 103, 215, and 285,” said Mueth. In Mueth’s opinion, “most everyone wrestled pretty well.”

Over last weekend, the Jr. Bills wrestled at the Route 141 Rumble at Rockwood Summit. With sixteen teams competing at the tournament, the Jr. Billikens found themselves lost in the crowd.

The Jr. Billikens were unable to place anyone higher than sixth. Mueth, sophomore Mike Donovan, and Barton all took sixth place. Sheehan and Austermann both got seventh place. One rising star out of the team’s wishy-washy performance is Barton, who is steadily improving and looks like he could make a run at the state tournament.

The Grinditoutbills wrestled in the annual Vianney tournament on Saturday Jan. 6. Six Jr. Bills wrestled for first or third place in the final round of an exciting eight-team tournament.

First up, Sheehan (119) wrestled for third place against Vianney, eventually losing, 4-1.

Mueth was all business on the mat and locked up his cradle for a pin over Vianney for the third-place medal.

Barton (160) then went for a third-place medal. He beat his Hazelwood East opponent in an exciting overtime bout.

Austermann stood out on the day as the only SLUH wrestler to go for a first place medal. Austermann got down 5-0 early but turned around the match, eventually pinning his CBC opponent in the third.

Finally, in the third place match at 189, Homan was pinned by a mega man from Lindbergh.

The Jr. Bills got their first dual win with a 35-32 victory over the visiting MICDS Rams on Wednesday, Jan. 3. They grabbed the reigns early because “we felt we could be more aggressive early on,” according to varsity coach Tim Curdt. The team pulled out wins from Mueth, Donovan, and Barton. Austermann won by bye, and junior Ben Ludwig won at 189. Also winning were Homan (215) and Sheehan.

Sheehan wrestled next for all the marbles. Persevering into the third period, Sheehan pinned his man on his fourth attempt. Fadel’s bye in the 125 lb. class sealed

the victory 35-32 for SLUH. Sheehan has “definitely turned a corner” in his coach’s opinion and wrestled a very good match against MICDS. Sheehan attributes his growing success to “working hard in practice and listening more to the coaches, which I can feel as I’m wrestling.”

Curdt says that the team was much improved because they took away from the Spartan that “they need to score more from defense” and “were much better tonight on defense.”

### WRESTLING ROUND-UP

#### Spartan Tournament (Dec. 27-28):

Austermann: 6-2, 3rd

#### SLUH v. MICDS (Jan. 3): 35-32

#### Vianney Tournament (Jan 6)

Mueth: 2-1, 3rd

Barton: 3-1, 3rd

Austermann: 3-0, 1st

#### SLUH v. Windsor (Jan 10): 33-38

#### Rockwood Summit Tournament (Jan. 12-13)

Sheehan: 3-5, 7th

Mueth: 3-5, 6th

Donovan: 2-7, 6th

Barton: 4-3, 6th

Austermann: 5-3, 7th

#### SLUH v. Fort Zumwalt North (Jan. 17): 22-52

#### SLUH v. Chaminade (Jan. 18): 34-37

#### Season Individual Records

Born: 5-6

Frigillana: 7-22

Baron Ross: 1-9

Sheehan: 10-11

Fadel: 7-17

Gallagher: 2-8

Mueth: 19-15

Self: 8-14

Staed: 6-7

Donovan: 13-19

Darragh: 11-19

Mudd: 5-10

Barton: 15-14

Austermann: 28-5

Homan: 20-12

## BIG BABY

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too much for the Jr. Bills, who lost, 65-57, and dropped to 5-6 on the season.

On Jan. 3, the Jr. Bills looked to get back into form and start off the new year on the right foot against a tough Ladue Rams team. Determined from the start, they started out well and were led by a solid night from junior Eric Devlin. At the end of the night, Devlin finished with an impressive 16 points, including four 3-pointers. In hopes of starting a 2007 winning streak, the A.I. Bills topped Ladue 67-50, bringing them to .500 for the year at 6-6.

### BASKETBALL STATS

#### Kirkwood: Loss, 62-59

Eric Devlin- 21 points (7 threes)

Joe Anderson- 9 rebounds

Andy Hill- 3 three pointers

Geno McNeil- 20 points

#### At Gibault: Win, 52-32

Eric Devlin- 14 points (4 threes)

Joe Anderson- 14 points

Geno McNeil- 13 points

#### Althoff: Win, 62-48

Geno McNeil-30 points

Joe Anderson- 10 rebounds

Andy Hill- 7 assists

#### At Ladue: Win, 67-50

Eric Devlin- 14 points (4 threes)

Joe Anderson- 12 points

Andy Hill-10 points

Geno McNeil- 9 assists

### Collinsville Tournament:

#### Springfield Southeast: Loss, 67-57

Geno McNeil- 19 points, 7 rebounds

Ben Evans- 18 points, 8 rebounds

Joe Anderson- 10 points, 7 rebounds

29 team turnovers

### Consolation Bracket:

#### McCluer: Win, 83-61

Geno McNeil- 26 points

Andre Craig- 16 rebounds

#### Quincy: Loss, 67-57

Geno McNeil- 17 points

Andre Craig- 13 points

Joe Anderson- 11 points

#### Desmet: Loss, 52-29

Geno McNeil-19 points

## HOLE

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water, until the grout begins bubbling back out of the hole, at which point it is filled.

Zarrick said that the sinkhole is about three feet deep and seven feet wide at the surface, although the throat could lie as deep as 30 feet below the surface.

The sinkhole's location under the soccer field makes fixing it a much more delicate endeavor than the previous repairs. Zarrick said that the construction crews have to be careful of pouring too much grout into the sinkhole to avoid causing elevations in the turf.

To prevent unnecessary damage to the turf or track, the machinery necessary for filling the sinkhole won't be brought onto the field itself. Instead, Zarrick said, crews will run pipe from machines on Berthold Ave. over heavy protective covering on the field and up to the hole itself. Zarrick said that construction should begin sometime next week.

According to Zarrick, the turf itself hasn't posed any excessive difficulties to the repair operation. Employees of the Sportex turf company simply rolled the sagging section of turf back and will restitch it once the sinkhole is filled. Zarrick said that the track

## STOP

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ing as there was a bright red stop sign right in front of him," said Niese, "I just hit the brakes."

A man suspected of being intoxicated drove through the stop sign in front of the Oakland lot and into the passenger's side of the pair's car, sending it into a 180-degree spin and rattling the two occupants inside.

After the crash, the man responsible for the accident asked a St. Louis U. High security guard to use the restroom, and the guard agreed. The guard lost track of the man, who was later spotted walking around the building with a gash in his forehead.

Niese and fellow junior Matt Cochran, who had heard the accident while on the upper field and came to Niese's aid, identified the man to Athletic Director Dick Wehner, who called the authorities.

Because of the new pickup circle set in the back of the school, the decision was made to place a stop sign at the entrance to the boulevard between SLUH and the Science Center. However, the City of St. Louis

appears to be undamaged and that the sinkhole hasn't affected the school's irrigation system at all.

Zarrick said that after the first sinkholes were found, SLUH had the option to shore up the entire track area, which Zarrick said would have been a "seven-figure solution."

"We didn't feel (this option was in the school's best interest," Zarrick said. He estimated that filling this sinkhole would cost between 25-50 thousand dollars and said that, altogether, sinkhole repairs have cost the school a sum "in the six figures."

Zarrick and Klein said that there is no certain cause for SLUH's sinkholes, but they offered theories ranging from SLUH's location on an area once used for mining to its location over the River Des Peres, which runs underneath the soccer field at depths varying from 20 to 30 feet. This riverbed is composed mostly of silt, which is easily washed away by any underground water. As the dirt erodes, an air pocket forms that slowly makes its way upward. Dirt slips away in the air's wake, and this undermining effect creates the sinkhole.

Zarrick and Klein each said that Missouri's limestone bedrock is especially susceptible to sinkholes.

frowns upon the use of too many traffic signals too nearby each other. As a result, one of the stop signs at the foot of the Oakland lot was removed and placed by the boulevard entrance.

"We decided that if things got too dangerous near the Oakland lot then we would try to put the sign back. Unfortunately, soon after placing the new stop sign there, things got dangerous," said Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick.

With the closing of Highway 40, Zarrick says that a traffic overflow may occur along Oakland. Also, because of the students and visitors pouring into SLUH, the Science Center, and Forest Park Community College, the area surrounding SLUH may become slightly more hazardous. He hopes that a petition to the St. Louis Board of Aldermen will allow SLUH to install a stop sign in front of the Oakland lot.

After the carjacking that took place in the alley during last year's Spring Fling Mixer, the school felt the need for more security (see Vol. 70, issue 28). Another safety measure

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## AMERICAN IDOL!

Multitalented SLUH junior Pat Probst may appear on the Tuesday, January 23 installment of America's favorite TV show, *American Idol*. The episode airs on FOX (channel 2) at 7 p.m. Be sure to tune in!

is the Knox Box Rapid Entry System, which is not yet installed. This would permit the fire department and other services entrance into the campus from the alley gate's north entrance. Teachers and residents living on Lawn Place who have garages in the alley will be given keys to enter.

by Kevin Casey

## Calendar

Jan. 19 - Jan. 19

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

Schedule R

V/B BB vs. CBC @ CBC, 5:30/7 pm  
 C BB Blue vs. CBC @ CBC, 4 pm  
 V WR MICDS Tourney @ MICDS, TBA  
 Bosco, Spaghetti with meat sauce & Bread sticks

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

Diversity Family Night, 4-6 pm, Currihan Room

V/B BB vs. St. Mary's, 5:30/7 pm  
 C BB Blue Oakville Tourney, TBA  
 C BB White vs. St. Mary's, 4 pm  
 V WR MICDS Tourney @ MICDS, 9 am  
 V HOC vs. DeSmet @ Affton, 8 pm

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

JV HOC vs. Vianney @ Fenton, 8:45 pm

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22**

Schedule R

STUCO Fr. Elections (this week)  
 Junior Whitehouse Retreat thru Wed.  
 V/B BB vs. DeSmet, 5:30/7pm  
 Curly Fries, Chicken Nuggets

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**

Schedule R

Young Rep.  
 V/B BB vs. Gateway @ Gateway, 4:30/6 pm  
 C BB Blue vs. Vianney @ Vianney, 4 pm  
 V/JV/C WR vs. DeSmet, 6 pm  
 Cookies, Tony's Pizza & Lil' Charlies

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24**

Schedule R

Fr. Eng. Tutorial  
 ACES/PAL Sessions, 6:30-8pm  
 C BB Blue vs. DeSmet @ DeSmet, 5:30 pm

C BB White vs. DeSmet @ DeSmet, 4 pm  
 Apple Turnovers, Pizza & Burgers

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**

Schedule R

Rosary in Chapel  
 Mix-It-Up Lunch  
 C BB Blue Oakville Tourney, TBA  
 C WR vs. Northwest-House Springs, 4:30 pm  
 Pretzels, Meatball Sandwich

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**

Schedule R

Fr. Class Liturgy  
 Sr. Project Ends  
 V/B BB vs. Jefferson City, 5:30/7 pm  
 V HOC vs. CBC @ Affton, 9:45 pm  
 Pizza/Taco Sticks, Crispitos & Mini Tacos

## Congratulations Mrs. Crespin!

PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNIFER CRESPIN



Congratulations to French teacher Jennifer Crespin, who gave birth to Charlotte Suzanne Carolyn Crespin on January 4.

## Chess Update

The Chessbills' Christmas break was bookended by two tough losses. The team fell 20-10 to Alton on December 20, and they lost to O'Fallon Township 18-12 on Wednesday. Check the team's page on the SLUH website for more detailed match reports and upcoming competitions. Their next match is Wednesday, January 24, at Ladue.

## SENIOR PROJECT REFLECTION

PHOTO BY MATT SCIUTO



Seniors Neil Salsich (left) and Dan O'Neil at the Senior Project reflection meeting. The night consisted of a prayer service followed by small group discussions.

## WRESTLING NIGHTBEAT

The varsity wrestling team suffered a tough loss to MCC rival Chaminade last night, 37-34. The team grossly underperformed, considering the intensity with which they had wrestled the night before against Ft. Zumwalt North. Last night, however, the team could not find that same intensity. Only freshman Tony Born and junior Tom Mudd wrestled to earn

team points; the other 24 came from forfeits. As the last match of the night, Mudd pinned his man in thirty seconds, disgusted by the wrestling preceding him. Born also dominated his opponent, 15-7. The team looks forward to turning things around at this weekend's MICDS tournament.