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Students challenged to go car free next Tuesday

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Core Staff

On an average school day, there are about 450 vehicles parked in St. Louis U. High's student parking lot, the Oakland lot, or the alley, besides the huge amount of cars that many students get dropped off by. What if the SLUH community—students, faculty, and administrators alike—could drastically lower that number by finding other ways to get to school? One thing is for sure: it would be a challenge. This challenge is essentially the backbone of the plan for SLUH's Car-Free Day, which is set for this Tuesday, April 24.

On Tuesday both students and faculty are encouraged to come to school using some

form of public transportation, whether it be St. Louis's MetroBus or MetroLink system. Other ways suggested are walking or biking, or if going completely "car-free" is impossible, carpooling is also suggested.

"The goal is to make people more aware of carpooling, public transportation, and other alternate ways to get to school using fewer cars because of Highway 40," explained art teacher Joan Bugnitz, who is helping coordinate the event with math and science teacher Michele Perrin. "It's for practical problems and establishing the long-term habits," Bugnitz said.

Right now, according to St. Louis's MetroBus and MetroLink website (www.metrostlouis.org), the one-ride fare is \$1.75 for a MetroBus and \$2.00 for the MetroLink.

A Metro two-hour pass, which can be used on the bus or the train, can be purchased for \$2.25, or can be bought in books of ten for \$20.00. These books are sold in the SLUH bookstore for only \$15.00.

For Car-Free Day, though, SLUH is giving out free one-way Metro passes for students and faculty who will use them. As another incentive, students will be allowed to dress-down for the event, and a "special treat" may be given to those who do participate, according to Schenkenberg.

Despite incentives such as these, the majority of students expressed a negative feeling toward Car-Free Day, remaining indifferent to the challenge or complaining that it would be too much of a hassle. There **see NOCARSGO, 11**

Absurdity invades theater with Dauphin double feature

Matt Hubbard
Photography Editor

The St. Louis U. High Dauphin Players, under the direction of Kathryn Whitaker, will take on two one-act studio plays written by Edward Albee this weekend for their final production of the year.

These two plays, *The American Dream* and *Zoo Story*, stem from the "theater of the absurd". According to the definition of the theater of the absurd in *NTC's Dictionary of*

Theatre and Drama Terms, "plays in the absurdist tradition attempt to show the irrational and illogical aspects of life through absurd characters, dialogue, and situations."

The first act, *The American Dream*, features a family of the emasculated Daddy (junior Jack Dryden), the dominant Mommy (Cor Jesu senior Alicia Vallorani), and the witty, normative Grandma (junior Sam King).

Albee never suggested that a male should **see ALBEE, 12**



(from left) Daddy (Jack Dryden), Mommy (Alicia Vallorani), and Grandma (Sam King) in the Dauphin Players' *The American Dream*.

—VIRGINIA TECH SHOOTING— How safe is SLUH?

Jim Santel
News Editor

Thirty-two students at Virginia Tech were shot in a chilling act of violence perpetrated on Monday by one of their own schoolmates.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the shootings is that the gunman, Cho Seung-Hui, had been recognized by many of his teachers and peers as disturbed, yet their warnings didn't prevent the event, even in a post-Columbine world where most schools have taken some preventative measures against shootings.

Here at St. Louis U. High, the most prominent pre-emptive mechanism is the lockdown drill, practiced each fall in which classrooms are locked from within and students are told to stay out of sight and as

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Bands to Jamnesty tomorrow

Jim Margherio
Reporter

For the first time, St. Louis U. High will be the host of a Jamnesty benefit concert this Saturday. Jamnesty is an event held nationwide, organized by different chapters of Amnesty International in order to spread awareness for their cause. Amnesty clubs from high schools and colleges usually organize these events to raise awareness about Amnesty International. The proceeds from this concert will go towards the Invisible Children fundraiser.

This concert, organized by theology teacher Rob Garavaglia and put together mainly by SLUH and Cor Jesu seniors, will take place in the Drury Plaza, one of the

first times the Plaza will be used for a large event.

Lasting from 6 to 11 p.m., Jamnesty will feature six area bands: The Black Notes, Hello Panda, The Alhambras, Harvenger, The Vultures, and Walk Sophie. In between performances there will be speakers from around the Midwest to speak about issues such as the Darfur conflict, the death penalty, and torture.

Students involved have expressed a lot of enthusiasm. "It's going to be really good here," said Amnesty member junior Ken Homan. "I went to (a Jamnesty concert) last year, but I think this will be better."

There will be food and drink for a small fee, and admission will be \$5.

SLUH cyclists pedal to school

Brian Bettonville
Core Staff

Though St. Louis U. High's official Car-Free Day will happen this Tuesday, many students and faculty members often go car-free already thanks to the bicycle. Though it is not the fastest means of transportation, cycling has numerous other benefits that can improve the rider's health and well-being.

One of the most obvious benefits is the physical workout. The convenience of combining the exercise and transportation entices some of the busier members of the SLUH community, including chemistry teacher Bill Anderson.

"It's committed exercise," Anderson said. "If I was on a treadmill at home and I got tired, I could get off, but when I'm riding my bike home, there's no 'I'm tired. I can get off and go sit on the couch.'"

For students such as freshman James Fister, biking can even lead to a change in performance for the first portion of the school day.

Fister, whose two and a half mile bike ride lasts about ten minutes, said, "It wakes me up. Exercise in the morning gets me awake right away rather than dredging through first and second period and being awake by third. I'm automatically ready to go."

The health brought by a nice bicycle ride can surpass just the physical benefits. "I feel like I'm in a much better frame of

mind when I'm on my bike," said theology teacher Rob Garavaglia, who rides to school everyday. "There's this separation between work and home and I can let go of the day."

For math teacher George Mills, bike rides are excellent forms of relaxation. After a tough day at SLUH, Mills, who bikes to school "about 50 percent of the time," will take a longer route home for relaxation.

"I'll do a couple little hills, and then I'll ride through Tower Grove Park, which is gorgeous," he said. "On a Friday I can get home faster on my bike than I can in a car."

For fine arts teacher Joan Bugnitz, cycling offers an escape from the terrors of traffic as well as an invigorating start to the day.

"I really like biking, and I prefer it to driving," she said. "When I bike to school, I feel so good when I get to school. I feel awake."

For some, such as Foreign Language teacher Kevin Moore, the enjoyment taken in cycling extends beyond the relaxing state of mind to freedom not experienced in other forms of transportation.

"One of the things that I've really noticed is that when you're in a car, you're in a cocoon. You have absolutely no contact with other people, and if you do it's probably negative," Moore said. "It's pretty hard to ride (a bike) for a few miles and not see

Zarrick to fill Mimplitz's shoes in PE

Charlie Landis
News Editor

A man who is admittedly only known to a few *Prep News* reporters will return to the rest of the student community after a six-year absence. Former St. Louis U. High Teacher of the Year winner Patrick Zarrick will return to the faculty next year to teach Physical Education. He will replace the outgoing legend Joe Mimplitz, who will be retiring at the end of this year. Zarrick will vacate his current position as Director of Facilities after six years on the job.

Zarrick, who left the SLUH science department for the third floor in 2001, said that he had "hoped to, someday, eventually return to the classroom."

Zarrick will work alongside P.E. teachers Scott Gilbert and Gary Kornfeld, teaching mostly gym classes and some weights classes. "I had always hoped in the back of my mind that (physical education) would be a really interesting subject for me to teach," he said.

Zarrick has experience in the teaching field at SLUH, where he taught chemistry, environmental science, biology, and anatomy from 1993-2004. He also has experience in physical education and a background in martial arts.

Before Zarrick arrived at SLUH, he worked in the Colorado and St. Charles County park systems.

He also taught physical education and defense tactics at the St. Charles County police academy, and was a part time bodyguard. He also led a photography club, taught women's self defense with his martial arts background, and, in his earlier years, bounced at a night club in St. Louis. "(I've had) sort of an unorthodox path for a SLUH teacher," he said.

Zarrick plans to include some of his self-defense tactics in his P.E. classes, as well as stress management on days where students wouldn't normally dress out for class.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

STUCO encourages attendance at election speeches

Dear Student Body,

The Student Council elections will be held Wednesday, April 25th for juniors, April 26th for sophomores and May 1st for freshmen. With this in mind, the members of the Student Council believe it is important to address the topic of exercising the right to have a say in your class leadership. The people that you elect will be your voice in the school. Attendance at this year's election meeting where the candidates present their ideas with their speech will NOT be mandatory. Although your attendance is optional, our hope is that

each of you will use this as an opportunity to educate yourself on the issues of our school and your class and vote for the people who will best lead. At SLUH we have a great tradition of knowledge and character and there is not a better example than to exercise your informed vote for your class leaders. We would like to challenge everyone to attend the election meeting and vote for the leaders to make their class the best class it can be.

Sincerely,
STUCO '07

Three students named Presidential Scholar semifinalists

Matt Bettonville
Staff

Three St. Louis U. High students were named semifinalists for the 2007 Presidential Scholars Program. Six SLUH seniors were named candidates for the honor earlier this year (see issue 18), but only Micah Manary, Christian Ronzio, and Dan Viox moved on to the program's semifinal round.

Ten seniors, five male and five female, were selected from Missouri as semifinalists. This means that more than half of those recognized as the top males in our state came from SLUH. "The fact that three of the five boys in Missouri are from St. Louis U. High is just tremendous," said Academic Assistant Principal Mark Michalski.

"That's absolutely unheard of," said semifinalist Manary. "I think it means that SLUH really does focus on academics."

"I think it says that we're doing a great job of getting (students) ready for college," said Ronzio. "It says really good things about both the school and the senior class here."

The program is one of the top honors in the nation for high school seniors. Being recognized on such a high level will certainly help Manary, Ronzio, and Viox in their futures. "I think it'll definitely help when I'm applying for grad schools or internships," said Ronzio.

To make the jump from candidacy to semifinalists, candidates were asked to submit more academic records, as well as six essays to be further reviewed by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars. According to Viox, the focus was placed on a student's abilities outside the classroom, such as service or sports, to determine the semifinalists, whereas those in the candidate round were determined purely on SAT and ACT scores.

"I think it means that rather than just studying, I've also got talent," said Manary. "(All three of us) have some sort of innate gift for learning."

Ronzio said he sees his candidacy as a result of his great education. He accredits his selection as a semifinalist to "a product of my English education here, being able to write well."

"I think it's a nice recognition of all the hard work that I've put in over my four years at SLUH," said Viox. "It's good being

recognized at a national level."

The program states its mission as "to recognize and honor some of our Nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors." 2,700 candidates for the honor were announced in late January. The field was then narrowed to 500 semifinalists from around the country. Although an exact date has not been announced, 141 finalists will be named sometime in mid-May.

The 141 scholars will include at least one male and one female from each state, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and U.S. citizens living abroad, as well as 15 to be chosen "at large." This makes a total of 121 academic scholars with an additional 20 to be named as arts scholars based on their achievements in the arts.

All semifinalists were asked to submit a photo and a short autobiography for a compilation about the winners.

Finalists will receive a weeklong trip to Washington, D.C., accompanied by a teacher of their choice, to attend a week-long awards ceremony. This trip consists of classes taught by top educators, government officials, authors, scientists, and other distinguished individuals for the scholars to attend. These lectures will focus on youth leadership and leadership in "the new America," according to Manary.

Although the program recognizes top student scholars, there is no monetary scholarship given to winners. A ceremony that will conclude the weekend features the presentation of the Presidential Medal to the scholars. "It means that not only athletes are getting nice things," joked Manary.

Manary said he sees this as an honor for himself, Ronzio, and Viox, and he hopes that others will see it as reflective of their character rather than just their academics.

Hooray, t-shirts!

The theme of the 2007 yearbook is "SLUH to a T." One of the features of the book will be photos of the various tee-shirts that have been produced this year for different homerooms, clubs or teams. With the approval of Mr. Clark, Tuesday of next week is designated as "Wear a Tee Shirt Day." If you do not have a club t-shirt from this year, wear a regulation polo shirt. One of the "photo ops" Mr. Sciuto has planned is to have a large number of tee-shirt-wearing students gather on the upper field for a group picture, weather permitting.

Tamm overpass to be the first Forty headache

Peter Mackowiak
Core Staff

The first of a series of roadblocks will hinder St. Louis U. High drivers starting at ten o'clock tonight, as both directions of Interstate 64 (Highway 40) will be closed between Hampton and Oakland Ave. This stretch is closing for the destruction of the Tamm Avenue bridge.

The closures will affect motorists leaving the Dauphin Players' *The American Dream* and *The Zoo Story*, which runs from 7:30 to about 9:45 p.m. Theater Director Joe Schulte plans to post an announcement about the

closures on the theater doors.

"I don't think there will be any major problems," said Schulte, who cited several available detours near Highway 40.

The closures may also affect drivers leaving SLUH from this weekend's baseball tournament. Friday night's final games begin at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday's earliest game starts at 11:00 a.m.

The closed strip is scheduled to re-open at 5:30 Saturday morning. If all goes as planned, no SLUH commuters will be affected. "I have a feeling that, because of the way (the construction workers) have done a couple of other ramps, they're going to

be true to their word," said Principal Mary Schenkenberg.

Athletic Director Dick Wehner does not expect the work on Highway 40 to be completed before the baseball game, but is confident that all drivers will find a way to get to SLUH on time. "They need to be aware of that problem, and leave accordingly," said Wehner, who will email visiting teams to make sure they know about the closures before Friday night and possibly Saturday morning.

Motorists commuting to or from SLUH on Friday night are encouraged to enter the parking lot by the normal entrance.

Quizbowl wins districts, Diversity Mass completes Harmony Project

Michael Baumer
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High Quizbills competed in their second academic tournament of the year, the district round of the Missouri State Academic Competition last Saturday. Under the auspices of math teacher Frank Corley, Director of Diversity Robert Evans, computer teacher Tim Rittenhouse, and history teacher Paul Michaelson, the team competed in five matches on their way to victory.

The team, consisting of seniors Sean Beebe, Jack Fleming, Sam Leverenz, Micah Manary, Rob Perkins, and Todd Swift, and juniors Michael Baumer and George Boston began the day with a match against Pacific. SLUH won the match 540-160. The team locked up a spot in the semifinals by defeating Eureka and Union with scores of 545-155 and 390-145, respectively.

These remarkable scores are due in no small part to several exceptional individual scores: Micah Manary and Sean Beebe each won all-district medals for their individual performances. "I'm really proud of their efforts," said coach Jean Elliott. "They've worked hard all year to get where they are now. I'm really happy for them."

In the afternoon, as SLUH's ACT test-takers were being dismissed, the Elliottbills took on Eureka a second time, accumulating a final score of 460 points to Eureka's score of 240.

In the final round of district play, the

BuzzerBeaterbills took the lead against Lafayette in the first quarter, but began closing the point gap during the second and third quarters. A few substitutions in the final quarter, however, led the AlwaysGuessWordsworthbills to a 330-205 victory.

"I'm proud of the whole team," Elliott said. "Everyone did such a great job."

This win sends the Jr. Bills on to the state academic contest, held on Saturday, May 5, in Columbia, Missouri.

Kevin Michniok
Reporter

St. Louis U. High held its annual Diversity Mass in the student chapel last Friday. This mass is the culminating event of this year's Harmony Project, which helps to create a platform and diversity through awareness for cooperation among all people. Twenty-one Jr. Bills hosted approximately 80 local area high school students from several schools, including CBC, Incarnate Word, Nerinx Hall, Rosati-Kain, Ursuline, and Visitation. Jeff Harrison, S.J. celebrated the mass along with SLUH's Concert Choir providing the music.

After the mass, students attended a diversity meeting in the Danis Lobby for discussion questions. Among the topics discussed were the effects of limiting discussions about diversity to race and racism and ways to apply things discussed this year to our everyday lives. Issues pertaining to racial equality centered on the recent controversy surrounding radio host Don Imus.

Evans said, "Quite often students leave the mass reinventing their ideas. We want to make sure we have a solid foundation for future things to come."

Evans also stressed the importance of greater student involvement in diversity: "Many students assume diversity is only related to blacks. Getting other students to participate creates a most effective group."

Car Free Day info

-Metro's Transit Information Group for assistance or help at 314-231-2345 from Missouri or 618-271-2345 from Illinois. Transit Information is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Use the tripfinder at www.metrostlouis.org

-Unless noted, all parking is free and you can park up to 24 hours at the Park-and-Go stations.

-No bills over \$10.00 can be used for MetroLink tickets and exact cash is required for Metro buses (\$1.75).

-There is no extra cost for traveling with bikes on a MetroBus or the MetroLink. Most MetroBuses have outside racks that can hold two bikes, and bikes are not permitted inside. Riders can take their bikes inside the MetroLink, as long as they stand with it at the rear of the car.

Porter takes fifth in St. Louis Marathon, improves by two minutes

Scott Mueller
Sports Editor

St. Louis U. High track coach Joe Porter ran in the St. Louis Marathon Sunday, April 15. He finished the 26.2-mile course in 2 hours 37 minutes and 28 seconds, in fifth place.

Porter's fifth-place finish was about nine minutes behind the winner, who finished in 2:28. There were about 2,000 participants in the marathon and about 7,000 in the half marathon.

Unlike the Boston Marathon, the St. Louis Marathon had nearly perfect conditions, according to Porter. "We had pretty much ideal conditions. The wind was below ten miles an hour, which is great. It was a little cold in the morning, around 40 degrees. I just wore gloves to start and I was able to take them off and toss them to the side by mile eight or nine. I thought it was pretty much ideal conditions."

The race started at 7 a.m., at the intersection of Market and Union Station. The

route then traveled down into Soulard and went around the Anheuser-Busch Brewery and then back into downtown. From there, the route traveled along Market to Forest Park Parkway, through Forest Park and into downtown Clayton. The runners then ran through University City back into Forest Park. The final stretch was on Forest Park Parkway back into downtown, finishing about a block and one half from where the race began.

In training for the marathon Porter tried to log about 80 miles a week. Porter does a long run of 16 to 20 miles every Sunday. On Tuesdays, Porter works out with St. Louis U. track coach Mike Nelson. "Every other time we'd just be out running miles, just putting in a lot of miles," said Porter.

"I've been running since I was a freshman in high school. I ran in college at St. Louis U. So, once I graduated I just continued running," said Porter. Porter currently runs for the Big River Racing Team. The Big

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Lacrosse defeats Parkway Central Colts, fall to Kirkwood Pioneers

Brad Tharpe
Reporter

The Saint Louis U. High lacrosse team faced off against the No. 7 Parkway Central Colts last Saturday. The Laxbills, undefeated in conference play, hoped to extend their winning streak, while the Colts hoped to knock off one of the area's top teams.

The near freezing temperatures and drizzling rain proved to be powerful factors at the beginning of the game, producing a sloppy first quarter of bad passes and missed shots. The quarter ended 1-1 thanks to sophomore RJ Half's goal early in the game.

The second quarter held much of the same until sophomore Tony Howe blazed a shot from the wing past the Central goalie. Pressing their advantage, the Jr. Bills pumped the net three more times, but were countered quickly by the Colts, who scored two of their

own. The half ended with a score of 5-3.

The Jr. Bills were ready to play in the second half, netting 4 goals in 5 minutes, two by junior Brett Siegfried, and two by sophomore Brian Hof. Hof, the Attackbills' leading scorer, already has 35 points on the season, and seems hungry for more.

Tensions ran high as the Colt defense looked more and more desperate as the Jr. Bills continued to pump the net, and finally came to a head with just over 2 minutes left to play in the third quarter over a controversial hit by a SLUH attackman on a Colt defender.

A fight ensued on the Central crease warranting a Colt midfielder and Howe ejections, and over three minutes of penalties for each team. Tensions remained high due to the weather and the ever increasing lopsidedness thanks to Dan Renz and Sam

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Track looks forward to Ladue and KU meets

Matt Lawder
Reporter

After thunderstorms ravaged the St. Louis area Friday night and Saturday morning, both St. Louis U. High track meets last weekend were canceled. While the All-Catholic meet was rescheduled for Monday afternoon, SLUH decided it was best not to send anyone there to compete.

SLUH did, however send a squad to compete on Tuesday afternoon at the rescheduled Corey Siebert Invitational. However, the team sent was the second varsity squad because of the upcoming Ladue meet on Thursday and KU Relays this weekend. SLUH did put several top varsity athletes into the meet to get some extra competitive reps and these few performed well.

Niko Mafuli won the shot put with a throw of 52 feet and 2 inches. He also took second in the discus with a hurl of 145' 10". Sophomore Evan Sullivan followed Niko in the discus, placing eighth with a toss of 115' 4".

The high jump scored more points for SLUH when sophomore Cecil Edwards (5' 10") and Jon Harvath (5' 6") placed third and seventh respectively. The jump squad picked up another point when sophomore Brian Schwartze jumped 38' 7.5" for eighth place in the triple jump.

SLUH finished the meet well back of the leader, but again did not have their full squad. The team looks very rested and ready to go this weekend at some big meets. Most of the varsity squad will be competing at the Ladue Invitational, hosted at Chaminade's track on Thursday after school.

Several members of the varsity squad will be heading across Missouri and venturing into the flattest state in the Union, Kansas. They will be participating in the eighteenth running of the Kansas relays, one of the most prestigious meets in the Midwest. The meet takes place in Lawrence on Friday and Saturday.

Polobills defeat Ladue, prepare for MICDS

Ray Kreienkamp
Reporter

After another week of hard work, the St. Louis U. High water polo team remains focused on its ultimate goal of winning State. In the past week, the team concentrated on challenging themselves in practice as they faced off in only one game, beating Ladue on Wednesday 12-6.

The Heafner brothers once again led the team on offense, with Jim scoring three goals and sophomore John knocking in two more. Although the victory should have been easy, the game was more challenging than expected since the awful refereeing nearly shut down the Jr. Bill offense.

"We did our best to play hard, even though the referees were definitely affecting our offense," remarked captain Jim Heafner.

Although it was never a close game, the team was disappointed that it gave up six goals. "We should not have given up six goals to a team like that with few offense threats. We definitely did not play as well

as we should have defensively," said captain Kerry Read.

Despite the fact that these past few weeks have presented very few challenges for the Jr. Bills, the next week will be a change from these calm and less competitive games against weaker conference teams. The next week should be the hardest week on the Jr. Bills' schedule, as they will play almost all of the top teams in the state. It will be an important indication of the Jr. Bills' progress.

The Jr. Bills will start this challenging week tomorrow night against perennial powerhouse MICDS at the St. Peter's Rec-Plex.

Tom Tandler said, "I am looking forward to playing in the all-deep state pool."

The Jr. Bills will then play at No. 2 Lindbergh on Tuesday at 5 p.m., Chaminade at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, and No. 3 DeSmet

at FoPo next Friday. Although the Jr. Bills have already defeated all of these teams, the Jr. Bills are coming in as if they need to prove themselves all over again.

"We are going to come ready to play," remarked Jim Heafner,

"and even though we have already beaten them once, it will be harder the second time around."

As the Jr. Bills prepare today for the
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PHOTO BY MATT HUBBARD
SLUH goalie Zak Ancel punches away a Ladue goal attempt.

Baseball suffers first two losses of season

Dan Everson
Core Staff

After an impervious 8-0 start to the 2007 season, the St. Louis U. High Baseballs shot to the top of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* large school rankings. Last week, however, they slipped up to both Mehlville and St. John Vianney en route to a 9-2 overall record (1-1 in Metro Catholic Conference play) and slid to No. 2 in the *Post-Dispatch* polls.

The Golden Griffins of Vianney left the comforts of their Kirkwood campus behind on Tuesday, coming to SLUH for the first of two match-ups between the MCC rivals. Nonetheless, it was Vianney who appeared most comfortable at Sheridan Stadium, taking advantage of sloppy play by the Jr. Bills for an 8-0 victory.

After two scoreless innings to open the game, the Griffins eked out a run in the third when third baseman Dave Stewart (who, according to rumors, was watched Tuesday

by a scout for the Damn Yankees) launched an RBI triple to left-center.

SLUH hurler Gabe Pilla found himself in danger again in the fourth, with runners at first and second and no outs. A quick mound visit by head coach Steve Nicollerat seemed to reverse his fortune, followed by six straight strikes for two outs, but Vianney shortstop Ryan McAnany followed the two K's with a double down the left field line to put the Griffins up 2-0.

The modest 2-0 score line busted open, though, in the fifth, when ugly defense aided the Vianney offense in a four-run inning. With one run in, Griffins stood at the corners with one out when Stephen Massie singled to left field. As cries of "Two! Two!" echoed around the field, the Jr. Bills cut the throw home and threw to nab Massie, who was trying to take second. The cut throw was high and wide of second base, however, and it flew into a vacant right field. (Right fielder Ricky Hudson, in true Nicolleratbills

fashion, had been backing up first base on the play.) A couple of Jr. Bills raced out to the ball but had no chance to prevent Massie from coming all the way around to score. The ball bounced on the infield grass as Massie touched the plate, fittingly skipping by one more Jr. Bill before it was stopped near the third-base line.

Defensive woes continued in similar fashion the next inning, when Griffin left fielder David Kramer hit a sharp grounder along the third base line with runners at first and second and one out. Third baseman David Eagleton set himself up for a Scott Rolan backhand, but he anticipated a hop that didn't happen, and the ball sneaked into left field. The Leylandbills again cut the throw home with hopes of an out at second—and the Leylandbills again threw the ball away, this time sending it trickling into right-center. Kramer held at second base as, *deja vu*, the Jr. Bills chased down the ball in a vacant

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Buses, bicycles, and no automobiles: the small delights of car-free commuting

Andrew Mueth
Features Editor

Since Car Free Day is this coming Tuesday, hopefully the majority of students will find alternate means of getting to school for one day; hopefully the *Prep News* staff will be baking the school cookies next week.

We Features Editors, Sean Kickham and I, want to do our part on Car Free Day, so we figured we'd try a few different ways of getting to school without using a car. The first method was via public transportation.

I went online to the Saint Louis Metro website and found five possible routes—using a combination of walking, taking the MetroBus, and riding the MetroLink—using the TRIPfinder feature.

After searching for routes from White Plains Drive, Chesterfield, to 4970 Oakland Avenue, the two of us made our way to school on two different suggested routes.

First, on Monday we took the most direct route, the 158x Highway 40 express. I picked up Sean from his house around 6:15 and drove a quarter of a mile to the bus stop, parking my car at Ya-Ya's Euro café.

As we walked up to the bus just before 6:20, I reached into my pocket to pull out my coins, but the door stayed closed. The driver shook her head sternly at me. I wondered if I'd made a serious mistake. Suddenly, she broke into laughter and opened the door with a grin, wishing us good morning.

Ready to put my change into the money slot, I wanted to verify the fare; I asked, "A dollar fifty?"

"What? A dollar fifty?" the driver asked.

"The cost for the ride," I explained, again feeling I did something wrong.

"No," she said. "A dollar seventy-five."

So I put in \$1.35. Sean told me later that she actually said \$1.75; I just misheard.

Having gotten on at the start of the route, we were the first passengers. The next few stops took us through Chesterfield, picking up some businessmen and more SLUH students, all underclassmen.

One advantage of riding the bus was that I was able to finish my calculus homework, and even get some help from Sean, a much more difficult task when driving.

At the Brentwood MetroLink station, everyone but the SLUH boys got off, leaving just us nine. The bus dropped us off promptly at 7:20 at the stop on Oakland across from the faculty parking lot.

The walk from there was less than from the parking lot to school, and I had some more time for homework before homeroom began at 7:50.

Taking the Highway 40 express was a simple, cheap way to get to school. It took longer than driving, but I was able to finish up some homework. Sean and I planned to take a different route the next day.

Tuesday, Sean and I took another TRIPfinder suggested route, starting with route 91 Olive, connecting with 90 Hampton. I parked at Sean's house and we walked to the entrance of his neighborhood on Olive near Chesterfield Parkway to the inconspicuous bus kiosk.

There we sat and waited for the bus to roar up and stop. Waiting

“Taking the Highway 40 express was a simple, cheap way to get to school. It took longer than driving, but I was able to finish up some homework.”

is a big part of taking the bus, so have something to read if you choose this option Tuesday. The driver greeted us as we stepped on at 6:25, the first passengers once again, and we took our seats. This time I paid \$1.75.

The Olive route was much slower going, being less direct and making more stops along the way. Sean and I planned to ride it to Delmar and DeBaliviere, where we planned to catch the Hampton bus. About 200 feet before we turned onto DeBaliviere, I asked where we would get off to connect to the Hampton bus. The driver told me that was at the last stop, but not to worry, because we could also get on at the next stop, around the corner.

She then told us, however, that since we didn't buy transfer tickets, we'd have to pay a whole new fare when we got on the Hampton bus. I was frustrated, but figured that's to be expected the first time I'd need to connect with another bus. She rolled to a stop and I clambered down as she said that the Hampton bus was right behind us.

As I got on the new bus, Sean handed me a small green slip of paper. The driver had taken pity on us ignorant bus-riders and given us free transfers, a \$2.25 value. The proper way to get a transfer, Sean then explained, was to buy one as soon as you get on the bus, instead of paying standard fare. (A note: bring exact change).

The bus rode then through scenic Forest Park, and let us off at Hampton and Oakland. We started walking to school from there.

Luckily, our walk was cut short when senior Dan Yacovino pulled over and offered us a ride. We accepted, and made it to school at 7:40, in time for the delayed block schedule start.

The Olive/Hampton route took a lot longer, and was much more crowded than the Highway 40 route, so we got to see an interesting crowd of people, from all sorts of apparent backgrounds and areas.

UP HILL

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To step further out of my usual means of getting to school, on Wednesday, Sports Editor Scott Mueller and I rode our bikes to school from Scott's house off of Clayton Road in Town & Country.

Tuesday we drove home from school along Clayton Road, to get an overview of the route we'd be taking, figuring out different possibilities and looking for tricky spots. That evening, we prepared by pumping up our tires, finding our helmets, and riding to and from each other's houses, a 20-minute ride one way, to get the feel for our bikes again. It's true: you never forget how to ride a bike.

I met at Scott's house at 6:20 and borrowed one of his bikes that was more comfortable than the one I owned, which I have outgrown. We were on the road by 6:35, and the chilly morning air made my knuckles white as I quickly began figuring out when to shift up or down to lessen the impact of hills.

There was hardly any traffic, and most of the cars that did pass us moved to the center lane when they approached, making it easy to ride. Parts of Clayton have a bike lane, and most of it has wide enough shoulders to facilitate a comfortable ride.

I had Mapquested the route and found it to be about 13 miles long, which, based on how fast we'd ridden Tuesday night, would mean a ride just over an hour. I'd planned on making regular stops every quarter of the way there, but when we passed over 270 I felt great and so did Scott, so we kept on rolling.

As I finally reached the top of the huge hill after Big Bend (think Esquire), I debated pulling aside for a break. But then I realized how close we were to SLUH and figured, forget it, I'll just keep going.

At the confusing intersection of Skinker, Clayton (in two different places), and Oakland, Scott and I judged that with so little traffic we could just make it across Skinker on Clayton. Had traffic been bad, we were prepared to ride the rest of the way through Forest Park.

I raced through the last stretch, my thighs burning, and pulled onto the faculty lot. I could not believe I'd just ridden a bike to school from West County. I looked at my wristwatch, which I'd worn just for the ride: it read 7:40, meaning we'd taken an hour and five minutes. Scott pulled in a minute later, explaining he'd gotten caught at a red light at Macklind.

We walked, tired but triumphant, to the *Prep News* office, where within seconds of hearing what we'd just done and how tired we were, senior Dan Zdrodowski cruelly reminded us, "And you get to do it again tonight."

I thought getting to SLUH would feel like it took forever, but

I moved between major landmarks and intersections faster than I thought I would have. I paid attention to things I'd not noticed before while riding, too. For instance, in hunger I realized that there are no fast food joints along Clayton, the closest thing being the IHOP at Brentwood.

Another thing I realized is that the road seems entirely different as a biker. The hills seem steeper, for one. I also noticed the shoulders unlike ever before. For a brief time, between Ballas and Spoede, there is a bike lane, something that means nothing to me when I drive the road. I noticed small businesses (like a chiropractor's office) run from houses along Clayton near Hanley.

Probably the thing I noticed most was the number of other bikers on the road. I had not realized how many people bike, how common it is to see one or two people pass you on the opposite side of the road or (in our case) pass you from behind.

English Teacher Jim Raterman, when he heard that I'd ridden in on Clayton, told me there is no better road to bike, because Clayton has a longer history of biking than any other St. Louis road. I am proud to be just one tiny part in that tradition, and having had such a great time riding it, can understand why so many people are so passionate about biking. (See article, p. 2).

Getting home was much warmer, and there was more traffic, and it was definitely more uphill. Or maybe we were just more tired Wednesday.

I was tired, but invigorated by the ride. It was a great day for biking, and it was fun to see Clayton Road from a different perspective.

If nothing else, Scott joked, now we can tell our grandkids that we rode our bikes to school, "uphill both ways."

Riding my bike to school one day certainly makes me no expert, but at least when I see people riding bikes along roads, I will have a small shared experience of doing that myself, and I will at least give them more space on the shoulder, or slow down as I pass them.

So if you are curious about taking a different route to school, but aren't sure if you really want to do it, give it a shot. I promise it will be a unique, largely enjoyable experience. If you've always wanted to get to school by walking, riding, taking a bus or Metro-Link, doing a triathlon; whatever, there is no better day for it than Tuesday.

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For more information on getting to school without a car, see article, p. 1.

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Roller coaster week for in-line hockey

Mark Anderson
Reporter

In the most exciting game of the year, St. Louis U. High Rollerbills came back from a huge deficit to defeat Fort Zumwalt West 9-7.

Despite going down four goals early in the first period, SLUH rallied back in the second period and refused to give up. Scoring in bursts, the Jr. Bills cut the lead to one, then scored one more to tie it, then pulled ahead to put the game away. SLUH caught Zumwalt West completely flat-footed in the second period and never looked back after the first three goals.

The season-long offensive trio of Chris Place, Scott Chesnek, and Ben Pecher scored multiple goals throughout the game. The victory gave SLUH not only a chance at a top five seed in the playoffs, but was also intensely gratifying.

McCluer however, smothered the fire that begun at the end of the last game and squashed the Rollerbills 11-2. Staying within one goal for most of the first half had been

hard enough, so when McCluer suddenly accelerated its gameplay, SLUH was left in the dust. Just two of McCluer's skaters accounted for all of its goals and showed why the team remains undefeated after most of the season. The Jr. Bills' response to this disappointing loss proved just how strong the team has become.

The very next day, the Rollerbills faced Seckman, a team very close to SLUH in the standings. Seckman promised to be another tough game, but the team had a surprise waiting for the Jaguars. In a spectacular show of skill, SLUH absolutely dominated its opponent and shutout Seckman, 6-0. The Jr. Bills held Seckman to only 18 shots and controlled any and all rebounds on both ends of the floor.

Frustrated with their inability to score, the Jaguars became increasingly physical in their play, this included crosschecking and boarding. With only a minute left to play, the referees called the game as they believed continued play would be too dangerous for players of either team. Regardless, SLUH

took home the win, the first shutout of the year, and a positive look towards the playoffs.

Unfortunately, the following morning, Fort Zumwalt North had other plans for SLUH and sorely beat the team 10-2. Much the same as the McCluer game, only a handful of highly talented Zumwalt skaters controlled the puck and dictated the flow of the game, preventing SLUH from mustering any offense. The Rollerbills will need to find a way to solve this problem if they ever expect to defeat teams like Zumwalt North or McCluer.

Luckily for SLUH, the final three games in the season before the playoffs will all be against teams they have already soundly beaten. Coming into this stretch with a 6-5 record, the Jr. Bills could make their way into the middle of the pack and avoid the top seeds in the first rounds. First up will be Bishop DuBourg (3-8-1) at Matteson Square Gardens in St. Peters this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. followed by St. Mary's (3-6-1) next Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Omni.

Tennis beats Vianney, Chaminade

Nathaniel Hogrebe
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High tennis team continued its dominance on the court this past week, improving to a 6-1 record.

On Friday, the Tennisbills steamrolled past the Vianney Griffins in a 7-0 victory. Despite a disappointing rainout on Saturday of the much-anticipated Rockhurst match-up, the squad came ready to play on Monday in a 6-1 win over Parkway West. Their biggest challenge, however, lay on Wednesday when they faced off against their archrival Chaminade.

The Red Devils handed the Jr. Bills their only regular season loss last year and stole the MCC crown. Determined not to lose to them again, varsity coach Dennis Dougan fired up his players for the grudge match.

Abe Souza quickly disposed of Cham-

nade's top player Joey West, only losing one game the entire match, but troubles plagued the rest of the team early.

The number one doubles team of Mike

Ferrell and Tom Hoffman lost 3-6, 3-6, while every other match ventured into the third set. Third doubles pulled out the team's second win while Andrew Vatterott defeated his opponent to

bring SLUH within one more individual win for the team victory.

Golf takes sixth in Webster Cup

Jeremy Schwob
Reporter

The Profebills faced off against much of the best talent in the area in the Webster Cup at Crescent Farms last Monday. Although the conditions were perfect, the Golfbills struggled to post good scores. Steve Klostermeyer once again shouldered the load and came in with an impressive sixth-place finish with a score of 79.

The struggles continued for the Tigerbills, as the team faced off against DeSmet at Glen Echo. Klostermeyer conquered his Glen Echo demons with a one-over-par 37. Klostermeyer received some help from sophomore Jeremy Schwob (40) and freshman Kyle Feltz (42), but the GreenJacketbills fell to DeSmet by 16 strokes.

With the district tournament approaching quickly, the Bantlebills need to find their strokes. Next up for the Golfbills is Vianney at Riverside on May 3.



Abe Souza smashes a serve in a tennis match versus Parkway West on Monday.

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Volleyball lives up to No. 1 ranking, defeats St. Mary's, Vianney

Rory Faust
Reporter

The No. 1 ranked Jr. Bills went head to head with the No. 2 ranked team in the area, St. Mary's on Monday. The Bills had been looking forward to this match since the original rankings put St. Mary's at No. 1.

The Volleybills proved to be too much for the Dragons as SLUH came off with an easy 25-20, 25-21 win despite a string of service errors. Rory Faust and junior Pete Hock leading the way both with 8 kills and 1 block each.

On Wednesday, the Jr. Bills faced Vianney, excited to beat the defending State champs in a rematch of last season's final. With early blocks in the game from Faust, Hock, and Murphy Troy, the Volleybills came out with a 7-1 lead and held the Griffins off

for a 25-19 win in game one. Game two was another victory for the Jr. Bills with a 25-21 win, getting revenge in a two game sweep of Vianney.

Senior Murphy Troy spikes the volleyball in a game versus St. Mary's on Monday. SLUH went on to defeat St. Mary's 25-20, 25-21.



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Frisbills remain undefeated

Peter Mackowiak
Core Staff

The St. Louis U. High Ultimate Frisbee team completed a doubleheader sweep at Compton-Drew field last weekend. Improving their record to 6-0, the 'Canebills can enter the state tournament undefeated provided that they win next Sunday against Priory.

The first game of the sunny afternoon twofer pitted the Flick-Hammerbills against the Lindbergh Flyers. Sunday's mild winds provided a minor challenge for throwing.

The Flyers lived up to their aeronautical nickname, as their hucks were their only major offensive threat. Although the Wham-Obills had developed a 1-3-3 zone defense for the weekends' games, they also incorporated a man-to-man defense when going against the wind.

The Mannybills entered the Lindbergh game overconfidently, and were out-hustled, as Lindbergh took an 8-7 lead into half. This led to an inspired speech by last year's co-captain Dan Mueller, who also used drawings in the dirt.

The Hubbsbills sent out an experienced line to start the second half. This line took

four points in a row, and the Jr. Bills picked up the slack to win 15-9.

After a quick lunch break, the Ernie-Banksbills took on DeSmet's JV squad. The Broekelbills' man/zone defensive conglomeration worked well against the Spartans. They raced to an 8-3 halftime lead, powered by Kevin Stephenson's three assists and two points.

The stretch directly after halftime included two Stephenson-to-Andrew Austermann connections and a breathtaking layout catch by Chris Barker. Even though Barker turned over the disc immediately afterwards, the play did provide the team with a momentum boost.

This lead provided the Greatestbills with an opportunity to work in a line of first-year players for three straight points. The Rookiebills played suffocating defense, and also managed to tack on a point before the vets returned to finish off the win, 15-8.

The Jr. Bill's next game is this Sunday versus Priory, at the Compton-Drew field at 2 pm. The 06' Cardsbills will try to continue their inspired play through Sunday's Priory game to the state tournament weekend.

HEY PORTER

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River Running Company is a running store in West County.

Porter said that he was pleased with his performance on Sunday. "I was pretty happy. I can't be disappointed because I did run faster than I did last year by a couple minutes."

However, Porter still thinks there is room for some personal improvement. "I thought I was in better shape than when I ran," said Porter, who experienced some stomach cramps in the middle of the race. "I had to kind of stop and get rejuvenated again, so I kind of lost a little bit of time there." When Porter stopped, he was in front of the racer who finished third.

"It's kind of disappointing in that regard in terms of place, but I really can't be upset because of the time. Any time you run two minutes faster you have to be happy with the effort," added Porter.

"I still think there's plenty of room for improvement," noted Porter, who explained that the St. Louis marathon course is one of the more difficult courses for a marathon.

In the future, Porter wants to run with his racing team in the United States Track and Field competition in December in Cincinnati. Last December, Porter and his team finished ninth in the country at the event in San Francisco.

"If I have the time I'd like to run another (marathon). I might do one in the fall I might not. It's just kind of seeing where the placement is and what races I can get into and where I'll be," said Porter.

Wikipedia Entry of the week

The *Prep News* would like to offer its congratulations to senior Sam Leverenz for his editing of the "Milton Friedman" page on the Wikipedia online encyclopedia. At the end of the "Nobel Prize and Retirement, 1977-2006" section of the entry it says, "Noted fiscal commentator Sam Leverenz said to Friedman on his deathbed 'And so the greatest mind of our generation has passed.'" Leverenz posted this edit about four months ago and so far no corrections have been made. For reference see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milton_Friedman#Nobel_Prize_and_Retirement.2C_1977-2006

NOCARSGO

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are still a large number of students who are giving it a try, not only for the benefit of the experience but also for fun.

As of Wednesday, a map of the Metro system (both bus and train) has been hung up in the main corridor, across from Assistant Principal for Student Welfare H. Eric Clark's office. Each bus route has its own color, with the MetroLink system outlined in red, and all routes shown lead to SLUH.

Throughout the different routes are pictures of several SLUH faculty members' heads.

"We've asked for faculty to volunteer to take the bus that day," explained Perrin. "We're going to advertise it to students that, you know, if you're nervous—you've never bought a bus ticket before—a certain teacher will be at a certain stop at (a certain) time."

For example, economics teacher Peggy Pride will be escorting students from the Swansea MetroLink Station in Illinois. Most teachers will be leaving from their designated stations at the latest possible time that will allow them to make it to SLUH before homeroom.

Students can also use the Metro website to plan their route to school, using an online TRIPfinder program. Much like online driving directions such as Mapquest, the TRIPfinder program allows users to type in the addresses of their starting and end points, along with the date they'll be making their trip and the time they need to be at the destination point. A list of possible routes will then show up, arranged from the least to the longest travel time. The routes also include each individual distance of walking, bus riding, and train riding that make up the total amount of the trip.

"(Car Free Day) is just an awareness (issue) because of the Highway 40 construction, and (because) so many people are dependent on cars to get to school," added Perrin. "We're trying to get people to just try it."

Principal Mary Schenkenberg said, "Getting to know how to take and use public transportation has a lot to do with ecology and things like that, but it's also a response to the whole Highway 40 problem and what our options are out there."

According to a Student Council survey

distributed to students several weeks ago, over 90 percent of SLUH students have never ridden a public bus. The main goal of Car Free Day then, is to motivate the SLUH community towards taking advantage of the public transportation system, especially with so many stations near SLUH, and to allow them to become familiar with how it works.

With the Highway 40 construction project beginning tonight, and with the effects it will have on travel-time for cars and other vehicles, knowing how to use St. Louis's public transit system is sensible. With this in mind, the initial idea of a Car-Free Day indirectly came out of suggestions on how to make it easier for students to get to school.

"A lot of the bus routes feed into the MetroLink, and the MetroLink comes right here to SLUH," said Perrin.

The MetroLink station nearest SLUH is the Central West End station by Barnes Jewish Hospital, which students can walk to in about 15 minutes using the pedestrian bridge over Highway 40, located just east of Kingshighway.

Perrin went on to say that, although biking, walking, and carpooling are all encouraged, "that's not really in the spirit (of Car-Free Day). If it was a snowy day or your car broke down, and you really couldn't get to school, it'd be nice if you knew, 'Hey, there's a bus stop down the road. I could just hop on the bus and get to school.'" Perrin also pointed out that many students are forced to use some kind of public transportation when they go to college, another reason for them to learn how to use it.

Sophomore John Boehm rides the bus to school every morning from Ellisville because his parents aren't able to drive him to school. According to Boehm, it can take 30 to 45 minutes on an average day and up to one and a half hours on days when it rains. Either way, riding the bus takes longer than driving would.

Boehm still prefers the public transport over driving, though. "It's a nice period of time. I get a lot of stuff done," he said.

Fellow sophomore Mike O'Neill had different sentiments toward using public transportation to get to school. O'Neill, who now drives to school since he got his license, used the MetroLink and MetroBus systems to

get to SLUH from Swansea, Illinois, almost every day last year.

"I didn't have my driver's license yet, and it's the only way I could get to school in time for zero-hour every morning," he said.

He also mentioned weather conditions as a negative aspect. "When you (use the public transport system) ... you have to wait in the winter, when it's really cold outside. Sometimes it rains or it snows, and that's not fun."

O'Neill did mention one perk of not having to drive to school: cost. He estimated that using the public systems of transport are about one quarter of the price it takes for him to drive to school.

Getting to school using public transport will be easier for some more than others, though. "Part of what we figured out in putting the map together is really how limited St. Louis's public transportation system is," said Bugnitz. "There's nothing that goes out to St. Charles and comes into the city."

Those living in St. Charles have to cross over the Missouri River to get to the nearest MetroBus stop.

Also, even if getting to school will take a little longer, "We expect students to be here on time," said Schenkenberg. "They will have to think about that in terms of their plans in the morning. They may have to leave a little early, but the flipside of that is that they'll have a chance to read, sleep, etc., on the Metro if they'd like to."

Although the event is school-sponsored, St. Louis U. High isn't liable for any of the students en route to school; liability starts when the school day does.

Participating in Car-Free Day is strictly voluntary and may pose a few inconveniences to those who do take part in it, but there will be many perks: free time to relax, no traffic, no gas costs, an environmentally friendly way of travel, and the benefit of learning how to use the public transit system. So try it, what do you have to lose?

"I've bust a button on my trousers, hope they don't fall down. You don't want my trousers to fall down, now do ya?"

—Mick Jagger, in concert 1969

ALBEE

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play *Grandma*. Whitaker commented on her decision to put King in a female part, "I cast the actor that I thought would be best for the part, and of all the men and women at the auditions that person was Sam King." Whitaker continued, "He plays the part with a certain dignity, so you are not even thinking about the fact that a male is playing a female."

Though Mommy foolishly prides herself on having such a masculine husband, in reality she is diminishing him by feeding him his opinions and telling him what to say.

The family encounters two visitors through the course of the act. The first to arrive is the pretentious Mrs. Barker (Cor Jesu freshman Julia Sinks) who Mommy and Daddy have called to ask for a favor. The second visitor is the unexpected mystery man whom Grandma names the American Dream (senior Mike Quinlan).

Through the character of the physically superior American Dream, playwright Albee targets the American value of outward beauty, for as Grandma soon discovers, this physical dream is an empty shell, void of emotions or connection.

As Albee says in the play's preface (published in 1960), "(It is) an examination

ZARRICK

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Gilbert said, "He definitely buys into health. ... He's very health conscious."

Both Gilbert and Kornfeld cited Zarrick's experience and healthy lifestyle as reasons for their enthusiasm. "We're very excited to have a man of his quality ... join the P.E. department," said Kornfeld. "It's going to be a really big plus having him down there with us."

Zarrick also said that he is looking forward to having contact with every freshman, and being able to work with Kornfeld and Gilbert on fitness. "I've always had a strong interest in fitness, and nationally I've been concerned as other school districts have with the state of fitness. Not only in terms of obesity but just in terms of general health practices," he said.

Next year Zarrick also hopes to revive the House of Governors, and in the future the Outdoor Experience Club and the Fight

of the American Scene, an attack on the substitution of artificial for real values in our society, a condemnation of complacency, cruelty, emasculation, and vacuity; it is a stand against the fiction that everything in this slipping land of ours is peachy-keen."

The second act is *Zoo Story* (published in 1959), starring seniors John Hussung as Jerry and Brad Klipfel as Peter.

The entire act is set on an around a park bench in Central Park, New York City.

Peter is an upper-middle to upper class married man who has a seemingly perfect life with everything that he could ask for. He is content with simply sitting on "his" bench and reading his book. This particular day he is interrupted by the curious figure of Jerry, a lower class man who can name everything that he owns in one sentence.

The act is entirely dialogue-based with very little visual stimulation. The lack of interesting visuals is made up by Albee's intense dialogue that unfolds the life stories of the two men.

The climax of the act happens when the destitute Jerry challenges the well off Peter for the bench they are sitting on. Peter cannot see through his possessiveness, and his anger flares as Jerry attempts to take over this space that the well off Peter claims for

himself.

The final theater production of the year is always a studio production where seating is set up on the stage. This production holds true to that tradition, yet this studio production is "three quarter thrust" (seats on three sides of the stage) as opposed to the usual "proscenium" studio production (seats only on one side of the stage).

Whitaker said that this production was timely because it is all about how people connect in society. Furthermore, the issues discussed in these two shows are things that we should still be mindful of in our lives.

Whitaker chose this production because she is a big fan of Albee, and SLUH has never done an Albee play on the present stage.

"I am always looking to expose (SLUH) to different playwrights," said Whitaker.

In addition, Whitaker added, "After two very technical productions (of *Amadeus* and *Hello Dolly*) we wanted to choose something that from a technical aspect was thoughtfully done but less demanding."

The American Dream and the *Zoo Story* open tonight at 7:30 and run through Sunday (Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.). Tickets are \$5 and theatergoers are encouraged to buy tickets in advance because there are only 85 seats.

Club. He also hopes to start coaching a sport. Athletic Director Dick Wehner said, "He's got the kind of temperament where he could really coach any sport, and he's willing to learn." There will be several coaching spots available, but the sport Zarrick will be coaching is still being determined.

Wehner also said that Zarrick has "huge shoes to fill" as a P.E. teacher with the departure of Mimplitz. "I'm really going to miss Mr. Mimplitz," he said.

Zarrick's replacement will take over the management of the new facilities brought about by V2K under his tenure. The replacement may come from inside or outside the SLUH community. Laughlin said that he plans to have a replacement hired by July 1.

Zarrick said that when he leaves his Director of Facilities position, he will mostly miss the relationships he has developed with his colleagues and peers outside of the

school, such as his work with John Warton of the Science Center, among others. "Working with those people (and) companies like Tarlton and others, that's been the satisfying part of what I did."

Said Laughlin, "He's a great man. The commitment he's had and the knowledge base that he's had and the relationships that he's built are things not easily replaced."

He also mentioned the Vision 2000 projects that he helped direct. "Just seeing that green that's going behind the campus on the south side really is one of the most gratifying things. Just because that's an area where any student who isn't on a team or not associated with any sport will be able to play in the future. ... It's been really gratifying," Zarrick said.

Zarrick leaves behind an important and sizeable vacancy in the third floor, but he said he looks forward to returning to the faculty.

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SECURITY

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protected as possible. According to former Principal for Robert Bannister, the lockdown drill was implemented after the 1999 Columbine shootings and is based on similar procedures at other Jesuit and local schools of comparable size to SLUH.

Assistant Principal for Student Affairs H. Eric Clark said that one of his main concerns about the lockdown drill is student complacency, the thought that something in the vein of Columbine or Virginia Tech couldn't happen at SLUH.

"(Violence) can happen anytime, anywhere, and SLUH is not excused from that," Eric Clark said. Clark said that he believes many students treat the lockdown drill as something of a joke, but cited an incident last year at Rosati-Kain high school in which a fugitive entered that school's building, and they were forced to go into lockdown. Clark said he hopes the shootings at Virginia Tech remind students of the necessity of lockdown drills.

Most students interviewed for this story said they felt a shooting couldn't happen at SLUH.

"I don't feel like it could happen here," said junior Matt Langenfeld. "We all look out for each other."

"It makes you feel a little less secure, but it's definitely a concern," said freshman Andy Johnson.

BIKES

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someone and say 'Hi.'"

Moore has come to socialize with fellow cyclists, walkers, joggers, those waiting at bus stops, and even a man who drives an "old brown, beat up van," who waves to Moore every morning.

"I've done all the calculations, and for all of the bikes I maintain, I use about one quart per year of petroleum products (maintaining them)," he said, adding environmental benefits to the reasons he rides.

Less petroleum consumption for the benefit of the environment is a common motivating benefit for many cyclists, especially those at SLUH.

Anderson said, "If I can take one less car on the road, that's all I can do, so I might as well make that one move."

The method Anderson uses in his ride to

Director of Security Charlie Clark said that if a shooting incident were to happen at SLUH, the school may not automatically go to lockdown if Clark was certain students could be safely evacuated from school. The primary purpose of a lockdown, Charlie Clark said, is to keep intruders out of the building.

Charlie Clark said that the first thing he did when he heard about the shootings was download all of the articles he could find about the incident, compiling a file on the subject. Clark said that he plans to use this information "once the dust settles" to evaluate what could have been done differently at Virginia Tech, and see if SLUH can include that in its own plans. Clark said he also plans to get in touch with local police, who in turn will contact Virginia police, to get their opinion on Virginia Tech's handling of Monday's shootings.

In the Virginia Tech case, Cho's creative writing teacher, Lucinda Roy, was disturbed by some of Cho's writing. She raised her concerns to local police and the school counseling department, both of which told Roy that nothing could be done because Cho hadn't actually threatened anybody.

According to SLUH counselor Mary Michalski, such concerns would not be dismissed at SLUH. If a teacher finds disturbing comments in a student's journals or papers, Michalski said, it is "the teacher's responsi-

school differs from those of other cyclists.

He starts by biking five minutes to the North Hanley bus stop. From there he takes the bus to the North Hanley Metro station and from this station takes the train to Forest Park. After exiting the train, Anderson bikes through the park to school.

Bugnitz also takes on an intimidating journey to school. Since the opening of a tunnel under Highway 70, Bugnitz has undertaken a 16-mile bike ride about three days a week, a trip that lasts about an hour and ten minutes. During the months of January and February, however, she was unable to bike often because the conditions were "too icy to be safe."

Students should find that riding to school is not as great a hassle as they might have thought. Fister said that he had gotten used to riding with a backpack, even though he

bility to alert a counselor or an administrator," and added that it is a teacher or counselor's responsibility to intervene in such a case.

Eric Clark said he tries to "stay in tune with students" with signs of emotional troubles. He emphasized that he doesn't think every student with an emotional problem is a potential killer; rather, his precautions are taken out of vigilance and compassion.

Neither Eric Clark nor Principal Mary Schenkenberg wished to judge administrators' actions at Virginia Tech on Monday, which have received much criticism ("There's nothing in the book for something like this," Schenkenberg said). Schenkenberg said that the issue relevant to SLUH is, "How long after a lockdown do you stay locked down?" Schenkenberg said that if such a decision had to be made at SLUH, it would be done in consultation with local police.

Eric Clark said that aside from the lockdown drill, maintaining a secure perimeter is another priority at SLUH, especially as the campus grows.

Eric Clark agreed: "Everytime I hear about guns at school, I get nervous. ... Could a student bring a gun to SLUH? Yeah, he could," Clark said, and added that the only thing to do is take precautionary measures like the lockdown drills.

found it "a pain" when it was cold out. He then added that challenging conditions like these could "make (the ride) more interesting."

"There are some times when I've had to bring something like my trombone when I have to get a ride," said Fister, "But I bike so much more often than drive."

Biking became Gavavaglia's primary transportation when his car was crushed by a fallen tree four years ago.

"I said to my wife, 'Rather than buy a new car, let's just see if we can make it on one car,'" said Garavaglia. "There's been some inconveniences, but for the most part it's been really smooth," he said.

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netted goals in the fourth quarter, and the game ended at a score of 12-7.

“Once we finally played some real defense we could shut down their offense no problem,” head coach Ron Kellam said. “Their only goals came off of transition, which is always tough, but we’ll work on that in practice.”

Six of the Colts’ seven goals came off of transition plays, with only one off of an offensive possession. Throughout the entire game, 21 penalties were given out thanks largely to sloppy play by both teams, and a fairly liberal whistle by the ref. Despite these detriments, the Jr. Bills once again found a way to win.

The Laxbills found it more difficult to win last Tuesday when they played the Kirkwood Pioneers at home. The game quickly became rough as the Jr. Bill defense committed three penalties in the first quarter alone.

Despite a 1-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, the Minutemenbills looked lackluster, and conceded the equalizer about a minute into the second quarter. Despite two goals by Haf, the second quarter was all Pioneers, who netted 7 goals of their own, and went into the second half with a comfortable lead of 7-3.

The second half showed much of the same from the Jr. Bills, as the Pioneers controlled the ball for much of the time, wearing down the D-Polebill defense. Despite goals by Howe, Paul Heffernan, and junior Jack Reichenbach, the Pioneers remained well ahead until the last minutes of the game, when scores by Hof and a beautiful behind the back goal by Reichenbach brought the Warriorbills to within three. Sadly these efforts went unrewarded, as the Pioneers handed the Jr. Bills their first conference loss of the season by a score of 10-7.

The Jr. Bills had a tough time setting up their possession offense, going 1-17 on faceoffs and tossing the ball away on careless passes on multiple occasions. Meanwhile the RPBills conceded 44 shots, a season high, to the Pioneers, compared to 24 SLUH shots.

The Jr. Bills will try to rectify these problems for Monday’s game against the Clayton Greyhounds at 6:30 in the stadium.

OFFENSE

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outfield, but Stewart was able to come around to score from first base on the play, bringing the score to its final, 8-0.

The SLUH offense didn’t provide much support, as Vianney freshman pitcher Christian Slaznik kept a no-hitter in his five innings. The Jr. Bills managed only two hits total and advanced only one runner beyond second base (junior Chris Dreeste in the third).

The Polarbills achieved a drastically different result when they took on Miller Career Academy after school last Friday. With 10 hits and 12 walks, the Jr. Bills merced the Phoenix, 16-1.

The Jr. Bill offense sputtered in the first when it failed to score after a lead off triple by Joe Rabe. They posted crooked numbers in the next three frames, though, thanks largely to walks.

The SLUH bats were not silent, though. Junior Kyle Brennan (playing in right field rather than in his usual designated hitter role) hit his second grand slam of the year, hitting a 2-0 delivery high in the air to right field. The ball carried until it bounced hard on the asphalt of the parking lot, and SLUH found themselves up 10-0.

The pitching staff also dominated Career, facing only 18 batters in five innings. Junior Zach Villmer started, giving up only one hit in his three innings, baffling Phoenix hitters with his nasty breaking ball. Freshman Andrew Ostapowicz gave up Career’s only run but looked solid in his inning of work, and junior A.J. Greiner closed the deal with three strikeouts in the fifth.

That monster win followed the Pet-

coParkbills’ first loss of the season, to the Mehlville Panthers. All areas of SLUH’s game appeared below the usual standard as the recently ranked No. 1 Jr. Bills lost their unblemished record.

Pilla, who entered with a 3-0 record and 0.33 ERA, appeared seriously vulnerable for the first time of the season, surrendering five runs in his 4 1/3 innings. After Mehlville and his outing against Vianney, Pilla’s stat line has suddenly slipped to 3-2 with a 1.42 ERA.

Mehlville pitcher Ethan Stenger held the Basebills’ bats quieter than any previous pitcher had, allowing only two earned runs on three hits. Stenger pitched through 6 2/3 innings before Mehlville’s defensive collapse (two costly errors in the seventh) and Josh Cole’s 2-RBI, pop-up single forced him to allow a reliever to finish the game off.

After SLUH had climbed back from 6-1 to 6-4, power-hitting DH Brennan was due up as the potential tying run with two outs in the bottom of the seventh. Brennan took a strike before unloading on a pitch, driving it to deep right-center, bringing SLUH fans to their feet. However, center fielder Kevin Mahler tracked down the long fly for an exciting yet disappointing last out.

Nicollerat remained cautious last week after the *Post-Dispatch* placed his team at No. 1.

The Jr. Bills will host their second tournament of the season this weekend, and they hope rain will not cancel most play this time around. The hosts will play a double-header today after school; the first game is at 4:15 p.m. and the second at 7:00 p.m.

Baseball Season Stats

Overall season batting average
= .290

Overall season ERA = 0.99

Games won batting Avg. = .331

Games lost batting Avg. = .103

Games won ERA = 0.25

Games lost ERA = 6.42

* All ERA stats are per 7 innings

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games this next week, they are focusing mainly on trying to build upon the solid foundations they have already built this year.

Coach Paul Baudendistel concluded, "This is a very good team, and if we learn to maintain focus defensively and play our half court, this will be a great team."

Captain Jake Roeckle said, "This will be the hardest week of our schedule, and I am excited about the opportunity to play these teams."

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In the ensuing minutes, the Junior Bills' second and fourth singles players lost, leaving the deciding match on the shoulders of doubles team Matt Fiedler and sophomore Jack Berger. After dropping the second set in a close tiebreaker, they remained firm to take the third set and finally beat Chaminade 4-3.

With this win, the Jr. Bills hope to gain the confidence they will need as they gear up for the Belleville East Tournament this weekend to display their toughness against many of the area's best teams.

PN Nightbeat

The No. 1 Volleybills soundly defeated Francis Howell Central in two games 25-14, 25-14. Sophomore Joe Mueller had a couple of big blocks and two kills. The Jr. Bills remain undefeated at 10-0.

Thanks Mr. Zarrick

The *Prep News* would like to thank Mr. Zarrick for patiently sitting through interviews with hundreds of *Prep News* reporters over the past six years.

P.S. We will clean the office one last time in your honor.

Self-nominated Quote of the Week

"Steal my cow, you're my enemy."
—Mr. Charlie Martel

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PN Nightbeat

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Last night the Warriorbills lost in overtime to the MICDS Rams. The Jr. Bills scored 4 unanswered goals to finish off the fourth quarter, with the last goal coming from sophomore Brian Hof with 17 seconds remaining to tie the game at 8-8. However, the Laxbills couldn't carry this momentum into overtime, and conceded the golden goal 30 seconds later. Left, RJ Half dodges the MICDS defender bringing the ball upfield.

by Pete Mackowiak

Calendar

Apr. 20 - Apr. 27

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Special Schedule
So. Class Liturgy
IM Mental Meltdown—Fr./So.
V BB SLUH Tournament, 4:30pm
V TN Belleville East Tournament, 5pm
V T&F KU Relays @ Lawrence, KS, 9am
V/JV VB vs. Mehlville, 4/5pm
Boscós, Pizza/Taco Sticks

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Jamnesty Concert
V BB SLUH Tournament, 11am/1:30pm
V TN Belleville East Tournament, 9am
V T&F KU Relays @ Lawrence, KS, 9am
V/JV H2O Polo @ MICDS/Rec Plex,
8:15pm/9am
V/JV VB Parkway Tournament @ Park-
way Central, 9am

MONDAY, APRIL 23

Schedule R
Orange Shirt Monday
IM Mental Meltdown—So./Jr.
B BB vs. Rockwood Summit @ F.P. #1,
4:15pm
C BB @ CBC (Cadet Park), 4:15pm
V/JV TN @ Parkway Central, 4pm

V/JV LAX vs. Clayton, 6:30/4:30pm
C LAX @ Lindbergh, 5pm
Pretzels, Taco Salad

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Schedule R
IM Mental Meltdown—All
College Visits:
Arizona State University
V BB @ CBC, 4:15pm
B BB vs. CBC, 4:15pm
V Golf vs. Vianney @ Riverside, 3:30pm
JV Golf vs. Vianney, 3:30pm
V/JV LAX vs. Lindbergh, 4:30/6:30pm
Curly Fries, Wraps

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Schedule R
Fr. Class Liturgy
IM Faculty/Sr. Kickball
College Visits:
Benedictine College
B BB vs. Bishop DuBourg, 4:15pm
C BB vs. DeSmet @ F.P. #2, 4:15pm
V Golf vs. Chaminade, 3:30pm
JV Golf vs. Chaminade @ TBA, 3:30pm
V/JV H2O Polo @ Chaminade, 7/8pm
V/JV VB @ CBC, 5/6pm

Cookies, Papa John's

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Schedule R
IM Mental Meltdown—Faculty
Fr. English Tutorial
Mix-It-Up Lunch
Mothers' Club Fashion Show & Dinner
V BB @ Rockwood Summit, 4:15pm
B BB vs. Parkway Central @ F.P. #1,
4:15pm
V Golf vs. St. Francis Borgia, 3:30pm
V TN @ Parkway South, 4pm
V T&F Clayton Inv. Prelim, 3:20pm
JV/C T&F @ Vianney, 4pm
Nachos, Bratwurst, Polish Sausage

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Mass Schedule (Formal Attire), Awards
Assembly
K-12 Submissions
College Visits (Sign Up in Counseling Of-
fice):
College of William and Mary, during
Jr/Sr Lunch
V/JV H2O Polo vs. DeSmet, 4/5pm
V/JV VB vs. Chaminade, 5/6pm
Boscós, Grilled Steak w/Cheese/Onion on
French bread

Pn Nightbeat



PHOTO BY WILL HARTZLER

The Jr. Bills fell last night to DuBourg 2-1. Andrew Balzer started the game for the Jr. Bills and gave up both runs while recording three strikeouts. The Jr. Bills' lone run came in the first inning when Ricky Hudson tripled in Dave Eagleton. In the bottom of the seventh, the Jr. Bills put the tying run on second but were unable to produce. Above, Josh Cole hits a single in the third inning.

Special Schedule for Friday, April 20, 2007

7:00-7:45	Zero Hour
7:50-8:35	Activity Period
8:39-8:44	Homeroom
8:48-9:33	Period 1
9:37-10:22	Period 2
10:26-11:11	Period 3
11:15-12:00	Period 4a
11:15-11:45	Fr/So Lunch
11:45-12:30	Period 4b
12:00-12:30	Jr/Sr Lunch
12:34-1:19	Period 5
1:23-1:25	Examen
1:25-2:10	Period 6
2:14-2:59	Period 7