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"If nothing else, value the truth"

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SLUH remembers 9/11 with prayer, protest

Dan Behr
Reporter

The nation marked the fifth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks on Monday and like the rest of America, St. Louis U. High reflected on the tragic events that unfolded on that day. Through prayer services and demonstrations, members of the student body urged others to remember the lives of those lost as well as the lives still being lost.

Jeff Harrison, S.J. led the sophomore, junior, and senior prayer services during the week in memory of 9/11. During his speeches, he recited parts of many of the last phone calls of the victims of the attacks. These phone calls were sent as simple last messages of love to family members and friends. He made the point that there last words were not of revenge but of love. The message throughout the prayer service was to love our neighbors

and that if everyone was willing to love, the world would be much better.

The junior class, led by their pastoral representative Brett DeLaria and three other junior homeroom pastoral reps, TJ Keeley, Tony Becker, and Will Hartzler, dedicated an extra prayer service to remembering 9/11 after school on Monday. The idea and planning for this prayer service dates back to the start of the school year and was completely a junior planned event.

Harrison gave the homily, in which he referred to the story of Cain and Abel. The message Harrison brought out from this reading was that, despite Cain's murder of Abel, God did not take revenge and kill Cain as well. This memorial focused on the question, "As Christians, what do we do in

a situation like 9/11 or any other attack, and how do we love our neighbors?"

The freshman prayer service featured reflections from Massachusetts and Virginia high school students after 9/11.

Along with these prayer services, another more radical demonstration took place on Monday. Many students arriv-

ing at school were shocked and confused to find that the upper field had been filled with rows of tombstones. Sunday night, members of the Young Democratic Socialists (YDS) club, supervised by Harrison, set up the rows of cardboard tombstones which filled the upper field. Each tombstone had the name of one American soldier and one Iraqi civilian who has died in the war in Iraq. **see 9/11, 11**

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"The story we know": 9/11

Andrew Mueth
Features Editor

*"But one night, through the latticed window, snow begins to whiten the air, and the tall white pine. Good-bye is the end of every story we know that night, and when we close the curtains, oh, we hold each other against that cold white sign of the way we all begin and end. Hello, Good-bye is the only story. We know, we know."
—Martha Collins*

I thought I knew my plans for a feature about 9/11: I would look at pieces in other publications for inspiration, and then tell a student's story about his connection to the tragedy. But as I looked at one predictable headline after another on a page of survivors' stories in the *New York Times*, a page looking more like the obituaries in the back sections of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, something hit me.

First, let me clarify that I love America, and would regret liv-

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North Central readies to study mixers, menu

Jim Santel
News Editor

Most Jr. Bills who attended Student Council's (STUCO) Back-to-School mixer on Aug. 25 noticed that the traditional DJ had been replaced with a laptop. However, most students probably weren't aware that this change was brought about in part by St. Louis U. High's North Central self-study. For that matter, most SLUH students aren't aware of the school's self-study itself, or of the effects it has on the school.

While most of the study's findings aren't visible to students now, it is preparing to commence investigations that could bring changes to several prominent aspects of student life at SLUH, including mixers, in-class presentations, and the cafeteria menu. In order to identify its areas of study, SLUH's team employed several research methods, most notably a survey administered to current seniors in November (see Vol. 70,

Corley attends 9/11 memorial in New York

Sean Kickham
Features Editor

Math teacher Frank Corley remembered "the smell of the concrete dust was still hanging in the air. ... It just burned your nose," when traveling to New York City two and a half weeks after the 9/11 attacks in 2001. He went to support his friend Paul MacDonald, whose brother had gone missing after the attacks.

Corley attended the funeral of Joe MacDonald, a victim of the 9/11 attacks, this past Monday, Sept. 11.

MacDonald was the eldest brother of Corley's best friend, Paul MacDonald. Joe MacDonald worked for Cantor Fitzgerald in the north tower of the World Trade Center. On Sept. 11, 2001, MacDonald had decided to go to work instead of golfing with his cousin, who also worked for Cantor Fitzgerald.

Around 9 a.m. Eastern Time, the MacDonalds' younger sister Nancy heard on the news that a plane had flown into one of the World Trade Center towers. She then drove over to MacDonald's house to watch the news with his wife Denise. Together they watched as the towers crumbled.

After seeing the south tower fall, "Denise

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"(The self-study) will be more visible and meaningful (to students) in May," English teacher and Steering Committee chairman Chuck Hussung said. "The process so far has been about laying plans."

The music at the Back-to-School mixer was the first visible result of the study's work. STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson led the study's assessment of mixers at SLUH.

Kesterson said his committee's examination of mixers went "hand-in-hand" with STUCO's own internal evaluation. STUCO, said Kesterson, solicits opinions from students, administrators, and faculty alike in its review of the mixers, while the self-study's approach involved "more direct input from faculty."

Kesterson related how he had to continually tell hired DJs about the school's expectations for mixer music that would be played at mixers. With help from band director Bryan Mueller, STUCO switched to a laptop-based

just fell apart, just screaming and crying," Corley said. "She just fell to the floor. And, of course, when the north tower fell, here's this woman literally watching her husband die on TV."

That night, not yet knowing of the MacDonalds' horrible news, Corley called Paul because he thought Paul might know someone that worked in the buildings. "I said something like, 'Paul, were any of your family members in the building?' And he said, 'Joe works for Cantor Fitzgerald. Joe's in the building.'"

The following Monday, Corley learned that no one had heard from MacDonald. The 43-year-old was dead.

"When you watch stuff like that, and you're in a city far away from New York or Los Angeles where everything happens, you're just watching a television show," said Corley. "It might just as well be a movie. It might as well be someone landing on the moon that they're faking. You don't really connect to it."

"And then when I found out Joe was killed, for me it stopped being a television show, obviously. It became something real and personal. But the other thing that hap-

pened was for so many people the whole September 11th thing is this whole international event ... but for me it became a much smaller story. It became the story of this one family that I know that got caught up in some big international tragedy, but really and truly, it's just this one woman and these two daughters who no longer have a husband and a father."

"This was a good guy," Corley said. "If you showed up somewhere and Joe was there, automatically it was going to be okay. Joe made sure you would get along with everybody. ... Joe would never say anything to you that was negative. He wasn't a sarcastic man. He wasn't insulting. ... Any human interaction he had always left the person he was with feeling better about themselves."

Corley went to New York City about two and a half weeks after the attacks to attend memorials. Two things stood out in his memory.

Among all the candles and flowers and posters people had made with pictures of missing loved ones, Corley noticed a sign someone created. "It (said something like), 'We are all looking for our friends, and what

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Opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Readers respond to 9/11 gravestone display

Tracy '07

To the Editors:

On Monday, Sept. 11, I walked out to the upper field at Activity Period for the STUCO vs. Prep News baseball game. I was struck silent for a second when I saw the innumerable white cardboard tombstones blanketing the upper field. I at first thought, "This is great that someone thought to memorialize the people who died five years ago in the 9/11 attacks."

Boy, was I sure wrong. The gravestones actually turned out to be an anti-war demonstration, with each tombstone pairing the names of an American service member and an Iraqi civilian who have died since the start of combat operations in Iraq. On the outside wall of the band room a banner read "How many more must die for revenge?" When I contemplated all the things in front of me, I felt sick and enraged.

Monday was Sept. 11, the five year commemoration of the terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 people. We remember with solemn hearts that defenseless civilians were attacked by a religiously perverse group of 19 men in the most barbaric way. Civilized people were wantonly slaughtered by the forces of hatred, religious intolerance, and ignorance. Most importantly, we remember that on this day a group of Americans were martyred when they made a stand against their hijackers and stood up for all human

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Wagner '07

To the Editors:

How much more distasteful can the Young Democratic Socialists at SLUH get? Why would they choose Sept. 11 to protest the war on terror? And why was such a disrespectful and inappropriate demonstration permitted, when a moment of silence wasn't even observed at the times of the crashes? Such protests are undoubtedly offensive to many, especially the families of the victims of 9/11 and our military.

Monday was a solemn day of remembrance for all the innocent victims and those "everyday heroes" who rushed into the World Trade Centers and Pentagon. It should have been a day of national pride, patriotism, and healing—we were ALL victims of terrorism. And we must ALL work together and remain vigilant for our safety and security, and we must ALL come together to confront and change the ideologies of hate and destruction that threaten our freedom and the civilized

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Keeley '08

To the Editors:

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on an event that occurred on SLUH's campus this week. On Monday, Sept. 11, there was set up a massive amount of model graves on which were written the names of many Iraqi citizens as well as American soldiers that have died in our nation's war. The display, though met with satisfaction by some students and teachers, upset many in the school that day.

Take note that this letter is not a political statement. I question neither the opinion on the war of the people responsible for those signs nor their right to voice their opinion of protest. But what I do question is the timing. I don't feel that it was appropriate or respectful to choose that day, considering its meaning to the people of this country and the other parts of the world, to make a point. If the same display was set up Tuesday the twelfth or Friday the eighth, you wouldn't

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Indelicato '07

To the Editors:

I am absolutely appalled by the "political statement" which took place throughout the school day on the upper field. The tragedies that occurred on Sept. 11 rocked our nation and permanently changed our American way of life. Thousands of innocent lives were lost and many ordinary people became heroes that day. As Monday marked the fifth anniversary of this horrific attack, the American people were called to live the day in remembrance, prayer, and pride in our freedom and heroes. I believe, regardless of your political beliefs, each person can appreciate the gravity and sanctity of this day to immortalize the souls of the countless lives that were lost. At least this is what I expected.

Monday morning, as I entered my first period classroom, I glanced at the upper field and viewed a mock-up of a military cemetery. Each tombstone bore the name of an American soldier or Iraqi citizen who

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To the Editors:

This letter is written on behalf of the Young Democratic Socialists in regard to the cemetery display on Sept. 11 of this year. I have heard both praise and criticism of this demonstration and I seek to articulate our intentions.

We sought to honor the victims of 9/11/2001 and the victims of the war in Iraq. The honor to those who died as a result of the war in Iraq is apparent in the humbling image of a cemetery that contains the multitude of American soldiers and Iraqi civilians. The honor to the victims of 9/11 is less apparent: we claim that the victims of 9/11/2001 are disrespected by those who use the event, in the name of political expedience, as a linking tool between the predominantly Saudi terrorists from 9/11/2001 and the Iraqi Baathist regime under Saddam Hussein.

This proposed connection can be shown with direct quotes from President George W. Bush.

On 1/28/2003 during his State of the Union address, President Bush said, "Evidence from intelligence sources, secret communications and statements by people now in custody reveal that Saddam Hussein aids and protects terrorists, including members of Al Qaeda."

But in 2003 President Bush also said, "Prior to Sept. 11, see **LINNEMAN, 4**

Benedick, '09, adds to 9/11 debate

To the Editors:

On Monday, September 11, some SLUH students put up gravestones and a banner on the upper field. These gravestones contained the names of the American soldiers and Iraqi civilians who have died in Iraq. The banner read "HOW MANY MUST DIE FOR REVENGE?"

On a day when politics should take a backseat to reverence, reflection, remembrance, and prayer, they blatantly used this day to display their political perspective. September 11 is a day when many are emotionally vulnerable and saddened when remembering the horrific event that took place five years ago and their actions are inappropriate at such time.

The soldiers whose names appeared on the gravestones died fighting for our country. As controversial as that may seem to some, it is the truth. They sacrificed their lives, a sacrifice they unfortunately had to pay. If a high school club is going to tarnish their dignity by using their names in a protest against what they fought and sacrificed their lives for, then that is heartbreaking. It is saddening to me to see fellow SLUH students doing such a disrespectful thing to these soldiers.

On the fifth anniversary of September 11, those students illustrated one of the highest forms of ignorance I have ever witnessed. These soldiers fought to protect us, risked their lives for the country we live in, and paid the ultimate price. It is only right to put politics aside and remember those who died for you and your nation, as well as those who perished in the heartless terrorist attack.

Jim Benedick, '09

WAGNER

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world.

It would do the YDS well to remember the words of U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D): "We are one people, all of us pledging allegiance to the stars and stripes, all of us defending the United States of America."

Ray Wagner, '07

TRACY

(from 3)

dignity and the right to be free. The people of Flight 93 acted with uncommon courage against Satan himself with the simple words "let's roll."

Monday was the day for us to pray, reflect, and recommit to our cause of understanding, not polarize the SLUH community with a most inappropriately timed protest. Monday was supposed to be a break from politics and the usual war debate we continually take sides on and use to divide. It is disturbing to know that some members of the SLUH community would try to inject such hot politics into this reverent day.

I do not get sickened by the protest itself. I love America for the sole purpose that we can disagree and formulate understandings on issues, but maybe the protest could have been scheduled for another day. Sept 12 would have been fine.

Finally, I want to issue a challenge to the student body. Our generation faces the most grave circumstance of being a world of hate and intolerance among the descendants of Abraham. Will the SLUH community be able to produce rational men of integrity and discipline to confront the hate and blinding irrationality of religious intolerance, and thereby preserve our human civilization, one built up since the beginning of time?

"No arsenal, no weapon in the arsenals of the world is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women." - Ronald Reagan.

Patrick Tracy, '07

LINNEMAN

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was apparently no connection between a place like Iraq and terror."

Perhaps the major connection between 9/11/2001 and the war in Iraq is the loss of innocent life.

It is disrespectful in any situation to capitalize on the sympathy of an emotionally fragile and loyal population, but especially in the case of war. Contrastingly, YDS's actions are in the spirit of honor and respect for human life that are violated by this war in Iraq which, as Pope John Paul said, "War is always a defeat for humanity."

Zach Linneman, '07

KEELEY

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reading this now. I am concerned however, about the message it sends.

September 11 is a day of memorial and remembrance for all people of any nationality who lost their lives on that terrible day as a result of terrorist attacks on American soil. It is a day of respect for the victims and a celebration of their lives. In most cases, it is a celebration and appreciation for courage and heroism many encountered when facing the darkest of hours. I am disappointed in the protestors for taking this day to make a point. That is not what September 11 is about. For that one day, lines of division disappeared along with hatred and anger among the American people as they stood up united for their great nation and the people who live in it. I believe it is irresponsible and disrespectful to respond in protest and to ignore the honor of those who lost their lives.

Secondly, we have been told countless times by the administration, as well as Mr. Clark, that the students of SLUH represent SLUH during school and when school is not in session. For any visitor or passerby who might have seen the display on the front lawn, what they saw was SLUH misrepresented. Just because a certain group of people chose to engage in this questionable conduct does not mean that the remainder of the SLUH community agreed with that behavior, or should be represented as such.

Finally, I hope that in the future, members of the SLUH community will not misrepresent each other, and that they will put a national day of memorial as a priority higher than their own agenda.

TJ Keeley, '08

Get to know your PN editors

Although this PN editor looks like he is in 6th grade, he is actually "17 and 1/2." He has had tomatoes. Some of his greatest feats include hitting the green not once in 50 attempts on a par 3 hole, and forcing his mom to drive an extra set of keys to his car, only to realize that the doors were unlocked. He is our very own features editor Andrew Mueth.

XC takes third in first varsity race hosted by SLUH

Matt Lawder
Reporter

As runners from 46 different area teams walked onto the Central Fields in Forest Park, a site usually only used by beer-bellied softball players and amateur model airplane builders, they found instead the hundreds of tents, flags, and fencing outlining the course for the largest meet in all of Missouri this year.

Over 1,100 runners from all levels participated in the first annual Forest Park Cross Country Festival last Saturday. St. Louis U. High hosted the event, which was the first ever varsity invitational hosted by the school. Coach

Ben Rosario and head coach Jim Linhares spearheaded the project, with help from other coaches, area runners, and team parents.

They had been planning the meet since last year when McCluer North decided to stop hosting a meet that occupied the same week. Preparations finished up in the wee hours of Saturday morning as coaches with headlamps worked diligently through the night to finish setting up the course.



PHOTO BY SCOTT MUELLER
Matt Lawder crosses the finish line in fifth place.

make the event authentic. They

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PN slaughters STUCO in bashball, yet another time

Tom Nagel
Reporter

STUCO and *Prep News* kicked off spirit week '06 on Monday by playing each other in bashball in the stadium at activity period. As expected, the infallible newspaper singlehandedly overthrew the oppression of the government, won the game, and cured cancer during one activity period.

After a brief sequence of Louie-esque shout-outs by STUCO members, the game was underway.

The defenders of truth decided, in order to be "Men for Others," to let STUCO score the first goal, a lucky shot by a STUCO player whose name doesn't matter on a net left open by Sports Editor Scott Mueller.

With STUCO up 1-0, *Prep News* kicked into action. Features Editor Sean Kickham valiantly stopped a shot by STUCO and passed it up field to fellow Features Editor Andrew Mueth, who brilliantly decided to deflect a shot off of goalkeeper Chris de-

Worstgoalie and into the hands of Charlie Landis, who shot and scored, tying the game at one.

The *Prep News* decided to keep up their rally, working the ball all around the STUCO end of the field before scoring again off a stunning shot from Drew Burkemper.

Prep News rose above the screams of anguish being raised from the STUCO bench, riding on a wave of Truth, Justice, and the American Way to end the oppressive rule of the unjust government.

It should be noted that *Prep News* was missing its superstar goalie, Matt Hubbard, who was offering up prayers at the ACES retreat that his team would at least let STUCO live to fight another day. Mueller stepped up and brilliantly filled Hubbard's role.

Prep News went on to win, 4-2, after an unfortunate own-goal by a confused STUCO president who had forgotten that the teams had switched sides at the half.

Prep News kindly gave STUCO what they asked for: a loss.

No. 2 ranked soccer captures CBC tournament

Kevin Gier
Reporter

The second-ranked St. Louis U. High soccer team continued its winning streak this week, easily defeating DeSmet and Fort Zumwalt South (both by scores of 6-0) and grinding out a 2-1 win over Vianney.

Thursday, the Jr. Bills played the second game in the CBC Tournament against archrival DeSmet, which fielded a mostly young side that had not truly been tested. SLUH controlled the match early, yet they could not convert their scoring chances. That changed in the 12th minute when Andy Weis got a through ball from junior defender Tom Meyer and shot it at Spartan goalkeeper Scott Meyer. Scott Meyer was only able to parry it away, and Matt Leinauer picked up the rebound to put the PSGbills up 1-0.

One minute later, junior David Ziegler (winning the *PN* Man of the Match award for his second consecutive game) doubled the lead by taking a throw-in and getting a ball through traffic into the net. DeSmet, shocked to be down 2-0 in the first 15 minutes, struggled to put passes together, although they did get a good ball in to forward Will Bruin in the 22nd minute. Bruin, however, was ruled offside.

SLUH then went up 3-0 off a Leinauer run that ended in traffic. Rather than chance a shot, the forward laid it off to his strike partner junior Chris Haffner, who easily beat Scott Meyer to put the Jr. Bills up 3-0. The team could have added to the lead via an excellent chance from sophomore Nick Maglasang just before halftime, but the ball was cleared off the goal line.

However, after the break, another goal came for SLUH—an own goal. Off of a throw-in, a DeSmet defender standing inside the six-yard box attempted to settle it back to his goalkeeper, but it instead went into the goal, putting the Romabills up 4-0. Later on, sophomore substitute Brian Schultz extended the lead to 5-0 by stealing the ball from a defender and easily beating Meyer 1-on-1,

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Football takes down Althoff in overtime

Kevin McBrearty
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High Jr. Bills defeated the Althoff Crusaders last Friday in a game that went down to the wire and then some. The Jr. Bills prevailed 28-21 in overtime.

The game began in a defensive battle between the two teams, with the Jr. Bills forcing Althoff to punt the ball away in its first two offensive drives.

The Jr. Bills looked to ride the momentum created by the defense to a touchdown when they took over on offense late in the first quarter. With the ball in his hand and his eye on the goal line, sophomore running back Ronnie Wingo led the way to the end zone. On the drive, Wingo caught a 15-yard pass from quarterback Mike Quinlan and added four rushes for a total of 30 yards and a two-yard blast into the end zone for the score. Kicker Max Wheeler put the extra point through the uprights to give the Pigskinbills the lead 7-0 with 16.8 seconds left in the first quarter.

Althoff responded, awakening their offense at the start of the second quarter. Althoff broke open two big running plays on the drive—the first one for 19 yards. Later in the drive, they struck again on a 28-yard run to the Jr. Bills' one-yard line. The Jr. Bills pushed them back though, forcing a holding penalty which brought the Crusaders back to the Jr. Bills' 11-yard line.

It didn't stop Althoff however, as they scored on the next play with an 11-yard pass to the corner of the end zone with 9:26 to play in the half. Following a made extra point, the Jr. Bills were knotted up with Althoff, 7-7.

The Jr. Bills were unable to capitalize on their next drive and were forced to punt, but

following a defensive stop, they were given one last chance to score before half. With 4:04 left in the first half, the Footbills took



PHOTO BY PETER NIGH
Ronnie Wingo on one of his 37 carries.

over from their own 24-yard line. Wingo started the drive on the ground, pushing up the field on nine- and ten-yard runs. Next, Quinlan moved the chains by connecting with junior wide receiver Eric Devlin on a 28-yard pass to move the Jr. Bills within striking distance. Wingo blasted his way to the one-yard line on two rushes, and Quinlan gave the Jr. Bills the lead with a quarterback draw for the last yard into the end zone with 30.3 seconds in the

half. Wheeler again put the ball between the posts to give the Jr. Bills a 14-7 lead going
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Swimming finds new rival in Parkway Central

Ray Kreienkamp, Jake Roeckle
Reporters

With the Marquette Relays on Friday and Saturday followed by a quad meet on Wednesday, it was definitely a week of surprises.

Although the Marquette Relays showcased a new format in which 12 teams competed instead of 16, the Jr. Bills still wanted to compete at the Marquette Relays as a way to gauge their competition for the rest of the season for the St. Louis U. High swimming and diving team.

On Friday in the prelims, the Jr. Bills did what they had to do to compete for first, qualifying each of their nine relay teams into the top six places. The Junior Bills finished the day in first place by four points.

On Saturday morning, the relays began with an important event: diving. As the Jr. Bills came to compete that day, most were just hoping that the diving team would just keep the pace for the Jr. Bills. The team had barely been able to scrape up the necessary three divers, having to resort to using injured sophomore diver Mick Dell'Orco and Jim

Heafner, who had not dove in two years.

But in a week of surprises, the Jr. Bills got an even bigger one that morning. The diving team, consisting of those two and sophomore Ryan Berger, placed first out of all 12 teams. This, the team's only first place event, gave them much appreciated points and expanded their lead.

Head coach Fritz Long went out of his way to comment on the importance of their performance. "The most exciting event and the thing that helped us out the most was the diving. Our divers really stepped it up for us."

After the impressive showing on the diving boards Saturday morning, the swimmers were determined to finish the meet in similar fashion. However, things did not pan out as planned. The first couple races were tough for the team, as their competitors dropped unheard of amounts of time and, unfortunately, caused the Jr. Bills to move down a place in both of the first two events. In the third and longest event the 900 progression relay, the Jr. Bills were able to keep their spot. Determined to get some points back, the

400 medley relay, consisting of sophomore Trent Going (back), sophomore Pat Nugent (breast), Jake Roeckle (fly), and junior Tim Dale (free), dropped time and moved up a spot from fourth to third, receiving the second medal for SLUH (diving being the first).

In the second-to-last race of the day, the 300 breaststroke relay, the young team of sophomores John Heafner and Nugent, and freshman Alistair Vierod earned the Jr. Bills their third and final medal with a solid third place finish. Finally, in the last race of the day the Jr. Bills 200 medley relay team held on to fourth place scoring just the right amount of points, or so they thought.

When it came time for the trophy presentation, however, the Jr. Bills were hit with another surprise: they had tied for first with Parkway Central.

Although the tie was not exactly the same as having first place all to themselves, the Jr. Bills were happy nonetheless, having exceeded their own expectations.

The meet on Wednesday pitted the Speedobills against Parkway Central, Ft.

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The Christmas After: visiting New York post-9/11

Jim Santel
News Editor

“The Saturday-night roads were saturated with a feeling of afterness, of lateness—the rain wasn’t falling, it had already fallen.”
—Jonathan Franzen, *The Discomfort Zone*

I knew immediately that the terrorists had destroyed more than just buildings on September 11. As soon as my sixth-grade math teacher gave our class a vague, uninformed description—planes, bombs, World Trade Center—and we had fumbled off a prayer and attempted to return to arithmetic, I understood that the world would change. But like everyone else, I didn’t know how.

For those of us whose connections to the attacks were somewhat more indirect, perhaps the worst thing 9/11 left in its wake was uncertainty. That day reduced the future to a single, glaring question that loomed over every aspect of our lives in the months to follow: What do we do now?

A few weeks after the attacks, when my fear was most acute, I was throwing a football outside with my friend Doug. In the waning light of the autumn dusk, a plane appeared overhead, vapor trail in tow. We kept playing, the sting of football leather against my numbed hands solid and comforting. But then another plane entered the dome above, followed by two more until seven planes filled the sky at once. We stopped playing and began speculating: had there been another attack? Were these planes on our side or theirs? Who were “They,” anyways? I braced for a sudden flash and the ensuing annihilation. It never came, but I felt more helpless than ever: what was I to make of a world where coincidentally converging flight paths was cause for panic?

Such was the anxiety I still felt three months after 9/11, in December, when my dad announced to my family that as a Christmas present, he was taking us to New York. The brief excitement I felt at seeing New York for the first time was quickly outweighed by the knot in my stomach. “Are you sure it’s safe?” I asked my dad over and over. Of course it is, he would reply, but that didn’t assuage my fears, didn’t stop me from lying in bed at night, wondering what it would be like to be in a plane before it slammed into a building.

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In times of calamity, people tend to cling to the familiar, and what was familiar when I arrived in New York on December 26 was Christmas. There was a fresh pit in lower Manhattan, but the same Christmas tree was erect in Rockefeller Center, which had become the hub of the eerie holiday warmth that filled the city. It was certainly the most beautiful Christmas I’ve ever seen, and in many ways, 9/11 made it even lovelier. People window-shopped not to purchase but to remember what it was like when window-shopping wasn’t a significant act, imbued with sad meaning. There were reports of parents crying as their children sat on Santa’s lap at Macy’s. It became difficult to distinguish between morning and dusk, for Christmas lights twinkled wistfully during both. I had somehow expected to see people frantically running uptown to es-

cape the smothering cloud of debris, but Christmas had calmed the city. You could hardly perceive a change, but it was there, floating in the ether. The city had shrunk and the air expanded, smelling clean and thin.

A delicate quiet had settled on Manhattan, as if after a snowfall. The few homeless people to be seen dared not accost passerby or even rattle their cups of change. Times Square pedestrians walked with pursed lips and downcast eyes. Every street block seemed to hold the same scene of two police officers chatting cautiously in front of souvenir shops selling FDNY shirts. Waiters seemed quietly relieved you had chosen their restaurant. A walk through the Upper East Side on a sunny morning was an almost overwhelmingly powerful experience—seeing gardeners work on tidy flowerbeds beside the sidewalk and bakers set out the morning’s first batch of bread—these were the things that helped the most, the first signs I saw that there was something on the other side of 9/11.

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The prospect of visiting New York so soon after the attacks terrified me at first, but the effect was in fact the opposite. The calm of the city engulfed me, and I became a part of the informal community that had formed in Manhattan’s streets, a community bonded by the same terrible link. Doubt still prevailed—New York was a city peering over the precipice of the future, which was suddenly very deep and very dark—but I was reassured by experiencing the way the city forged ahead into the void, the way the skaters at Rockefeller Center continued carving their silent patterns into the ice, the way people gazed at Rockwell’s *Four Freedoms* in the Guggenheim, the paintings no longer quaint anachronisms. Being closer to Ground Zero placed me farther from my fear.

I’ve returned to New York twice since 2001, once in the summer of 2004 and again this past August, and each time, the city has inched closer to normal, but that word lost its surety in the rubble of the Towers. 9/11 was a day suspended in time—there is only before and after the attacks, no in between. It drew a line in the sand, one which we had no choice but to cross. Trying to achieve the normal, the familiar, the pre-9/11 is to deny the reality of the After.

9/11 did change our country, and its legacy hasn’t gone away; we’ve simply gotten better at not looking over our shoulders. You can sense it in New York, where 364 days of the year, things continue as if the attacks never happened. But as New York, and America with it, ease back towards complacency, the shadow of September 11 remains. And in light of what that specter has brought about—shoes and shampoos as potential weapons, an interminable war, the end of the unity that followed the attacks and a return to fierce political divisions—I can’t help but like New York better the way it was that first Christmas After, when what I took for bleak uncertainty was actually a passing peace.



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ing anywhere else; but as I read the papers, I felt saddened by my realization: I was tired of 9/11.

I was no longer interested in reading the stories of those brave souls who died in the attacks, or the heartwarming stories of survivors who did not “go gentle into that good night,” as Dylan Thomas once put it, or the tales of the heartbroken families who have done their best to survive the loss of loved ones.

I understand the toll such a tragedy has taken and continues to take on those who lived through this tragedy. Yet, unfortunately, the stories all seem to run together. Having read a full two-page spread of quarter-column stories in the *New York Times*, I was sad that, after hearing so many real stories, I felt no different. I felt saturated by the news, could see the stories, faces, and names all running together into some crowded room in my mind set aside and entitled “9/11.”

Yet Monday morning at prayer service, on the fifth anniversary of the tragedy, I listened closely to responses to the day as told by two high school students, one from Massachusetts, one from Virginia. My eyes welled with tears as I listened to the way these young adults, the same age then as I am now, described the events of the morning as their poorly informed eyes saw the day, and I felt the panic and chaos as they struggled, like citizens across the nation, to get the story straight.

I realize now that I still feel the need for stories about the day. I know that I would feel let down, even outraged if *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Post-Dispatch*, *US News and World Report*, or anything else did not publish some sort of tribute to the innocent Americans somehow harmed or marked by the tragedy. I just wish I still had it in me to care enough to pick up and read those tributes.

My wishing did not make me feel any different, however. I re-read the poem, “The Story We Know,” by Martha Collins. Collins speaks of the shallowness and predictability of human interactions, but also of the focus on each other that people need, a focus made clear with the realization of death. The message and words of the poem struck me: “In the end, this is a story we know so well we don’t turn the page, or look below the picture, or follow the words to the next line.”

I saw myself doing just that: looking at the headlines and mocking how fake and clichéd they sounded; I realized that I no longer did look below the pictures of September 11.

I have wondered what this all means, and whether there is an escape from the clichés threatening to bury the reality of the tragedy.

From the start of the week, I had hoped to find a way to put into words how 9/11 has changed the lives of students here at SLUH. I found out, after reflection and talking to classmates, that for most of us, it hasn’t. Don’t get me wrong — we think and say it has changed our lives — but in reality, for most of us, all 9/11 means is taking off our shoes before getting on a plane, a thirty-second hassle. Yet, every student here was in grade school in 2001, and all the people I talked to agreed that we were too young to know how it has changed us: we can hardly remember if terrorism was or was not a part of our lives before September 11. I know that students whose parents work

in the flight industry or the military were most certainly affected, but most of us have not had to alter our lives significantly because of September 11.

We have certainly grown up with the word “terrorism” in the backs of our minds, and with some semblance of knowledge that there was a war going on in a country we’ve never been to, begun in the name of fighting terrorism. But as with the stories of 9/11, every day we hear of “yet another” suicide bomber in Iraq killing seven marines, and each one lessens our interest.

The conclusion to such a diminishing care for this tragedy, however, is most certainly not to cease reporting such stories. My soul knew this fact when it sensed the outrage I would feel if newspapers did not tell the stories of victims year after year.

As Collins wrote, when death approaches or we realize our mortality, “when we close the curtains, oh, we hold each other against that cold white sign.” When death turns and faces us, we must hold on to one another, listen to one another, and value one another’s experiences.

What newspapers and every American must do is to keep listening and recording the stories, not only in their minds, but also on paper and the Internet. And even if we don’t want to hear right now what the stories say, we must at least use them to form some massive, informal database where people can go, today, tomorrow, or years from now, look at back issues of newspapers and magazines, or at web pages and see the human side of this tragedy, and hope to learn from it what the victims did, hoping to gain some wisdom and inspiration for their lives, their time.

If, as George Santayana said, “Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it,” then we at the very least must do our part for future generations, let it be known forever, that these people died on September 11, 2001, and that these people lived to tell the tale, and that these families mourned for the loss of loved ones, and that the whole country rose up around them, and wept with them, and later, gave them a shoulder to cry on, and later vowed to do their best to bring the dead ones justice. We must, as those students did on the tragic day, strive to get the story straight.

Maybe 9/11 happened too early for the classes of ’07, ’08, ’09, and ’10 to notice that their lives have been changed. Maybe the litany of stories has worn us out. It may be too early to find a historical perspective on how 9/11 has changed our generation, but if we don’t record what happened that day, and how we see it shaping us today, all will be lost to the past, and we will be unable to learn from the past how to change the future. If we give up now on learning from 9/11, not only will we fail to learn now, but we will be unable to learn from it later, when we may need the lessons of this tragedy more than ever.

So someday in the future, when we feel that September 11th became “the story we know,” pause a moment, read the personal tales from the day, and listen to what fellow people learned that day in 2001, when all most of us wanted to do was get the story straight, and be glad that for the years afterwards, people continued to do their best to value the truth.

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Broken Shamrock and Chuck Wagon: Ireland '06

Kevin Casey
Core Staff

For the 14th year, St. Louis University High sent a group to Ireland for two weeks. This past summer, starting and ending in Dublin, 14 seniors and two teachers toured the Emerald Isle. The trip started out with anything but the “luck of the Irish,” though.

The group was scheduled to leave for Chicago on Tuesday, May 30. Because of weather delays in St. Louis, their plane’s departure was delayed, and it was two or three hours late to Chicago’s O’Hare Airport.

Once at O’Hare, they spent the night in a baggage terminal waiting for their luggage—which never came. “No one on the planet knew where our bags were,” commented Pastoral Director Matthew Stewart. He chaperoned the trip with English teacher Chuck Hussung.

After spending part of the next day in downtown Chicago, they left at 8:00 p.m. for Glasgow, Scotland, where they caught a flight to Dublin. In the end they didn’t arrive in Ireland until June 1, a day later than was scheduled. “We made the best of it,” said Hussung. “I now have a Scottish stamp in my passport,” he joked.

Because of the setback of arriving a day late, the group was forced to change a few of their plans. They drove from the east to northwest coast in one day and only stayed in County Donegal for one night, as opposed to the two scheduled.

For Tim Huether, '06, it was “disappointing because a bunch of my family is from County Cavan, and we were going to go to a graveyard where a bunch of my relatives are buried. But that was something that, because we had one day less, they had to cut out of the trip. I totally understand it, but it was just kind of disappointing. Oh well, too bad.”

This SLUH crew made the best of the situations, though. Stewart recalled one incident in particular. “The (car rental company) gave us the wrong cars. They gave us a van with a door that didn’t open, and it was missing a radio. The passenger side mirror was broken and fell off on our way to Belfast. As we were driving through Belfast, I turned a corner and the horn just started honking. People are looking at me

and I’m like ‘What? Who’s honking at me?’ We called it the Broken Shamrock because it was green.” As he chuckled over the memory he added, “We called Mr. Hussung’s van the Chuck Wagon, which I thought was pretty funny.”

As the Erin-Go-Bragh-Bills made their way across the country, day four of the trip found them at Giants’ Causeway, a series of volcanic formations along the coast, and in Belfast.

“I thought that Belfast was incredibly interesting, this feeling that you would not want to have been there five years ago. (It’s) a very divided city. You can just see the history. It’s really the closest I’ve ever been to a war zone,” commented Stewart.

Climbing Croagh Patrick, a mountain where St. Patrick is said to have herded sheep, the next day seemed to be popular among everyone. All 16 made it up the 2,510-foot mountain, with Shane Lawless leading the way. He made it up in a SLUH record of 38 minutes and 34 seconds, beating the previous record by about 6 minutes, “which is, I’ll tell you, fast,” remarked Stewart. Stewart and Krebs brought up the back of the group with a time of about one hour and 35 minutes.

Hussung noted, “Climbing Croagh Patrick was just neat. (We had) perfectly clear, beautiful weather. People tell you about how rainy Ireland’s going to be, but both times I’ve gone I saw little rain and a lot of sun.”

By Monday, June 5, the group arrived in Dingle, a city in County Kerry, where they stayed for two nights.

One of Huether’s favorite moments occurred in Dingle: “One night in Dingle I ended up just being all alone in a bar, and there was a band playing. They played an Irish round that I knew, and I felt really Irish at that moment ... it was a really special moment. Most of the trip you’re a big group of Americans, and it’s very clear that you’re American. The Irish people are certainly nice,

but you know that they know that you’re an outsider. I wasn’t drawing attention to myself in any way and I felt just kind of immersed. It was a really cool feeling.”

Staying in County Kerry, they spent the next night in Portmagee, where Hussung had favorite moment of his own. “A handful of guys didn’t want too much pub time, and I didn’t either. Three nights in a row various ones of us went for a late evening walk. The sun goes down late there, so we’d go out about 10:00.” As the main road went right, they continued left, hopped a fence, and walked out to the coast. “We stood there for 15 minutes. Nobody said a word,

and we just watched the waves crash into this cove. And we just, you know, listened and breathed and prayed. It was very nice.” Hussung also enjoyed the boat trip to the Skellig Islands that the ShamrockBills took the next day.

The group arrived back at Dublin on Saturday, June 10, where they stayed at Dublin City University for the duration of the trip.

Leadership of the trip was different than it has been in recent years since English teacher Bill George, the trip’s organizer, was unable to go after his liver transplant. Hussung was originally planning to accompany George on this trip, but when George couldn’t go, he filled in the empty role as leader.



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The group poses atop Croagh Patrick.

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NORTH CENT

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students giving presentations.

The rubric has been distributed to the school's academic departments, which are supposed to modify the document to their respective department's needs. According to O'Neil, these changes will "potentially" be in place by the second semester.

The committee has also recommended that each of the first three grade levels designate specific classes as emphasizing presentations, so that the exposure to public speaking students have received by senior year is homogeneous. The classes designated are freshman and sophomore history, sophomore geometry, and junior theology.

English teacher Tim Curdt heads the Negative Cultural Influences committee, which will launch investigations into three significant aspects of SLUH culture. The first is the food offered in the school's cafeteria and vending machines. As many schools nationwide replace soda and fried foods with more nutritious products, SLUH offers relatively few healthy options. Food Service Consultants, Inc., which runs SLUH's cafeteria, has sent Curdt a letter outlining changes it plans to make to its menu. Curdt said the letter will serve as the committee's "starting point."

Schulte injured in fall; returns today

Christian Ronzio

Core staff

Math and theater teacher Joe Schulte missed school on Wednesday and Thursday after falling down the stairs at his home. The fire alarm at Schulte's house went off because of a burnt pizza and he missed a step on the way downstairs to turn off the oven. In the fall, he sprained his left ankle and broke three ribs.

Schulte woke up with pain on Wednesday morning and visited the St. Mary's emergency room, where he learned of his injuries. He stayed at home yesterday, but returned after school to work on the Dauphin Players production "See How They Run," which will show on Sept. 28 and 30, and Oct. 1. Schulte is back teaching today.

Also scrutinized will be the appropriateness of student computer use in the school's library and computer labs, including the possibility of installing Internet filters on the school's computers.

The investigation into school dances and mixers will continue, ensuring that the events are opportunities for "healthy interaction" between young men and women, said Curdt. Curdt said the committee will prepare its recommendations by April.

Theology teacher Rob Garavaglia co-chairs the Diversity committee with counselor Nina See. According to Garavaglia, the November survey of juniors revealed "several disturbing trends" amongst SLUH students, especially regarding insensitive remarks and language.

"Racism exists and is a part of our SLUH culture," said Garavaglia.

He added that most of the changes resulting from the committee's work will occur subtly, but there are several visible plans in place regarding the group's focus of class and race. He pointed to the Diversity Film Series, instituted by Director of Diversity Robert Evans, as an existing result of the committee's findings, and mentioned a "hunger banquet" that will take place next year.

According to English teacher and Diversity committee member Dave Callon, a hunger banquet is an extended lunch period designed "to get people to think more about how the economics of hunger work." Garavaglia and Callon both declined to elaborate on the banquet's specifics in order to ensure its effectiveness. Callon did indicate that the committee was considering ways of relating the banquet's results to theology classes.

The North Central Association accredits its schools throughout the central United States. According to Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs Mark Michalski, accreditation is "a statement by a respected outside source that your program meets standards that (the source) has set and are accepted by the educational community." In order to gain accreditation, a school's self-study team identifies areas it feels needs improving, establishes a strategy for improving the target areas, and ultimately presents recommendations for achieving these goals to the school.

According to Hussung, who was asked to lead the self-study shortly before it began in the fall of 2003, said that these recommendations "must demonstrate some progress" in order to meet North Central's standards.

BIANCHIBILLS PEDDLE IN MS150

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This year's MS 150 team included two seniors, Alex Grman and Charlie Diehl, Spanish teacher Kevin Moore, father and alum John Applebaum, '76, Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick and Business Manager Eric Schnable. Joining the Jr. Bills were from Nerinx were 9 girls, several teachers and several parents. Above, Appelbaum, Grman, and Diehl pose astride their bicycles.

—Compiled by Andrew Mueth and Jim Santel

9/11

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The tombstones represented only a portion of those who had died in Iraq and numbered somewhere between 1,700 and 1,900.

The tombstones, as well as the idea, had been borrowed from the St. Louis Coalition for Peace and Justice. Sophomore Jackson Ramsey's father is a member of the Coalition and allowed the YDS to borrow the tombstones.

This demonstration was an administration-approved occurrence which had been planned weeks prior to the Monday demonstration.

The tombstones provoked a strong response amongst students. The original sign was meant to have a quote from President Bush saying, "Prior to September 11, there was apparently no connection between a place like Iraq and terror, "and then the line, "Here's the connection." The sign that was actually hung said, "How many dead for revenge?" The words dead and revenge

CORLEY

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we have to realize is that they are part of the air we are breathing right now,' —because of the fire they were vaporized and their very being was in the air— 'and so we must behave respectfully wherever we are.' It just blew me away. ... It was almost Zen-like in its observation that all of humanity is just one being. ... It was more just a 'Hey, look, you are now on sacred ground and so you need to act that way.'"

Corley pointed out that in St. Louis there are some people who were directly affected by 9/11, perhaps by a lost loved one, but in New York and New Jersey, everyone knows someone who died.

"I don't know how you recover from that kind of loss," Corley said.

MacDonald's remains were discovered in the rubble within the past year. The MacDonald family decided to have the funeral on the fifth anniversary of the tragedy.

"It definitely stuck in my mind on Monday. Okay, here we are. It's September 11 again," Corley said.

From his most recent trip to New York City, Corley recalled "the bright blue skies and thinking, 'God! It's a day just like it was five years ago.' ... New York City looked exactly like it did five years ago—bright

were written in red. Many students and faculty members believed that the sign was inappropriate and too political to be hung up on 9/11. There was also a plan to add a tombstone that said "your name here," which was pulled because the YDS felt that it took away from the meaning of the demonstration and might be offensive.

Harrison summed up the meaning of the display by saying, "We mourn not just the dead Americans but also the dead Iraqis. No one knows how many dead Iraqis there are. The point is to honor the American soldiers and certainly the dead but also to say, 'What's the cause (for these deaths)? Are we succeeding in what we are trying to do? We are just trying to make the connection between 9/11 and the Iraq War that President Bush keeps trying to do. Of course we have a different connection than President Bush does.'"

"Personally, I chose to (participate in the protest) to show that we can't get revenge for trading a death for a death. Killing is not

blue skies and a crisp air to it. It was kind of eerily reminiscent."

Of riding through New York and seeing all of the houses with flags in their yards before the funeral, Corley said, "It's a very personal, very powerful presence all the time there. It's not the war in Iraq. It's not President Bush. It's their next-door neighbor, it's their cousin, their brother, their friend."

Along with his remains, a crucifix given to MacDonald from his wife was recently recovered and will soon be returned to Denise.

Said Corley, "I can't imagine the enormity of the emotion when she puts that in her hand. I mean, it's just going to all come back."

According to Corley, the priest and Joe MacDonald, Sr., who gave the eulogy, focused on two things at the funeral mass: "the personal hurt of the day," not the national pain, and "the resurrection. (The priest) talked about the baptism, the rebirth, and meeting Joe in Heaven."

Throughout the day, "Everybody really worked hard to put a positive ... feeling to his death," said Corley. "We're all here to party for Joe. ... There was nobody sitting around saying, 'Oh, those damn terrorists,' or something like that."

going to revive or help the spirits who died," said junior Ken Homan, who took part in the demonstration.

The student reaction to the YDS display has been varied. Some students and faculty believed that it was an appropriate act of remembrance for not only those who died in the terrorist attacks but those who have died in Iraq. Others believe the fact that it was done on the fifth anniversary of such a tragic event and its political undertones made it inappropriate.

"I was more upset about the sign that talked about revenge. On a day like September 11, it shouldn't be about politics, it should be about unity," junior Brett DeLaria said of the demonstration

"I think the displays were fine. They were just trying to remember those who died in the Iraq war as well as on 9/11," said senior Tom Tandler.

Corley believes the day turned from one of mourning to one of hope. "Monday was a real turning of the page, a turning of the chapter," he said.

MacDonald's death has brought the family and friends of the family closer together. "That doesn't really make it worth it, but yeah, some good has come out of it," Corley said.

On how this personal attachment to the tragedy has affected him, Corley said, "We and they have to find a solution to end all violence, find a way better than just killing. Somewhere along the line somebody's got to draw the line and say, 'Let's find a different path.' ... We don't have to kill each other. There are other ways to do this, because when we kill each other, people die."

**Feel the rhythm, feel the rhyme, it's
Wellness Club Movie Time!**

The Wellness Club is hosting a movie night for all students, September 22, immediately after the football game. Papa Johns, popcorn and drinks will be available as tasty snacks. Please come by and enjoy the movie *Cool Runnings*.

School addresses slow login system

**George Boston
Reporter**

Since the start of the school year, delays have been clogging the electronic arteries of St. Louis U. High. Sporadic login delays, freeze-ups, and sub-par Internet speeds have been vexing students and faculty attempting to use the school's computers in the past month.

"It was really slow," says freshman Eli Clampett of his recent experience with the system. "It just froze."

Last week, the scene in the library, according to junior Peter Hock, was one of loading bars on every screen and a crowd of

students waiting to use a computer. Biology teacher Steve Kuensting relates that "some faculty have no problem logging in (to the network), and some can't at all."

System Administrator Jon Dickmann attributes these problems to a few of the school's servers, the hubs which allow individual computers to tie into a central computer that holds all the data for student accounts.

"We've had some slowdown issues in the past," says Dickmann. "The only time we can work on the server is when no one is here," he continued, explaining that the network was debugged prior to the begin-

ning of the school year, "but then we can't test them to know whether what we've done has been effective."

After these problematic opening weeks of class, everything is now "running fine," according to Dickmann, but the technology department remains uncertain about what gave rise to the malfunctions.

"We have a bunch of guesses ... (but) we haven't made any changes, so if whatever caused this comes up again, (the delays) could happen again," Dickmann said. They are currently seeking an alternate method of logging in as a more permanent solution.

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES

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had theology teacher Matt Stewart sing the national anthem before the meet and former coach and current Drury Inn manager Tim Chik announced some of the action. The stage was set for some great performances, and SLUH delivered them.

The varsity race got out to a quick pace, with the leaders coming through the first mile at 4:52. There was some question before the race as to how SLUH's inexperienced team would respond to the fast pace and the stacked field. The team answered the call and stayed in great position at the start. Matt Lawder led SLUH through the mile at 4:58, and SLUH's pack was close behind at 5:15.

From there, the pack began to break up, and sophomore John Clohisy broke away. Clohisy said after the race, "I knew we got out to a quick first mile and from there I just tried to keep hammering the pace. ... Coming into the race I didn't expect to finish high because I had been recovering the week before (from an injury), but I gave it my best ... (and when) I crossed the line (and) looked at my watch, I was blown away by the time."

Clohisy finished in 18th place with a time of 16:38. He finished second on the team behind only Matt Lawder, who finished in 5th place overall with a 16:02. (*Editor's note:* All times are converted from finish times to reflect a true 5K time because there was an ambulance on the course tending to a runner from the girls JV race. The varsity

race had to be re-routed and ended up being 140 meters short.)

Junior Mike McCafferty didn't let Clohisy pull too far away in the second mile and stayed close behind him the whole race, finishing in 16:45, good for 22nd place. Nate Banet was fourth on the team, holding strong through the final mile to get 28th place in a time of 16:56. Dan Viox rounded out the scoring five by going 16:59 for a 29th-place finish.

Freshman Caleb Ford finished sixth on the team in an incredibly fast time of 17:23, almost breaking the freshman 5K record. He placed 41st. Sophomore David Kuciejczyk-Kernan rounded out the top seven with a 47th place finish and a time of 17:38. Sophomore Austin Cookson finished in a very high 50th place with a 17:43 and freshman Ben Ford finished up the varsity squad with a 18:00 and a 61st-place finish.

SLUH's team total added up to 102 points and boosted the team into third place behind only Potosi (ranked 14th in the country) and Zumwalt South (last year's state champs), and 58 points in front of Rockbridge.

"I was extremely excited about our team's results," said coach Joe Conley, "even though I couldn't see the races because ... I followed the last place person in each race to make sure everyone finished."

SLUH performed amazingly on all three levels. The freshmen, led by race-winner Zach Thomas (10:33 for 3K), almost swept their race, finishing first overall with sev-

enteen points. The junior varsity team also won the JV race with 24 points. Junior Steve Schumacher won the JV in 14:03 for the 4K course.

SLUH's next race will be this weekend's Jesuit Invitational at DeSmet at 1:00 p.m. Be there to watch the varsity rip all the out-of-town teams to shreds and hopefully to see Dan Warner's much heralded first race of the season.

INDELICATO

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lost their life in the war on terrorism in Iraq. Hanging from the fine arts building, was a sign stating "How many dead for revenge?" This morbid display mortified me to the core. I could not believe anyone would have the audacity to taint a day of remembrance for the lives lost with an anti-war political statement. Moreover, I am equally dismayed at the school administration for not taking appropriate measures to ensure a blatant act of disrespect would not occur.

No one, regardless of their political belief, has the right to disrespect the heroic efforts displayed on that solemn day, as well as the civilians and military personnel that have lost their lives during this war on terrorism. I appreciate the right to free speech, but there is a time and a place; and I believe those responsible for this act have gone too far. Thank you, and God Bless America.

J. Alexander Indelicato, '07

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but the best of the night was yet to come.

In the 73rd minute, Tom Meyer took a SLUH corner and it was headed clear by a Spartan defender. The ball came out to Ziegler, and in a motion that reminded some on the bench of Maxi Rodriguez's goal for Argentina against Mexico in the World Cup, he volleyed it into the top corner for an incredible strike that completed the utter humiliation of the Spartans.

Head coach Charlie Martel said, "We held the midfield well and attacked the corners like we should."

Having been all but assured of the CBC Tournament title, the Oleguerbills played defending state runners-up Vianney on Saturday afternoon. SLUH came out firing, with a goal off a free kick from Weis in the first five minutes. Weis got enough height to head it over the Vianney keeper.

However, the game quickly descended into madness as the Griffins upped the tempo of their 4-5-1 trap and the referees were card-happy. Three SLUH players—Tom Meyer, Chris Wecke and Haffner—were booked, and Vianney received more than double the

FOOTBALL

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into the half.

After the half, the Jr. Bills' offensive success slowed down, and they went scoreless in the third quarter. But the defense kept the Jr. Bills in the game, stopping Althoff cold for most of the third quarter. Late in the quarter, the U. High defense couldn't hold Althoff any longer, giving up a touchdown on a 33-yard pass with just under four minutes to play in the third quarter, leaving the game tied once again, 14-14.

The Jr. Bills weren't done yet. They started the fourth quarter with the ball and the need to score. Quinlan once again went to the air, this time to senior receiver Chris deBettencourt for a 20-yard pass down the sideline. Quinlan and deBettencourt connected again for a 21-yard touchdown pass with 11:11 left in the game to give the Jr. Bills the lead once again, 21-14.

The defense looked to lock up the game after junior Matt Rice recovered a fumble late in the game, but the Jr. Bills failed to kill the clock and Althoff was left with one more

number of free kicks than SLUH over the course of the match (13-5).

Vianney was able to level the score in the 27th minute, when the referee judged that Haffner pushed a Griffin down in the penalty area. Vianney forward Tony Pancer calmly struck the penalty into the net, and the score was now 1-1. However, two minutes after the spot-kick, Leinauer put the Riverbills up for good, taking away another rebound (this time off a shot by Jack Twellman).

The rest of the game was muddled around the middle. Martel commented SLUH "couldn't get the ball down ... instead of attacking, we spent a lot of our energy trying to defend."

However, it was not without its moments: in the second half, Maglasang and Vianney defender Matt Scheipeter went up for the ball, and according to Maglasang, "I jumped up, and I didn't see him that much, and I blacked out after that: I don't remember anything after jumping up for a 50-50 ball." In actuality, Maglasang was viciously elbowed in the face by Scheipeter, who was able to escape with a yellow card.

Martel had no comment on the referee-

ing, saying only, "It's something we've come to expect."

After winning the CBC Tournament trophy, the Interbills came back home to play Fort Zumwalt South, whom it had beat 4-2 in last year's sectionals. However, that game was with star Bulldog striker Mychael Jones, who graduated last year. Without their big forward, FZS was unable to create any real chances, only testing Zane Reifsteck once the entire match. SLUH ran out 6-0 winners in this one, with goals coming from Twellman, Rusty Brooks, Schultz, Leinauer and two from Haffner, who earned Man of the Match honors.

At press time, SLUH was off Jungerman Road in St. Charles, playing Francis Howell North (check the Nightbeat for result). They return home to play St. Dominic on Saturday night before heading to the Soccer Park all next week to play in the prestigious CYC Tournament, where they might have their first taste of No. 1 Chaminade. However, they must progress through the group stage first, where their toughest test, according to Martel, will be against Rockwood Summit.

shot at scoring with 1:20 left in the game.

Althoff came out firing, completing three consecutive passes to get them close. With time winding down, Althoff came up big on a 33-yard touchdown pass with under 35 seconds left to play. The Jr. Bills didn't have enough time to score, so the two teams entered overtime tied, 21-21.

Entering overtime, the Jr. Bills looked to take the advantage starting with the ball. Since high school overtime is a variant of college OT, they began the drive at the opponent's ten-yard line. On the first play, junior running back Drew Blackmon scored on a sweep right past the Althoff defenders. Wheeler continued his streak, converting his fourth of four extra point opportunities and giving the Jr. Bills the lead once again, 28-21.

Entering the defensive stand, the Jr. Bills hoped to end the game then and there. In the first two plays, the U. High defensive line recorded its first and only two sacks of the game. First, Rice sacked the quarterback bringing up second and 17. Tyler Caldwell

followed his lead, bringing up third and goal from the 23. The defense held up for two more plays, forcing two incomplete passes to win the game, 28-21. Much jubilation ensued on the part of the SLUH fans and players.

The Jr. Bills put up 290 yards of total offense. Leading the way was Mike Quinlan, who completed 9 of 13 passes for 127 yards and one touchdown in addition to 8 carries for 24 yards and one touchdown on the ground. Wingo led the ground attack with 129 yards on 37 carries and a touchdown.

The player of the game on the defense was Rice with 5 tackles, including one sack and a forced fumble.

"We came out strong ... we hit them hard, and we didn't stop," said Rice about the defense. Caldwell also had a strong game with 5 tackles and a sack.

Blackmon, who scored the game winning touchdown, said, "We were thought of not to win the game, but we played as a team, and we came through."

The Jr. Bills take on MCC rival Chaminade tonight at Chaminade at 7:00 p.m.

by Pete Mackowiak

Calendar

Sept. 15 - Sept. 22

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Schedule R
Jr. Class Lit.
K-12 Submissions
College Visits (Sign Up in Counseling Office):
Yale University @ 10:30am
Furman University @ 2:15pm
V FB @ Chaminade, 7pm
JV SOC vs. DeSmet, 4pm
Onion Rings, Pizza

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

V SOC vs. St. Dominic, 6pm
B SOC vs. St. Dominic, 5pm
C SOC vs. St. Dominic, 3pm
V/JV/C XC Jesuit Invitational @ DeSmet, 2:30pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Orange shirt Monday
Schedule R
CSP Food Drive Begins
College Visits:
DePaul University
Louisiana State University
Maryville University
Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend:
Colgate University @ 10:30am
Christian Brothers University @ 12:45pm
Tufts University @ 1:15pm

V SOC CYC Tournament TBA (9/18-23)
Cheese/Garlic Bread, Pizza

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Block Schedule 1 (Homeroom - 8am)
College Visits (Sign Up in Counseling Office):
Lake Forest University @ 8:30am
Wheaton College @ 12:00pm
Butler University @ 1:15pm
Illinois Wesleyan University @ 2:00pm

V SOC CYC Tournament TBA
JV SOC CBC JV Tournament @ CBC, 4pm
V SWM @ Parkway North, 4pm
No AP Food/Club Wraps

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Block Schedule 2 (Homeroom - 9:15am)
College Visits (Sign Up in Counseling Office):

Trinity College @ 9:30am
Wake Forest University @ 10:00am
Cornell College @ 10:30am
Drake University @ 11:00am
Northwestern University @ 11:30am
Kalamazoo College @ 12:45pm
Tulane University @ 1:15pm
V SOC CYC Tournament TBA
JV SOC CBC JV Tournament @ CBC, 4pm
C XC Hazelwood East C Invitational @

Hazelwood East, 4pm
No AP Food/Chicken Fettuccini

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Schedule R
Jr. Rep. Meeting
So. Bonus Rdg.
Mix-It-Up Lunch
College Visits:
Bates College
Boston College
Connecticut, University of
Evansville, University of
Quincy University
St. John's University/College of St. Benedict
St. Louis College of Pharmacy
V SOC CYC Tournament TBA
Bosco Sticks, Meatball Sandwiches

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Schedule R
Sr. Class Lit.
College Visits (Sign Up in Counseling Office):
Purdue University @ Jr./Sr. Lunch
St. Mary's University of San Antonio @ Jr./Sr. Lunch
V FB vs. Fort Zumwalt West, 7pm
V SOC CYC Tournament TBA
C SOC @ Granite City, 4:30pm
V SWM vs. Cape Girardeau Notre Dame, 5pm

A DROP TO SPARE

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Zumwalt West, and Cape Central. The meet, which scores points in an irregular fashion, made it harder for the Jr. Bills to utilize their depth to hold off their opponents.

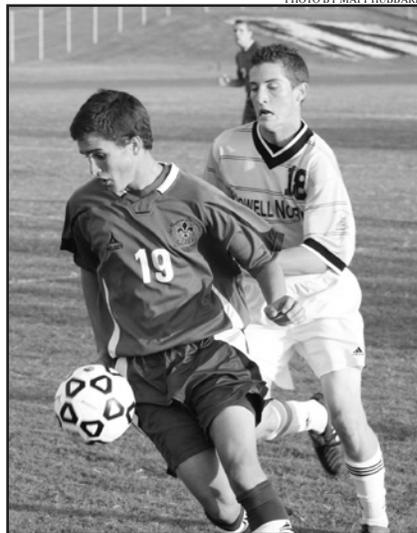
With two teams — Parkway Central and Ft. Zumwalt — who could contest SLUH for first in almost every event, the Jr. Bills had to work harder for the first places.

When the meet concluded, the Jr. Bills had lost by a score of 182 (Parkway Central)-164 (SLUH)-139 (Ft. Zumwalt)-69 (Cape Central). They were once again surprised by a team that had not looked so challenging a few weeks ago on the schedule.

They now focus on regrouping for their next meet Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 4 p.m. at Parkway North.

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The Jr. Bills played at Francis Howell North last night, winning 3-2. Two goals came from junior Jack Twellman (left), and one off a penalty kick by junior Tom Meyer.

The game was the first all season in which the Jr. Bills trailed, as they got down early 1-0.

Junior David Ziegler got spiked in the head and had to be carried off in a stretcher. "We're all hoping he gets better," said manager Kevin Gier.