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Students attend Schedule R, others do something else

**David Bowie
Glam Rocker**

Last Thursday, while five St. Louis U. High students traveled to a Japanese laboratory where they would develop a cancer-prevention drug, most students attended a Schedule R (regular) day. After two years of mass schedules, half days, early dismissals, and LSD-fueled Electric Kool-Aid Highway 40 Shutdown Tests, students didn't know what to make of the full day.

The day began long before the 7:50 homeroom bell for most students.

"I woke up at about 5:57 and was on the road by 6:20, to avoid the traffic, see. If I leave after that, it's just a mess on that highway. I can't even imagine how much earlier I'll have to leave when they shut down the entire highway next year," said junior Bob Moon,

who added that he arrived in the parking lot by 7:00 and reached the building at 7:34.

After that homeroom bell rang, things got wild. The entire senior class gave a simultaneous moan about prayer service and then wandered into the chapel for a brief nap. The three other classes filed into homeroom and scrambled to finish their homework, or else expect rain.

After homeroom, students went to first period. There, the pupils generally pulled out their pens and paper and proceeded to draw happy doodles or take good notes. The rest of the school counted down to activity period.

After first period, one senior couldn't take it anymore and skipped class.

"It's a double whammy: first they made us go to a class, and expected us to take notes. I mean, I don't even own a pen. Then, they

want us to do it again. And all this before I've eaten five Bosco sticks and had my Mountain Dew? It's crazy, man." The student requested that his identity be kept a secret.

Another senior found a way to persevere through the rough first two classes.

"The only way I made it through my second class was because of my first period. I mean, the teacher turned off the lights and turned on a Power Point, and then talked about numbers, words, and books in his soothing voice for 45 minutes. How could I resist putting my head down and dozing off?"

Some missed the day due to illness or playing hooky. Senior Jibber Clarkson had to miss the day because of a severe case of the sniffles.

"I was hoping to come in, you know, because I had two big tests and I hate missing

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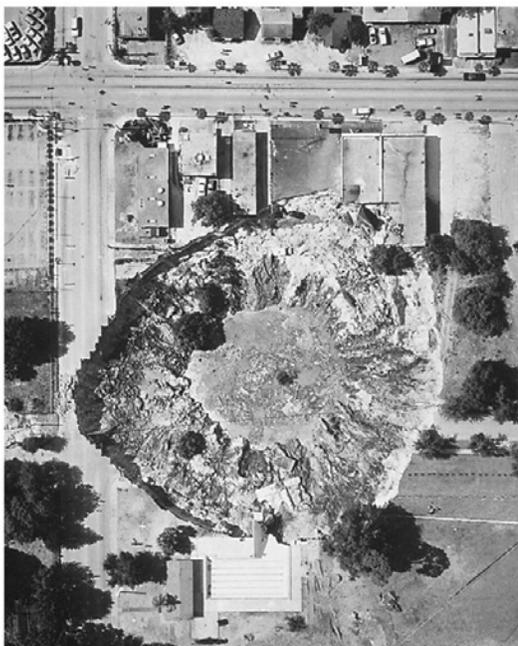
Rifle range gets wet

**Hershey Hawthorne
Contortionist**

St. Louis U. High's administration has rescinded its insistence that the school's rifle team begin using air rifles instead of .22 caliber guns next school year. Rather, the administration has stipulated that the rifle team must use water guns.

According to SLUH's NRA liason, Harlton Cheston, several alternates to air rifles were looked into and passed over for various reasons. Among the possibilities explored, said Cheston, were Nerf guns ("Too dangerous," said Cheston), Red Ry-

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School Sunk

The sinkhole that swallowed St. Louis U. High, as seen from the air. In a matter of minutes the school was reduced to rubble. See full story on page three.

SLUH to follow CBC, move westward

Ella Pernod
German Filmmaker

While most Catholic high schools in the St. Louis area are in the county, St. Louis U. High has remained—well, actually, SLUH's headed for the county, too.

After the \$32 million Vision 2000 (V2K) campaign and the subsequent construction of two new athletic fields, the Drury Plaza, and an expansive piece of asphalt, SLUH has decided to cut its losses and head westward. The school has purchased land just west of Town and Country, home to rivals Christian Brothers College (CBC).

"Several factors played into the decision to abandon the city," President David Laughlin said.

The main reason for moving is the looming Reconstruction Era of U.S. Highway 40/ Interstate 64. As we've said 18 times before, this renovation project will close the crucial traffic corridor from Spoeede to Interstate 170 for next school year, and it will shut down the highway from I-170 to King Shigh Way during the 2008-09 school year.

Also for the 19th time, the administration

has been considering several methods of approaching the closure of 40, the primary route to school for hundreds of Jr. Billikens. They have looked at new school-day schedules, carpool and mass transit incentives, and all kinds of odd arrangements of classes. And what decision did they come to? It would be best to move west.

"Most of the students who travel on Highway 40 everyday come from West County anyway," reasoned Principal Mary Schenkenberg. "By moving west, we help many of them avoid the hassles of 40."

But surely moving so far west is devastating to the Land o' Lincoln representatives at SLUH?

"Nobody lives in Illinois," Schenkenberg coolly replied.

Vision 2000 issues played their own roles in convincing the admins to enter SLUH into a real-life game of Oregon Trail. Sinkhole problems have plagued the V2K project, and Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick fears more moments in which English teachers' quiet strolls around the track turn into spelunking outings.

"Well, obviously, we had the issue with the soccer field even after it was completed,"

he said, locating the sinkhole's former position with his shiny, St. Louis U. High seal-emblazoned brass pointer thingy. "That was frustrating—and pretty expensive. Before the stadiums and plaza were built, we had even more sinkholes to fill. That was annoying and expensive too. And here's the kicker: we haven't taken much preventive action against other sinkholes on those sites. There could be more. And rather than deal with that—or with possible sinkhole obstacles with the Student Life Center—we're gonna start up a new project on a new site entirely."

The new project, Hindsight 20/20, will feature much of what V2K provided for the current SLUH campus. There will be technology upgrades, but as with V2K, those comprise the smallest and most meaningless aspect of 20/20. A new school building will feature all "Smart" classrooms, and, of course, each classroom will have a TV available with scrolling announcements and KUHI broadcasts for students to ignore.

More important though, are the entertainment and athletic facilities that 20/20 will provide. A brand-spankin' new F. Joseph Schulte Theater will house 1,000 cushioned
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1040 students do not attend forum

Max Breezeridge
Living the Lodge Life

Unbeknownst to virtually the entire St. Louis U. High community, STUCO held its fourth quarter forum in the theater last Friday. An estimated 1,040 SLUH students did not attend the forum. Instead, they discussed important topics such as rising bosco stick prices in the cafeteria or played fun games in the STUCO room.

Several teachers did attend the forum in order to escape any "pesky students" asking questions or trying to learn. "I told my students to see me in my office if they had any questions about our test today, so I came (to the theater) to hide from them," laughed English teacher Frank Kovarik. Besides the faculty, the forum also featured a surprise appearance by Sen. Barack Obama (D - Ill.), who promised "a change in the way things are run" around SLUH.

History teacher Tom McCarthy started the forum after a 13 minute long fire and

brimstone invocation by Jim Knapp, S.J. McCarthy proposed that the school eliminate all English classes and have an extra required American History course for all students. "I think it would be just a great idea," he said. "Everyone would get to relive the adventures of Brun Hilda again." He then dropped his coffee and exclaimed, "UH-HHH OHHH."

Physics teacher Paul Baudendistel, wearing his forest green shirt and Charlie Chaplin tie, scoffed at McCarthy's plan, saying "All history is for losers," except for the study of important physicists of the past such as Henry Cavendish and his giant lead ball experiment. Baud then suggested that the school eliminate Activity Period in order to make room for his new class, which would focus primarily on "physics party tricks." The class would also be able to participate

in every physicists dream, throwing a cat off of a very tall building. "When a cat reaches terminal velocity, it realizes it's no longer accelerating!" Baud happily shouted.

One student who did attend the forum, (probably a freshman who hasn't found out we have a pool hall yet) asked about why

there is no fountain in the Drury Plaza. "I think we were promised a fountain, and I want to be able to splash around in the water with my buddies like in Friends after school every day," he said.

Director of Facilities Pat Zarrick, who happened to be filling a sinkhole in the back of the theater, said that there is no fountain in the Drury Plaza because the school decided to spend the money on the "really nice" glowing seal on the archway over the back entrance.
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Yesterday's STUCO forum, in all its worthless resplendence.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

To the Editors:

Confucius once wrote, “To have a fountain is to be near to God.” Boy, was he right. So the question is raised: Where’s the fountain? The Vision 2000 plans featured a fountain in the Drury Plaza, but none is in sight. Imagine this scenario with me: You’re on the 50-mile hike from the parking lot to the school. You haven’t touched math homework. You’re tired. And lo, you come to an oasis in the desert: A golden Billiken, water gently flowing from his cute little belly button. Think how soothing that would be. Think of all the pennies in the fountain that could go to all kinds of neat-o gadgets, like a quesadilla maker. Think of all the freshmen that could be ignominiously tossed into the healing waters. Think of all the different people we could name it after—just imagine the plaque: “Enron Fountain: Dedicated in honor of the honest, God-fearing people at Enron.”

Plus, it’d be better for water polo practice than the FoPoCoCo pool.

—From whom it concerns

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those things. But when I woke up I just felt terrible. I was tired from staying up on the phone really late, and my stomach was just tied up in knots. And my nose was running too. Now I’m no doctor, but I know better than to come to school with something that severe. I was debating whether to disregard my better judgment and be a trooper anyway, but my mom stopped me and brought me to my senses. So I just relaxed at home, you know, made a CD, called my friend who happened to be sick too, and drove around with her all day.”

At lunchtime, the students raced to the cafeteria, knocking each other down to push to the front of the line, because, you guessed it, it was chicken wrap day! Two in one month!?!?! How can it be?!?!? It didn’t really matter. All that counted was getting to the cafeteria in time to fork over \$7.35 for one of those scumdillyishus babies.

The last two periods were calm, as some students were tired from an exhausting lunch, and others daydreamed about things from the weather outside to their girlfriends.

“The day went as usual for me,” Macho Man Eric Clark said. “I just walked around the halls watching students tuck in their shirts when they saw me. There were a few times I had to speak with emphasis in my booming voice to tell them to tuck in that shirt, but that’s not so bad. I think we’ll have another day like this soon,” he concluded.

Announcement

In light of the SLUH community’s issues with Facebook usage this school year, the Counseling Department has recommended that SLUH students and parents watch the following informative video online at <http://youtube.com/watch?v=6FahBBnfHAQ>

School engulfed by sinkhole, jubulation ensues

Det Namlleh

One Sweet Dude

English teacher Rich Moran and art teacher Mary Whealon were walking around campus earlier today when they noticed it was rather dark for 7 a.m.

“I noticed a really earthy smell, and then I realized, ‘Hey, we’re underground!’” Moran recalled.

The pair had discovered a sinkhole.

Sinkholes have plagued St. Louis U. High’s Vision 2000 (V2K) expansion program since the fall of 2004, but none have been quite as large as this latest hole, which encompasses the whole school.

“Yeah, this is a big one, chief,” said Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick, via radio, from his (now-underground) office.

“This certainly is a setback,” said President David Laughlin. “Thank God it happened *after* Cashbah,” he added.

Indeed, the school sank into the ground just minutes after Saturday night’s auction finished. As guests went to their cars, laden with slot machines, sarcophagi, and assorted contraband Cardinals memorabilia, some reported feeling tremors in the earth.

“I felt a tremor,” said the Tom Cummings, S.J., “and my first thought was, all that hard work we did back in 1979; you know, moving mountains and whatnot. So I rallied some strapping young lads and we tried to hold back the yawning earth, but alas, it was to no use.”

As the hole widened, most Cashbah guests fled the scene in panic, but not Jeff Harrison, S.J., who was last seen diving into the hole and yelling “NOT MY COLLECTIBLE CHE GUEVARA POSTERS! THOSE ARE WORTH CENTS! CENTS I TELL YOU!” As of press time, Harrison has not been located.

Zarrick and Laughlin both said that the sinkhole means the V2K plans will have to be revamped.

“Yeah, we’ll dig some nifty tunnels to the Student Life Center,” Laughlin said.

Said English teacher Jim Raterman, “Oh boy, is it neat-o! It’s like when I was a kid, growing up in Ohio, and I’d dig holes with my Tonka trucks! But this one, boy is this a big one! It’s like the *War and Peace* of sinkholes! Oh boy! If only Faulkner were here to see this baby!”

Some dude with a geology degree and a penchant for long, boring scientific explanations told the *Daily Pl—er—Prep News* that Cashbah was probably the cause of the sinkhole. It seems that there was simply too much stuff throughout the building for the bedrock to support, hence the sinking.

“Okay, so maybe parking the fleet of Hummers on the roof wasn’t a great idea, but c’mon—Was I supposed to know this was going to happen?” Laughlin said, gesturing to the sinkhole.

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seats and a body-painting studio. Another, smaller theater will host band, choral, and the annual Rolling Stones farewell concert. New band and choral rehearsal rooms will also thrill the fine arts department, as will a dance studio accessible by (gasp) stairs.

Athletically speaking, a Sport-Exe turf football field will have stands on each side of the field with a Plasma video board at one corner and a scoreboard in another, plus trapdoors for the lions to come out of. While this facility is more than adequate for European football, SLUH will also have a separate soccer pitch adjacent to the football stadium. It will have the same features as

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der BB Guns (“You’ll put an eye out, kid,” he cackled), bazookas (just kidding) and suction-dart shooters (“They sucked,” said President David Laughlin).

Rifle team members said the change would most likely prevent them from competing against other schools.

“There’s no precision; you can’t hit specific parts of the target,” said rifle team coach Ear Hunter.

“It’s true, there’s no accuracy. Instead, you just get a piece of paper wet as my little brother’s diapers,” said a team member who wished to remain anonymous.

Laughlin said he understood the team’s gripes, but felt the change was a positive one. “See, what we’re doing here is just enhancing the rich tradition of St. Louis University High School that Anna F. Backer began in 1776,” Laughlin said.

“The team members say there’s no accuracy, that you just hit the whole target. Well, that’s just in line with the Jesuit idea of *magis*—you know, soaking the whole target, rather than a small part of it. I mean, do you think St. Ignatius would’ve used a .22? Probably not. He would’ve used a cannon, to make sure he nailed that target.”

When reminded that it was cannon shot that smashed St. Ignatius’s leg at the Battle of Pamplona in 1517, Laughlin said, “See? There you have it. If they’d been smart, they would’ve used an intercontinental ballistic missile and got the other leg as well.”

Principal Mary Schenkenberg said the

the football field, only with fewer bleachers. Both facilities will have a track.

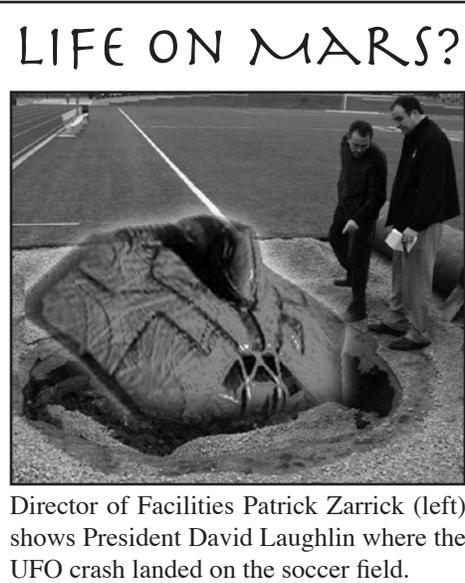
Tennis and aquatic sports (water polo, swimming, and competitive skinny-dipping), most notably ignored in V2K’s athletic plans, will receive their share of the 20/20 wealth. Six regulation-size courts—two hard court, two clay, and two grass—will enable the Strawberriesncremebills to practice for any major championship in their future. The two new Olympic-size pools in the planned Paul Baudendistel Aquatic Center are sure to please the water polo coach it’s named for.

“I always knew that, if I kept on complaining about FoPoCoCo, they would listen at some point,” he said.

change was a matter of safety.

“After our North Central Firearms committee investigated the matter, and proved that those .22s weren’t safe, we decided it was in the school’s best interest to switch to a less lethal weapon,” Schenkenberg said. (*Editor’s note: The North Central “investigation” was actually an unscientific debacle that involved Vice President Dick Cheney and resulted in, among other things, a 12-state manhunt for biology teacher Daniel Shelburne.*)

When this reporter mentioned the potential for injuries stemming from wet floors in the rifle range as a result of the water guns, Schenkenberg paused a moment, then exclaimed, “I hadn’t thought of that. If you’ll excuse me, I have some phone calls to make.”



Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick (left) shows President David Laughlin where the UFO crash landed on the soccer field.

Somewhere among the sprawling Jr. Bill athletic complex will be a new Drury Plaza. Word is it will feature trees and even, maybe, a fountain featuring a Billiken spitting water, amidst the brick and concrete.

“I think it’s just best for the school, when you consider 40, plus Vision 2000 problems,” said Laughlin.

Zarrick added, “V2K was great. But right now I look at that as Spring Training. We did pretty well. But now we’ve got the real thing—and Hindsight 20/20 is a catcher anyways.”

Funds from Cashbah 2007, “Under the Big Mop” will start the campaign for Hindsight 20/20.

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Lacey lingerie,” said Kovarik from jail, where he is incarcerated for assaulting Doors singer Jim Morrison.

“I agree, that was hilarious,” said P.E. teacher Joe Mimlitz.

“Baboons are certainly eccentric animals,” said President David Laughlin.

Most students agreed that Honeycomb is indeed delicious, and Trix should be for rabbits as well as for kids. Meanwhile, freshmen were forced to leap through flaming hoops on the school roof at the behest of theater director of Joe Schulte.

As the Great Bosco Stick Bowl Disturbance of 2007 swept through the school, Vision 2000 surged into the future.

“The Student Life Center will absolutely have a Starbucks and 24-hour Kinko’s,” said Laughlin. “No doubt about it.”

However, the militant SLUH Alums Against War in Cambodia were not pleased with the ban on toilet paper in the school.

Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein reported that Laughlin will not run for reelection, as Bill May currently has a cold.

Quote of the Week

“There’s just something about Jim Morrison that makes you want to punch him in the face.”

— Frank Kovarik

April Teacher Madness

SLU Faculty Shout-Outs



Whaddup, I just wanna shout out to my peeps in the Science office—**C-Booze**, **P-Baud**, and **D-Shell**. $C=MC^2$, right guys? Be accountable, everybody.

—**Kent Kershenski**, Physics

Uhhhhhhhhhhh ohhhhhhhhhh it's **Tom McCarthy**, shoutin' out to my fellas in the class of 2007—get your tail, sparky! **President Bush**, you rule....**SIKE!!!** **Abe Lincoln**, RIP. I miss you. And finally, to mah baby girl, **Brune-Hilda**—Prom was magic, honey.

—**Tom McCarthy**, History

Oh boy! Shout outs! Neat-o! Where do I start? Well, I wanna say hi to my friends **William Faulkner**, **Joseph Heller**, and **William Shakespeare**. Love your work. To my protégés, **Steve-o Missey** and **Doc Brock**, just remember: the key to teaching English is sounding like you know what you're talking about.

—**Jim Raterman**, English

Hey hey hey, **Karl M** here, shoutin out to my fellas in the proletariat trying to earn a dollar. To my brother, **Fried Engels**—it's been fun founding an ideology with you. To **Mao Tse-Tung** and **Joseph Stalin**, way to distort my theory completely. Jerks.

See you on Facebook,

—**Karl Marx**, father of Communist theory

Why hello, my sons. **Tom Cummings, S.J.** here. I'd like to send a funky salutations to my Jesuit roommates **Marco**, **Houli**, and **the Knappster**. Love you guys. And to my favorite poet, **Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J.**, I love the line abut shining like shook foil. Peace out, yo

—**Fr. Cummings**, Theology

Definition of the Week
Rivilous- Something that is both frivolous and riviting.

Kickham, '07, breaks ham kick record



Senior Sean Kickham set the World Record in the ham kick on Sunday in Munich. Next year Kickham will to bring his talents to Honey-Baked College in Perdue, Indiana, where he has been offered a full scholarship as captain of the school's legendary ham kick team.