

# Prep News



*"If nothing else, value the truth"*

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## Community mourns death of Cahill, '05

**Seth Clampett**  
**Features Editor**

As the summer ended and the graduating class of '05 prepared to leave for college, Chris Cahill, '05, ended his own life on Sunday, August 7. Cahill left behind his brother Clayton, his parents and extended family, his parish family, and his SLUH family to grieve and mourn this tragedy.

The SLUH community responded to his death and remembered his life in a mass at SLUH, in Cahill's funeral mass, through a scholarship foundation in his name, and in their own private ways.

After hearing of Cahill's death, former STUCO president Joe Eggleston called fellow classmates to deliver the news, and in

the process organized an impromptu mass in Cahill's honor.

Eggleston said, "I called a bunch of people to break the news to them. It was hard, and just when you hear about something like this, it's just natural for people to want to get together. A bunch of people wanted to get together that night in the SLUH chapel. But the chapel was being used by another group, and so that night I called Fr. Marco, and so many people had been asking for some kind of service that I just asked him if we could do one in the chapel the next day. Everybody just called each other and we ended up having a service with over 200 guys there."

According to Eggleston, most of Cahill's classmates, a few current SLUH students, and even previous graduates attended the Mass of

the Resurrection on Aug. 8, which included a "eulogy session" at the end. Approximately 25 students told stories and memories they had about Cahill.

Classmate Dave Franklin said of the Mass, "I just thought it was really humbling; how (classmates) got up and talked about him, especially since Cahill ... excluded himself from the class, and it showed just how much more important he was to the class than he thought he was."

Eggleston added, "It was comforting. It's really kind of a weird feeling, knowing that it did seem like Chris didn't like SLUH or would have rather been somewhere else, because he did mean something to a lot of other guys. Seeing classmates and other guys

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## STUCO mixer to allow 2700 Sinkholes filled, V2K continues

**Jim Santel**  
**Core Staff**

One of the most anticipated events of the new school year for many area high school students, tonight's St. Louis U. High Back-to-School mixer, provides a way for students to relax after a strenuous week of getting back into the swing of studying.

However, swelling attendances and several behavioral incidents at both of last year's Student Council-sponsored mixers led the SLUH administration and STUCO to agree upon a new ticket system as a way to limit attendance at this year's mixer, which takes place tonight. Both amendments, along with much talk of students counterfeiting and scalping tickets, have led to numerous problems and frustrations of the many parties involved.

The heart of the revised mixer policy is the implementation of the new ticket system. STUCO printed 2,700 tickets; each student must have a ticket to enter.

"Last year, (STUCO) said a ticket is required and let it go, but this year, you must

have a ticket to get in," emphasized STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson.

On Monday, STUCO promised to have enough tickets for every SLUH student to be able to attend the mixer. However, STUCO also promised it would send any leftover tickets to SLUH's switchboard, where anybody from any school (SLUH included) could come and claim them. When it was announced on Wednesday that STUCO had run out of tickets to distribute to SLUH students, many Jr. Bills still hadn't gotten their tickets.

"That was a screw-up on (STUCO's) part," STUCO President Scott Rice said. "We put the extra tickets at the switchboard too early. We should have waited longer."

However, Rice assured students that the problem has been addressed. "Any SLUH student who wants a ticket can now have one. (STUCO) has an extra 200 tickets printed out that we did not expect to use, but since there are students who cannot go to the mixer now, we will make sure that every SLUH student can go to the mixer if he wants to,"

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**Andrew Schroeder**  
**Sports Editor**

Sinkholes have been filled. Fields have been graded. Turf is being laid this very moment. The sights, sounds, and smells of Vision 2000 can be sensed around the SLUH campus. Construction of the campus additions is in full force.

At the end of last year, work crews discovered multiple sinkholes, which delayed the beginning phases of construction on the new athletic fields. There were four holes, all located on the site of the new soccer field.

According to Tarlton construction manager Andy Kovarik, Boyd Contracting was brought in to repair the sinkholes. The holes were completely excavated, and after locating the "throats" of the sinkholes, the contractors used concrete to fill the holes.

"Basically, we created a big plug that lays over the hole to prevent (sinkholes) from happening in the future, and then they

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## Laughlin begins transition period

**Tim Huether**  
Editor in Chief

Many significant changes have been made at St. Louis University High school this past summer: Vision 2000 has altered the makeup of the campus with work on new parking lots and athletic fields, the grass in Alumni park has been renovated and replaced, smartboards adorn more classrooms, and, perhaps most significantly, a new president has begun to take the leadership of the school. President David Laughlin began learning about the position from former president Paul Sheridan, S.J., in the fourth week of July. Since that time, Laughlin has been “meeting with people and just starting to get really oriented to the information here at SLUH,” he said.

Laughlin will completely take over the presidential duties when Sheridan departs following the Family Mass on Sept. 11, Sheridan’s final Mass with the SLUH community. Until then, according to Laughlin, “In many respects what I’m doing is the pretty normal business of a president; I just have the benefit in these weeks of working

with Fr. Sheridan.”

“(Sheridan) has been very humble in the transitioning for me and extremely competent in providing me information and I know that I look forward to having him as a colleague president for some time to come,” said Laughlin.

Laughlin has already begun to attend to the “normal business orders of the school,” from attending board meetings to meeting with administrators to Father’s Club officers.

Laughlin’s hiring as the new president was announced last Feb. 9, ending a nearly five-month search for a new president. Although Sheridan publicly announced his intent to leave SLUH on Jan. 4, administrators knew earlier and had begun a private search for a new President. Before long, Laughlin became the clear-cut favorite for the position.

He had served as principal of Rockhurst Jesuit High School, an all-boys school in Kansas City, for five years before leaving last school year. Prior to that, he worked at Creighton Prep, a Jesuit all-boys high school

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## Gym floor replaced following leakage

**Timo Kim**  
Editor

P.E. classes have been exiled from the gym to the lower field behind the senior parking lot for the first half of this past week. Students could not enter the gym because the Mid-West Floor Company was replacing part of the floor that had been damaged over the summer.

About 150 square feet of floor was damaged during a heavy storm in late July when strong wind blew open the air conditioning vents on the roof of the gym. Rain subsequently fell through to the floor and puddled, eventually causing part of the gym floor to warp, ridge, and buckle.

The damage was discovered when the Mid-West Floor Company came for its annual screening and refinishing of the floor.

After a two-week drying period to see if the floor would settle down after drying, it was decided that the floor had to be replaced.

“We knew we had to have the floor prepared for the (Mass of the Holy Spirit) on September 9, so we had to make a decision to cut out that wet portion of the floor and put in new wood.

Consequently then, this week, we are screening it and applying the basketball paint lines, but we will put down the polyurethane coating Monday, which will give it over a week curing time before we can do the set up for the Holy Spirit Mass,” said Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick.

After the finish is applied on Monday, the gym will remain closed for the next seven to ten days to allow the finish to cure.

The annual screening and finishing usually costs about \$3500, but with the extra cost of the floor replacement, the total cost runs approximately \$6000.



The gym floor during renovation yesterday morning.

## Two-minute Examen adopted before sixth period

**Brian Krebs**  
Editor

As part of St. Louis U. High’s mission to “foster habits of personal prayer and reflection,” SLUH will borrow a page from Jesuit founder St. Ignatius of Loyola’s *Spiritual Exercises: The Examen*.

Officially starting Monday, two minutes will be set aside at the beginning of 6<sup>th</sup> period for the Examen (pronounced with a long A as in rAy-mond) for peace and reflection.

Last year President Paul Sheridan, S.J. expressed interest in the Examen (a Jesuit principle since Ignatius’ founding of the order in the 16<sup>th</sup> century) to theology teacher Matt Stewart. At the end of last year, Stewart and fellow pastoral director Tim Chik began deciding how to fit the Examen into SLUH’s already stacked schedule.

The dynamic duo decided that the Examen should act as an additional opportunity for prayer for the students and faculty. After eliminating directly before school and directly after school as options, the two decided the school would observe the Examen at the start of sixth period.

Chik and Stewart toyed with other times of the day. Directly after activity period was ruled out because it was too early in the morning. Having Examen as close to noon as possible failed when Stewart and Chik realized students would be reflecting more on their stomachs than anything.

In the end, they decided on the start of sixth period because, as Stewart explained, “the day has a natural lull to it. There have been ample opportunities to do things you’re proud of—to love, but there have been ample opportunities for failures to love. So, it’s a good way to say, ‘Wow, most of the day has gone by. How have I done?’”

Since school will still start and end at the same time each day, many wonder where the two minutes for the Examen will come from. One minute has been cut from homeroom. The other minute was shaved from the time between the end of Activity Period and the start of third period.

Jesuits are called to do the Examen two times a day: usually once at noon and once

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## EDITORIAL

### It takes a village to make a newspaper

In past years, the editors of the Saint Louis University High *Prep News* have been accused, sometimes fairly, of hiding in their faraway office, disconnected from the majority of students. As this year's editorial staff, we hope to work against this image and encourage students and faculty alike to approach us to talk about something we have or have not written about and offer their opinions to improve the newspaper.

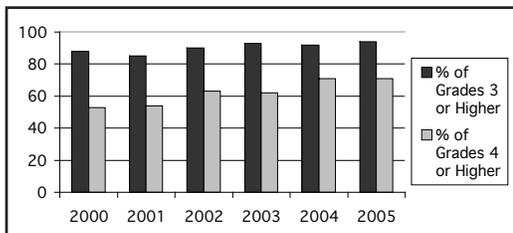
As a gesture of openness and welcome to the community, we have included our pictures in the first issue of the paper. We hope others do not interpret this as a pathetically vain grasp for fame. Rather, we want our readers, inside and outside of the school, to know who we are and how they can contact us, whether it be about an issue you have with the paper, an article idea, or a SLUH-related topic you want to discuss.

We also want more students throughout the school to feel that they can get involved in the *Prep News*. We always encourage involvement from students of all years (especially underclassmen), even if you have never stepped into our office before (J220, across from Mr. John Mueller's art room). We have staff meetings every Friday after school for about 30 minutes, and all students are welcome to join to ask for an assignment, to comment, or even to discuss the content of the week's issue.

### AP tests taken nearly double since 2000

**Andrew Mueth**  
Core Staff

As the school year wound down last year, 337 juniors, seniors and several sophomores took Advanced Placement tests as the culmination, for many of them, of a year of study in an advanced class designed in part to prepare the students for these same



tests. Advanced Placement tests are standardized tests on a specific subject matter, the results of which are taken into account by colleges to count for a varying number of credit hours, from a few hours credit to being freed from the obligation of some entry level courses. The tests are scored between one and five points, with three as the passing grade, although some highly selective colleges accept only fours or better, and some accept only fives.

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We would also like to clear up some misunderstandings about our staff and reporters. A first-time writer does not necessarily make a commitment to the paper. If someone wants to write, he can write one article, decide our newspaper is not for him, and never step in our office again. Also, you do not have to be invited to write for the *Prep News*. All of the writers on our staff came to the office on their own at different times during the past three years and decided for themselves that being part of the newspaper was enjoyable and worthwhile.

Top row: Seth Clampett (J123, M104), Brian Krebs (M112), Kyle Kloster (M103, M110)



Bottom row: Andrew Schroeder (M113, M118), Tim Huether (J127, M108), Timo Kim (M103, M110)

In addition to reaching out to the students, the *Prep News* staff hopes that more people from all areas of the community get involved in the newspaper this year. As stated in our Platform/Policy, the *Prep News* "strive(s) to inform the SLUH community about events and people." The *Prep News* is directed not just to the students, the faculty, or the parents, but also to the SLUH family as a whole. We believe that greater dialogue and

understanding between the individuals within a group brings that group closer together, and we feel that the *Prep News*, and specifically the Opinion page, is a great way to foster that ideal. We hope that everyone—parents, administrators, faculty and staff, alumni, and students—realizes that the Opinion page is for them and will

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### Schroeder completes trio of 36s for '04-'05

**Tim Huether**  
Editor in Chief

"Oh yeah, it's right that way, just about another eight miles or so on your left," said the old man with a long white beard on the morning of June 11, 2005. "It looks like a big prison. You can't miss it."

"All right, thanks," replied befuddled senior Andrew Schroeder. Schroeder continued driving past the old gas station, further down Gravois Rd. to Northwest Senior High School, where later that day he would earn a 36 score on the ACT, the highest score possible. Looking back, Schroeder recalls a sense of relief "when I finally saw the 'big prison' on the left. I thought I was going to keep driving forever and not find the school." Schroeder also mentioned the location of the school as being "in the boondocks."



Schroeder hopes his 36 unlocks the door to Notre Dame.

Schroeder had taken the ACT two times earlier, earning a 30 each time, but was determined to take the test only one more time

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# STUCO reviews and amends Constitution

**Timo Kim**  
**Editor**

From the Bill of Rights and other amendments to judicial precedents, Americans have modified and qualified their Constitution to keep it relevant as the nation ages and changes. Although perhaps lacking the same historical significance, the Student Council (STUCO) Constitution is undergoing a similar revision process in preparation for this school year.

Throughout August, especially in the last week, senior, junior, and sophomore STUCO officers have reviewed their constitution and proposed changes and rewordings. STUCO plans to complete a revised form of their constitution and make it available to students by Monday.

President Scott Rice explained, "(STUCO) wanted people to take us more and more seriously as a government body. I think in the past people have viewed us more as just a cheering squad. ... I was glad we just reviewed the constitution, because in the past, I don't know that we have used it as much as we should have."

Pastoral Officer Dan Finucane

added, "(The constitution) is not necessarily something we know by heart, but something we use in everyday leadership. We should be on task. (Last year) there were instances in which it was evident that people hadn't read the constitution."

Several notable changes include the creation of a House of Governors, and the ability of STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson to appoint new temporary commissioners. Other changes include rewording of officer and homeroom representative duties to clarify the responsibilities of STUCO members, and making adjustments to the STUCO election rules.

The House of Governors will bring together the presidents of each of the different clubs around SLUH to discuss the schedules and funding of each club and decide on the chartering and disbanding of clubs. Although it will be chaired by STUCO Vice President Max Magee, the House of Governors will operate separately from STUCO and will function as a mediator between the administration and SLUH extracurriculars.

"The House of Governors is going to be a streamlined governing body that will be able to encompass all the organizations at SLUH, and by encompassing all the

organizations, we will be able to create better communication between the organizations and students. We will be able to create more opportunities for the upperclassmen at SLUH, and also create a great communication network for the administration to talk to the student leaders," said new ASC teacher Michael Herman, who worked with STUCO members to develop the House of Governors.

In addition, Kesterson can now create temporary STUCO commissioner positions in order to fulfill unforeseen STUCO needs. For example, this year, Kesterson appointed senior Matt Ludwig to the position of Technology Commissioner. Ludwig will set up and update the STUCO website and help the junior STUCO officers develop their own website.

However, unlike the elected positions, the commissioner positions will exist only for a year, although they may be renewed if necessary. Moreover, depending on the nature of the office, the commissioner positions may become elected positions.

"The STUCO that's going to be for next year identifies their goals and what they want to do," said Magee. "If some responsibilities fall too harshly

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# Drainage problems solved in Alumni Park

**Kyle Kloster**  
**Photography Editor**

St. Louis U. High's Alumni Park, the square plot of grass between the upper field and the Jesuit wing, flooded for the last time over the summer. SLUH fixed several broken sections of its drainage system, and added more pipes to prevent the kind of supersaturation that the Alumni Park and adjacent grounds have endured for what Director of Maintenance Ray Manker estimates to be seven years.

According to Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick, cracked underground drainage pipes along the western side of school clogged the draining of water from that area. The excess water, as well as the overflow from the roof, gathered in the low spots in Alumni Park.

"Alumni Park didn't have a drain system developed enough to handle all the water it was getting," Zarrick explained, so water backed up in Alumni Park and even flowed into the parking lot.

The problem arose, Manker explained, approximately seven years ago, when SLUH had a fire escape stair added to the Jesuit wing, and the construction ruined the original clay tubes installed alongside the school building in 1924. The trucks and machinery that rolled across SLUH grounds cracked the drainage pipes running underground. Since then, those broken pipes have caused water to back up on the field above the pipes and on Alumni Park.

To repair the system, Zarrick explained, "I looked at (the drain problems) with Frank C. Mitchell Plumbing last spring, and (Mitchell) had given me a plan to address (both areas)." Mitchell Plumbing dug out all the underground storm drains and replaced them along the main building wall. In the Alumni Park area, they excavated the one drain, and added several more drains in the low spots.

According to Manker, both drainage systems flow into a pipe that empties into the storm drains on Berthold.

Zarrick also described, "a similar problem with two downspouts and drains on the east side, the alleyside. While Mitchell was here, they tore those out and replaced those as well."

According to Zarrick, the cost for the repairs and installation of new PVC pipes totaled approximately \$15,000.

The flooding and drain installation had also left Alumni Park's grass in bad shape. According to Manker, the original plan called for replanting the grass after the Back-to-School mixer, but Father Sheridan asked that the grass take root as early as possible to be ready for the beginning of the new school year.

To regrow the field, Zarrick explained, SLUH uprooted the remaining of the half-dead Alumni Park grass and hired Davey Tree to slit-seed the field, a process that aerates and seeds the ground simultaneously. Slit-seeding allows the grass to germinate faster, according to Zarrick—in approximately eighteen days.

When exactly the grass will be healthy enough to endure walkers is uncertain, but already the seeds have sprouted.

## Footbills set for '05 season

**Tim Glaser**  
Reporter

As yet another school year starts, another hopeful St. Louis U. High football season looms upon us. The Footbills hope to build on last year's 7-3 record, and under the leadership of captains Eric Hunt, Jim Sansone, Scott Rice, and Stephen Simmons, the season looks promising.

Senior Paul Chaney will graciously give up his former position at cornerback to lead the Jr. Bills' offense as quarterback, adding his tremendous speed to that of Simmons'.

Simmons will again take his spot at the halfback position, where he rushed for 1,269 yards on 212 carries last season.

Chaney and Simmons will be joined in the backfield by safety-turned-fullback Jim Sansone.

This season will be the third season of varsity football for the trio.

Chaney will be throwing to a brand new receiving corps, which includes the likes of Hunt and junior Willie Shipp. Both players have varsity experience and great speed.

The offensive line will start four se-

niors and one junior, Niko Mafuli, as the only returning starter. The guards, Ben Farley and Matt Starnes, both saw time last year but suffered injuries which greatly lessened their field time.

As for the defense, the team will return with their entire secondary from last year: senior Anthony Alessi, Hunt, Shipp, and Sansone, who will all be playing on both sides of the ball. Last year, the INTbills intercepted 10 passes; Hunt led the interceptions with six. Chaney referred to them as "one of the best in the area."

Senior Chris Hoffman will make the transition from fullback to play middle linebacker in his third year of varsity football, while Rice looks forward to getting some time this year after standing on the sidelines with injuries the past two seasons. A healthy Rice should fit well at the defensive end position with his brute strength and toughness.

Head Coach Gary Kornfeld said, "The guys have been working hard... I'm looking forward to getting the year started."

The team will kick off its season next Thursday night against Parkway South in the SLUH stadium at 7 p.m.

## Track takes third in State meet

**Andrew Schroeder**  
Sports Editor

While most students were enjoying their first weekend of summer vacation, the St. Louis U. High track and field team was busy running to a third-place finish at the state track meet. The meet was held last May 29 and 30 at Lincoln University in Jefferson City.

The Trackbills qualified for six events and scored points in all but one of those events for a total of 46, just one point behind the second-place finisher, Jefferson City, and six behind the first-place team, Lee's Summit North.

The star of the meet for the Jr. Bills was senior Paul Chaney. He qualified for the 100-, 200-, and 400-meter at the sectional meet and then ran quite well in all three events in Jefferson City.

"I was pretty pumped for the 100 to start off the day, but also a little nervous," Chaney said.

His anxiety did not show as he sprinted to a first-place finish in the 100, running the fifth-fastest time in state his-

tory, also good for a new school record.

Chaney went on to win the 200 and place third in the 400, setting new school records in both of those events as well. He finished with 26 points, over half of the team's total points.

"I was happy that I could do my part to help out the team," Chaney said.

Coach Jim Linhares said, "Arguably, (Chaney) is the premier track athlete in the state of Missouri right now. For (him) to be a double state champion, as a junior, in premier sprint events, is unbelievable. You'd put it on the list of best athletic accomplishments of a SLUH graduate."

Not to be overshadowed by his classmate, senior Stephen Simmons held his own on the Lincoln University track and pitched in with 15 points. Simmons ran in the 100 and 200 with Chaney and then added the 300 hurdles to round out his resume. He placed high enough to earn points for the Bronze Medal Bills in each of his three events as well, winning fourth in the 100, seventh in the 200, and second in the 300 hurdles.

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## Water polo ready to go-go

**Greg Mantych**  
Reporter

After a bittersweet and hard-fought third-place finish in last year's districts, the St. Louis U. High water polo team hopes to dominate play in the water this season and grab a state championship in November.

However, this feat will not come easily, as five of seven starters from last year will be replaced. The 2004 team, which finished 21-4, had several well-rounded players, including leading scorer and Player of the Year Tim Heafner.

"We lost a lot of talent," lamented head coach Paul Baudendistel. "However, we currently have a ton of strong players, as well as one of the best off-seasons out of any of the other schools."

The club team, which the players are a part of during the months before the season, won both the spring and summer high school tournaments and participated in other matches, including the National Junior Olympics.

Part of the reason the H<sub>2</sub>Obills hope to do so well is team depth.

"This year we have no one superstar," Baudendistel said, "but rather a full lineup of equally solid players."

Most of the players themselves also seem confident about their chances at a successful season.

"We may have lost a lot of good players," commented senior co-captain Jon Dombek, "but so did many of the other teams ... so anyone has a good chance."

Hope for victory seems as bright as ever with returning seniors such as Mark Abram, who scored 27 goals last season, second highest on the team, and goalie Tony Kruse, who has made strong improvement between seasons.

Kruse will replace Rick Bettger at goalie. Bettger had a solid 67.9 save percentage last year and left a big suit to fill at the position. However, no one doubts Kruse's capabilities.

Sophomore Tim Dale also hopes to see a good amount of varsity action.

The Jr. Bills kick off their season on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Parkway Central. All those who want to see high-intensity action and a good game are encouraged to come.

# LAX captain Joe Hof named Academic All-American

**Mike Eilers  
Reporter**

The St. Louis U. High lacrosse team suffered a disappointing defeat at the hands of Parkway South to end last year's season. However, the team received some good news during the end-of-season banquet at the beginning of this summer for three team members. Phil Hof and Larry Howe were named to the All-Conference team to honor their excellent performances over the course of the season. Both team captains Hof and Howe helped to improve the club's record over the previous season, and led the team into the playoffs.

However, the biggest surprise came when the coaches announced that Joe Hof had been named Missouri's Academic All-

American. Only four players were named All-Americans throughout all of Missouri. However, because of Hof's outstanding academic performance during high school and his amazing job on the field, he was the only player in the state of Missouri to receive the Academic All-American standing. Looking at Hof's offensive performance for the season, it is not surprising that he was chosen for this award. During the season, Hof had the team high of 42 goals with 19 assists for a total of, 61 points, providing much of the LAXbills offensive output. As a captain of the team, Hof motivated the team through his own enthusiasm and tenacious play on the field.

These three teammates led the SLUH lacrosse team by setting an example with both their on-and-off field actions.

# Rawlingsbills fall in Sectional

**Justin Rottger  
Reporter**

Last spring, Basebills Nation wildly anticipated a playoff run that would take them right to Taylor Stadium in Columbia. However, the Jr. Bills came up short in their sectional game against MCC rival Chaminade.

After defeating Ritenour 11-2 to win the Class 4 District 6 Championship, SLUH (19-6) travelled down Highway 40 to meet the Chaminade Red Devils (14-11).

Chaminade tagged pitcher Ryan Morgan, '05, for two runs in the first inning, and led 3-0 midway through the third inning.

After the Jr. Bills answered and scored their first run of the game in the bottom of the third, Chaminade then added

to their lead in the top of the fourth, and again in the seventh to extend the lead 5-1.

But SLUH would not allow the Red Devils to get away without a fight. The comeback attempt fell just short, as the Jr. Bills scored only two runs in the bottom of the seventh to end the game 5-3.

The talent of the SLUH varsity baseball team could not get the job done, but one cannot fault them for another excellent season under head coach Steve Nicollerat. Throughout the season they gave their fans more and more reasons to cheer them on.

A new park to call home, (hopefully) by next spring will perhaps increase the spirit of SLUH baseball, and Nicollerat will look to 2006, when a new squad will try once again to make the

# Pennbills finish third in state

**Killian Hagen  
Reporter**

The varsity tennis squad paved its way to state with sweeping victories all season long, and then a district championship to earn a spot to compete in state.

The T-Bills took third place in state as a team, with each member of the team winning his first round match, and Abe Souza

winning fifth place as an individual player.

"It was so great to finally break through to state this year after losing by one match to Chaminade the past two years in the district finals," said senior Steve Hipkiss.

Looking forward to next season, "There's no reason why we shouldn't get first or second this year if we can just beat Rockhurst," Hipkiss added.

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"In terms of points, (Chaney and Simmons) anchored the third place trophy we got at state," Linhares said.

The last event the JackieJoyner-Kerseebills scored points in was the 3200. Recent graduate Alex Muntges won seventh place, while senior Ben Murphy-Baum edged him out for sixth place. Both distance runners broke the school record in the race and earned the Trackbills five much-needed points in the process.

In the long-distance category was the 4x800 team, comprised of graduates Henry Samson, Charlie Samson, John Kelly, and Pat Mannhard. The quadruple alliance finished in tenth place, just two spots away from all-state awards with an 8:03 time. Henry Samson led the charge with a sub-two-minute split time "for the first time in his life," according to Linhares.

In terms of the entire season last year, Linhares was very pleased, especially with the culmination at the state meet. The third place finish marked the first time a SLUH track team has ever won a trophy at the state meet.

Looking forward to next season, Linhares said, "We're still a team that needs to build depth. We don't have a lot of points to score in the jumps, and we didn't score a lot of points in the sprint relays last year because a lot of those guys were young. With the young guys that we have coming in, we should certainly be really, really dangerous at the state meet."

Linhares mentioned seniors Cliff Leek and Nick Dennis and junior Niko Mafuli as part of the up-and-coming throwing team that will help next year.

"You also have (senior) Jason Esslinger who is ready to jump 6 feet, I think," Linhares said.

Finally, looking forward to next year's rising talent, Linhares mentioned Andrew Blackmon, Kaelan Mayfield, Peter Kidd, and Ryan Brennan as some of the underclassman that will hopefully help the Trackbills return to Jefferson City to chase the coveted first place trophy.

Assistant coach Tim Chik summed up, "We are looking to win this year."

## PLATFORM POLICY

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

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

The organizational structure of the *Prep News* differs slightly from that of recent years. This year the *Prep News* has one editor in chief, one sports editor, and one features editor, one photography editor, and two editors. The members of the editorial staff are co-workers and share the duties of writing, copy-editing, layout, and staff management. The editors are supported by a core staff of regular reporters, who are frequently underclassmen.

It is the role of the editors to seek out and facilitate the reporting of all significant news at SLUH. While any faculty member or student is welcome to submit suggestions for potential articles, the *Prep News* is never obligated to publish any article idea;

the editors reserve the right to deem any potential article un-newsworthy and retain it from publication for this or any other reason.

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

The *Prep News* strongly encourages underclassman involvement, and our office on the second floor of the Jesuit Wing, room J220, is always open for involvement, criticism, praise, or suggestions. Without student reaction and feedback, the *Prep News* could not function.

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

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

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

## EDITORIAL POLICY

The Volume LXX *Prep News* editorial policy serves as the vehicle of personal opinion, whether from students, faculty, or others wishing to voice an opinion. All topics discussed in the section will be related to St. Louis University High School.

Nothing published either as an editorial or as a letter to the editor should be considered the opinion of the school, the administration, or anyone other than its author or authors.

A *Prep News* editorial is the opinion of the editors on a particular topic. In their writing, the editors will make a strong attempt to express their views in a clear and accurate fashion; they will also strive to offer solutions if the editorial focuses on a problem.

Either in response to something in the editorial section or simply in an effort to express one's opinion about a SLUH-related topic, every member of the SLUH community is welcomed and en-

couraged to submit a letter to the editors.

Every letter received by the editors will be read and given consideration. All the letters must be signed, but the author's name may be withheld from publication by request.

The *Prep News* editors reserve the right to edit any submissions for publication in order to meet grammatical standards, but they will not skew the author's original intent. Also, the editors reserve the right to withhold from publication any submission if it is deemed vulgar, tasteless, or otherwise inappropriate.

All authors wishing to have letters published must submit them by 4:00 p.m. the Wednesday before the letter is to be published.

Letters can be given to any *Prep News* editor or moderator. In addition, letters can be mailed to the *Prep News* courtesy of St. Louis University High School, 4970 Oakland, St. Louis, MO 63110, or e-mailed to [prepnews@sluh.org](mailto:prepnews@sluh.org).

## STUCO

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do," said Magee. "If some responsibilities fall too harshly on someone, (they) can appoint someone to handle a separate task."

The Pastoral, Social, and Sports commissioners have become the Pastoral, Social, and Sports officers, with the commissioner title relegated to the positions appointed by the moderator. Also, the Sports Officer has become more of a "spirit officer," in charge of not only attendance at sports activities, but also theater, dance, and other SLUH activities.

Whereas previous sophomore and junior STUCO class representatives usually learned their responsibilities from their predecessors, the duties of future sophomore and junior STUCO class representatives will be defined in the constitution.

In terms of previous elections, candidates who lost in an officer election could then submit their name in the commissioner elections. However, STUCO has since disallowed that practice.

Kesterson explained, "I want people (in STUCO) who are committed and have some conviction and so if you want to run for this, I want you to run for that and put everything into that. (Otherwise), to me, you are kind of trying to get involved at the last second and trying to invade what (others) are doing."

Although the other changes are more or less settled, the redefining of homeroom representative responsibilities is still in progress. For instance, STUCO has decided to meet with homeroom representatives a month before every Forum to have them gather topics in homeroom. They are also considering putting homeroom representatives in charge of announcements and student-run prayer services.

Although this is the first time STUCO has revised its constitution since its drafting three years ago, Kesterson sees the revision process becoming a regular STUCO endeavor.

"I don't necessarily think we are looking at a yearly revision, but if something comes up, there's no reason to wait," said Kesterson. "(We) don't give (ourselves) a timetable. I think it's a constant process and if something needs to be done, we'll take care of it then."

### Announcement

Fr. Sheridan will be hosting his last family Mass at SLUH on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

## CAHILL

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that knew him was comforting rather than just being alone in your house thinking about it. It was very comforting.”

Cahill’s father Kevin said of the seniors’ actions, “It was a wonderful thought. Of course, we were not able to attend (the Mass of the Resurrection), but we got excellent reports that there were upwards of 300 kids there on such short notice, and that it was a wonderful, wonderful event.”

Many of the graduating class also attended Cahill’s funeral mass at St. Alphonsus Rock Church on Aug. 13. Frs. Sheridan, Cummings, and Houlihan helped Fr. Potts say the Mass. Potts delivered what has been called an “uplifting” eulogy and helped comfort the mourning family and congregation.

Potts said in his message that it was a “time of questioning...Why now? Why Chris?” but also consoled the congregation with the message that “funerals are not for the dead, for he is with his God. Funerals are for the living, and we should remember God has already forgiven us, and God is waiting patiently for his prodigal sons and daughters to return to him.”

Potts also asked the members of the church to “learn something from this tragedy. Find someone to talk to. And especially remember that ‘(You are) worth something.’”

Towards the conclusion of the Mass, Sheridan spoke a few words about family, specifically mentioning the SLUH family, calling Cahill’s classmates up to help say the final blessing over his body.

Kevin Cahill said of SLUH’s support, “They were all great guys. Some he knew better than others through wrestling and through other activities at the school. We thought highly of that—they were there to support us in our time of need.”

Sheridan said of the seniors, “I am very proud of his classmates in the way in which they showed their love and support.”

Cahill’s parents have started the Christopher K. Cahill Scholarship Foundation in memory of their son and are raising money that will be intended to help youth. They do not know its focus yet, nor where the money will go.

Franklin and Eggleston decided to help the Cahill family by raising money for the family’s scholarship. Said Franklin, “On the

night we found out when the funeral was, and how they posted in the paper about how the family wanted to do a scholarship, me and (Eggleston) decided to try to get the class to donate as a whole, because we thought it would mean more. So, I made little letters, and me and (Eggleston) passed them out at the wake and the funeral. People have just been giving us money.”

Eggleston said, “With the help from just individual class members, Fr. Sheridan, and the Mother’s Club, we’ve raised over \$2000 so far.”

Eggleston and Franklin plan to donate the money to the family privately before they leave for college.

On Tuesday, Sheridan reflected, “God has gently ushered Chris into his kingdom, realizing this person who was suffering will now have all his sorrows and sufferings (relieved). He will be at peace with his creator. God sees through our sufferings and poor decisions and loves us regardless. Our merciful God brings creation to himself in a loving and wonderful manner.”

Friend and classmate Dave Caldwell said, “He was just an all-around cool guy. He was one of the main reasons why wrestling was so fun, just watching (him) do the moves he could do. He was really good to watch.”

Caldwell also said he would remember “the passion (Chris) had for everything he did and especially his artwork. He was a really talented artist. He was really passionate about wrestling even though he had not wrestled his senior year for personal reasons. He was the most passionate guy I’ve ever known. He just put his heart and soul into pretty much anything he did.”

Franklin retold an anecdote about Cahill: “Probably one of the funniest memories of him during wrestling was when Mr. Curdt, who thought he was really good at break-dancing, and Chris had a break-dancing competition, and Chris just slaughtered him.”

English teacher and wrestling coach Tim Curdt said of Chris, “He was a special kid. You could tell the minute he got interested in wrestling; he was the kind of kid who could draw a lot of kids to him in terms of his energy and his presence. I think he ended up convincing a few other kids to come out for wrestling, too. He was a big part of the

success that group had as freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. He was a real dynamic kid and a pretty significant presence on the team. He was neat to have around.”

Curdt also said, “He was complex. You couldn’t pigeon-hole him in one area, which I think was one of his strengths. It also made it at times hard to get to know him as much as you would have liked to. Incredibly talented, but very private. Very personal. He would not want (you) to know what he was feeling all the time.”

Both Curdt and wrestling coach Don Steingrubby remember a particular story about Cahill. Curdt said, “He beat a kid from Zumwalt West. It’s a really good school and a really tough kid, and Chris just went out and bear-hugged him and pinned him. It was just quick. ... Chris got him right away.”

Curdt continued, “When he breathed really hard when he was excited, his eyeballs would look like they would pop out of his head and his cheeks would puff out, and he would go up and down the freshman lineup after that match to get everybody else pumped up for the match. And he just stared at them and his eyeballs were popping out and his cheeks were puffing. I think our kids were simultaneously inspired and terrified.”

Eggleston said he would remember Chris because “he was incredibly talented. He was the best dancer at our school. He came out with several rap CDs. He was going to the Chicago Institute of Art. Sometimes he’d go by (in the hallway) high-fiving guys. He had like a unique high-five. He had belt buckles that he would wear that were really unique. He definitely had style.”

Kevin Cahill remembered “just how excited (Chris) was about his art exhibit senior year. Several students were (praising) his artwork, but he was very complimentary of the others as well. That was kind of fun to see. He was an unselfish person. He had quite a bit of talent, but he also equally recognized talent in others and helped guide them as well.”

Art teacher John Mueller quoted his letter of recommendation for Chris and said, “His character was very strong. He really cared about his family and his friends. I had many conversations with him over this time in his high school life about his goals and his

RETURNING TEACHERS

Ferrigni returns from year-plus hiatus

**Tony Burwinkel**  
Reporter

As another decidedly thrilling school year begins, and the warmth of summer fades into fall, many St. Louis U. High students may be unfamiliar with Rebecca Ferrigni, who has recently returned from first a maternity leave and, shortly after, a leave of absence—a total of over a year away from SLUH.

Ferrigni's newest daughter, Vivian, was born in January, 2004. Ferrigni remarks with a smile that Vivian is a "bruiser" child, and has sustained more than a few injuries during unsuccessful campaigns against sharp stationary objects.

Ferrigni's two children, Vivian, age one and a half, and Emma, age three and a half, are enrolled at Child-Garden that, coin-

cidentially, is a senior project site. When asked if she feared the mental or physical scarring of her children at the hands of negligent SLUH seniors, she responded, perhaps a little too confidently, that she did not.

For Ferrigni, returning to SLUH this year was an easy choice. After her husband returned to school to earn a higher degree, it became necessary for her to return to work for at least a short while.

In addition to providing financial support for her family, she felt that, even after nearly ten years of teaching at SLUH, she had left her career here "unfinished."

Although Ferrigni did concede that a

fairly significant source of her fondness for the school was the generally handsome/charming student body, she also added, "SLUH has a great faculty, and a very motivated and challenging student body."

Ferrigni teaches sophomore geometry, junior Advanced Algebra 2/Trig, and a senior pre-calc class. She also assists Jeff Harrison, S.J., in the organization of the Senior Service projects, acting as a go-between for the students and service agencies by organizing letters and other such correspondences in the preparation for projects.

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Ferrigni.

Ferrigni has an office in both the Math Department and the Pastoral Office.

SLUH replenishes Zinselmeyer stock

**Dan Everson**  
Reporter

To support the social studies department, former SLUH student teacher Tom Zinselmeyer, '99, returns to SLUH this year on a full-time basis. Zinselmeyer worked as a student teacher here during the second semester of the 2003-2004 school year.

After his graduation from SLUH, Zinselmeyer attended the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he earned degrees in history and political science. He later attended UMSL to pick up his teaching certification.

Zinselmeyer graduated from SLUH in 1999.

He is returning to SLUH after attending the Upward Bound program for grade school students.

Zinselmeyer will teach four sections of Global History II this year. His goals for the class include helping students acquire an appreciation for history, but he also hopes "to develop (in his stu-

dents) the necessary skills to help with their academics in general, not just in history."

Zinselmeyer continued, "I'm always willing to help out with anything, though."

Students of Zinselmeyer's are already impressed. Sophomore Ken Homan said,

"He takes humor pretty well, (and) he interacts well with the students." Homan added, "The classes really incorporate a lot of different things to help us understand what we're learning."

Fellow sophomore Will Pisoni added, "He's a really nice guy, and I like his class. He knows what he's talking about."

Zinselmeyer is not only a teacher, how-

ever. As a student teacher in 2004, he helped SLUH baseball coach Steve Nicollerat with the varsity team that spring, and he worked Nicollerat's summer baseball camps for grade school students and incoming freshmen. This year, he is eager to return to Jr. Billiken baseball.

"Hopefully, I'll be in-

involved with the baseball program again this year," Zinselmeyer said.

"I just wanted to be a part of the faculty that has inspired me to be a good person," Zinselmeyer explained.

"Giving back to the community that I was a part of," is also important to Zinselmeyer. In short, the history teacher noted "something special" about SLUH that made him want to come back.

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Zinselmeyer.

Announcement

This year, Mr. Chik invites all SLUH students to attend the Missouri Catholic Conference Annual Assembly in Jefferson City on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The 1-day event (from 9:30 - 4:30) on a Saturday will host Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. as keynote speaker with workshops regarding important topics such as criminal justice, the death penalty, abortion, stem cell issues, and more. In addition, there will be a Youth Mock Legislature in the Senate Chamber in the afternoon, for anyone interested. The day is free, bus-ride included, but spaces need to be reserved. Please e-mail Mr. Chik by the end of the month at [chik@sluh.org](mailto:chik@sluh.org) if interested.

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not hesitate to contribute to it. As stated in our Editorial Policy, “every member of the SLUH community is welcomed and encouraged to submit a letter to the editors.” We will consider publishing any letters that relate to issues within the SLUH community. However, we, the editors, reserve the right to not print an opinion if we deem it to be “vulgar, tasteless, or otherwise inappropriate,” although we are always willing to help writers refine their works to a printable level.

In one last note, we have once again changed our masthead. The *Prep News* staff decided that the likeness of the statue of St. Louis lacks a concrete, specific connection to SLUH. St. Louis’ main connection with our

## NO. 1 AP

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Last year, the 337 students who took AP tests took a total of 740 tests in 20 subject areas, and of those 740 tests, 94 percent of the grades passed, with a three or higher. 71 percent of the tests received a grade of 4 or higher, and 32 percent of the tests came back with a five out of five on them.

Last year featured the most ever tests taken as well as the number of students who took AP’s at SLUH. These numbers follow a trend of growth since 2000.

“Looking at the numbers, (one will) notice that we’ve almost explosively increased the number of (Advanced Placement) tests given, and have had a steady growth in the performance” on these tests, noted Mark Michalski, assistant principal for academics.

Since 2000, the number of passing scores has risen steadily from 88 percent to 94, and the number of 4s and higher has taken off from 53 to 71 per cent.

Michalski called the increase and improvement a, “tremendous credit to the preparation (for the AP tests), a tremendous credit to (the students’) talents, and a tremendous credit to all of the teachers, and not just the AP teachers, but every teacher since (any student has) walked in these doors.”

As to the reasons for the dramatic increase in the number of AP tests taken and passed, Economics teacher Peggy Pride, whose micro- and macroeconomics classes have the top two numbers of tests taken, said, “Students feel prepared and are confident

school is through the location of our school; as such, the statue of St. Louis could be an acceptable icon for any other high school newspaper in the area.

Instead, we replaced it with a picture of the statue of St. Ignatius in front of the school. While we recognize some might misinterpret our masthead as a declaration that we are a specifically religious newspaper, that is not the message we hope to send.

Rather, we hope the statue of St. Ignatius connects the *Prep News* more with the community of our school. When each new freshman class gathers on their Direction Day, they do so beside the statue of St. Ignatius. When many sports teams gather before traveling to an away game or competition, they do so beside the statue of St. Ignatius. And anyone who has attended SLUH can

enough to jump into an AP course. ... The teachers are also well prepared; they know the subject matter,” which is not a slight accomplishment, because Pride continued, “An AP course is a rigorous thing to teach.”

Other reasons for the increase in the numbers taken include the inclusion of new AP tests since 2000, including tests in environmental science, computer science, and psychology, as Tom Becvar pointed out.

Pride added, “The parents love (the AP program). It saves money,” because the fee to take an AP test is \$82, dramatically less expensive than the cost of that same class at a university.

Not only do parents see the value of taking AP tests, but students also realize the benefit of AP classes and tests in enhancing their profiles to help them get into the colleges of their choice.

Counselor Ken McKenna stressed that “Many colleges are in fact sending the message that they do count AP (credits) and want AP (credits) ... and honors and AP classes do enhance a student’s profile.”

McKenna pointed out that not only do AP credits save money by dropping one class, but they can even save a year’s worth of tuition if AP credits provide the help needed to finish college in four years, a schedule for college becoming ever less common.

Paul Baudendistel attributed the increase in the number of APs taken to the move in 2001 to a seven period day, rather than the previous six periods. This switch allows more students to take elective courses, and

immediately identify the statue of Ignatius. As a newspaper, we will always report on issues specific to the SLUH community, religious or not. However, by using the statue of St. Ignatius in our masthead, we hope to encompass the numerous facets of SLUH’s identity in our identity as SLUH’s student newspaper.

We hope our efforts foster a yearlong earnest discussion of issues not only in the hallways and classrooms, but also in the SLUH community at large, and we thank all our readers for their time and support.

Sincerely, the *PN 70* editors—Seth Clampett, Tim Huether, Timo Kim, Kyle Kloster, Brian Krebs, and Andrew Schroeder

he believes that many students choose to take AP courses.

Baudendistel also noted that the science curriculum condensed condensed the mandatory sciences classes to fit them into three years as another reason for the increase in AP tests taken, especially on science topics.

Baudendistel commented that the increase in tests taken is a “credit to the students valuing AP courses.”

At the current rate of growth, noted Michalski, this year the tests may have to be administered in the gymnasium or dance studio, because the library is no longer large enough to hold all the students taking AP tests.

## Writers and Artists

Lend us your pen(cils)!

The *Prep News* welcomes any student interested in writing or illustrating up to the *Prep News* office. Ask your friendly community *PN*

editor or Messrs Missey or Kovarik for more information.

## CLASS OF '05

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troubles in his life. He seemed to know what he wanted and how to get to that goal. I've seen a boy develop into a man with strength and character one rarely sees in a young person today.' And I really did feel that. His death really hit me hard. I was devastated to see that much potential go to waste."

Mueller continued, "The energy he had for his art, designing clothing and shoes, and the music he did, and his dance. He was a phenomenal artist. I do remember his self-portraits were the most impressive thing about him. In every one of them, he was able to express his feelings and emotions. They were amazing. I just want him to be remembered as a great artist."

Dean of Students Eric Clark knew Cahill from seeing him in the hallways, in the cafeteria, and "when he was wrestling, I used to keep up with him, trying to see how he did in his matches and stuff like that. Sometimes he would come by, shoot the

breeze, show me his artwork, and allow me to listen to some of his music, stuff like that. Chris was an enigma. It was hard sometimes to figure him out. Sometimes he could go into his own world, where he just wanted to be within himself. Sometimes he would be very, very outgoing. Always had a smile on his face, except when he went into his own world."

Clark remembered that Cahill "always used to tease me about my tennis shoes. Once you get older, and you have kids, and you have house notes and car notes and tuition and all that other stuff, fashion goes by the wayside. Especially when it comes to tennis shoes. So I would go buy (myself) some tennis shoes at Marshall's that might be Nikes or something, but Marshall's, they have the Nikes that are dated. So whenever I would come in, Chris would say, 'Mr. Clark, nice shoes, but they're from what, 1980?' He always threw a crack. That's what I'll always remember about him."

## LAUGHLIN

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in Omaha, Nebraska, first as a teacher of theology and German, and later Pastoral Director, Dean of Students and Academic Assistant Principal. Laughlin has a total of 16 years of experience at Jesuit high schools.

Despite the switch from principal to president, Laughlin is confident that he can become quickly oriented to the job, "I was very fortunate in my experiences as a principal to work closely with the presidents under whom I served, and so I think to that end I had the benefit of a lot of good experience of the knowledge of what a president does."

However, said Laughlin, the transition won't happen overnight: "(SLUH) is a large institution with a long history, so some of what I'm going to learn is going to happen over time, it's not going to happen in the first month of being here. But I'm familiar with the heart and mission of the school, and honestly (I think) that drives everything else."

While some may believe the presidential change to a young lay person from a long tradition of Jesuits will be a drastic change from the position of president, Laughlin doesn't believe that is the case, "My work with Jesuit schools and with the lay colleagues that I have collaborated with and with the Jesuits and

the Society of Jesus ... has really been about partnerships. So whereas a lot of people see this as change, and I recognize that it is, in many respects I see it as an evolution in the process of collaboration," said Laughlin.

Laughlin continued, "I have been a great beneficiary of Ignatian spirituality and the Spiritual Exercises. So that partnership has done a lot for me personally, and I think that's why I choose to invest myself in the mission that is the apostolate that is the Society of Jesus, and the goals that the Society has for the Church and for Christ in the world."

At this point in his tenure, Laughlin feels that it is too early to form definitive opinions about anything in the school. "I'm not sure I'm at a point to say, 'Well this would be better here,' because every school has its own culture, its own history, and its own reasons for how programs evolve. Now having said that, I can be a person who forms opinions, and I think that I'm careful to do that slowly and with great humility. But I think that six months from now I would probably give you a different answer and say 'Well here are things that I think we could add to what is already a terrific program.'"

Focusing on Ignatius and the Jesuit formation of students, Laughlin related what he sees as the vision for the SLUH graduate:

In response to SLUH's support, Kevin Cahill said, "I think that he enjoyed the wrestling program, some of the teachers he was quite impressed with: Mr. Mueller, Ms. Bugnitz, and the art department. They helped him an awful lot. I think that in terms of his camaraderie and helping other students, he was always there to do that for them. I think that he liked SLUH, but as an African American, you can feel somewhat isolated."

Sheridan concluded, "We hope that any young person with inner conflicts would share that struggle with adults who can remedy that suffering with professional care and especially, love."

In the program at Cahill's funeral, his parents thanked mourners, saying, "Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much... whatever the part. Your outpour of love is sincerely appreciated by the family of Christopher Kevin Cahill."

"The history and the call of Ignatius, the call of society is not just to create competence in our students, but to create leadership in our students, to have them be so competent that they can then lead and serve the world. So it's about more than getting to a level of efficiency in society, it's about trying to get to a level of leadership in society and Christian leadership, leadership of values."

After 16 years of involvement in Jesuit education, Laughlin said, "I think I understand those values (that we want our students to achieve). Now like everybody, I'm growing in my faith, but I think that you would find that listening to different issues and situations along the way, that (our values are) going to be in the forefront in my mind."

"At some point we're tying our lesson into something bigger than just college preparation and academics," said Laughlin.

Laughlin summed up his approach to the presidency: "So I think I'm organized, I think I try to be a good communicator. I think that I try to reach out to people, and I think there's a lot of people to be reached out to. It's a big community. But I think you'd always find me necessarily reflecting on how those things fit into the mission and vision."

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before bed. History teacher Jeff Harrison, S.J. explained that the Examen fits into the Jesuit principle of “contemplation in action.”

Harrison continued, “We don’t stop and go to the chapel and have a ton of prayers like monks do. We stop in the midst of everything else going on. It’s a moment of recollection, of looking over everything in the day and (asking) yourself ‘Are you doing these things for the greater glory of God?’”

Harrison then added some history as to how the Examen developed. In the 12<sup>th</sup> century, monks were called in from the fields six times a day to meet in the chapel for prayer. However, Ignatius saw that his everyday work was also done “For the Greater Glory of God.” For that reason, Ignatius created the Examen, based, once again, on this principle of contemplation in action.

SLUH is not the first Jesuit high school to observe the Examen. Both Brophy High in Arizona and Marquette U. High in Milwaukee have also adopted the exercise.

Computer teacher Tim Rittenhouse observed the Examen at Brophy last fall during a JSEA technology meeting. Walking outside with a few hundred students after being led over the P.A., Rittenhouse witnessed every person in the vicinity stop moving and become silent. Rittenhouse added, “There was a guy cutting grass, and he stopped.”

Said Rittenhouse, “I was moved by it because it’s a school similar (in) size to us. It appeared to be something that was taken seriously by everyone that worked there or was a student there.”

Even though the exercise is “explicitly spiritual and religious,” according to Stewart, those who don’t consider themselves spiritual are invited to just “relax and reflect on the day.”

CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO SLUH FACULTY MEMBERS ON THEIR MARRIAGES OVER THE SUMMER: MS. MARY BECKEMEIER IS NOW MRS. MARY RUSSO, AND MS. KATE THAMAN IS NOW MRS. KATE HOCHMUTH.

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pushed the dirt back in in eight-inch layers and compacted it with the heavy equipment,” Kovarik said.

“We used 70-80 yards of concrete, which equates to seven to eight cement mixers to fill each hole,” said Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick.

As the first four holes were plugged earlier this summer, two more surprise sinkholes showed up. One appeared just south of the soccer field construction site next to utility lines and bordering the property line, while the other appeared right next to East Road and a large sewer.

Because the two new sinkholes appeared in such tight spots, they could not be excavated and filled like the previous four. Instead, the contractors poured water into the new holes in an effort to find the “throats.” When they found the “throats,” they pumped concrete into the bottom of the holes until it bubbled back up to ensure that the holes were filled.

Steps have been taken to prevent any undetected sinkholes from appearing in the future.

“We dug dirt out of the track area to a depth of about ten feet and then re-compacted it just for the chance that we could encounter any sinkholes that have not yet surfaced,” Zarrick said. “The added costs due to the sinkholes were really minimal,” he added.

After the sinkhole crisis was taken care of, work began on the new athletic fields. Sewer lines and irrigation systems are being put in, and the installation will continue into next week.

Just yesterday, crews began laying Bermuda sod on the outfield of the baseball field.

“We had Mr. Nicollerat down for a ceremonial picture,” Zarrick added as a side note.

Next week, much more work will be completed on the baseball field. The clay and sand mixture will be delivered for the infield, the infield irrigation system will be laid, and the infield turf will be installed. The concrete dugouts will also be poured. The final touch on the baseball field will be a row of evergreen trees that will be placed just over the outfield fence so the batter will be able to see the ball coming from the pitcher. In addition, the trees will provide an aesthetically

pleasing border between the campus and the warehouses south of the field. Barring any major setbacks, the baseball field should be ready for baseball season in the spring.

The inside curb of the track, which separates the track from the soccer field, is also being poured in right now.

“That’s important because once that curb is poured, then the drainage and rock layer can be installed on the soccer field, and the turf can be laid on top of that. So, once we get the inside curb, the track guys can continue their work, and the field guys can come in and do their work,” Zarrick said.

As far as completion dates, “The soccer turf should be ready sometime this fall. It’s questionable whether any games will be played on the new soccer field this fall, although it’s possible. Thankfully, we’re okay with our current field,” said Zarrick.

The fate of the track season is more questionable. Hopefully, the asphalt that goes under the rubber track will be laid before winter. However, laying the rubber track material will be tricky because it will not be ready before winter, and it must be above 60 degrees to be heated properly. So, for all of the track fans out there, pray for an overcast Groundhog Day next February.

Perhaps the biggest issue directly related to the construction will be the parking predicament this spring. Two years ago, the school had approximately 600 parking spots. Right now, there are only about 400 spaces at the school’s disposal. The seniors will continue to park in the senior lot, while the juniors will be scattered behind the stadium, the gravel lot, and the Science Center lot.

“We really would ask the juniors to—I know it’s a little longer walk—but to park in the far southern end of the Science Center lot. We are very appreciative of the Science Center allowing us that many spaces, and we really need the juniors to work with us,” Zarrick said.

The problem really comes in as more sophomores start to drive and the school has no place for them to park.

“We’re pleading that any students that can carpool do so this year. ... This is just a one year problem. ... Next year, we’ll have close to 800 spaces,” said Zarrick. The new parking lot should be completed next spring, in time for summer vacation.

MIX-A-LOT

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Rice said.

As the week progressed, rumors of forged tickets and exorbitant fees being offered for tickets abounded. One student reported seeing another student announce in the library that he would “give 50 bucks to anyone for a mixer ticket.” Another student related a story of how he was offered 120 dollars for six tickets by the mother of a student at a local girls’ Catholic school.

Even more students made comments about distributing forged tickets, often to be sold to unsuspecting students for a profit.

“STUCO is doing its best to take precautions against counterfeiting,” said STUCO sports officer Connor Cole.

Even though all Jr. Bills are guaranteed attendance to the mixer, many other area students will be left out. A certain number of tickets were allotted by STUCO to various private schools in the area, including 75 tickets to each of the schools in the Metro Catholic Conference (DeSmet, Vianney, CBC, and Chaminade) and 300 to each of what STUCO considers the four larger girls schools (Cor Jesu, St. Joe’s, Nerinx Hall, and Ursuline).

“(STUCO) felt that those were the four girls’ schools that sent the most girls to (last year’s) mixer,” said Rice.

Seventy-five tickets were also given to each of the four smaller girls schools (Visitation, Villa Duschene, Notre Dame, and Rosati-Kain).

“It isn’t a lot (of tickets) at all,” Rice admitted.

Many students agree.

“My freshman year, the SLUH mixer was a great memory and this year I think it might be a huge disappointment. I wasn’t even granted the chance to get a ticket,” said a CBC sophomore who wished to remain anonymous.

“I personally think that (SLUH) shouldn’t have made those changes,” said Cor Jesu sophomore Abby Mueller. “It was a good time to have so many people there last year, and this year it doesn’t seem like there will be that many people (at the mixer).”

“I guess there were problems with the mixers last year, so it’s kind of understandable. But I’ve heard that other girls’ schools and other guys’ schools have all run out of tickets, so I don’t know if that many people

are going to go this year,” commented SLUH junior Jack Kelly.

However, Kesterson urged people to be patient.

“In talking with the administration, this is something that we all agreed needs to be done to try to eliminate any of the problems that we’ve had in the past, and hopefully limiting the numbers will do that. But whether it does or not remains to be seen . . . It’s certainly not a perfect system. To limit numbers, you can’t get tickets to everybody who wants one, which is unfortunate. (STUCO) had to cut the tickets off somewhere. The system is a work in progress; it will be open to re-evaluation.”

Rice said that STUCO “felt a little restricted by the attendance limit. Around 3,700 people attended last year, so we’re down about a thousand students this year. And when you consider that of that 2,700, about 1,000 will be SLUH students, that’s 1,000 less kids that can attend.”

While STUCO is almost certain that every one of the 2,700 tickets will be used Friday night, Cole said STUCO will be using a clicker to count the number of people coming into the mixer. If that number does not reach 2,700 after all of the ticketed students have entered, then STUCO will begin letting any students who don’t have tickets into the mixer until the quota is met.

The new ticket system isn’t the only new measure being taken by administration and STUCO to ensure a more controlled mixer environment. One in five attendees will be subjected to a breathalyzer test, a measure put in place because “there were kids that were drinking (at mixers) last year,” said Assistant Principal for Student Affairs H. Eric Clark.

“There will also be more chaperones, there will be police presence, and there will be parents (at the mixer),” along with the usual faculty chaperones, Clark said.

The emergency resurfacing of the gymnasium floor taking place this week added to people’s worries about the mixer, leaving many to wonder if the gym would be available for Friday night.

“We’re going to be able to use the gym,” Clark stated. “What (the contractor) did was, they sanded (the floor), they’re going to paint it, but they’re not going to wax it yet, so we’ll still be able to use it.”

As with last year’s affair, tonight’s mixer will be held both inside the gym and outside, with a DJ in the gym and a DJ in a tent located outside on the Upper Field, so any inclement weather should not halt the mixer.

Despite the general discontent that seems to be surrounding this year’s mixer, at least a few students remain optimistic.

“Last year was too crowded in the gym,” said sophomore Louie Monnig. “With fewer people, we will all have a lot more room.”

Concluded sophomore Andrew Bouquet: “I’m a little disappointed in the decreasing of numbers, but I think it’ll still be fun.”

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## Calendar

Aug. 26 - Sept. 2

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26**

Schedule M  
Fr./Sr. Class Meetings  
STUCO Back to School Mixer  
Cheese Garlic Bread, Mostaccioli  
with Breadsticks

**MONDAY, AUGUST 29**

Schedule R  
Lock-Down Drill  
Senior Advisor Meeting  
Funnel Cake, Pizza

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30**

Schedule R  
Freshman Advisement Period  
JV/V H20 Polo @ Parkway

Central, 4/5pm  
Fiestada, Taco Salad

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**

Schedule R  
Activities Fair  
Back to School Night for Parents  
Bosco Sticks, Chicken Rings &  
Mac & Cheese

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Schedule L  
STUCO HR Rep. Elections  
V FB @ Parkway South, 7pm  
C FB @ Parkway South, 4:15pm  
JV SOC @ DeSmet, 4pm  
Cookies, Papa John's

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

Schedule R  
STUCO HR Rep Elections  
Activities Fair  
JV FB vs. Parkway South, 4:15pm  
V SOC vs. Gibault @ Oerter Park,  
7pm  
JV SOC vs. Gibault @ Oerter Park,  
5pm  
JV/V H20 Polo @ Lafayette,  
4/5pm  
V/JV XC First Capitol Invitational  
@ McNair Park, 4:30pm  
Tater Tots, Spaghetti with Meat  
Balls

**THRICE**

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and do significantly better. He went to bed early on both the Thursday and Friday night prior to the Saturday test, even declining an offer to see the Cardinals drub the Yankees, 8-1. "That was so tempting. I wanted to go so bad. I mean, Cardinals-Yankees, how often do you see that? It was a tough offer to pass up."

On Saturday, Schroeder got up early, ate a good but forgettable breakfast (he doesn't remember what), and left his house 45 minutes prior to test time, but still managed to nearly arrive late.

Schroeder remembered feeling better about this test after taking it. "I definitely thought I did better than the first two times, but I definitely didn't expect a 36, that's for sure. I thought I did well on the math section, I could have predicted a 36. But especially on the reading and science sections, I didn't think there was any way (I earned high scores)."

While Schroeder received the highest possible score on the test, his test was not perfect. The ACT is divided up into four sections—math, reading, English, and science. While Schroeder received a 36 in math and reading, he earned 35 on the science and English portions of the test. However, his cumulative score came out to be a 36 regardless.

Schroeder credited math teacher Craig Hannick's ACT class with helping him raise his score 6 points. "It especially provided me with practice in the science and reading sections. I was always pressed for time before, and it got me used to getting through those sections quickly so I could double check them."

Schroeder also took the optional writing section that is required by several colleges, receiving a 10 out of a possible 12.

Schroeder's score comes after fellow senior Joel Westwood and Paul Barker, '05, received 36s in the February 2005 and September 2004 tests, respectively. Over the tests between September 2004 and June 2005, Missouri students earned seven 36s out of 99,000 test takers, three of which came from SLUH. Nationally, 251 students received 36s out of 2.1 million test takers, which comes out to less than .01% of test takers earning 36s. The counseling department could not remember the last time two members of the same class scored 36.

Schroeder hopes to use the ACT score to propel him into Notre Dame next year. "It's definitely my number one right now." Other options include Boston College, Georgetown, Xavier, St. Louis University, and Wake Forest, "to name a few," said Schroeder.

Finally, the city of Manchester, Schro-

eder's city of residence, also has proposed an "Andrew Schroeder Day" in honor of his accomplishment. Details are still in the works, but the *Prep News* will keep its audience up to date, in addition to suggesting creative ways to celebrate this glorious holiday.

**SLUH Night At The  
Ballpark**

Tuesday, September 27  
Cardinals vs. Astros  
(fifth-last game at Busch Stadium)  
Tickets: \$10 each.

Because the Chorus will be singing during the 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch, SLUH has 300 available tickets at a discounted price for the September 27<sup>th</sup> game against the Astros in section 360 (behind the visitor's dugout, upper deck). All students/faculty/staff and their families/friends are welcome. Simply come up to the Advancement Office to buy the tickets. Cash or check (made out to SLUH) is required at time of purchase. Just see Mary Underwood, Connie Leinauer or Joe Patke in the Advancement office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. any school day. Come enjoy one last evening at Busch alongside your friends in the SLUH community.