

# Prep News



*"If nothing else, value the truth"*

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## Graduation changed to Sunday, May 28 *Senior-led movement changes date from May 27*

**Sean Kickham**  
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High administration decided to change the graduation date for the Class of 2006 from Saturday, May 27 at 4:00 p.m. to Sunday, May 28 at 1:00 p.m. The date was changed to ensure that the entire senior class could attend the graduation ceremony.

"It was a logical thing to do," said senior class moderator Kate Hochmuth.

This year, as in previous ones, the state finals for track & field and tennis fall on the same date as graduation. Because of this conflict, senior state-bound athletes on these teams have not attended graduation for a number of years.

Jordan Bushong, a sprinter on the SLUH track and field team, noticed that this year the conflict affected a larger number of seniors,

including those athletes on the team and those wanting to attend the state finals to support the team.

"I wanted people to be there to watch State," Bushong said.

So he got to work and soon discovered that both the volleyball and baseball teams could possibly suffer the same conflict if they advance far enough in the playoffs. Bushong went to STUCO Sports Officer Connor Cole for help because of Cole's closer ties to the administration. "He's next to them every day," Bushong said.

Bushong and Cole started talking to people immediately.

"I talked to (Assistant Principal for Student Welfare Eric) Clark, (Assistant Principal for Academics Mark) Michalski, because he is in charge of the calendar and the graduation date, then I talked to (Jim)

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Linhares, the track coach, and started to get a list of affected students," said Cole.

"As much as I really wanted (the date to be changed), I thought it really wouldn't work, but the students who came forward seemed really committed," recalled Linhares, who showed his support for the change to the administration as well.

Bushong talked to the same people as Cole to show their sincere concern for their class and the graduation date. On Monday, Dec. 12, the duo brought the topic up for discussion at the SAC meeting. Principal Mary Schenkenberg attended the meeting to hear what the students had to say.

"(Graduation's) the most important thing," noted Bushong at the meeting.

The following day, Bushong and Cole polled the senior class asking the seniors

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## New Orleans students depart, reflect on time here

**Scott Mueller**  
Staff

After spending nearly an entire semester at St. Louis U. High, the three juniors who came to SLUH after Hurricane Katrina on Aug. 28 returned to New Orleans during the Christmas break.

Kyle Lutkewitte and Jon Picou both arrived in St. Louis during the Labor Day weekend and began attending classes at SLUH the following Tuesday, Sept. 6. Tucker Bohren arrived a few weeks later, just before the end of the first quarter.

Lutkewitte stayed with his aunt and cousins living in St. Louis before Katrina while his parents remained in Baton Rouge, La. Lutkewitte, who lives in Metairie, a suburb

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## TALENT SHOWCASE

PHOTO BY MATT SCIUTO



From the left, Eric Hunt, Joe Phillips, Evan Boff, and Jim Sansone tantalize and tease the audience with a Christmas-themed, suggestively choreographed disrobing. See article, pg. 3.

# Indelicato sings his way to state chorus

**Dan Everson**  
**Staff**

Junior Alex Indelicato, a singer in the St. Louis U. High varsity chorus, has qualified for the Missouri State Chorus. Indelicato's score at the Missouri Metro District 8 Chorus tryouts was high enough to allow him to audition for the State Chorus. Fellow junior Dan Zdrodowski and senior Mike Moramarco also achieved this honor, but they did not qualify for the State Chorus.

According to SLUH choral director Joe Koestner, about 3,000 students auditioned for State—about 270 per district. The tryout itself consisted of a difficult prepared solo, as well as sight-reading and music theory exercises. Singers were judged anonymously, with emphasis on dynamics, diction, rhythm, and pitch.

"I was pretty confident (going into the tryout), just because I've done it for so long," Indelicato explained. He added that practice with Koestner and Jerry Quinn also

contributed to his confidence at auditions.

Koestner informed Indelicato of his accomplishment three days after the State tryouts. He qualified for the chorus as the alternate bass singer. Although he was only an alternate, Indelicato decided to go ahead and practice the several advanced pieces of music—some of which are in foreign languages—that the State Chorus will perform. His work was rewarded when one of the bass singers dropped out.

"I got pretty lucky, actually, because Doc Koestner said that, in all of his years doing State, he's only seen one alternate go (on to perform with the chorus)," Indelicato said, "so that was pretty exciting. ... It's a real honor to be one of a hundred people selected in the entire state to go to State (chorus)," he continued.

As a member of the State chorus, Indelicato will attend three rehearsals this month with the 15 other District 8 singers who made State. The entire chorus, consisting of 192 singers, will meet at Tan-Tar-A Resort at the

Lake of the Ozarks during the week of Jan. 25. While there, the chorus will rehearse with a clinician before performing at the Missouri Choir Directors Association convention, also in Tan-Tar-A.

"Alexander has already distinguished himself by being accepted to the opera training program at Webster University. ... He's actively involved in singing," Koestner remarked.

Opera is included among Indelicato's plans for future singing: "I'm going to continue singing, singing solo, going into opera as a career, (so) one of my big plans now is getting my college audition repertoire together," Indelicato said. "(Another) goal is to make State next year," he added. Indelicato also stated performance in Europe as a long-term goal for his singing career.

Indelicato was grateful for the help he received from Koestner and Quinn. "Thanks to Doc ... and Mr. Quinn for their help in preparing me. I don't think I could have done it without them," he concluded.

# Schulte named St. Louis' Art Educator of the Year

**Charlie Landis**  
**Staff**

Fine arts teacher Joseph Schulte, already the namesake of the St. Louis U. High theater, will add one more accolade to his accomplished teaching career when he receives the Art Educator of the Year Award from the St. Louis Arts and Education Council at the end of the month.

The St. Louis Arts and Education Council is a non-profit organization which raises funds from the private sector to support the arts and art education activities in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Said Robert Ciapciak, the board chair of the Arts and Education Council, on the council's website, "On Jan. 30, 2006, the council will celebrate the 15th annual St. Louis Arts Awards with an extraordinary list of honorees that represent the quality of art, education, and philanthropy that exist in our area." Schulte, who was also the Missouri Teacher of the Year of 1984, will be the featured award recipient of the evening.

Former SLUH President Paul Sheridan, along with Schulte's boss at The Muny

(where Schulte is the stage manager), helped to start Schulte's nomination two years ago by submitting written essays to the Arts and Education Council for their discussion and pending decision.

When asked if he expected to receive the honor, Schulte said, "I had no idea. ... I'm always surprised when somebody does this."

Besides the title of Art Educator of the Year, Schulte will also receive a trophy at the ceremony at the Chase Park Plaza.

Schulte reflected on his reception of the award, saying, "Any time that you're a teacher, you probably don't expect to get anything other than the good papers, the smiles from the students and the nods of their heads when they understand. So when somebody in the community recognizes that, it's a nice pat on the back, and it's nice affirmation that what you've been doing has worked."

Schulte said that receiving the award will not change his teaching style or character. "As my wife used to say, 'Okay, you've got

the award today, tomorrow you take out the garbage.'"

Schulte continued, "You've just got to really realize that now you've just got to work as hard as you did then. ... You never want to stop as long as you want to teach and enjoy teaching."

Junior Sam Leverenz, an actor and stage manager under the direction of Schulte, said, "It only makes sense (for) someone who's devoted so much of his life to the arts (to win the award)." Leverenz added, "With so much experience that he already has, I think it's kind of hard to improve (after winning the award)."

Fellow fine arts teacher Kathryn Whitaker commented on the award, saying, "This is a big year for him."

Schulte commented, "I don't look at this as a job; I look at this as a career."

Currently, Schulte is recovering from a rib injury that occurred last weekend. He is also working on the production of the Dauphin Players' next show, *Fiddler On the Roof*.

# Talent Show amazes, rocks, frightens

**Matt Hubbard**  
Reporter

Only one show can feature the musical talent of stars such as Mannheim Steamroller, Guns N' Roses, Mariah Carey, Queen, Neil Diamond, the Beastie Boys, and the Eagles as well as the "comedic talent" of emcee STUCO Sports Commissioner Connor Cole.

The annual STUCO talent show jumped to a start after the basketball game against DuBourg on Saturday, Dec. 17. For the first time, people attending the Talent Show were required to purchase a ticket at the door.

The money—and additional donations totalling \$1200—went to buying Christmas presents for children at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

As people streamed into the theater, the synthesized sounds of Mannheim Steamroller's Christmas hits could be heard compliments of seniors Mike Moramarco (piano) and Jim Schaefer (keyboard).

Once everybody was seated, seniors Will Turnbough, Chris Schranck, Eddie Szewc-

zyk, Mark Thies, and Tony Burwinkel shook the house with the Guns N' Roses favorite, "Paradise City."

Before the shockwaves had completely settled, Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird" captivated the audience, performed by a quartet of freshmen who showed everyone in attendance that even freshmen know how to rock the house.

(Un)fortunately for the audience, the next act featured senior Jim Sansone sporting a dress, backed by muscular seniors Joe Phillips, Evan Boff, and Eric Hunt—all shirtless. In classic celebrity style, Sansone lip-synched to Mariah Carey's Christmas sensation "All I Want For Christmas is You." After a quick costume change into long white robes, the "Holiday Medley" moved into a rendition of "The Little Drummer Boy." Before long, this traditional holiday song became a "Drumline" competition that would impress even Devon Miles. The medley ended disturbingly enough with the quartet doing the "Jingle Bell Rock" dance from the popular teenage movie "Mean Girls."

Seniors Matt Ampleman, Alex Ample-

man, Justin Vilbig, Joe Wotowa, and Pat Zelaya brought the talent show back to live music with The Beatles' "Back in the U.S.S.R."

Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" followed, brought to the crowd by the vertically uneven duo of sophomore Patrick Probst and senior Nick Dennis. The duo's combined voices provided the answer to the U. High's timeless question, "Who's high! Who's high!"

Probst and Dennis preceded a short interlude featuring seniors Jim Scariot and Nick Niehaus miming a man being chased across the stage by various people.

The crowd in the theater turned their attention back to SLUH bands when Walk Sophie performed the song "Slide" and seniors Mike Meuer, John Shostrand and Mark Theis delivered Ben Folds' "Landed."

The disturbing meter spiked again as seniors Eddie Szewczyk and Colin Akos attempted a Chippendale dance in the vein of the renowned Saturday Night Live skit featuring Chris Farley and asked the audi-

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# Nelson wins ping pong tourney

**Tom O'Keefe**  
Reporter

Seventeen SLUH students gathered in the gymnasium to participate in the second annual ping pong tournament last Wednesday.

The competitors arrived at 1:00 p.m. and were then assigned to one of five tables after paying an entrance fee of \$5. They proceeded to play one another in a round robin style contest to eleven points. The best two out of three games won.

The participants first played to determine seeds in two separate divi-

sions: freshmen and upperclassmen. Nick Maglasang placed first in the freshmen section, with Jason Nienhaus finishing second.

After determining their ranking, the players began the tournament in the same best two out of three style, except that now the defeated participants were eliminated.

In the end, the championship match came down to sophomore Andrew Nelson and junior Dan Portnoy. Although Portnoy had won in their round robin confrontation earlier, Nelson ended up capturing the championship by prevailing in the second

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Forrest Gump-in-training junior Dan Portnoy smashes the ball back to sophomore Andrew Nelson in the championship match.

# Becvar, Magistra recovering

**Jim Santel**  
Core Staff

Two St. Louis U. High faculty members, Latin teacher Mary Lee McConaghy and Vice Principal for Technological and Administrative Services Tom Becvar, are slowly but surely regaining their health following their ailments.

McConaghy has been battling a vocal cord infection since early September. She said she is "slowly getting better" and has been working with a speech therapist.

However, McConaghy said that "there's no prognosis for this type of thing" and isn't sure when she'll be regaining her full speech capabilities. She is still using a microphone in her classes so she can be heard clearly.

"I'm just like Katie Couric without the salary," McConaghy joked.

Becvar has made great strides in regaining his health following the injuries he suffered in a fall on Sept. 24. Becvar, who

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## VITAMIN C

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if they thought it important to move the graduation date to accommodate the sports events and if this move would significantly affect their schedules for that weekend. The overwhelming majority supported the date change.

Cole and Bushong then took the results to Michalski. That Friday, Dec. 16, Cole wrote a letter to the *Prep News* to bring the issue to everyone's attention. Later that day, Michalski sent letters to senior parents explaining to them that the administration was seriously considering changing the baccalaureate Mass and dinner, graduation ceremony, and senior lock-in date to Sunday, May 28 and asked for the parents' input into the situation.

"I was really impressed with the speed that the administration turned around and took care of things," recalled Cole.

"Personally, I think it was a question that was overdue in being asked," said Michalski. "Last year ... I got up the morning after graduation, I got in my car and I drove over to Alex Muntges' house to deliver him his diploma," Michalski remembered, "and on the way over I just kept thinking to myself how sad is this that he had to make that choice. ... I'm sorry it's a choice that he had to make, and if we can do something just in terms of simple scheduling to address that, I'd just as soon address it."

Michalski received over fifty responses to the letter. There was "a strong element of people saying, ... 'We don't want (any senior) to have to make that choice ... we want the class to graduate together as a group.' And I heard that loud and clear in those responses," said Michalski.

With parents and students alike supporting the date change, other problems had to be addressed.

"There was a very strong response that people did not want to have everything, all the events, on Sunday," Michalski explained. So the administration decided to change only the graduation ceremony to Sunday afternoon and the senior lock-in to Sunday night.

SLUH usually shares the graduation date with Nerinx Hall, but this year Nerinx planned to have their graduation early because of campus renovations that will occur this summer. But SLUH had already scheduled the graduation ceremony for Saturday, May 27 with Powell Symphony Hall. Luckily,

Powell Symphony Hall had a spot on May 28 at 4:00 p.m. and let SLUH reschedule at no extra charge.

Another problem was that the invitations had already been ordered from Jostens before the date was changed. However, because of all the business SLUH gives Jostens, Jostens will put in an insert in the invitations with the new graduation date at no extra charge.

Lastly, the senior lock-in at the Des Peres Civic Center had to be rescheduled, which was "no problem," according to Michalski.

With these problems solved, the administration could change the graduation date seamlessly. Letters were sent home to seniors and their parents in their report cards announcing the change.

Overall, people are pleased with the changes. "I think that's great," said Cole, "I feel pretty good about (the rescheduled graduation)."

Linhares added, "As a parent having had sons on the track & field team, I was really pleased."

Michalski thought it was important to know, however, that, "no decision either way was going to make everybody 100 percent happy. ... We made the best decision that we could make for this year, and this will also affect the way we schedule graduation in future years."

Schenkenberg expressed her gratitude toward the students who initiated the change. She believes the best decision was made for this year and hopes it "shows that (the students and faculty) can work together."

Bushong is delighted with the changes, knowing that "graduation comes first, it's the one (unifying) thing. Everything else is secondary. All I care about is being with my classmates who I've worked my butt off with for the last four years, and being with my teammates who I've worked equally hard with, on our last day together."

**Beloved cafeteria worker Bea Contestable has returned to SLUH, after injuring her hip on Sept. 1. She said that she is "feeling great. I am happy to be back, because I missed everybody so much." She thanked everybody for their prayers in her absence.**

## Prep News teacher childhood photo quiz results!

The judges have decided!!!! The *Prep News* Christmas Photo-Matching contest drew all kinds of submissions. Some were insightful, some were average, and some were pitifully abysmal. However, a group of 12 Jr. Billikens spanning the sophomore, junior, and senior classes somehow overcame the obfuscations of time and submitted perfect answer sheets. After deep cogitation late into the night on how to distribute awards among The Twelve, the *Prep News* editorial staff finally adapted Mr. Tom Chmelir's trademark: The Fickle Finger of Fate. The winners are as follows (Come up to the *Prep News* office to claim your prizes):

- 1<sup>st</sup> place — Murphy Troy M224  
2<sup>nd</sup> place — Fergus Corbella M208  
3<sup>rd</sup> place — Sean Juergensen M210

### Honorable Mentions

- Ben Ludwig M215  
Sam Parr M219  
Andrew Guenther M108  
Paul Castellano M208  
Tim Gallagher M207  
Will Horner M216  
Dan Wheeland M122  
Corey Meyer M114  
Brian Sondag M222

### Answer Key

- 1) Mrs. Becky Berger
- 2) Mr. Steve Missey
- 3) Mrs. Rebecca Ferrigni
- 4) Mr. Joe Porter
- 5) Mrs. Rosemary Queathem
- 6) Mr. Dave Callon
- 7) Fr. Jeff Harrison

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# Frozenpondbills go undefeated in last three

**Matt Beezley**  
Reporter

After a disappointing 4-4 tie to Francis Howell, the Hockeybills tried to get back in the win column with a victory over the DeSmet Spartans two days before Christmas, hoping to leave their Jesuit rivals winless in the MCC for the first time ever. However, things did not go as the Jr. Bills would have liked, and they suffered a 6-3 loss to their archrivals.

The Jr. Bills came out flat in the first period, and the Spartans scored one in the first period, three in the second, and another in the third, sending the Puckbills reeling and unable to make up for the deficit.

The Blueandwhitebills did not score until the third period, when junior Scott Chesnek and Eddie Effinger slid pucks past the Spartan goalie.



Forward Eddie Effinger (22) skates through three Webster players and one Webster stick.

Hoping for a comeback, the Jr. Bills picked up the pace but fell short once again after opponent Sam Goodwin scored his

SLUH fell to DeSmet 6-3.

"[We] did not come prepared mentally to play every minute of the game," commented head coach Charlie Busenhart.

Three days later, the U. High hockey team faced off against the Webster Skatesmen. The Jr. Bills came out ready to play, despite the absence of five regulars. Eddie Effinger scored a SLUH varsity hockey record of three goals in a span of 1:03 in the first period.

With a 3-0 lead, the Jr. Bills began to slow. After continuous icings by Webster, the Skatesmen scored two power play goals.

The Puckbills needed an insurance goal, which came late in the second period when Eddie Effinger scored again on the rebound of a shot from

sophomore Ryan Myers. Webster, refusing to give up, scored again in the third, but the solid U. High defense stepped up to the challenge, and the Jr. Bills held on to receive a much-needed victory.

"We got ahead [of Webster], but slowed down and gave them a chance to catch up. Luckily, we recovered and came away with a win," said Busenhart.

On New Year's Eve, the Eastonbills took on No. 6 Kirkwood. Despite being the underdog, SLUH came out firing. Strong defense and an explosive offense awaited the Pioneers when the game began, and junior forward Chris Place scored halfway through the first period to give the Jr. Bills

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## Aquabills notch two more wins

**Tony Meyer**  
Reporter

Although the St. Louis U. High swimming and diving team had no meets over the Christmas break, they remained in shape with many practices. Many Jr. Bills donned their speedos and goggles and dove into the Forest Park pool in the early morning, giving up precious hours of sleep over Christmas break. Some mornings were exceptionally tough, namely an 8,000-yard practice, about 2,000 more yards than normal.

"We practiced really hard over the break. I was pleased with the turnouts. The team is about where we should be at this point in the season," commented head coach Fritz Long.

Upon returning from the break, the Phelpsbills faced Parkway Central in a dual meet on Tuesday night. The Speedobills swam and dove well but lost 91-95. In an exciting race, freshman Trent Going qualified for the 100-yard backstroke with a time

third goal, shooting the puck past sophomore goalie Alex Effinger. Freshman Joe Cella scored with 1:28 left in the game off of his own rebound, but his efforts fell short, and

of 59:49. Freshman Will Derdeyn swam his heart out in the 100 freestyle, beating his much taller Parkway Central opponent in a close touch-out.

The following afternoon, the Statequalbills traveled to Mehlville High School for another meet. The team easily won, defeating Mehlville, 163-29. In another impressive swim, John Dombek narrowly missed qualifying for state in the 100 backstroke. The bearded senior will hopefully qualify in one of the remaining meets.

Long took time to remark on upcoming meets: "I'm looking forward to the DeSmet Invitational. We have a solid lineup and we should qualify some more guys for state."

The Saint Peter's Rec Plex will host the DeSmet Invitational on Jan. 14. In the second half of the season, the Aquabills hope to qualify multiple swimmers in the 100 breaststroke and another diver.

The Speedobills swim against Cape Girardeau Central tonight at Forest Park Community College at 4:00. Come cheer on the team.

## Nightbeat

In the jungles of St. Charles County, the Basketballbills caged the Wildcats from Hazelwood West last night, 60-49. They led 32-18 at the half, but watched their 14 point lead slip away in the third quarter. Hazelwood West led by two at one point, but the Retaliationbills held the Wildcats to 6 points in the fourth quarter and won by 11. The Jr. Bills shot 49 percent from the field en route to their sixth win of the year. Tonight the Rossbills (6-8) will play CBC in a tough home MCC match-up at 7 p.m.

—compiled by Justin Rottger

# Jordanbills beat Chaminade, go .500 over break

**Justin Rottger**  
Staff

Getting back on track? Perhaps the St. Louis U. High varsity basketball team is trying to put together a run to turn their season around. Things were looking bright after the Dec. 18 thriller against DuBourg.

Once a storied rivalry, SLUH faced the Cavaliers right before the Talent Show. However, the opposition tried to stomp on the evening's festivities and held a nine-point lead at the half, 30-21.

SLUH was down by as much as 11 points late in the third quarter, but the Jr. Bills somehow knew the game was still in reach. They stepped up their play, coming down with nearly every rebound and coming away with points each time down the court. The DuBourg lead fizzled because of poor second half shooting, and coupled with SLUH's offensive success, the Jr. Bills rallied in the fourth to take the lead from the Cavaliers.

A desperation three-pointer rimmed out at the buzzer for DuBourg, and SLUH

came away with a 54-52 victory, and more importantly, their second win in a row after defeating Chaminade comfortably the night before, 50-33.

The adrenaline wore off, though, against Parkway West the following Monday, as SLUH was simply outplayed by the Longhorns. Thanks to consistent shooting and only 12 SLUH rebounds, Parkway West defeated the Jr. Bills on their home court, 60-50. Eric Hunt did have 15 points, nine of them off three-pointers, and Joe Phillips had 13 of his own.

Even though SLUH could not win for the third consecutive game, the Jr. Bills still could have concluded their first week of Christmas break basketball on a positive note as they took on conference rival DeSmet on the road. SLUH had more offensive troubles against the Spartans, netting only 15 points in the first half.

DeSmet was still within reach at that point, as the Jr. Bills only trailed by four, 19-15. But SLUH was outplayed in the third quarter, as the Spartans outscored SLUH 21-10 in the frame and led by seventeen going into the fourth quarter.

## Grapplebills place two in Spartan semis, take twelfth overall

**Dan Zdrodowski, Nick Calcaterra**  
Reporters

The St. Louis U. High varsity wrestling team fared moderately well at the DeSmet High School Spartan tournament on Dec. 27 and 28. SLUH took twelfth out of sixteen teams, a respectable standing considering the difficulty of the opponents. Five of SLUH's wrestlers placed in the top eight for their individual weight class, and several underclassmen gained varsity experience. Last Tuesday, SLUH won their first victory of the season against Mary Institute-Country Day School, 46-20.



Devin Austermann (left) commandeers his opponent's leg with a single-leg takedown in the semifinals of the Spartan tournament.

At the Spartan tournament, the Jr. Bills scored a total of 145 team points, while the winning team scored over 250 team points.

Varsity wrestling manager Nick Calcaterra expressed his views on the tournament as a whole, "There are a lot of really good teams out there. Our bracket was a lot harder than the other one, and there were some really good wrestlers out there (in SLUH's bracket). The other bracket had some good wrestlers too, though."

Although the Wranglebills did not score  
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The Jr. Bills dropped their second game in a row and sixth on the season, 58-47.

SLUH only converted four of eleven free throw attempts, as DeSmet played a clean game, committing only eight fouls.

The team then took its break for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and continued play on Dec. 28 in the Collinsville Holiday Classic. Their first matchup was against host Collinsville High. The Jr. Bills took an early lead on the Kahoks, 8-2. However, Collinsville took it right back from SLUH and led 17-11 at the end of the first quarter. Any momentum that the Jr. Bills began with was almost completely evaporated by halftime; SLUH scored only five points in the entire quarter to Collinsville's 15. Collinsville also outrebounded the Jr. Bills 34-18, and the Kahoks' high shooting percentage came from easy layups and offensive putbacks. Add that to the Jr. Bills' 30 percent field goal percentage, and it equaled an ugly 60-42 loss in the first round of the Holiday Classic.

After a loss in the consolation round of the tournament to Decatur MacArthur, 56-48, SLUH rattled off two wins in a row

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## 007bills take 2nd at tourney

**Zach Brooks**  
Reporter

In December, students are usually stressed about exams and preoccupied with the holidays. The St. Louis U. High rifle team was expecting to get an early Christmas present—a win at the Missouri State Smallbore Championship full course match, a 120-shot, four-hour marathon of riflery. The championship is the longest tourney the team will have to shoot this season.

The team did well at the Missouri State 3-P Indoor Smallbore Championship, even with tough adversaries like Kevin Widbrodt and Brian Neinhaus, both alumni of the Long-riflebill squad, as well as other top shooters in the states of Missouri and Illinois. Starting early on Sat., Dec. 17, the silence of the halls of the U. High was broken with the cracks of  
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## The true meaning of Christmas: International Awareness drive

**Andrew Mueth**  
Core Staff

During the first few weeks of December, two things happened that ended up affecting me in a profound way. First, every homeroom collected items for the family each sponsored in this year's International Awareness Drive, an outreach through St. Pius parish in South City, in which every homeroom at St. Louis U. High collects and delivers basic household items such as towels, soap, and flashlights to immigrant families affiliated with the parish. Secondly, I learned that I had a coveted day off from wrestling practice on Saturday, the day of the delivery.

Having learned of my free morning, I immediately signed up to deliver to our family. I figured it would be appropriate for me, the homeroom pastoral representative, to deliver the goods, and looked forward to the service as well as the doughnuts and juice at SLUH before the delivery. Tom Nagel signed up to deliver as well, having said only good things about last year's delivery.

The morning of the drive, I picked up Tom and we headed to school. We loaded up my car, and Scott Mueller joined us in delivery, being up at school to pick up some homework he had forgotten and having nothing else to do that morning. I felt good as I carried the umbrellas, calendar, soaps, towels, blankets and other gifts our generous homeroom had collected, thinking in not so many words of what good people we are, giving these things to these helpless refugees.

Tom and Scott had persuaded me to agree to bring in only some of our gifts on the first time up to the door of our family's one-story flat. I did not like the idea, wanting to stun the family with bulging armfuls of things for them. I agreed, however, figuring that it was not worth argument.

The father of the family, Linh, (*editor's note: the names of the family have been changed*) opened the door and greeted us in a thick Vietnamese accent with a warm, "Yes, Merry Christmas," and a smile. He kindly invited us into their greeting room. As we set down our loads by the coffee table in front of their leather sofa, I looked around and noticed a nice television and DVD player, and a collection of beer bottles neatly displayed in a cabinet with a glass door, and briefly wondered about the extent of their poverty. Images of beggars I had seen who wore nice Nike shoes and fancy headphones flashed across my mind.

When the man's wife, Nien, and their two sons, Minh, 13, and Phim, 5, entered the room, we wished them a Merry Christmas and showed them the gifts. They were appreciative, but not shocked or in awe as I had expected them to be. Beyond "thank you," I could not understand what they were saying, or even whether they were speaking English. All I knew is that they were not dumbfounded or acting like the winners of some dream vacation on a television show, gasping and on the brink of tears.

Tom told them we had more to bring in from my car, if they wanted to come help carry it. I worried about this proposal, not wanting them to come and be underwhelmed by my half-full trunk

containing only some detergent boxes and two packages of paper towels. I also did not want them to interfere with my planned scenario of we, the good and kind citizens, stooping to help these lowly immigrants. To my relief, however, they seemed not to understand Tom's request, and we walked back out to my car as I hoped that they would not think we were leaving.

When we returned after a minute, the family was waiting at the door, much as I had imagined them doing before we first rang. After re-entering, Scott and Tom chatted with the father and the boys as I tried to explain the gift cards to the mother. She asked me if she was to use them with the food stamps she has been using since her arrival in September, and I tried to tell her that she should use them in place of food stamps. Tom and I did our best to explain, and I just hoped they would be able to use the cards. To assure myself that they would use the cards and in an attempt to take off some of the responsibility if they did not use them, I suggested that they ask someone at St. Pius if they were still

confused about the cards.

After we gave them the gifts, the family invited us to sit down, and we began getting to know them over the orange sodas they offered.

The parents' English turned out to be just fine, and they began to tell us about themselves. They had left Vietnam in 1989 (the year I was born, I thought to myself), and had spent much of the time between then and now in the Philippines. The information sheet I had received at SLUH had noted that they had spent the last 15 years in a refugee camp. The family had spent as much time in a military-guarded camp as I had spent alive.

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## INTERNATIONAL

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Now that they are in America, Nien wants to study to be a nurse, even though she knows it will be a lengthy and expensive training. She had wanted to be a nurse since she was in Vietnam, she told us. Linh is looking for a job that will require little training so that he can start supporting his family as soon as they get their green cards.

We continued talking to them, learning about their Buddhist faith, the few Vietnamese families they know in the area, and often hearing about their desires to work. They told us they planned to stay in the United States forever, and that they like it here so far. They are waiting to get their green cards and take steps towards citizenship.

They told us that this house was being provided for them through the St. Pius outreach, something I had not thought about before. They explained that nothing in the home was theirs: not the couch or chairs, the TV or DVD player, not the odd collection of beers. The only thing in the room they owned was a portrait of the wife's father. Before then, I had not thought that perhaps others had been just as, if not more, generous than me to this family. I now began to understand the completeness of their poverty.

Apologizing that he had nothing more to give us, the father offered us each a cigarette, which Scott and I declined. Tom accepted, and I responded with a nervous laugh as I thought bad things about how horribly he was treating his body, wondering if he was a smoker. Tom smoked two, praising the quality of the brand, and the father then gave Tom the whole pack, which he put into his pocket when we left.

Tom told me when I next saw him that he does not smoke and that he threw away the cigarettes when he got home. Not until later did I realize why he had accepted them in the first place.

Before we left, the family took pictures of us in front of the gifts using a digital camera that I assume was a gift from some other kind person. We bade them farewell and they said repeated thanks, and we left them after less than twenty minutes.

On the ride home, Tom reminded me that their culture values work so much. In fact, they themselves had asked if we had to leave because we had dates with girlfriends and we laughed and joked no, that was last night. They then told us that high school students in Vietnam focused only on school, and not until college did young people pursue relationships.

The family loved giving us what they had to offer, specifically

the sodas and cigarettes. They even seemed to take rejection of what they offered us as rudeness, or perhaps insult. All they lack are the means needed for a start in America, some basis to put them on the equal footing that America has always promised immigrants. Once they get permission to work here, they seem likely to save money and pay off debts. I would be surprised if they are not in modest economic condition less than ten years after they begin working here. All they need are some simple provisions until they can begin carrying their own burden.

I was not, then, some superhero delivering gifts to the helpless and miserable people leagues below me by participating in the International Awareness Drive. My donations were not to help a family who will be living off of similar donations forever. My help was a kind gesture of welcome into this nation, perhaps, but no awesome pouring out of things for the family. Our gifts simply help the family get by until they can begin to support themselves, and when they do, they will take pride in being independent human beings, controlling their own fate in America.

The family needed these items, true; but the things themselves will be gone after a week, a month, or half a year. The lasting gift I hope that we gave the Trangs that Saturday was our care for this family new to America, having come here after years of suffering and pain. By giving them the bags and baskets of goods, we gave the Trangs a welcome into America, certainly not their first, probably not their most memorable, and likely not their last.

We still showed them that we cared: we are not the only ones to have done so, and others will do the same as us in the future. But being in the middle of a crowd of welcomers and caregivers does not lessen our impact on this family, does not lessen our care. We may not have amazed them with goods or buried them in things, but I do hope we touched them by giving small tokens of compassion and support as they begin to join America in every way.

My trip to this family's flat humbled my arrogant self into realizing that the family was not begging for aid, not groveling, but eagerly awaiting the day when they can buy paper towels and detergent with money they made themselves. They have come to America not to relax but to make for themselves a new living, and want to work their way up American society. Our gift to them was support in their effort, and their gift to me was humility.

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## Rookbills travel to New Athens, sweep

**Matt Angeli**  
Reporter

While the Greek Chess Federation sponsored the Acropolis International Tournament 2005 in Athens, Greece, the St. Louis U. High Rookbills had a chess match of their own last Wednesday in New Athens, Ill. where they soundly defeated the New Athens High School chess team with a sweeping old-school score of 30-0.

After a 40-mile drive, the Rookbills arrived to find that the New Athens team had started their clocks at the dot of four, when the match was technically scheduled to begin. Thus they began with 12 fewer minutes than their opponents.

The situation seemed less than sportman-

like, but it made little difference ultimately. The Fischerbills accomplished their styling sweep by winning within one hour, half of the total travel time to and from New Athens High School.

Senior Ben Geisman played board one and won a pawn in the middle game but received doubled pawns in return. In the endgame, he used two pawns to create a fence for his opponent's king as he attacked and mated with his rook.

Senior chess club president Matt Angeli played board two. He captured his opponent's queen leading him to a quick sure win.

Sophomore Josh Dripps played board three. He had a complicated game where he was able to simplify the position and mate his opponent with a kingside flank attack.

Sophomore Stephen Schumacher played

board four and was able to get into an end-game where he had a pawn majority and two rooks to his opponent's few pawns and lone rook.

Freshman Jack Pawloski debuted at board five and smashed his opponent as he was able to achieve a large material advantage. When commenting on his game he noted that it was "very easy."

Overall, the Jr. Rookbills won their games without breaking a sweat. They look forward to their next high school meet when the Alton High School chess team comes to SLUH on Jan. 11.

Anyone wishing to watch the chess match should come to the Ignatian Conference Room to view the continuation of the Kasparovbills' winning streak. The pieces start moving around 4 p.m.

## BASKETBALL BOX SCORES CHRISTMAS BREAK

|                               | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | F  |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| 12/16/05                      |    |    |    |    |    |
| Chaminade                     | 10 | 8  | 6  | 9  | 33 |
| SLUH                          | 10 | 17 | 15 | 8  | 50 |
| Cooney: 21 pts, 3 ast         |    |    |    |    |    |
| Riganti: 9 pts, 3 rebs        |    |    |    |    |    |
| 12/17/05                      |    |    |    |    |    |
| DuBourg                       | 14 | 16 | 8  | 14 | 52 |
| SLUH                          | 13 | 8  | 10 | 23 | 54 |
| Riganti: 14 pts, 6 rebs       |    |    |    |    |    |
| Cooney: 10 pts, 2 stls, 3 ast |    |    |    |    |    |
| 12/19/05                      |    |    |    |    |    |
| Parkway West                  | 21 | 12 | 9  | 18 | 60 |
| SLUH                          | 15 | 11 | 9  | 15 | 50 |
| Hunt: 15 pts, 3-6 3 pt.       |    |    |    |    |    |
| Phillips: 13 pts              |    |    |    |    |    |
| 12/23/05                      |    |    |    |    |    |
| SLUH                          | 7  | 8  | 10 | 22 | 47 |
| DeSmet                        | 12 | 7  | 21 | 18 | 58 |

|                                | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | F  |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| 12/28/05*                      |    |    |    |    |    |
| SLUH                           | 11 | 5  | 9  | 17 | 42 |
| Collinsville                   | 17 | 15 | 10 | 18 | 60 |
| 12/29/05*                      |    |    |    |    |    |
| Decatur                        | 13 | 11 | 14 | 18 | 56 |
| SLUH                           | 5  | 14 | 14 | 15 | 48 |
| Hunt: 17 pts, 3-8 3PT          |    |    |    |    |    |
| 12/30/05 Game 1*               |    |    |    |    |    |
| SLUH                           | 13 | 13 | 16 | 10 | 52 |
| Madison                        | 1  | 19 | 9  | 15 | 44 |
| Cooney: 11pts, 3 ast, 6 rebs   |    |    |    |    |    |
| McNeil: 10 pts, 2 stls, 2 ast  |    |    |    |    |    |
| 12/30/05 Game 2*               |    |    |    |    |    |
| SLUH                           | 14 | 9  | 24 | 15 | 62 |
| Triad                          | 6  | 7  | 8  | 4  | 25 |
| McNeil: 16 pts, 5 stls, 4-4 FT |    |    |    |    |    |

\*Denotes Collinsville Holiday Classic Game

## STAT O' THE WEEK

In the hockey game on Dec. 26th against Webster Groves, SLUH star forward Eddie Effinger scored 3 goals in 1:03, an average of one goal every 21 seconds.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Please keep the family of junior Drake Ramming in your prayers as they mourn the death of Drake's mother Laurie to cancer.

## FORREST

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and final of their three sets. While his prize for winning first place has not yet been determined, Nelson's name will be engraved on the ping pong plaque in the Rec Room.

Junior Dan Portnoy is coached three days a week for the entire year by Sheri Xu, a former champion of Shanghai. Xu also teaches junior Andrew Louvier, the winner of last year's tournament, who couldn't make it this year since he was attending a table tennis camp in South Bend, Indiana.

Champion Nelson practices when he's not at the ping pong table by playing tennis, which gives him an unusual swing that many of his opponents find difficult to counter.

Even the more advanced players found the tournament to be a lot of fun. "We didn't have many people," recalled Nelson, "but we still had a lot of fun. I think that it was successful because we turned out (with a larger profit) than what we had hoped for."

"It went great," summed up club moderator Greg Bantle. "We had the student representatives (juniors) Ryan Pliske and Christian Ronzio run the tournament this year with help from Andrew Nelson and Dan Portnoy. ... We had fewer kids show up than last year, but they had just as good of a time and ended up getting to play even more table tennis."

The club holds optional practices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays after school. Currently the club is working on ways to advertise its events more extensively.

## HEALTH

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ruptured the tendons in his knees after falling down in Kansas City, said that he is "feeling fine." Becvar said that the week of Christmas, doctors removed the immobilizers that prevented him from moving his legs from the hip to the ankle. With the immobilizers gone, Becvar said that he can now begin physical therapy twice a week and drive once again.

"I still have trouble with the steps," Becvar said. "I can do them, but only very slowly." Becvar also said that he has begun to move independently of the walker he has been using to move around, but only "in small spaces, like my house or my office."

Becvar is unsure of how much longer he will need to use the walker, but hopes to have a time frame by Jan. 16.

## TALENT

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to vote on the better of the two. Nobody is really sure who won, but in all reality, nobody cares.

Neil Diamond then made a cameo appearance at the talent show in the form of Level Two Storm Spotter Mark J. Zinn accompanied by pianist Matt Anderson. The audience was treated to Diamond's timeless hit "Sweet Caroline." Zinn scored much audience participation during his song. Whether this was attributed to his surprisingly accurate voice or to his sequined shirt, the world may never know. Whatever it was, the junior class performed well in their only appearance in this year's talent show.

The talent show then switched gears to demonstrate that even SLUH boys have flow. Starting out this segment of the Talent Show were seniors Dave Steitz and Chris Schranck performing the Beastie Boys' "Body Movin'." The bling around Steitz's neck could be seen from outer space.

The talent of senior Sam Cummings joined senior DJ Si Kincaid's annual beatboxing appearance this year. Kincaid provided

## GELATO

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The U. High dominated Kirkwood from start to finish, regardless of questionable officiating, which resulted in ten combined penalties in the third period alone. Three Jr. Bills were in the box at one point in the third period.

"Two minutes ... well worth it," commented senior Evan Boff as he stepped into the penalty box. The Busiebills came away with a 3-1 victory, with other goals coming from freshman Jack Berger and Eddie Efinger.

"We came out mentally and physically prepared and we banged up on them like they usually do to us," commented Busenhart on the win.

The last game of the holidays came against No. 4 Fort Zumwalt South, the only team to tie the CBC powerhouse so far this year. Once again, the Hockeybills came out strong. Junior A.J. Koller shot one past the goalie with eight minutes left in the opening period to give SLUH the lead.

South popped two goals in the net, despite superb goaltending by Alex Primo, before the Jr. Bills were able to regroup.

the beat as Cummings spit some of his own freestyle lyrics.

The audience was then transported to Grammy-level rap as Mike Henniecke and the South Side Posse topped off the hip-hop section of the Talent Show with their own original song, "Holla holla, clap clap!"

The Talent Show went out with a bang, as SLUH's own band, Bob, rocked the house with "Hotel California," with singer Tim Glaser wearing a fluffy pink boa and hat.

Emcee interludes included Cole's various costume changes and appearances by Santa Claus himself, whose bitter "gifts" were summed up by Cole as "blatant disregards" for people. Cole would frequently check in with STUCO Vice President Max Magee to find out the growing amount of money the audience had donated to the children's hospital. The final total collected was \$1200.

STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson commented on the ticket system, "It wasn't perfect but it worked a lot better. It limited the number of people and we didn't have the overflow we've had in years past."

With three minutes left in the second period, junior Dan Steck backhanded the puck into the net, evening the score at 2-2. Not long after, however, South put another one past Primo, and SLUH was once again forced to play catch-up. The battle was hard fought, including numerous stops by both goaltenders and solid defense, as neither team was able to score.

Finally, with 1:29 left in the third period and the Jr. Bills playing with reckless abandon to tie the game, Evan Boff scored with a wrap-around goal that gave SLUH the tie.

The Jr. Bills continue their three-game unbeaten streak against CBC at 8:30 P.M. at Affton Ice Rink this Saturday. In the words of head coach Charlie Busenhart, "It's time to get back in the win column."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK  
"Inconceivable!"  
— Vizzini, in *The Princess Bride*

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**JESUIT**


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west of New Orleans, returned to the city Dec. 22. He will stay with his grandparents in New Orleans while his house is renovated. His house was in four feet of water.

Picou and his parents stayed with his grandparents in Ladue. Picou comes to St. Louis every summer and Christmas and hopes that he might see some of his SLUH friends on those regular visits.

Picou also resides in Metairie; however, his house received minimal damage. "My house didn't flood. The water came up to the door and just kind of stopped at the door. The roof kind of leaked a little bit, but it's nothing," Picou said. Picou returned to New Orleans after Christmas on Dec. 26.

Bohren came to SLUH after Lutkewitte and Picou and lived with his mother in their own house in St. Louis. "We got a house. It's just me and my mom, and my dad is in New Orleans fixing the house," said Bohren.

Bohren, who lives in the middle of New Orleans, said, "I've already been back three times. We're currently working on two rooms of my house that got two feet of water." Bohren returned to New Orleans on the final day before Christmas break, Dec. 21.

Bohren, Lutkewitte, and Picou are part of the wave of new activity returning to New Orleans. Currently, the population is about one third of what it was before Hurricane Katrina, according to Bohren. Bohren commented, "The numbers are increasing every day. The schools are starting to reopen, so that means all the kids can come back, so all the parents can come back too. So it's going to increase a lot after January."

Lutkewitte and Picou attended Jesuit High School in New Orleans. Jesuit High reopened after Thanksgiving on Nov. 28. Much of the student body is expected back for the new semester starting Jan. 24.

Bohren attended Ben Franklin High School, a magnet school in the New Orleans public school system.

Lutkewitte and Picou both felt that academics at SLUH were comparable to Jesuit. However, Bohren said, "(SLUH) is easier than the one I go to but harder than (Jesuit)."

"My school is more disciplined," Picou said, noting that, at Jesuit, students cannot have long hair or earrings. He also compared

the uniform of Jesuit to a "1950s Marine ROTC uniform."

Lutkewitte and Picou were told to receive a final grade for the classes they were taking at SLUH this semester and give it to Jesuit, which would then determine accreditation.

Bohren said, "I can retake whatever courses I think I need to. What they're going to do is to have two classes for each subject and one of them is going to cover the whole year in one semester and the other is just going to start where they were to start for the second semester."

The New Orleans students tried to take classes that they would have taken in New Orleans.

On the whole, the New Orleans students made friends and enhanced the SLUH community.

Of Bohren, junior John Merkley said, "He was a sweet kid."

Lutkewitte participated on the SLUH cross country team. "He was a great guy. He knew a lot of things that I didn't even know existed. He was a smart kid," said junior Nick Herman.

"They were tremendous," said theology teacher Matt Sciuto, who taught Lutkewitte and Bohren. Sciuto continued, "Kyle came in probably two weeks late and he became the best student in the class."

Junior Tom Tandler commented on Picou's personality, "He was always happy and cracking jokes."

Lutkewitte and Picou, who have family living in St. Louis, hope to visit SLUH sometime on one of their scheduled visits to St. Louis. Bohren thinks that he will return to St. Louis sometime in January.

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**VOUYOUKAS**


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in the same day against Madison and Triad. SLUH held Madison to just one point in the first quarter of the Dec. 30 game while scoring 13 of their own and never looked back, shooting over 50 percent for the first time in six games.

It was more of the same against Triad, as the Knights did not post double-digit scoring in any quarter of the game. Showing their offensive potential, SLUH scored 24 points in the third quarter, which almost overshadowed

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**MONEYPENNY**


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smallbore rifle shots. The relays continued into Sunday evening, testing the minds and bodies of the shooters and the scorers. "It was a really long two days," said former varsity manager Matt Winkeler. "We scored over 3,000 targets."

The varsity team, consisting of seniors Bryan Carlin, Joe Reinders, Pat Zelaya, and junior Joel Schmidt, accumulated a score of 4401-136X, which tied the Quincy (Ill.) Bluedevils (4401-141X), but lost on X's.

An X is a shot that completely removes the center dot and counts as a ten as well as the tie-breaker in competitive smallbore shooting. Therefore, if two teams' scores are tied but one has more X's, that team wins.

The JV Boltactionbills, made up of juniors Rob Perkins, Zach Brooks, Nate Komorowski, and sophomore Sam Gall, also put up good scores, ending with a score of 4322-130X.

The Riflebills' next match is this weekend, the Junior Olympic (JO) Qualifier for air rifle. If a participant is the highest scorer in the state or attains the score set by the JO officials, that competitor will represent his state in the JO Competition at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Col., during spring break. It is a great chance to meet and compete against the top shooters in the nation and also to gain valuable big-match experience.

Any freshman wanting to start a shooting career or who just wants to have fun and try something that no other high school in St. Louis offers is welcome to come down to the rifle range every Tuesday and Thursday.

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Triad's final score of 25. Geno McNeil put up 16 points in the victory.

After a 1-4 start, the Jr. Bills came out even at 4-4 over the break, and now stand at 5-8. The Jr. Bills have a chance to improve their record even more tonight at home against archrival CBC. Fans were able to see shades of a truly talented team in the last two games of the Holiday Classic, and they can come out and help the Jr. Bills on the march back to .500 tonight.

by Jim Santel

## Calendar

Jan. 6 - Jan. 20

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

Schedule R

C-Blue/B/V BB vs. CBC, 4/5:30/7pm

V SW vs. Cape Girardeau Central, 4pm

JV/V WR Vianney Tournament @

Vianney thru 1/7, Time TBA

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

V HOC vs. CBC @ Affton, 8:30pm

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

Semester Exams:

Science &amp; English

Senior Project Reflection Meeting, 7pm

PITEC 8:30-3pm

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**

Semester Exams:

Theology &amp; Math

PITEC 8:30-3pm

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

Semester Exams:

Foreign Language &amp; History

Chess vs. Alton, 4pm

Senior Pallotine Retreat thru 1/13

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**

No Classes

B/V BB vs. Parkway South, 5:30/6pm

C-Blue BB @ Jennings, 4:30pm

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**

No Classes

V SW vs. Vianney, 4pm

JV WR vs. Vashon, 4:30pm

C WR vs. Kirkwood, 4:30pm

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

C-White BB Chaminade Tourn. @

Chaminade, Time TBA

V SW DeSmet Invitational @ Rec-Plex,  
3:30pm

V WR Rockwood Summit Tourn. @

Summit, 9am

V HOC vs. Francis Howell Central @

Rec-Plex, 6pm

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

C WR Fox Tournament @ Fox, 9am

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

No Classes

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

C-White BB Chaminade Tourn. @

Chaminade, Time TBA

V HOC vs. Vianney @ Affton, 9:15pm

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

Schedule R

Tornado Drill

IM Movie Trivia (Frosh &amp; Sophs)

Young Republicans Meeting

Senior Kairos Retreat thru 1/20

B/V BB @ Kirkwood, 5:30/7pm

C-Blue BB @ Chaminade, 4:30pm

V SW vs. DeSmet, 4pm

Cheese Garlic Bread, Toasted &amp; Baked

Ravioli

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

Schedule R

Fire Drill

Grades Due

Freshman English Tutorial

IM Movie Trivia (Juniors)

Junior Retreat Meeting

C-White BB vs. Riverview, 4:30pm

V SW vs. Clayton/Cape Notre Dame, 4pm

C/JV/V WR @ Ft. Zumwalt North, 6pm

Chess @ Belleville West, 4pm

Bosco Sticks, Chicken

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

Schedule R

Lock-Down Drill

IM Movie Trivia (Frosh &amp; Sophs)

Club Meetings:

Pro-Life Club

Junior Reps

Rosary in North American Martyrs

Chapel

C/JV/V vs. Chaminade, 6pm

Seasoned Fries, Papa John's

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**

Schedule R

Freshman Class Liturgy

IM Movie Trivia (Juniors)

C-Blue/B/V BB vs. Vianney, 4/5:30/7pm

V WR MICDS Tourn. @ MICDS thru  
1/21, Time TBA

V HOC vs. Marquette @ Affton, 8pm

Apple Turnovers, BBQ Pork &amp; Brats

**GRAPPLE**

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very many team points, many wrestlers won at least one match. Sophomore James Barton (152 pounds) scored multiple pins. Juniors Andrew Austermann (171), Andrew Pulliam (145), and Phil Patton (119) all scored victories and pins. Bryan Edmundson (130) and Mike Doherty (145) both scored one pin each. Also, Devin Austermann (160) and Eric Gass (189) reached the finals.

In addition, five wrestlers placed in the tournament. Barton scored third in his bracket and finished in the top eight for the tournament. Andrew Austermann placed fourth in his bracket and in the top eight for the tournament. Devin Austermann placed first in his bracket and fourth in the tournament. Also, Gass scored second in his bracket and

third in the tournament. Patton also placed in the top eight.

Then, this past Tuesday the SLUH Jr. Bills won their first victory of the year at MICDS. Several underclassmen won their first varsity matches of the year and many upperclassmen won their matches. Sophomore Matt Self (125) won his match 9-1, scoring his first varsity victory. Sophomore Adam Garibay (215) also won his first varsity match, but he did it with a pin.

Austermann said of SLUH's win, "The intensity level was just so much higher there than at any other match we've been at so far. Everyone knew they could win and were quicker off the whistle for it. I've just never seen us be so into it and focused."

Many other wrestlers scored victories for

SLUH. Andrew Mueth (119) pinned his man in the first period. Sophomores Tom Mudd (135) and Barton both narrowly won their matches by points. Gass (189) and Doherty (145) both pinned their opponents. Finally, senior Devin Austermann (160) won his match with points.

One highlight from the night was Garibay's match. Although he had never wrestled varsity, he was ready to go. His opponent appeared to be in better shape than he, but both went hard until the end. Garibay swiftly caught his opponent off guard and took him down. After an intense struggle, he pinned his opponent.

With the win over MICDS, the Jr. Bills avoided the ominous prospect of a winless season.