

Prep News



"If nothing else, value the truth"

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North Central committees present findings *Mixer policies, internet use among target areas*

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St. Louis U. High's four North Central subcommittees met on Thursday, Jan. 12 to report their findings to the faculty. According to School Profile committee chairman Mark Michalski, the panels' overarching task is to "(define) areas where they think there could be some good long-term growth ... and systematically planning for that kind of growth and change."

The committees determined the focal points of their respective studies based on several research methods, most notably a survey administered to juniors in November (see Nov. 11 issue). The four groups will present their results to a team from the North Central Association in April. The North Central is a non-profit organization that evaluates and

accredits schools across the nation.

The four areas targeted by the committees are School Profile, Oral Presentation, Negative Cultural Influences, and Diversity. The latter three topics were covered in the November survey.

Tim Curdt and Mary Whealon co-chair the Negative Cultural Influences subcommittee, which is studying different aspects of contemporary culture that affect SLUH students: Human sexuality, materialism and consumerism, student health, and technology/instant gratification.

According to Curdt, the committee first surveyed the faculty to "define what we meant by negative cultural influences." The group's findings resulted in the four categories.

The committee's purpose is "examining how we can do a better job of helping our students resist negative cultural influences

in our society," Curdt said.

Whealon added that the group aims to "explore, basically, what are the values that our students hold in practice, not just in theory."

Once the team had identified what cultural influences affect SLUH students negatively, they then sought to find out the "student attitudes and behaviors toward these areas, and that's where the survey came," said Curdt.

Brock Kesterson headed the human sexuality category. The category is broken down into four more study areas: pornography, chastity/sexual activity, mixers, and attitudes towards women.

In terms of mixers, Kesterson said that he feels that August's Back-To-School-Mixer was an improvement over last year's Spring
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WRESTLING SENIOR NIGHT

PHOTO BY KYLE KLOSTER



Senior Mike Doherty thanks his parents and coaches with flowers and a hug. After the Senior Night ceremonies, the HulkHoganBills grappled through Chaminade to a 55-21 victory with wins by all the seniors. For further reading, see NIGHTBEAT p.8.

Cummings, Schulte suffer illness, injury over break

Charlie Landis
Core Staff

Over Christmas break, two SLUH faculty members had the peacefulness of their Christmas breaks interrupted by illness and injury.

Film and English teacher Mark Cummings contracted diverticulitis, a bacterial infection of the intestines, over the Christmas holiday. Because of the infection, which inflames and irritates the lining of the large intestine, Cummings has eaten only liquefied food since Dec. 22.

"(The doctors) will try to quiet his intestines," said English department chair Bill George about the purpose of Cummings' liquid food diet. George also said that
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PITEC teaches faculty iMovie intricacies

Sean Kickham
Staff

St. Louis U. High hosted a Digital Difference class, a two-day class for teachers concerning filming and editing videos in iMovie to produce presentations for their students, beginning on Monday Jan. 9.

The session was sponsored by a federal grant program which uses a private agency to make sure the projects funded are legitimate and clearly designed. This agency, the Private and Independent Technology in Education Consortium (PITEC), supplies technological equipment which schools can buy and holds workshops for teachers concerning the new technology.

"SLUH hosted one of these workshops because we had the equipment, and I figured it would be easier for teachers to get there," faculty technology coordinator Peggy Pride explained.

Pride worked with PITEC to set up the

Jefferson returns after Jan. 5 surgery on herniated disk

Dan Everson
Core Staff

Chemistry teacher Eric Jefferson returned to St. Louis U. High this past week after undergoing surgery for back problems. The surgery took place at St. Anthony's Hospital on Jan. 5, and Jefferson returned to the classroom for the start of the second semester on Jan. 17.

Jefferson suffered from a fully herniated disc as well as bone spurs on his sciatic nerve. Jefferson said that, according to his doctor, the problem had begun in the past and gradually become more serious over a period of five to ten years.

"I'm thinking it probably happened while I was playing college football when I was at (the University of Missouri at) Rolla," Jefferson said.

Jefferson explained the procedure: "They went in there, shaved off the herniated part of the disc and shaved the spurs that were growing there off as well."

"Everything went well, I took last week

date and time of the class, which will have a follow-up on Jan. 25, and with the Digital Difference presenter to make sure she had everything she needed for the workshop. Pride then sent out e-mails to the faculty, inviting teachers to attend the workshop.

Ten SLUH teachers were present at the Digital Difference class, along with a few teachers from other schools. Myriam Aliste, Bill Anderson, Robert Chura, Jennifer Crespin, Brock Kesterson, Jim Linhares, Elenora McCarthy, Paul Michaelson, Tim O'Neil, and Ching-ling Tai all attended the presentation, which was held in SLUH's computer lab.

Theology teacher Linhares enjoyed the hands-on time he had at the workshop: filming, uploading the film onto the computer, and editing it. "I'm going to be doing a lot of this next year, (so the workshop was helpful)," said Linhares, who hopes to produce better presentations for his future theology classes.

Russian teacher Chura said, "(The pre- off to get some rest, and now I'm back at school," Jefferson added.

Fellow science teachers Bill Anderson and Mike Herman substituted for Jefferson's two sections of regular-level chemistry; science department chair Eric LaBoube filled in for Jefferson's conceptual chemistry classes.

Jefferson, who also coaches the C-basketball white team, missed about a week of practice but only one game at Vianney because of his injury. While varsity assistant coach Kent Kershenski filled in courtside during his absence, Jefferson coached all three games of the Chaminade tournament last weekend.

"I'm back on the sideline," Jefferson later stated.

Jefferson will begin physical therapy in three weeks. According to his doctor, two weeks of therapy should suffice.

"After physical therapy for two weeks, I should be back running, jumping, lifting—about another four to six weeks from now," Jefferson said.

sentation) gave us something we could turn over to students, (to have them) put together and make a presentation or a short movie about (a certain) topic."

Chura found learning about the editing process to be the most helpful to make a class presentation more appealing. Chura also hopes to use the knowledge he gained for a trip to Russia so he could possibly show a video of the trip during Open House.

History teacher and KUHI-TV coordinator O'Neil took the class because he thought it was a "good professional development opportunity to see if I can pick up any additional resources or tricks of the trade on how to use (cameras and iMovie) properly." He will use his new knowledge to create a documentary for his sophomore class and to improve KUHI productions.

Teachers agreed that one of the most valuable things they received from the class was a list of online resources relating to videos and computers.

"There were a number of online sources ... that the presenter exposed us to," said O'Neil. "I'd like to incorporate some of those into my classes."

"(Teachers) reported that the workshop was very interesting. They received a good set of materials (to help them continue learning)," said Pride. "They said it was worthwhile."

Quotes of the Week

"I got a fever, and the only prescription is more cow bell!"
—Christopher Walken as "Bruce Dickenson" in Saturday Night Live

"If all those psychics know the winning lottery numbers, why are they still working?"
—Jack Handy

SLUH welcomes Nanjing exchange students Xie and Yi

Scott Mueller
Core Staff

St. Louis U. High welcomed Chinese foreign exchange students Michael Xie and Lisa Yi from the Nanjing Foreign Language School this past Sunday. They will stay at SLUH as sophomores for the second semester.

The Chinese students arrived on Sunday, Jan. 15. After meeting their host families at the airport, both the Chinese students and their host families dined at Lee's Family Buffet.

Six SLUH families volunteered to host the Chinese students during the semester; the Chinese students will stay with each family for approximately one and a half months.

Xie will stay with sophomore Thomas Kornblum, freshman Kevin Stead, and sophomore Brad Tharpe, in that order.

Yi will stay with seniors Alex Brescia, Corey May, and finally Eric Gass.

Xie and Yi have both noticed differences between SLUH and Nanjing Foreign Language School. Xie said, "In Nanjing, we don't

have to change into different classrooms. We just stay in one classroom. The teacher will have to run around to different classrooms. At first, I thought it would be difficult for me to rush to different classrooms, but I found it's not very hard."

Xie also said that in Nanjing the class

the Chinese students had three major prerequisites. Chinese teacher Ching-Ling Tai said, "The regular process is to be accepted by a school, either a high school or a university, and then also to have financial guarantee." The financial guarantee is to ensure that the students will not have jobs in America.

The third step is for the students to pass the TOEFL test for English proficiency.

Xie and Yi both plan to take advantage of the time they spend at SLUH. Xie wants to practice his English and learn more about American culture. Yi also wants to learn about American culture and to make friends in America.

Nanjing Foreign Language School has sent its top students to SLUH since 1997. Tai hopes to expand the exchange program and begin to send students to China.

"I'm considering starting a real exchange program (so) our students can go there for three weeks' study," said Tai.

The Chinese students will be at SLUH for the rest of the semester and will leave Sunday, May 28.



PHOTO BY SCOTT MUELLER

Chinese exchange students Michael Xie and Lisa Yi have arrived!

size is much larger; some classes have fifty or more students.

The process for Chinese students to come to America is much more complicated than for Americans to go to China. Whereas Americans only need a passport and a visa,

ACES celebrates Black History Month with creativity, contest

Matt Hubbard
Staff

The Association for Cultural Enrichment at SLUH (ACES) will be holding its first annual Black History Kuumba Contest. The theme of the contest is "From Africa to America: Life Without the Contributions of the Descendants of the Birthplace of Mankind." ACES will begin to advertise for the contest later this month, and it will run through February 16.

In Swahili, the word "Kuumba" means creativity, so students may either enter the contest as a writer, poet, artist, or photographer. According to Director of Diversity Robert Evans, "(The contest) is an opportunity to let people use their creative skills to research and come up with some ideas that represent (the theme)." Evans gave the example of the stoplight, which was invented by Garrett Morgan. Evans commented, "Without that you would have accidents all

over the place."

Evans and the junior officers of ACES decided a week ago that they wanted to celebrate Black History Month. The junior officers brought up the fact that all that the school does for Black History Month is give facts over the intercom about black achievements, which nobody listens to. Evans said, "We brainstormed and came up with the idea for this contest. ... They didn't want to put together a program last minute."

ACES officer Willie Shipp said ACES' goal for the contest is "to make sure that (students) acknowledge that it is Black History Month. ... Since I've been here we haven't experienced anybody talking about Black History Month. ... We want people to learn, have fun, and get something from it, and express themselves in their own way."

Evans added, "People don't realize that without the contributions of black people, the country would look a lot different."

Members of the faculty will be working with members of the student body to judge the entries. Faculty judges include theology teacher Matt Sciuto to judge photography, English teachers Patricia Coldren and Terry Quinn to judge the poetry, and art teacher John Mueller to judge the artwork.

Evans said that there is no definite prize yet, but a committee is working on getting donations for the prize. Evans said, "Because this is the first one, we're not sure what we want to do about the prizes, but as the competition grows each year, we will see the prizes increase."

All poetry entries must be double-spaced written in English, and on white, 8.5 by 11-inch paper. They also cannot exceed three pages. Every poem must cite quotations either in the body of the poem or as a footnote. Artwork, photographs, and collages may be in color or black and white and must be on a 12-inch by 16-inch sheet of poster board.

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Fling Mixer, which left many concerns about student behavior in its wake.

"We've had discussions with teachers, with parents, ... and students as well. I take all of that information and make note of it and try to see what we can do with that," Kesterson said. "Some of (the information) we've used to try and make improvements on ... this past mixer with the tickets and the numbers (in attendance) ... the amount of security, and the amount of chaperones."

The committee is also investigating mixer music.

"One thing that we've talked about already with regards to music is maybe getting rid of DJs altogether, and essentially what we'd do is buy our own equipment ... and have an approved playlist. That will save us having to deal with (the DJs) and telling them what our expectations are," Kesterson said.

Kesterson said that November's survey indicated several potential problems among students in regards to attitudes towards women. The committee is hoping to make students more accountable for derogatory remarks they hear at SLUH.

"When you hear (derogatory remarks), do something about it. I think too many times, we become complacent and let things go ... and then you think that's ok," said Kesterson.

Kesterson said the committee may add "derogatory remarks" as an additional category on the student demerit cards. "We'd have not only language or respect but ... language towards women."

The committee approached pornography both here at SLUH and beyond the school walls.

According to Kesterson, the latter category is "hard, but I think what we have to do there is to hit the parents more, to try and let them know what's going on, that this is what kids could be subjected to or involved in." According to Kesterson, the committee is considering a proposal to include discussions about pornography in freshman orientation events.

"These are things we need to address, that we find to be a problem," Kesterson said.

Paul Michealson directed the technology/instant gratification category. Many

juniors indicated on the November surveys that they had accessed pornography and other inappropriate materials on the Internet, while aware of the harmful nature of these materials.

"This is a problem," Michaelson said. One of the committee's targets is to "try to get students to act on the recognition that what they're doing is harmful," he said.

Besides pornography, Michaelson's group is targeting the concern of students using the Internet for instant information as opposed to going through a thoughtful research project.

"Many times the students have a research project, so they'll say 'ok, let's Google it.' There are many tools, and (the Internet) is just one of them," Michaelson said.

Tim O'Neil and Joseph Koestner co-chaired the Oral Presentation subcommittee. According to O'Neil, the committee grew out of a survey administered to alumni, parents, and faculty about two or three years ago which tried to identify areas where the school could improve.

The group, O'Neil said, was charged with finding "what could we change in the curriculum, what can we change inside the classroom that could accomplish this."

According to O'Neil, the survey taken by the juniors in November asked several questions about the issue of oral presentations, including how the students feel about presenting in front of a class, how often they have to give such presentations, and which classes most frequently require oral reports. The group has used these results to develop "a series of preliminary recommendations, ... but we haven't settled exactly on how we are going to change the program," O'Neil said. O'Neil could not elaborate on these recommendations because of their preliminary nature.

Rob Garavaglia and Nina See head the Diversity committee. "The idea is to increase students' understanding and awareness of their prejudices about class and race, and to improve their attitudes," said committee member Barbara Osburg. According to Osburg, many of the answers that the juniors gave in the November survey "indicated that (the) juniors perceived racism at school, perceived things like racist comments made," and also pointed to several class-related problems.

Osburg said that the committee's solutions to these problems include "requiring students to attend a religious or racial event out of their own comfort zone" as part of certain classes, or trying to overcome prejudices related to students' geographic background.

"We don't have a big racial diversity (at SLUH), but we certainly have a geographic diversity, and that creates prejudices where we say things like 'oh, you're from West County so you're rich' or 'you're from South City so you're not'," said Osburg.

According to Osburg, the committee faces a unique challenge in gaining faculty cooperation with its aims. "For example, out of a science class, it isn't real likely that you require kids to attend a religious or ethnic function, but out of social studies you might, or out of theology you might," Osburg elaborated. The group is currently looking at ways to incorporate these goals of diversity into the entire SLUH curriculum rather than only a few courses.

The subcommittees are preparing to present their results in April to the North Central team, led by Karen Tichey, an employee of the Archdiocesan School District.

"We need someone to come in, and look at what we've done, and say 'yes, this is a good idea,'" concluded Chuck Hussung, chair of the Steering Committee.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKATING

PHOTO BY CHARLIE LANDIS



Nerinx foreign language skaters Katie Lees, Amanda Merz, Anna Loehnig, Grace Fitter, and Ashley Long pose with Junior Adam Archambeault at the Foreign Language Skating event last Sunday at Brentwood Ice Rink.

Airbills win 4 out of last 6, climb to 7-10

Justin Rottger
Staff

As the St. Louis U. High basketball team passes the midpoint of the season, perhaps the team really is starting to gain its footing on the path to success. The Jr. Bills have won four of their last six games. Although they are 2-2 in their last four, the team managed to play some decent basketball over the last two weeks.

On Jan. 5, the Jr. Bills traveled to Hazelwood West to take on the Wildcats. SLUH hoped to build

on their momentum from winning their final two games of the Collinsville Holiday Classic by fairly comfortable margins.

The first quarter featured an uncharac-

teristic offensive display by the Jr. Bills. The last time SLUH led at the end of the first quarter (not including the two tournament victories) was on Dec. 10, when SLUH led Kirkwood 9-4 in the third place game of the Webster Tournament. The Jr. Bills led Hazelwood West by 11 points heading into the second quarter, and the Wildcats' shooting

putbacks and layups. SLUH had plenty of room to work with, up 32-18 at the break.

But any thoughts of coasting to their sixth win of the season quickly vanished in the third quarter, when Hazelwood West could not miss and SLUH could not find the basket. This scenario has gone into effect numerous times this season, and the Wildcats netted 25 points, a good number of them on three-pointers, to the Jr. Bills' nine. The Wildcats were up by two at the end of third quarter.

Too many times this season, opponents have caught fire at the most inopportune moments for the Jr. Bills. Luckily, this was not the case that night, as the Wildcats came plummeting back to this planet and SLUH put their game back together in the fourth quarter, scoring 19 points and holding Hazelwood West to only six. The Jr. Bills came away with a 60-49 victory, but it was one that SLUH did not expect they would have to work so hard for after the successful first half.

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PHOTO BY JIM SANTEL

Joe Phillips drives to the hoop against Parkway South.

Effinger²bills fall to CBC in nailbiter, 3-1

Matt Beezley
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High hockey team faced off against No. 1-ranked CBC for the second time this season on the Saturday before semester exams. After a disappointing 7-1 loss earlier in the season, the Jr. Bills came ready to play, hoping to end the Cadets' 118-game unbeaten streak.

SLUH came out fired up, but CBC scored midway through the first period and the Jr. Bills had to play a catch-up strategy all too familiar to them.

Although most of the game was played in SLUH's defensive zone, the Puckbills struck back with six minutes left in the second period with a goal from junior A.J. Koller.

The Do-or-Diebills put pressure on the Cadets following Koller's goal with quick breakouts, crisp passes, and numerous scoring chances.

At the end of the second period, a worried CBC head coach called for the Zamboni to clean the ice, hoping to stop the Jr. Bills' momentum. With the ice cleaned, the CC-

mbills started off the third period by killing off a CBC power play and tried to regain the momentum from the second period, but the Cadets came out ready and most of the last period took place in SLUH's zone.

The Cadets' explosive offense, however, was shut down by the Jr. Bills' experienced defensive corps and outstanding play from sophomore goalie Alex Effinger, who stopped 33 of 35 shots throughout the game.

With 1:10 remaining in the third period, SLUH got pinned in their zone after a long shift, and CBC regained the lead with a rebound goal. The Jr. Bills didn't give up and pulled Effinger from the net, giving them a sixth skater, but their efforts fell short after

the Cadets scored an empty-netter, and SLUH came away with a 3-1 loss.

"It was unfortunate. We got caught in our own zone, which didn't give us a chance to get fresh legs out (on the ice), and it cost us. It

does prove, however, that we can play with anyone in the league," commented head coach Charlie Busenhart.

The next night, a fiery SLUH JV team dominated the JV Cadets, winning 3-1.

A week later, the Eastonbills, missing five starters, played Francis

Howell Central at the Rec-Plex.

The Jr. Bills came out flat, and Howell Central scored early in the first period. The Puckbills began to pick up the pace, and

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PHOTO BY KYLE KLOSTER

Alex Effinger makes one of his 33 saves against CBC.

Waterwingbills win 3, take second at DeSmet Invitational

Tony Meyer
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High swimming and diving team participated in five meets, qualified three new swimmers for the state meet in addition to repeating qualifiers, and logged about 50,000 practice yards, or roughly 28 1/2 miles over the course of the last two weeks.

The KruseControlbills took to the lanes against Cape Girardeau Central on Friday Jan. 6. During a diving event in which all the 1-meterbills performed well, freshman Mick Dell'Orco, the epitome of poise and skill on the board, qualified for the state meet with a score of 219.60. The Speedobills eventually won the meet, 107-79.

The following Friday, the team hosted another meet at Forest Park against Vianney. Although no new swimmers or divers qualified, the L'eaubills easily raced to victory, dominating their Kirkwood counterparts, 132-52.

Head coach Fritz Long commented on the meets against Cape Girardeau Central and Vianney: "We swam all our races hard

and had some good touch-outs. The team looks good."

The Capandgogglebills swam at the St. Peter's Rec Plex in the much-anticipated DeSmet Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 14 against DeSmet, Glendale, Marshfield, and Rockhurst.

The Heafnerdynastybills began the meet seeded behind both Rockhurst and Glendale. In the 200-yard individual medley, freshman Will Derdeyn, who has methodically dropped time from both the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly, swam well, as did junior Jake Roeckle. In the 50 freestyle sophomore Tim Dale placed sixth overall. The long-legged sprinter continually posts fast times and hopes to qualify in the freestyle events soon.

Tony Meyer, your humble correspondent, dropped time in the 50 and 100 freestyle,

eventually placing sixth overall in the 100. The senior alone dropped 13 places from his seed times and also hopes to qualify soon.

Junior Brendan Mehan finished strong in the 100 backstroke. He is literally "inches away from a state qualifying time," according to Long. Wes Going placed third in the 200 individual medley and second in the 100 backstroke. The prodigy senior has qualified in every event save the 100 breaststroke.



Zach Berndsen twists and shouts in midair at the Rec Plex last week.

The StillGoingandGoingbills finished the meet in second place, only losing to the defending state champions, Rockhurst.

"I'm really happy with the way everyone swam. Rockhurst has an incredible team.

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Return of Langan lifts Racquetbills over Kirkwood

Drew Burkemper
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High racquetball team began the second half of its season with a match against the Kirkwood Pioneers on Thursday, Jan. 12.

The match began with No. 5 seed Mike Laurentius taking on an overmatched opponent. Laurentius jumped out to quick leads in both games and never looked back, winning handily 15-4, 15-4 in a very quick match. Looking around afterwards, Laurentius (5-1) bewilderedly asked, "Am I the only one done?"

In the opposite court, the Lackingfirebills' No. 4 seed junior Ben Brooks was struggling against his Pioneer opponent. Brooks did not have his "A" game, and it

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Seniors Austermann, Gass continue to lead Piledriverbills

Dan Zdrodowski, Nick Calcaterra
Reporters

These past few weeks have marked a turning point for the St. Louis U. High varsity wrestling team. Although the beginning of the Jr. Bills' season may have been a rocky struggle, it appears that they are finally overcoming some of the challenges they face as a team, such as a relatively small upperclassman representation and multiple weight class byes.

This newfound revival comes from a surge in upperclassman victories. In addition to placing seventh out of fourteen at the St.

John Vianney tournament Jan. 15 and 16, the Greco-Romanbills fared remarkably well at the Rockwood Summit tournament last Saturday.



Devin Austermann (160 lbs.) commandeers his CBC opponent in the semifinals of the Spartan tournament.

Although SLUH has only won a single dual meet thus far this season, these past few weeks have definitely been an improvement.

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Nearly undefeated wrestlers Eric Gass and Devin Austermann as well as several others placed at both tournaments. The Rasslin'bills may appear to have suffered a great defeat when they lost 55-15 at Fort Zumwalt North High School, but it was a defeat to be proud of.

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showed. He left balls up in the court for easy put-aways early on and mentally could not get past those early mistakes. Brooks did not regain his concentration during the course of the match, and lost 15-9, 15-10. A visibly upset Brooks (4-2) respectfully declined comment.

No. 6 seed junior Drew Burkemper was playing at the same time as Brooks and fared slightly better in his match. Burkemper got off to a rocky start, hitting many balls off the side walls to his opponent and dropping the first game, 15-11. The second game got off to a slow start, with both players trading points early on. Then, with the game tied 5-5, Burkemper went into overdrive, winning 15-5. The tiebreaker was similar to the second game, with Burkemper winning 11-2.

"I was upset with my play and some of the calls in the first game, but I was able to bring myself around and get the job done," said Burkemper (5-1).

Playing opposite Burkemper was the lazy ball-playing doubles team of junior Steve Baer and sophomore Joe Hoffman. Playing like only the shells of what they could be, the twosome got off to a poor start and could not shake that off for the rest of their

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A loss to them isn't embarrassing at all," remarked Long.

On Tuesday, the swimming and diving team faced DeSmet in a dual meet. With an air of fierce dedication, freshman Morgan Cole qualified for the 100 breaststroke, clocking in at 1:06.22. The six-foot freshman has also been improving his 50 and 100 freestyle times and hopes to have a very busy and successful state meet. With a solid team effort, the Speedobills won the meet, 124-59.

"After the DeSmet and Vianney meets, we look strong in the MCC. Hopefully we swim well against Chaminade and CBC and do well in the all-MCC meet," said Long of the remaining conference meets.

On Wednesday, the Ampsbills swam against Clayton and Cape Notre Dame in a tri-meet. John Dombek, newly shaved, qualified in the 100 backstroke with a time of 59.96 in a much anticipated race. The Popocobills swam well and posted respectable times in both the varsity and junior varsity races.

match. Lacking placement and communication, they traded points with their opponents and lost both games by the score of 15-14.

Seed No. 2 Jason Rusch looked to start the second half of his season on the right foot with a win after a difficult first half. Playing with the quickness and hustle that have now become trademarks of his game, Rusch dominated the first game with several dives and proper shot placement, winning 15-6. Rusch looked a step slower in the second game, and the score showed. He still won 15-11, but the second game seemed much closer than the first. Rusch (2-4) appeared tired and relieved after his match and looked to try to keep up the intensity of the first game throughout the whole match.

Playing right-handed for the first time in almost two months, captain Justin Langan looked to start the second half strong, and he did just that. Langan looked dominant as he kept his opponent off guard with pinches, passes, and strong serves. The Pioneer top seed could not get anything going offensively in either game, and Langan (3-3) won decisively 15-5, 15-6.

"It was the best I've seen (Langan) play since he won at Nationals last year," commented one onlooker. "Hopefully, Langan

will be able to keep up the steam for the rest of the season and into the state and national tournaments."

The last Jr. Bill to finish play was senior No. 3 Mike Guilfooy, who ended the day on a low note for the team. After winning a close first game 15-13, Guilfooy fell apart and let his mistakes pile up en route to a 15-6 loss in the second game. The concentration and placement of the first game were not there for Guilfooy in the tiebreaker either. He dropped that game 11-7.

"I'm disappointed in myself and in the team also," said Guilfooy (4-2) after his match. "We need to pick up the intensity."

Guilfooy's comment sums up the post-match message of coach Joe Koestner and Langan. Both expressed a feeling that the squad is content with their games and not hungry for a state title.

"It was a good win and a nice way to start off the second half, but we should have beaten these guys much worse," said Koestner, "We need to change some things and work harder, but it was a good win."

The Hungry?hungry?racquetbills (4-2) look to pick up intensity against Parkway West on Jan. 19 at Vetta Sports Complex-Concord.

Freshman Michael O'Neill won the 500 freestyle with a time around 6:11. The team won the meet with a score of 159 beating Cape Notre Dame (90), and Clayton (76).

The Speedobills look forward to the senior meet against CBC on Jan. 26 at Forest Park. Come and support the seniors.

Weekend Sports Schedule

Friday:

Varsity Basketball vs. Vianney-7pm
Varsity Wrestling @MICDS Tournament
Varsity Hockey vs. Marquette @ Affton-8pm

Saturday:

Varsity Basketball @St.Mary's-7pm
Varsity Wrestling MICDS Tournament-9am

Racquetball Nightbeat

The Jr. Bill Racquetball wranglers roped the Longhorns from Parkway West last night on the hardwood at Concord.

The Racquetbills' top three seeds, Justin Langan, Jason Rusch, and Mike Guilfooy, overcame first game losses and came back to win in the second game and the tie-breaker. The resilient leaders paved the way for the win over their West County foes to help the team improve to 5-2 on the year.

The Gogglebills are back in action tomorrow in the Hendren Invitational and then Tuesday against DeSmet.

THANK YOU SENIORS

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At the Vianney tournament, SLUH brought only six wrestlers, less than half a full squad, because of numerous injuries and illnesses. Even so, two Jr. Bills walked away with medals, and the team placed fifth out of eight teams.

Junior Andrew Mueth (119) placed fourth for his weight class with a string of victories that helped improve his somewhat rocky early season record.

Additionally, Devin Austermann (160) placed third, continuing a great season and thwarting his long-term CBC rival Spontanski.

Finally, Eric Gass (189) secured a first place medal through a series of intense lightning quick takedowns and back points.

Later in the week, the Wranglebills took seventh out of fourteen teams at the Rockwood Summit tournament. From the start of the tournament, it was apparent that day would be different from most other tournaments for SLUH. With at least three pins and multiple byes in each round of the tournament, it was a good day for the Jr. Bills. In the end, SLUH placed wrestlers in the tournament.

"We started off pretty well. (We had) a good first round. (We have) still got work to

do though," said Bryan Edmundson.

Junior Andrew Austermann (171) and Mueth both took fourth at the tournament after a strenuous day.

Although he suffered several defeats during the middle of the tournament, Austermann enjoyed several victories at the end and very beginning. He won his first match with a terrific takedown followed by a near fall.

He eventually pinned his opponent, but at times it appeared as if he himself would be pinned.

Mueth's victories, in contrast, exclusively occurred towards the end of the tournament.

Devin Austermann went on to take second with some early victories to aid his final score.

Gass violently thwarted all of his opponents and took first in his weight class. Although his pin victories were few, he won all of his matches, usually by a mere handful of points. Unfortunately these victories only built up the Wranglebills for a devastating loss later in the week.

Last Tuesday, the Jr. Bills suffered a lopsided loss against the Fort Zumwalt North Panthers 55-15. However, FZH is rated eighth in the state and several wrestlers felt that they are one of the best teams that the Jr. Bills had gone against this season. All things considered, two pins and a point victory are not as bad as they seem.

Mueth got the ball rolling with an intense pin relatively early in the match. In the second period of his match he pinned his opponent with a cross-face cradle, his favorite move.

Later on, Andrew Austermann won his match by points.

Finally, Jon Holden (140) humiliated his opponent by pinning him when he was already up by over ten points. With multiple individual victories and uncharacteristic relatively high placing in tournaments, it has been an eventful period for SLUH.

Overall, it has been a hopeful if not totally victorious few weeks for the SLUH Jr. Bills. Come and see the SLUH varsity Wranglebills this Friday and Saturday at MICDS for the MICDS tournament.

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Wrestling Nightbeat

The SLUH Wranglebills defeated the Chamanade Red Devils 55-15 last night.

The first highlight of the night was a surprising victory by junior Andrew Mueth. He pulled a reversal and pinned his opponent in the final seconds of the match when he was down by eleven points.

The second highlight came from heavy-weight Sam Burton (275), who had never wrestled varsity before, and also gave SLUH its first varsity heavyweight wrestler of the season. He came out strong and pinned his opponent in the first round.

Sophomore Mike Baumer, junior Andrew Austermann, his brother Devin Austermann, Jon Holden, Mike Doherty, Bryan Edmundson, and Eric Gass all won their matches to round out the victory.

HOOPIN'

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After the Jr. Bills contained the Wildcats' comeback, they came back home the next night to take on archrival CBC. A decent crowd came to watch the storied rivalry, but the crowd certainly did not mirror those of basketball games past.

Nevertheless, the game started out favorably again for the Jr. Bills, just for a more short-lived period. Eric Hunt opened the game with a three-pointer, one of his three and three of his eleven points on the night, but turnovers were the story in the first quarter for both teams; SLUH committed four of their 17 in the game. The Jr. Bills led CBC by six after one quarter, 15-9, and also stayed out of foul trouble, committing only three fouls in the quarter.

However, SLUH found themselves in the desert again amidst a dreadful scoring drought, as they did not find the basket once in the first five minutes of the second quarter. They also gave the ball away more in the second frame, committing six turnovers. By the time halftime came, SLUH trailed by three points 22-19, but had tallied more turnovers (6) than points (4). The Jr. Bills ended up shooting 31 percent in the first half, not what they had hoped for.

SLUH tried to navigate the comeback trail in the third quarter, as Pete Cooney, who had 21 points in the game, converted a nice layup with 1:50 remaining to make the score 35-32. SLUH kept their turnovers down in the quarter, committing only three.

Unfortunately, a three-point deficit was the closest the Jr. Bills could come to the Cadets. Joe Phillips forced a turnover off the CBC inbound pass, converting his shot while getting fouled and missing the free throw attempt. It was 45-42 after that play, but CBC was headed for a 62-50 win on the road. The Jr. Bills fell to a 1-3 record in the MCC and 6-9 overall.

"We had a good first half, but we should have put them away. For some reason we let them hang around. We had good opportunities in the beginning of the game and we didn't put them away. We built a lead, but we didn't build it big enough," said head coach John Ross.

After the disappointing loss for SLUH against their rival, the Jr. Bills faced the Patriots of Parkway South on Jan. 12.

For the first four minutes, many of the small but loyal group of fans in attendance would never have thought they were at a basketball game, as the Jr. Bills led 1-0 on a free throw conversion. Scoring picked up in the remaining minutes of the first, and Hunt drained a three-pointer with 1:40 left to give SLUH a 6-5 lead. However, the Patriots led 7-6 after one quarter.

Another Hunt three early in the second gave SLUH the lead back, and the Jr. Bills did not trail for the rest of the game. After a steal and well-executed pass by Tim Garvey to Cooney for two transition points and an old-fashioned three-point play by Joe Phillips, SLUH led 20-17 at the break.

After a 10-2 run to start the third quarter, in addition to some great defense, the lead was extended to 13 at the end of three, and there was no looking back as the Jr. Bills worked hard for their 57-37 victory at home.

While Hunt and Cooney both reached double figures in points, 20 and 13 respectively, the bench also contributed in the fourth quarter for SLUH, as Mike Bannister and junior Jack Kelly both netted points, and junior Andre Craig and sophomore Andy Hill both got time in the victory.

After the victory over Parkway South, the Jr. Bills had won four of their last five games, (Hunt made 9 of 20 three point attempts in those five games), and SLUH was set for a rematch with rival Kirkwood this past Tuesday. SLUH trailed after one quarter, 11-7, but came on strong in the following quarter stealing the lead away at half, 22-20. Hunt made three more shots from outside the arc in the game; he is 12 for 26 in his last six games.

Holding on to a one-point lead for dear life going into the fourth quarter, the Pioneers' inside game, namely Bill Brandenburg, was just too much for the Jr. Bills, as they were outscored 20-9 in the final frame, and SLUH fell 48-39 on the road.

Cooney and Hunt both had 12 points for the Jr. Bills. Kirkwood outshot SLUH 50 to 38 percent, and that seemed to make a big difference in this game.

Ross and assistant Kent Kershenski have noticed that ball control is a concern for the team.

"We're taking shots very quickly. For instance, against Kirkwood, we thought our

defense was spectacular. On the other side, where Kirkwood was very deliberate and they would hold the ball for a minute to a minute and a half at times, we would shoot within fifteen seconds. But in those fifteen seconds we are getting some good shots. We're getting a fifteen-footer, an eight-footer, but if (those shots) are not going in, then we have to get an even better shot than that," Ross said.

Ross stressed that the team will try and even out the time of possession, getting better shots and in turn improving their shooting percentage – which equals more points.

Those points will certainly be needed tonight, as SLUH will take on conference rival Vianney for the second and final time this season at home at 7 p.m. Despite a 7-10 record, the Jr. Bills still have a chance to improve their conference record to 2-3 with a victory. SLUH will then go on the road to play St. Mary's tomorrow night also at 7 p.m. The team has been playing much better as of late. Seniors, you know you have more free time this month so come and help steer your Jr. Bills toward their fifth victory in seven games.

HEARTBREAKER

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struck back with a shot from the point by Steve Beck two minutes later. Numerous scoring chances by both teams followed, but the first period ended with the score 1-1.

The second period turned out to be a nightmare for the Jr. Bills, as they were plagued with five penalties and played short-handed for most of the period. With 3:51 left in the second, Howell scored on a power-play, regaining the lead 2-1.

SLUH received two more penalties in the third period but regained their composure late and tied the game 2-2 with a drop pass from sophomore Matt Beezley to freshman Jack Berger, who took it to the house with five minutes remaining. The game ended in a deadlock, 2-2.

"We just couldn't score enough goals," said Busenhart of the tie.

Two days later, the Jr. Bills were looking for their first conference win against the Vianney Golden Griffins. After a humiliating 6-0 loss early in the season, the U. High players **see MORE, 10**

by Jim Santel

Calendar

Jan. 20 - Jan. 27

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 & Brats

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

C-White/B/V BB @ St. Mary's,
 4/5:30/7pm
 C-Blue BB Oakville Tourn. @ Oakville thru
 1/26, Time TBA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Pro-Life Trip thru 1/24

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

Schedule R

IM Movie Trivia (Frosh, Sophs, and Juniors)
 Junior Whitehouse Retreat thru 1/25
 V SW vs. Chaminade, 4pm
 V HOC vs. Chaminade @ Chesterfield,
 7:50pm
 Pizza

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

Schedule R
 Young Republicans
 Freshman HR Rep. Elections thru 1/26
 V BB vs. Ladue, 6pm
 C/JV/V WR @ DeSmet, 6pm
 Pretzels, Crispito, and Burrito

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

Schedule R
 Freshman English Tutorial
 PITEC Workshop, 8:30am-3pm

Curly Fries, Taco Salad
 Chess @ Belleville East, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

Schedule R
 Mix-It-Up Lunch
 NHS Mtg. (Juniors)
 Rosary in North Am. Martyrs' Chapel
 V SW vs. CBC, 4pm
 C/JV/V WR @ Pattonville, 6pm
 Bosco Sticks, Brunch for Lunch

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

Schedule R
 Sophomore Class Liturgy
 B/V BB @ Jefferson City, 5:30/7pm
 C-White/C-Blue BB vs. DeSmet,
 4/5:15pm
 V HOC vs. DeSmet @ Affton, 8pm
 Spaghetti and Meatballs

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were eager to give Vianney a whooping.

SLUH struck early in the first on a snapshot from Eddie Effinger, but the Griffins came out just as prepared and scored two minutes later.

On a power play later in the first, junior Dan Steck put the puck in the back of the net with a pass from fellow junior Chris Place. Vianney came back once again and tied the game with a late goal, ending the period 2-2.

The Jr. Bills began to pull away in the second with three straight goals, including a stunning wrap-around from Eddie Effinger. The Griffins tried to mount a comeback with a goal late in the second, but the U. High defense stood tall and shut down the quick Vianney forwards. Early in the third period, SLUH began to seal the deal with a goal from Clint Mohs, with assists coming from Beezley and Berger.

The Jr. Bills popped two more in, and the Griffins responded with several cheap shots, including a crosscheck in the back, which resulted in a fight between two SLUH defensemen and the Vianney forward.

The last thirty seconds of the game went without incident, and SLUH game away with an 8-3 victory; its first MCC win this season.

HEALTH

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weight because of his liquid diet. Although there is no established epidemiology for diverticulitis, age and diet are common factors in the disease.

When asked about the severity of Cummings' disease, George replied, "Yeah, it's serious."

To fix the problems with his intestines, Cummings will have reparative surgery and be hospitalized for approximately two months for recovery. George said, "They're gonna try to get him strong enough for surgery" so that he can recover quickly over the two month period. During that period, Cummings will not teach any of his five classes. When asked who would replace Cummings in his absence, George said, "We're working on that now. . . . We're seeking outside people for help."

George also added, "(Cummings is) worried about his classes." When asked about Cummings' current feelings and status,

"Any time you can beat an MCC team, it's a victory to savor. Hopefully it's the beginning of more conference wins to come," said Busenhart on the victory.

The Busiebills face off against the Marquette Mustangs Friday at 8:00 at Affton Ice

George said "He's okay, ... (but) it's frustrating for him."

In a slightly less serious incident, theater teacher Joseph Schulte suffered three broken ribs after a fall during Christmas break.

Schulte slipped on a drain and lost his balance while cleaning his basement during Christmas break, falling on his side. A prior knee replacement prevented him from falling forward, which forced him to tumble sideways onto his arm, breaking three ribs in the process. One of the broken ribs was on the top of the back side of the ribcage, while the other two broken bones were on the bottom of the front side. Thankfully, the broken ribs did not puncture Schulte's lungs.

Schulte's teaching schedule was not interrupted, as the injury occurred over Christmas break. Schulte was driven to school the first week back from Christmas break, and he also sported a white bandage around his side, as well as the cane for his knee. After the first week back from break, Schulte resumed driving himself to school.

The theater legend is now finishing his fourth week of a potential four to six-week-long recovery time. Overall, Schulte seems to be rebounding quickly. Schulte commented, "The pain is much less now."