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"If nothing else, value the truth"

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Tuition to increase 8.8 percent for '06-'07 school year

Scott Mueller
Core Staff

St. Louis U. High sent letters home to parents last week announcing the new tuition for the upcoming school year. The tuition for the 2006-2007 school year for St. Louis U. High has been set at \$9400. This price was determined by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held March 8, 2006.

The \$760 increase from last year's tuition of \$8640 will provide for an average raise of 4 percent for SLUH's faculty.

"There is a tuition increase each year. The board reviews the budget projected for the next year and looks at the salary increase anticipated for the next year and adjusts the tuition accordingly," said Principal Mary Schenkenberg.

Schenkenberg noted that the average increase of tuition per year is about ten percent; next year's increase will be 8.8 percent.

The letter sent home states, "The annual cost of education for a SLUH student in the 2006-2007 school year will be \$12,762." According to President David Laughlin the difference between the tuition charged and the actual cost of educating students totals over \$3 million. The tuition will cover 73.7 percent of this cost. President David Laughlin said of the difference, "We get that money through the generosity of our alumni, our benefactors, our auction, (and) parents."

The amount budgeted for financial aid also increased. Laughlin, however, stressed that the amount set aside for financial aid is not set in stone. "We will meet the needs that are presented in a normal process. If there were a need for us to increase it, we certainly could do that," said Laughlin.

The tuition for the 2000-2001 school year was \$5460. In the 2003-2004 school year it was \$7000. The following year, the tuition increased by \$480 to \$7480. This

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year's tuition is \$8640.

Between 2000-2001 and 2006-2007, the tuition has increased by \$3940, or 72.2 percent, at an average annual rate of 9.5 percent. If you account for inflation, however, the tuition has only increased by \$2686, or 49.2 percent, at an average annual rate of 6.9 percent. By comparison, between 1984-1985 and 2000-2001, the tuition increased by \$3645, or 201 percent, at an average annual rate of 4.7 percent. However, if you eliminate inflation, the tuition increased by \$1193, at an average annual rate of 2.3 percent.

Next year's tuition at CBC will be \$9500 and will include the cost of the computers. Priory will charge \$14,700 tuition.

Schenkenberg concluded saying, "I know SLUH is committed, certainly Mr. Laughlin and myself and Mr. Digman are all committed to keeping the tuition increase as low as possible."

Students adjust for FoPo parking

Andrew Schroeder
Sports Editor

To accommodate the Science Center's big crowds as the spring temperatures rise and the number of Spring Breakers increase, sophomore and junior drivers at St. Louis U. High have been required to park at Forest Park Community College this week. The underclassmen have migrated from the Dino Lot to Forest Park Community College's "F" lot, which is located off of Wise Avenue behind the Humane Society. SLUH hired two First Student school buses to shuttle the students for the three-minute ride to school in the morning and back to the parking lot in the afternoon.

Due to the parking inconvenience, some students have been parking in the surrounding neighborhood to the east of the school, which is a cause of concern for the admin-
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CASHBAH READY TO CASH IN

PHOTO BY KYLE KLOSTER



The Cashbahzaar's auction and dinner tables await merry-making and charitable dollar-spending.

AP Physics, Bio to remain six period option

Andrew Mueth
Core Staff

After much deliberation and discussion, the administration and the science department have agreed to have AP Biology and AP Physics remain scheduled as six-period classes, but with the sixth lab period as an option for individual teachers. AP Biology will have August study sessions to cover the first few chapters of the book and meet only five times a week, turning down the option of a sixth period. AP Physics will continue to use the sixth period every week.

While the classes will stay scheduled for six periods, Principal Mary Schenkenberg explained, "the individual teacher can decide how he wants to use that time for the six periods, whether he wants to use all six. Some of the students are free the seventh period, and if (the teacher) wants to meet with them the seventh period he can, but it can't be mandatory."

AP Biology teacher Steve Kuensting and

AP Physics teacher Paul Baudendistel plan to use the sixth period very differently.

Kuensting plans to hold summer study sessions to cover the introductory chapters of AP Biology, chapters he said the students should have no trouble with.

"The AP Bio students will study the introduction to the book — which is a piece of cake — chemistry and ecology, since they've had chemistry, and they had a good introduction to ecology freshman year. They can study that, I'll test them on the first day, and we move on, and we don't ever cover that stuff during the year, and that will give us a head start. These double period and triple period things are ridiculous," he commented, saying also that he plans to meet only five times a week, though the class is scheduled to meet six times weekly.

Schenkenberg commented on Kuensting's plan, "He's interested in trying (the summer review sessions), and that would be something that's up to him. ... It would be part of his course, if the students want to take the class for AP credit."

Baudendistel, on the other hand, said that his classes will continue to "meet at least six times per week."

Science department chairman Eric LaBoube is happy to have reached an agreement, saying that the whole department is "all kind of tired of it, ... and we're all a little frustrated by it, and we're all suspicious that these AP scores are more important than they ought to be."

"It was decided to keep the AP for now," LaBoube continued. "I would suspect we will investigate going to another semester," meaning teach the class as "Advanced" Physics or Biology during freshman, sophomore, or junior years and then offer an AP option for one semester senior year, "if the administration doesn't want to give them the seventh period."

The referenced added semester would be much like the current AP Chemistry program, in which students take Advanced Chemistry their sophomore year and can choose to take AP Chemistry second semester senior

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Magic in the Making: Cashbah 2006

Dan Everson
Core Staff

Baskets have been prepared, volunteers signed up, and supplies delivered. Cashbah 2006: Magic in the Making is ready to go.

Dedicated to the memory of former SLUH president Richard Bailey, S.J., who started the Cashbah tradition in 1969, the evening will kick off with a Mass in the student chapel at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow afternoon. Silent bidding begins at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The oral auction starts at 7:30, and the night will conclude with three raffle drawings, including the travel raffle.

Co-chairs Ann Rice and Debbie Wilhelm are at the head of 42 different committees that have worked very hard to help make this year's auction a success. In addition to the many parents on these committees, students, alumni, faculty, and administration continue to give their time and effort to the auction.

Some students have already contributed their time to set up for Cashbah. On Saturday night, freshman will perform their infamous duty of scraping plates for dishwashing.

The sophomore class will bus tables. The juniors are the waiters for the evening, and the seniors will assist with spotting for the oral auction. Other students will help with tabulations in the bank. In addition, members of the National Honor Society will help with the blackboard auctions. Finally, students will also help with clean-up on Sunday morning.

"(The students) are essential," Wilhelm commented. "There's no way we could get enough volunteers to serve all the tables, and clean up, and set up, and (do) everything else (without them)."

Faculty will help primarily by overseeing the students on Saturday night. Asst. Principal for Technological and Administrative Services Tom Becvar will help with oral auction tabulation, and math teacher George Mills will help with silent auction tabulation. Some faculty emeritus members will help sell drink tickets.

The administration has also played a large role in Cashbah 2006. "The third floor, ... we just couldn't do this without them," Wilhelm said. "They have helped from day one ... finding sponsors and finding gifts. ...

The third floor is very generous with their time."

"From name tags to helping coordinate volunteers, (the administration has helped out)," added Rice.

President David Laughlin is also a part of the third floor's generosity. In one oral auction prize, he and theology teachers Fr. Marco, S.J., and Matt Stewart will serenade ten lucky winners while serving a dinner catered by the Pasta House.

Sports memorabilia is plentiful at this year's auction. Some sports highlights include an authentic Cardinals jersey signed by National League Cy Young Award-winner Chris Carpenter, as well as a Rams football helmet signed by the entire 2006 team. 2001 NL Rookie of the Year and 2005 Most Valuable Player Albert Pujols has also signed a Cards jersey that will be up for auction.

Many have already seen perhaps the biggest item up for auction on display on the upper field: a 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser, donated by Newbold Toyota. The highest bidder on this prize will be one of the first in town to own such a vehicle.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Moramarco encourages spiritual searching

To the Editors:

Please allow me the favor of commenting on a pair of recent opinions printed in the *Prep News* concerning “religion.”

Both Messrs. Kloster and Peniston pick up and wave a shred of truth in their submissions: many at SLUH find Catholicism/Christianity boring and unfulfilling. They also appear to agree that having a religious dimension to our lives will make us better people.

Both Messrs. Kloster and Peniston then propose solutions, neither of which strikes me as satisfying. Kloster proposes that we reconsider religion and Mass to be channels, “practice” as he put it, for becoming better people. Peniston proposes that we accept Christ as our personal savior and believe the many promises that God makes in the Bible.

Fellows, while both of these “solutions” are reasonable and, if diligently practiced, liable to make us better people, they fail to capture the essence of the issue.

There is a basic tenet of all life that teaches “Grow or Die.” You are at SLUH to grow. You will likely continue growing as you continue on to college or university. Then what?

When we are in a place that fosters personal growth, then we thrive; we are satisfied and fulfilled because we are becoming better people. When we fail to be in a place that nurtures personal growth, we end up glued to *American Idol*, lifetime subscribers to *People* magazine, anesthetizing ourselves in whatever way we can. Fail

Winker, '06, questions work grant on Senior Project

To the Editors:

Over spring break I received a letter from SLUH that said that I was behind on my work grant hours. This letter was rather disturbing because I have come to SLUH every required school day this year at 7 a.m. and worked the front desk at the library. When my mother called and asked about my missing hours, she was told that I had to make up the hours I missed during Senior Project. That is the entire month of January, a month that I, as a senior, am not required to come to school except for the commissioning ceremony and the day of reflection. My older brother, Nick (class of 2002), did not have to make up his hours during Senior Project and I assume that none of the other seniors from that year did either.

All of these things lead me to the question, why should I, and every other senior who does daily work grant, have to make up those hours missed because we were doing our Senior Project? Both the work grant and Senior Project are requirements for graduation here at SLUH. I see this as SLUH sending out the message that doing work grant, and in effect paying tuition, outweighs Senior Project in priority. I see this as SLUH saying that the school comes before the student’s personal growth, which if you ask seniors they will say they experienced during Senior Project, and community service.

There is something wrong with this statement, SLUH putting
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to grow—prepare to die. Surround yourself with stimulating, loving, life-giving people, and you will grow. Surround yourself with party-boys and druggies, and you will certainly be poisoned.

The trick, of course, is finding places of growth. That is part of the struggle we all must face in our lives. But I assure you that such places exist. And I also assure you that finding such a place is not always easy. Many times the difficulty arises from the very effort of uprooting ourselves from our lives of stagnation, poison, and boredom. But that is a necessary first step for many of us. And taking that step does not guarantee that we will land effortlessly in the middle of a fertile field. But the very act of searching is an act of growth.

One reason for frustration and boredom with “religion” is that “Church” is supposed to be a place of personal growth. Have any of you figured out that this isn’t always true? Sad, but true. However, that should not obscure the fact that there are some churches out there which are excellent places to grow. Some of them are even Catholic. Unfortunately, they are well hidden treasures.

I have three sons who have graduated from SLUH and one who is about to. Two of my three SLUH graduates no longer attend church regularly. I do not blame them. They do not grow there. The Church has not been focused on nor sensitive to the needs of young men and women, has not provided and promoted nurturing,
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George and Mary Mills praise students on Mexico trip

To the Editors:

Over the Spring Break, we had the pleasure of accompanying a hardworking, spirited group of SLUH students to Reynosa, Mexico to work in a colonia. They built the two houses they had raised money for throughout the fall and winter. Two families that we all came to know now live in those homes.

These SLUH guys connected to the kids of that community as those kids came to help paint, play, and laugh. They came because the SLUH students showed them love and respect. That love and respect was returned to all of us many times over by the people of the colonia.

As a group we want to commend these guys for the hard work, positive attitudes, and kindnesses they demonstrated throughout the week in Reynosa.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills and the accompanying parents

On Tuesday, following the half day, Mel Gibson’s *Passion of the Christ* will be shown in 215c at 1 p.m. All are wel-

ACES hosts Mass, Harmony Project meeting

Brian Bettonville
Reporter

St. Louis U. High hosted a diversity Mass in the chapel on Friday, March 10. The event was the culmination of the Harmony Project, which involved about 15 different St. Louis Catholic high schools, including Nerinx Hall, Ursuline, Cor Jesu, Visitation, Rosati-Kain, Chaminade, Vianney, CBC, Althoff, Incarnate Word, Cardinal Ritter, and SLUH.

Students checked in with ACES representatives at the tardy check-in table and then proceeded to the chapel for Mass. The celebrant, Fr. Ferd Cheri, is a Franciscan friar and guidance counselor at Althoff Catholic

High School. He also is the director of their choir, which sang at the Mass.

"Althoff had a great choir," sophomore Drew Blackmon said. "They were a very active group."

After the Mass ended, students headed to the Danis Lobby for discussion and snacks. The discussion addressed the future of the Harmony Project as well as current problems.

"I liked the discussion after the Mass the most," freshman Ronnie Wingo said. "It was really good to talk about how to stop stereotypes in school."

"We also talked about trying to start more activities among all the schools, like

student exchanges with all-girls schools and public schools," Blackmon added.

"I was happy with the outcome," reflected SLUH Diversity Director Robert Evans. "There were a few things I was concerned with, but I'm always concerned."

Evans hopes to rally more students to join in on at least the Mass portion of the event next year, which is currently set for mid-April.

"If more people came, I think there would be much more cultural awareness throughout school," observed sophomore Shawn Moore. "It was a great use of my time and I hope more students will join me next year."

Cummings returns from absence, eager to teach again

Kevin Michniok
Reporter

Film teacher Mark Cummings returned to SLUH this past Tuesday after being out with diverticulitis for nearly four months. During his absence, former teacher Joe Gavin filled in for Cummings' satire classes, while Chris Boehm took his film classes.

Cummings' return to SLUH has been good, but his diverticulitis, a disease of the intestines, still leaves him weak. Cummings said, "I feel pretty good but I get really tired and exhausted. I feel a little pain mostly because I'm not used to (my) eight-hour workday."

Gavin's substituting for Cummings began on Feb. 1. Gavin felt a warm reception teaching at his old school. "At first I felt like a pullet trying to grow, but (teaching) was good. I taught satire for many years previously, so it was good being able to reteach it," Gavin said.

Gavin added, "It was great being re-acquainted with the freshmen I had previously taught. I was glad to see their faces again."

Gavin had many good things to say about Cummings. "Mr. Cummings was gracious. He helped me get settled in very well."

"I think Gavin did a great job helping me throughout my absence. He put up with my annoying e-mails about how to structure class work," Cummings remarked.

Now that Cummings is back, he still will have check-ups frequently and surgery once over the summer to make sure no more problems arise.

After being released from his surgery, during his six-week recovery, Cummings has been completing physical therapy. He has also watched lots of movies though Netflix. Cummings' main limitation on food is to refrain from eating uncooked vegetables.

A full recovery is expected, and Cummings said, "I look forward to getting back to work."

Photo board to display pictures

Kyle Kloster
Photography Editor

Have you ever missed a special SLUH occasion that you really wanted to see? Those who miss out on exciting sights can now rejoice; a brand new photography board hanging on the wall across from the vending machines in between the cafeteria and student commons will begin displaying high-quality color photographs of picturesque moments from SLUH events.

The *Prep News* will use its new photo-quality Epson Stylus R1800 color printer and the new bulletin board to showcase some of the best photos taken by yearbook, Photography Club, and *Prep News* photographers. The board will exhibit news shots from school happenings, sports action shots, images from more unique events, and even the occasional Bigfoot sighting.

The Grand Opening begins this week with shots from the spring break mission trip to Mexico as well as some spring season sports opening game shots.

***Prep News* Divination of the Week (Clip 'n' Save)**

If the average rate of inflation between 2000 and 2006 stays stable and constant for the next 25 years, and if the average rate of tuition increase stays stable and constant for the next 25 years, and if current seniors have their first son at age 28, and if they send that son to SLUH at age 14, and if probability of the convergence of these absolutely improbable prerequisites were improbably to increase by some improbably enormous amount, such that this improbable situation were to become probable, the freshman tuition paid by the class of 2034 would be approximately \$83,000.

Volleyball preseason No. 1; tops Pattonville in opener

Sam Stragand
Reporter

The same day the *Post-Dispatch* ranked the St. Louis U. High volleyball team No. 1 in the area, the Spikebills opened their season with a quick two-game defeat of the Pattonville Pirates that showcased the team's outstanding talent.

After battling traffic on Highways 40 and 270 to arrive at Pattonville on time on Wednesday, the TQbills made swift work of their significantly outmatched opponents. Following a JV victory that brought many new faces to the court, the varsity squad took the floor looking rather menacing in comparison to the smaller Pirates on the other side of the net.

In the first game, the Acebills started slowly, but a string of six serves by sopho-

more Justin Cole gave the Jr. Bills a 13-6 lead.

Led by the hitting of juniors Tyler Caldwell (4 kills) and Rory Faust (3 kills), the Killbills finished the game strong, 25-14.

In the second game, Caldwell again led the hitters with three kills, and Faust had three blocks to help the TQbills hold a large lead throughout the game. However, Brian Schneier outdid the juniors with three aces that clinched the game, 25-10. Overall, the Jr. Bills showed only a little rust while displaying the first rate talent that could lead this team to a state title.

While this news was not entirely surprising, the TQbills know that they will have a target on their backs the entire year, both inside and outside of the MCC.

Coach Terry Quinn, newly returned

from sabbatical at Boston University, seemed hesitant to make too much of the ranking, saying that the team had "not even done anything yet."

The rankings also emphasized the growing presence of the public schools in the traditionally MCC-dominated sport. Oakville holds the third spot behind the Jr. Bills' archrivals and returning state champion Vianney Griffins. Additionally, both Marquette and Lafayette have rankings higher than DeSmet.

The last time the Blockbills held this top spot, three years ago, they won the state championship. With many talented seniors, including middle Kevin Heine, who will play for Ohio State next year, the TQBills hope to complete their destiny again. Their next game is tonight at No. 3 Oakville.

Basebills kick off '06 season in new home

Justin Rottger
Core Staff

The Stadium at St. Louis U. High. Although it has no official name at the moment, the era of on-campus baseball at SLUH has begun. After years of home games at Heine Meine Field in Affton and most recently Aviation Field in Forest Park, the Jr. Bills finally have a place to call home.

A late winter storm postponed the stadium's first game, originally scheduled for last Tuesday, March 21, until last Friday. Unfortunately, more inclement weather delayed the opener until Saturday, when a doubleheader took place after Friday's game against McCluer North was also rescheduled for Saturday. The Jr. Bills faced the Gateway Tech Jaguars in the first half of the doubleheader, the first ever game at SLUH.

It would be a day of firsts for the stadium as well. Steve Gropler made the first start on the mound, and after Alex Primo made the first error, Gropler retired the next three batters. In the bottom of the first, Mike Beal collected the stadium's first hit, one of the infield variety. After Beal stole second base, designated hitter Jared Saeger drove in the stadium's first run with a sharp line drive up the middle.

The Jaguars tied the game in their half of

the second inning and jumped in front of the Jr. Bills in the third with three runs off Tony Mattera. Mattera regained his composure, though, and struck out five of the next six batters he faced.

SLUH got a run back in the bottom of the inning. Beal reached base on an error and then scored on a deep drive to left center field by Saeger.

Then the Jr. Bills' bats went silent. After squandering an opportunity with the bases loaded

and only one out in the third, the Jr. Bills managed just two hits, while Gateway added another run in the top of the sixth, extending their lead to 5-2.

However, it would just not seem fitting for SLUH to fall in the stadium's first game, especially to Gateway Tech; SLUH would have to overcome the lowly Jaguars.

In their last grasp for victory in the seventh, Steve Beck walked and Beal reached on an error for the second time in the game.

Saeger also walked to load the bases. Nick Riganti grounded into a fielder's choice, which brought home the Jr. Bills' third run of the game. A passed ball allowed the fourth



Pitcher Steve Gropler pitches in the opener against Gateway last Saturday.

run to score. It seemed that late inning heroics would bring dreams of an opening day victory to fruition.

After junior Rick Hudson struck out for the second out of the inning, junior Joe Rabe came up with men on first and second. Surprisingly, head coach Steve Nicollerat called for a bunt—yes, a bunt—and Rabe obeyed.

The Jaguars' third baseman was play-
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SLUH LAX: 2-1 after a couple of thrillers

Mike Eilers
Reporter

While some teenage hooligans went down to the coast to participate in countless acts of debauchery, the SLUH lacrosse team began the '06 season with little fear of sunburn in the less than tropical weather conditions. The Jr. Bills took on the Statesmen of Webster Groves in the SLUH stadium during exam week for their opening game.

Attackman Dan Pickering started the LAXbills out on the right foot by netting the first goal of the year to put the Jr. Bills up 1-0 early.

After Webster responded with a goal of their own to even up the score, the game turned into more of a defensive struggle as neither team could string together a run of goals. At the half, SLUH held a slim 3-2 lead but soon surrendered that advantage when the Statesmen tied up the game early in the second half.

The teams traded goals again, and the game went into sudden-death overtime with a score of 4-4. However, the Jr. Bills snuck out with a victory when Justin Langan slammed the ball over the goalie's head to end the game. Pickering provided the spark on offense with two goals and one assist.

The Warriorbills then took on the Highland Park Giants from Chicago on Sat-

urday, March 25. This game began exactly like the previous game against Webster. The teams traded goals, neither taking a clear advantage. Both teams threw the ball away, preventing settled offense and creating a lot of transition play at midfield.

Midway through the second quarter, the Giants took a 4-3 lead off of consecutive goals. However, the SLUH defensive squad stopped the Giants' scoring threat after giving up those goals.

Defensive team captain Connor Cole commented, "After (Highland Park) took the lead, we were able to shut down two or three of their guys who were the best shooters. We locked off their offensive threats and stopped their scoring."

Before halftime, the LAXbills captured the lead by scoring two quick goals. Midfielder Matt Meiners had two goals, while Pickering, Zack Berndsen, and junior Dan Renz each added one of their own.

The team's trouble came in the second half when they failed to capitalize on opportunities. The Jr. Bills did not score for the rest of the game. The Giants tied the game in the fourth quarter, sending the LAXbills to their second overtime in as many games.

In the first sudden-death overtime, both offenses stuttered. However, midway through the second overtime period, Highland Park finally broke through the U. High defense

and won the game on a tricky bounce shot that slipped past goalie Matt Yoon.

Coming off a disappointing sudden-death defeat, the lacrosse team suited up one more time on Tuesday to face off against Vianney. In the midst of a six quarter scoring drought, the team needed to come out and get the offense rolling. A three minute non-releaseable penalty to start the second quarter provided the opportunity for the Warriorbills to get an early lead. The man-up offense scored two goals quickly off the weakened defense and never looked back. After a number of Vianney penalties, the Jr. Bills took a 6-2 lead by halftime.

However, SLUH's attack was just getting started as they netted eight more goals before the night was over. Eight SLUH players combined for 14 goals in the contest, while Vianney could only put up seven goals. Captain Alex Brescia led the charge with five goals and one assist of his own.

"It was nice to win without going to overtime and show that we deserved that victory," Cole said. "It's good to see the attack scoring goals and hopefully that success will continue."

The team plays Chaminade and Parkway West next week, looking to continue the early success of the season. The LAXbills will travel to Chaminade at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Golfbills bogey, fall to 0-2

Michael Doherty
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High Golfbills took on top-ranked Chaminade Tuesday on a wet and cold Forest Park Golf Course. Despite being big underdogs to Chaminade, who finished sixth at state last year, the Jr. Bills shocked everyone by finishing just one stroke behind, 235-236.

Junior Steve Klostermeyer shot the low round for the Jr. Bills with a two-over-par 37. "I hit all my shots right on target all day long. My short game also was pretty good. I feel like it all came together for me at the right time," Klostermeyer said after the match.

Captain Alex Luebbert was also pleased with his round and the overall execution of the team.

"We came out to play, and we almost pulled off the upset of the year. I'm real excited about our potential this year," he said.

Other team scores included a 38 by Luebbert, and 40s by Michael Doherty, Steve Azar, and Evan Boff along with 43s from freshman Alex Key, Brock Affholder, and Colin Akos. Last year's State medalist from Chaminade, Justin Manion, shot an even-par round of 35.

On Wednesday, the Golfbills played DeSmet at Glen Echo. This time, no one shot solidly, and they were defeated by eight strokes. Alex Luebbert was low with a 40 as the team struggled as a whole. With the MCC tournament just two weeks away, the team will need to put in a lot of work to try to win their first title in five years.

Tennis set to challenge Rockhurst

Steve Hipkiss
Reporter

The Nadalbills enter this season with high hopes, justified by five varsity players returning from last season's undefeated team that won Districts, Sectionals, Conference, and placed third at the state tournament.

The Jr. Bills enter this season with a much greater shot at bringing home the state trophy. Rockhurst, who defeated the Pennbills 5-0 in the state semifinal and went on to win their tenth straight state title, lost their entire top seven from last year's team. The team has its sights set on ending Rockhurst's reign

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Chaney, Simmons lead track to first at Wash U.

**Matt Lawder
Reporter**

After a week of ramshackle practices for the track team during spring break, with many athletes vacationing to destinations as exotic as Mexico and California, the team reassembled to punish its opponents at the first two meets of the year. Opening the season on Saturday at the Gateway Invitational at Washington University, SLUH unleashed its multiple athletic talents upon area schools.

The sprint squad showed up in style at Wash. U., with Paul Chaney taking first in the 100 (10.85), 200 (21.84), and 400 (49.57) meter sprints. Stephen Simmons added a win in the 300-meter hurdles (40.37), to go along with two second places behind Chaney in the 100 (11.00) and 200 (22.36). Both Chaney and Simmons also competed in the 4x400-meter relay with junior Ryan Brennan

and sophomore Sam Parr, kicking down the competition for another victory with a time of 3:28.

The throwing squad's Niko Mafuli bested the large shot put field by hurling a personal best throw of 52 feet. Cliff Leek followed Mafuli's victory by earning a fourth-place finish with a throw of 47 feet and 4 inches.

Although the distance squad supplemented the team score, they had no individual or relay champions. Their second place in the 4x800 (8:21) was the team's best distance finish.

When the dust settled, SLUH dominated with 118 points, more than double the second-place score.

Without much time to bask in its victory, the team traveled to CBC on Tuesday to compete in the MCC relays. SLUH opened the meet with a jaw-dropping win in the 4 x 1600, with the team of juniors Dan Viox and

Matt Lawder, Drew Kaiser, and Ben Murphy-Baum running an 18:29 and lapping every other team on their way to victory. More relay success followed with the distance medley relay, sprint medley relay, 4x100, and 4x200 all besting their MCC foes.

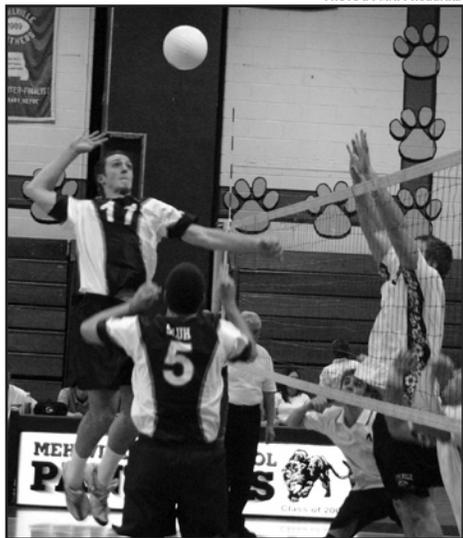
The jump squad also scored their first win of the season by winning the triple jump relay. The throwers topped off the day by winning both the discus and shot put relays.

With so many victories, SLUH also rose to take the team award by overpowering DeSmet in a battle that was closer than the team's Gateway Invitational victory. But after the first weekend of competition for SLUH track, the future looks bright.

The team will host the freshman quad meet at the new track stadium on Friday after school. Be there as the freshman squad finally gets an opportunity to whet its appetite for victory.

Volleyball Nightbeat

PHOTO BY MATT HUBBARD



The Killbills defeated Mehlville last night in two quick games, 25-15, 25-17. The Jr. Bills came out slow in both games, but prevailed, receiving strong hitting from junior Murphy Troy (8 kills) and Kevin Heine (#11, left; 7 kills). Joel Westwood also tallied 16 assists in the victory. The Asicsbills (2-0) hope to remain undefeated today as they journey south to No. 3 Oakville at 5:30 p.m.

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of dominance this year with a state title of their own to add to the hardware they amassed last year.

Returning varsity players for the Jr. Bills include Steve Hipkiss at No. 2 singles, Dave Lesko at No. 3 singles, Kevin Howenstein at No. 4 Singles, and Steve Kainz at No. 2 Doubles. Newcomers joining them on varsity are Jason Rusch, juniors A.J. Koller, Andy Vatterott, and Matt Fiedler, as well as sophomore Andrew Nelson.

Tennis Nightbeat

The Federerbills swept up at Dwight Davis last night in their season opener against the Marquette Mustangs. The Jr. Bills' No. 1 seed Abe Souza, No. 3 seed Dave Lesko, and No. 4 Kevin Howenstein all won their matches 6-0, 6-0. No. 2 seed Steve Hipkiss also won his match handily 6-2, 6-2. In addition, the top three doubles teams for the Wimbledonbills consisting of junior A.J. Koller and sophomore Andrew Nelson, Steve Kainz and junior Andy Vatterot, and Jason Rusch and junior Matt Fiedler, all won their matches. The Hardcourtbills are now 1-0 and are back in action tonight at McCluer North.

LAX Nightbeat

Under the stadium lights last night, the Laxbills defeated Gray's Lake of Chicago, 4-3. The Jr. Bills received four first half goals, two from Alex Brescia and one each from Zack Berndsen and junior Paul Heffernan. After taking a 4-2 halftime lead, the Warriorbills held Gray's Lake off for the win, propelling their record to 3-1 on the year.

Baseball Nightbeat

Last night the Basebills shellacked the Cleveland baseball team, 11-0. The game ended after five innings. Junior Andrew Balzer started for the Jr. Bills, striking out five men out of six total batters faced. The Jr. Bills were hitting to all fields last night, and batted around the lineup in the first and second innings. There were also a number of underclassmen who were able to make their first appearance of the season, including freshman Mike Bucchino. Bucchino struck out and flied out in two at bats and also pitched one inning. The Jr. Bills are scheduled to play Cincinnati Jesuit school St. Xavier this afternoon at 4:30 in the Stadium as part of the Jesuit Classic tournament, and will play Loyola (Chicago) and Brebeuf (Indianapolis) tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. respectively.

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deep at his position, and Rabe laid down the bunt in his direction. The Gateway pitcher scampered to his right to make the play, but overthrew his first baseman, and the ball sailed into foul territory. Both runners on base scored after the defensive mishap.

"I looked at (head) Coach (Steve Nicollerat), and I was like, 'I'll do what you say.' I didn't think I would be bunting in that situation. I just wanted a good at bat ... at least to get on so (Mike) Quinlan could get up to bat. I was surprised because (the pitcher) gave me a pitch up in the zone so it was easy to bunt," Rabe said.

Rabe's bunt secured the stadium's first victory as the Jr. Bills came roaring back to win 6-5.

Said Nicollerat, "I knew that he was a good bunter, and I knew we had the winning run on second. I knew we had a good hitter coming up (Quinlan), I knew that Rabe did not have a good at bat the previous time, and I thought that the worst case scenario, making (their pitcher) throw the ball, and if (Rabe) beats it out, now we've got first and third with Quinlan coming up. ... But you know they're going to lose poise. They're going to be depleted after we scored from second base with two strikes and two outs. They're going to be frustrated, and that's a great time to take advantage of a team and force them into making mistakes."

When asked about how he felt about winning the stadium's first game, Rabe commented, "It would have been better if it would have been a hit, but I'll take it."

"I give our guys credit for hanging in there long enough to come back," Nicollerat said.

In the second half of the doubleheader, SLUH welcomed in a more formidable opponent in McCluer North, ranked ninth in the area in the most recent *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* rankings.

The Stars were running behind because of a game played earlier in the day at Edwardsville. Perhaps their team was a bit fatigued from that game, because they did not look like a ranked team against the Jr. Bills.

SLUH staff ace Tony Bertucci shined in his first start of the season, pitching six spectacular innings and giving up only two hits while fanning six Stars. Bertucci did not

surrender the first hit until the fourth inning, and gave up one other hit to the same player in the sixth. Bertucci was two hits from perfection as he did not walk a single batter.

"All I tried to do was pound the zone with strikes and keep the hitters off balance. I was just going to pitch to contact and put the ball into play and use the defense," he said.

Bertucci could have pitched all day without giving up a run, but obviously in order to win you must score more runs than the other team. It turns out one run would have been enough, and that run came in the first inning when junior leadoff man Mike Quinlan walked and was driven in on a 360-foot connection that landed near or on the warning track.

In the Jr. Bills' half of the second, Hudson walked to lead off the inning, and catcher Brett Hartmann hit a line drive that landed on the left field line past third base, bringing Hudson home for SLUH's second run of the game.

The Jr. Bills added three more runs in the game and behind Bertucci's pitching performance, they cruised to a 5-0 victory. Sophomore Matt Holtshouser got his first taste of the varsity level by pitching a scoreless seventh inning.

The Jr. Bills hope to continue their winning ways when they welcome three Jesuit squads from Cincinnati, Chicago, and Indianapolis this weekend.

SLUH will take on St. Xavier (Cincinnati) this afternoon at 4:30, and face Loyola (Chicago) and Brebeuf (Indianapolis) at 11:00 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. respectively in a doubleheader tomorrow.

There are still at least twelve home games in a row, which means plenty of opportunities for you fans to come and see not only a new era unfold in the history of SLUH athletics, but also watch some good old-fashioned baseball.

Golf Nightbeat

The Puttputtbills outdrove MCC rival Vianney by the score of 232-263 on their home turf last night. Junior Steve Klostermeyer led the 31 stroke win with an impressive even-par score of 35. The Golfbills are now 1-2. They tee it up next against Westminster on Wednesday again at Forest Park.

MORAMARCO

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communities. The Church has been focused elsewhere, and young men and women are the losers.

I encourage all of you to begin your searches for loving faith communities sooner rather than later, or thank God if you are already in such a place. But don't ever think that simply having a better attitude about Mass or having a "personal relationship with Christ" constitutes growth. Good luck to you all, and may God bless you in your search.

Joe Moramarco

Father of Nicholas '98; Benjamin '00; John '02; Michael '06

WINKER

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itself before the students it serves and the community it dwells in. What ever happened to being "Men for Others?" What ever happened to doing things for the "Greater Glory of God," as opposed to the "Greater Glory of SLUH"? Of course, one can argue that by doing the work grant, the student learns to be a Man for Others, but which is more important to the school, that monetary requirements are met before graduation, or that the student has the experience from Senior Project that equips him to go out to the world as a leader of the next generation and make a difference in our society and the community by being a Man for Others?

Thaddeus Winker

Class of 2006

ACES MIXER

About 800 people attended the ACES Mixer Sat. March 18 in SLUH's gym. DJs Mas (senior Sam Cummings) and Spitfire (senior Si Kincaid) added some of their own mixes to the night's selection on equipment made from scratch by senior John Vollmer. ACES brought in about \$4,900 in profit.

Chuck E. Cheese and solidarity in Reynosa, Mexico

Tim Huether
Editor in Chief

Editor's Note: Last week, 28 SLUH students and 41 Cor Jesu students traveled to Reynosa, Mexico, a city just across the border from McAllen, Tex. The SLUH students constructed two houses for families in a particularly poor area in Reynosa; these poor areas are called colonias. The students were accompanied by five SLUH parents and a grandparent, in addition to math teacher George Mills and his wife, Mary Mills.

To celebrate our first three days of work, on Thursday night we went to Peter Piper Pizza, a pizza place similar to Chuck E. Cheese. There we were, a group of 69 high school students and their chaperones, eating pizza and ice cream to our fill, shooting basketballs, dancing to Dance Dance Revolution, and even driving bumper cars, just as if we were back in the U.S. Something did not seem right to me.

That day, more than any other, we had seen just how the Mexicans in the colonia live. It had drizzled continuously the previous night, and the sure, dry footing we had enjoyed the first two days was long gone. Walking anywhere, we couldn't avoid the muddy streets covered in puddles. The colonia's inhabitants wore wet clothes and slept in damp beds as their houses, composed of anything they could find, couldn't keep out the precipitation.

The colonia, essentially a trash dump that people are allowed to live in, contained lots that families could purchase for roughly \$200 each. On the lots, the families constructed houses, fences, and latrines out of any and all available materials, from wood and tin scraps to mattress frames and old headboards. The only available running water came from a few spigots strategically placed at the intersections of the garbage-strewn, rocky dirt roads. Surprisingly, many families owned cars, although only a small percentage had working engines.

Entering Reynosa on the first day, Paige Friedman, the Cor Jesu senior who took the lead in coordinating the trip, pointed out an area of the city called Lipstick. In the Lipstick area, girls prostitute themselves. A one-eyed 70-year-old woman is in charge of the facil-

ity and still practices prostitution. Paige said that a large percentage of the business of Lipstick comes from American college students on spring break or on weekend trips. The knowledge that American college students, supposedly gifted, smart young men, could commit such terrible moral debauchery, supporting the cycle of poverty and sexual abuse, appalled me possibly more than anything else on the trip.

Every day at the colonia, we spotted countless numbers of the saddest dogs I have ever seen. A few dogs had open sores in different places on their bodies, and most had areas of exposed skin where their hair had fallen out or been bitten off. Twice, I saw dogs traveling in packs, I assume for protection and survival. In the course of our six days in Mexico, I never once saw a dog eating a meal, and to be honest, I have no idea where they found their sustenance. Perhaps

I don't want to know.

On Tuesday, our first day of work, I used the public bathroom for the first and only time while working in the colonia. Upon entering the roofless bathroom I looked down and saw a toilet already full of excrement, covered by a dirty toilet seat. The smell, while unpleasant, was certainly bearable. But as I went to the bathroom, stirring up the waste of the past week or more, the smell became more and more unbearable. By the end I took the smallest breaths I could as far apart as possible while trying to fight off my strong gag reflex. I couldn't imagine using that restroom every day.

Taken individually, and taken only days at a time, these instances seem quite tolerable. I told myself, 'Well, it sure is unpleasant to walk in mud and be wet every time it rains, but it's not the end of the world. I could certainly live with it.' But when viewed with the knowledge that you have very little control, very little hope of ever changing these conditions, the poverty becomes much more daunting. If I were to live in the type of house the poorest Mexicans live in for Lent, that would be one thing. It would be difficult, but not unbearable. I'm not sure what I could say about knowing I would live that way for the rest of my life—knowing that no matter what I did I most likely couldn't change my situation.

These conditions of the poverty in the colonia came rushing back to me on Thursday night, when, walking around in Peter Piper Pizza after eating a bigger meal than I needed and drinking more soda than I needed, I became appalled by the astounding number

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SLUH Team 2 raises its fourth and final wall of their house in Colonia. From left, Jim Heafner, Joel Schmidt, Tim Huether, Ryan Pliske, Tony Ayala, and Mike Jonagan.

PHOTO BY TERESA HUETHER

MEXICO

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of entertainment systems. How could a place like Peter Piper Pizza receive regular business while multitudes lived in such poverty only a fifteen-minute drive away? How could we be laughing and paying money to play mindless games that gave us a limited amount of enjoyment—the frivolity of the arcade games magnified by how much fun our group had just sitting and playing with the Mexican children or with one another, never needing anything more than our minds or a cheap ball? The ridiculous excesses of the entertainment systems seemed such a grave injustice to me, when many nearby were deprived of basic necessities.

How could the Mexican people allow such injustice to occur? How could they continue to patronize mindless entertainment with such poverty in their own back yards? How could they focus so selfishly on their own entertainment and pleasure while disregarding the basic human needs of their neighbors and countrymen?

In a send-off Mass before the trip, Fr. Knapp spoke about solidarity and how it applied to our trip: how we would discover the need for solidarity alluded to often by Pope John Paul II. The concept of solidarity refers to the oneness of all peoples, that we are all connected and that every person has a responsibility to exercise his own rights and to actively promote the rights of others. We are called to work for not only the rights of those in our community, but for all human beings. We are called to change our lives toward greater simplicity, to better identify with the truly poor and suffer along with them.

Recalling Knapp's homily that Thursday night, something did not sit right with me. I realized not only the great gap between our lives here in the United States and those of the truly poor, but also the lack of solidarity in just the small Reynosa, Mexico community.

But at the same time, how could I look down on the rich Mexi-

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year.

The administration will indeed investigate changing the structure of the classes, not for next year but for the year after that.

Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski commented, "We're also going to enter into a bigger picture conversation about AP science classes, in order to ask some of the bigger questions about how they can best be taught as part of our curriculum here at SLUH. I think topics of conversation there will be how closely we follow the AP curriculum, they will involve questions about what the AP program is going to, which is a course audit, where there is a little more structure around AP having some level of oversight over the curriculum of the classes... whether or not all of the classes now should have an AP designation or not, the ability of teachers to teach scientific inquiry and offer the experience of scientific inquiry to their students will be a topic of discussion, and I think the school's philosophical approach to the AP program, that's the big, big picture question, and that will be discussed as well."

Meanwhile, current sophomores can expect to get what they signed up for regarding AP Physics and juniors can look forward to only slight changes in the AP Biology course framework for next year.

cans in the Reynosa community without looking at myself? How many times had I seen poverty in the St. Louis area and assured myself that they somehow deserved it, or that their poverty wasn't as bad as it appeared? Or even worse, how many times in my life have I or my family consciously tried to avoid seeing or thinking about poverty, wishing it away, pretending it didn't exist? While I know poverty exists in more or less extreme instances in the St. Louis area, why don't I know where it is or what it looks like?

Leaving Peter Piper Pizza on Thursday night, the concept of solidarity reverberated in my head. The question in my mind changed from, 'How could affluent Mexicans spend money on such trivial things as arcades with this poverty in their back doors?' to 'How can anyone, including me, spend money on such trivial things?' The visit to Peter Piper Pizza forced me to reflect on just how unnecessary most of the luxury in our life really is, especially those luxuries associated with entertainment.

Dismissing the problem of poverty will never make it go away. But at the same time, we as high school students are limited in what we can do to combat this poverty. Building one 12' x 20' house without running water or refrigeration for one family in Reynosa will not correct the institutional problem, and I know that. But through identifying with the poor, by becoming aware of their situation, maybe I can make better decisions with my money and resources. Maybe, as a recently registered voter, I can take my opinions to the polls. Maybe, even with college fast approaching, I can keep the images of the concrete results of an often selfish and unjust U.S. foreign policy from this trip, and, through my college and my career, work to promote solidarity and a universal respect for human rights. Who knows?

Only one thing is certain: I will never look at a Chuck E. Cheese the same way.

Gunn, '84, writes and directs *Slither*, to open today**Brian Krebs**
Editor

The eldest of the Smoking Gunns—five St. Louis U. High alumni brothers who have prospered in every aspect of the film industry—has made a stirring—or rather a *slithering*—in film news. James Gunn, '84, wrote and directed *Slither*, a horror-comedy opening today nationwide. Gunn described *Slither* in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Sunday as "comedy combined with over-the-top gore" made popular during Gunn's high school movie going days in the '80s.

The film follows a typical *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*-esque plot as alien parasites infest a small South Carolina town. Eventually the majority of the town has been transformed into zombies, leaving the future of the town in the hands of a smattering of townspeople.

The release of *Slither* comes two years almost to the day after Gunn made film history by writing two number one box office hits for back-to-back weekends: *Dawn of the Dead* and *Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed*.

MAGIC BUS

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istration.

"It's like water. Water will seep out wherever into nooks and crannies. I understand them trying to find parking closer, but (the inconvenience) is just for this week," said Assistant Principal for Student Affairs H. Eric Clark. He continued, "We shouldn't be parking in front of their houses anyway. There's also a safety concern (because) we have guards west of the gates on Berthold ... so they can watch (the parking lot) moreso than they can watch the (neighborhood).

As a result of some of the students' creativity with the parking predicament, a few complaints have found their way to Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick.

"I spoke to a couple residents by e-mail and phone this week. In the last day I've gotten two (complaints), but I also think they've been talking about it in the neighborhood. So the two I've gotten are probably more like representatives for the neighborhood," Zarrick said.

Since the complaints have been coming in, there have been a set of activity period and after school announcements for the students. Overall, Director of Security Charlie Clark has been very pleased with the students' response to the announcements.

"We didn't have any complaints (on Thursday), and really I just think it was the announcement that reminded them not to do it," said Clark. "Obviously with Cashbah and the construction phase the neighborhood is seeing a little bit more activity, but once the Cashbah season is over and the construction starts winding down for this phase the activity in the neighborhood should be extremely limited," Clark added.

This week, in the meantime, the underclassmen have been parking at the Forest Park Community College "F" lot. Charlie Clark talked with a contact at Forest Park back when they first knew there would be a parking problem this week to set up the current situation. He then struck a deal with First Student to provide two buses to shuttle the students to and from school. The deal landed \$1,000 in the hands of First Student and the transportation of approximately 400 students in 20 minutes for SLUH.

"I think the shuttle, while it is certainly an inconvenience for the students, (is) a lot better

than restricting their ability to drive, which would (have been) a lot more inconvenient. I think it (has gone) relatively smoothly. The tardies have been relatively minor, and we do a pretty decent job of getting everybody up to their car," Clark said. He added, "I've been up there every morning with it monitoring it and the wait hasn't been obnoxious."

In fact, as measured yesterday afternoon, the time in between shuttles is a manageable three minutes and ten seconds. Coupled with the three minute and four second bus ride and the two minute and five second walk from the bus stop to school, the temporary situation is not much worse than the usual parking situation for sophomores and juniors. Most students disagree, however, but their displeasure ranges from mild to severe.

"You have to wait around five, six, seven minutes for the shuttle. They wait around for all of these little stranded kids, and I'm usually like one of the first guys on the bus," said junior Andy Tayon. "I get to Forest Park about fifteen minutes before homeroom starts, at least, and I barely get to homeroom, whereas in the past when I walked from the (Dino) lot, I got to school like ten minutes early," he finished.

Sophomore Josh Dunn agreed. "I don't like it at all, but I do think it's kind of funny, and I think some of the kids think it's kind of funny because if you went to a public school it's like you're back in third grade on the bus," he said. "Another thing I think kids don't like is that we all thought the bus was going to drop us off at school, but they actually drop you off at the corner of Berthold (and the Science Center Boulevard), so it's like the same walk anyway," Dunn added.

A student who wished to remain anonymous said, "Even though it's only four days, I think there could have been better planning."

Junior David Aufferberg took a slightly less harsh view of the situation. "I think it is inconvenient, and it takes more time than we would all like, but I think it's all you can do. You don't have to wait too long for the shuttles. At least that was my experience. I don't know how else they could have handled it with all of the construction and whatnot. I'd say it was handled pretty well," he said.

Both Zarrick and Clark have been pleased with the way things have gone this

week.

"It's going a lot better than I thought it would have went. I'm really happy the kids cooperated because no plan works unless we have the cooperation of the students," Clark said.

"I think Mr. Clark and the security staff have done a remarkable job. They have been very efficient accommodating about 100 moms and negotiating vehicle traffic as well as the construction traffic," Zarrick said.

As for the future of SLUH parking, next week things will be back to normal for the most part. Ameren UE will be doing construction on Berthold just outside of the theater, but the students will be back to their former parking arrangements with a few detours in place (see parking info. box below). By mid-April, construction crews will have finished half of the new parking lot located on the east side of the Dino lot, which will add about 300 new spaces and alleviate many of the current issues.

"We have been very pleased with the cooperation from the students, and we ask (them) to continue to be cognizant of their speed while driving around the construction area," Zarrick finished.

PARKING BULLETIN

Monday, Ameren UE will begin digging on Berthold Avenue just outside the theater to bury exposed power lines.

Sophomores and Juniors will park back on the Dino Lot. They will be able to access the lot by turning right onto Berthold from the Science Center Boulevard as usual.

Seniors will park on the senior lot. However, starting Monday afternoon and continuing the rest of the week, the seniors must access the senior lot via the alley east of the school and the green gate at the east end of Berthold.

In the evenings next week, parents and students may access the Berthold lot the usual way by turning left onto Berthold from the Science Center Boulevard.

by Jim Santel

Calendar

Mar. 31 - Apr. 7

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Senior Class Liturgy
 IM Bashball (Juniors vs. Faculty)
 Junior Banner Committee
 Cashbah Preview Party
 V BB vs. St. Xavier, 4:30pm
 V TN @ McCluer North, 4pm
 JV/V VB @ Oakville, 4:30/5:30pm
 Tuna Casserole, Nacho Cheese Ravioli,
 Toasted Cheese Ravioli w/ Sauce

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Cashbah

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Ultimate Frisbee vs. Parkway Central

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Schedule R
 STUCO Fundraiser thru 4/12
 IM Mental Meltdown (Juniors/Seniors)
 Sophomore Pastoral Rep Meeting
 Junior Rep Meeting
 Symphony Band field trip
 College Visits:
 University of Tulsa

B BB vs. St. Mary's @ Heine Meine, 7pm
 JV/V VB @ St. Mary's, 5/6pm
 Seasoned Fries, Pizza

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Schedule H
 12:15 Dismissal
 Faculty Meeting, 1pm
 Jazz to Jazz Fest
 V BB vs. Jerseyville, 4:30pm
 C BB vs. Bishop DuBourg @ Forest Park
 #2, 4pm
 JV/V VB vs. Parkway West, 4/5pm
 Cookies, Burgers

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Schedule R
 Freshman English Tutorial
 STUCO Blood Drive
 College Visits:
 Army ROTC
 U.S. Military Academy (West Point)
 Xavier University
 IM Mental Meltdown (Freshmen/Sophs)
 Pro-Life Club Meeting
 President's Reception for Class of 2010

Parents
 JV/V TN @ Chaminade, 4pm
 JV/V VB @ Chaminade, 5/6pm
 JV/V GLF vs. Westminster @ Forest Park,
 3:30pm
 Bosco Sticks, Crispito Burrito

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Schedule R
 Junior Class Liturgy
 Dauphin Players Present *Bus Stop* @
 7:30pm, thru 4/8
 Rosary in North Am. Chapel @ AP
 Parent-Teacher Conf. (by Appt. Only)
 V BB vs. DeSmet @ SLUH, 4:30pm
 B BB @ DeSmet, 4:15pm
 Pretzel, Taco Salad

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Schedule L
 Homeroom @ 8:50am
 NHS New Meeting, 7:30am
 V BB vs. University City, 4:30pm
 B BB vs. University City @ Heman Park,
 4:15pm
 JV/V TN vs. Vianney, 4pm
 Tater Tots, Mac & Cheese, Fish Nuggets

SEEING GREEN

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"There are a lot of very desirable trips for families (to) different places," Rice pointed out. The trips include vacations to Costa Rica, Florida, and even two golf outings—one to the PGA Championship in Chicago and another to the Ryder Cup in Ireland.

Rice also mentioned "beautiful furniture that has been refinished by Mr. Steven DeBrecht," father of junior Zach DeBrecht.

"He's done an incredible job. He works for a few hours every single night, refinishing all of our furniture," Wilhelm added.

A number of grab bags are also up for auction tomorrow night.

Over 800 patrons are expected to attend Cashbah this year. Wilhelm and Rice also estimated that 500 volunteers will be helping out Saturday night, not counting all of those who have worked on the auction throughout the past year.

No one is sure what to expect from the auction financially. Vice President for Advancement Thom Digman noted, "You never know (how much we'll make). ... One thing you can say is that people are going

to come, and they're going to be generous. (But) you can't predict. (There are) too many variables."

The co-chairs emphasized their gratitude for all the help they have received this year. "We're just so thankful to all of the extremely generous people for their time and the generosity of what they have given to us," Wilhelm said.

"People are unbelievable," Rice remarked. "It is just obvious that people really love this place, and this is such a great opportunity every year for them to give their time and just to be together with old friends. So many alumni moms are (working) up there. It's just amazing to us."

Digman offered his thoughts on Cashbah 2006: "The beauty about this is, yes, it's a fundraiser, but more importantly, I think it really celebrates the success of St. Louis U. High. That night, everybody's in a great mood. It's a wonderful party; it's a great celebration. And that's the beauty of it, you know. The money's important, but there are more important things that are going on that Cashbah does (to) support St. Louis U.

High."

On his first Cashbah as president at SLUH, Laughlin commented, "I'm looking forward to it. I think Cashbah, from everything I've heard and certainly the experience I've had so far, it's just going to be a fun night for a lot of people who really support this institution and the students here. It's going to be a great night to see a lot of people together, kind of celebrating that we love SLUH."

Excited for this year's Cashbah experience? Even if you do not have a ticket to the auction, all are welcome to attend the Cashbah Preview Party tonight at 6:30 p.m. The Preview is an excellent opportunity to view the auction items and decorations, and hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be available.

Anyone who would still like to help out with the auction is welcome. Simply sign up with a class moderator or show up on Saturday night or Sunday morning for a job to join the hundreds of Junior Billikens who are helping to make Cashbah 2006 a magical night for SLUH.