

# Prep News



*"If nothing else, value the truth"*

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## George undergoes liver transplant, recovering

**Sean Kickham**  
**Core Staff**

English teacher Bill George entered Barnes-Jewish hospital for liver transplant surgery on Easter Sunday. He has been recovering for the past week and will not return for the remainder of the school year; Joan Burtelow will be teaching his classes (see page 4 for article).

Barnes-Jewish hospital called George around 7:00 a.m. on Easter morning after receiving a donor liver that matched George's blood type and body size. George was asked how he was feeling, if he had a cold, and his weight to see if he was in the right condition to have surgery. After answering the questions, George was told to come to the hospital to have the liver transplant.

"It was pretty exciting. ... We raced (to the hospital) and let them get to work," recalled George. He and his wife, Judy George,

arrived at the hospital around 8:15 a.m. and were placed in a waiting room where blood was extracted from George for pre-surgical testing.

"They got him at a very good point, meaning ... he was sick enough to be (at the top of the waiting list), but he was also strong enough to take the liver," she commented.

George was diagnosed with Crohn's disease as child. This disease, also known as ileitis or enteritis, causes inflammation of the digestive tract. Little is known about what causes the disease, but George has had numerous surgeries, probably close to ten, since he was seventeen because of the disease.

During one of his surgeries in either the late 1970s or early 1980s, when screening was less thorough, George received blood infected with hepatitis C, which damaged his liver. He learned that he would eventu-

ally need a new liver in 1990. Last summer, George was put on the waiting list for a donor liver; he jumped to No. 2 on the waiting list four weeks ago because of his liver's worsening condition. George described feeling "anxious and scared" when he was placed near the top of the list.

George was escorted into the operation room at 12:15 p.m., and surgery began at 1:00 p.m. under the direction of surgeon Surendra Shenoy. The surgery lasted nine and a half hours. The medical staff called Judy George every couple of hours to report how the operation was going.

There are three stages to a cadaveric liver transplantation, in which the entire liver is transplanted: the hepatectomy (removal of the diseased liver), the anhepatic stage (implantation of the healthy liver), and the reperfusion (restoration of blood flow in

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## Merrill to lead STUCO '07 deBettencourt, Kirner take VP, secretary

**Charlie Landis**  
**Core Staff**

The 274 members of the junior class made their first tough decisions about the future leaders of the school this week when they elected next year's Student Council executive officers.

Current junior class President Paul Merrill won his election for student body president easily, as he was the only name on the ballot for the president's spot. Merrill said, "I think (next year's STUCO) is going to be really great."

Chris deBettencourt, current junior class Pastoral Officer, won the Vice Presidential spot. "I was kind of surprised ... it wasn't for sure," he said. DeBettencourt also noted that he won because, "The past few years I've just tried to get to know everybody ... in the class."

Murphy Troy will be next year's first Vice President for School Spirit. This position will replace the former sports commissioner position. Troy thought that a song during his campaign speech, as well as his "vivacious personality" helped him to win his spot. He said that his goals for next year would be to get students to support their classmates at different events and for students to go to an event they have never been to, "even if it's a football game," Troy said.

Another new position, Vice President of Public Relations, will be held by FEMA-certified second class storm spotter Mark J. Zinn. Zinn cited his "ability to reach out to people" as the main reason for his victory. He also said, "I'm very excited by my victory because I ran in the past and I lost, and now I have the chance to finally serve the SLUH

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## STUCO to implement new constitution

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

St. Louis U. High's Student Council (STUCO) recently ratified a new constitution, replacing the one that had been in place since the 2002-03 school year. The new document creates several new STUCO positions, carefully defines the roles of officers and representatives, and slightly alters STUCO's election procedures.

The primary purpose of the constitution—to define STUCO's role in the SLUH community and how it will perform this role—remains intact; most of the alterations are structural.

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## Mechanical bulls and smashing things: Spring Fling '06

**Andrew Mueth**  
Core Staff

St. Louis U. High will celebrate spring's beauty, fun, and good weather this Saturday with Student Council's annual Spring Fling. The festive day is probably the only place in St. Louis where one can find a mechanical bull, a piano smash, live bands, an obstacle course, and four-on-four basketball all in one place. The day finishes with the highly popular Spring Fling mixer in the evening.

The day begins at ten, opening with live student bands outside the theater entrance. The bands will play until five in the evening, rotating every half hour to hour, with 15-minute intervals between each band.

Pulse general manager Tim Weeks said that 10 bands have signed up, and eight have confirmed that they will play. The bands will play using sound equipment borrowed from SLUH's band and choral programs.

Weeks is excited about the bands, especially because they will be playing outside. "We're going to make it really loud, so

everybody can hear it. It'll be awesome," he said.

Meanwhile, fling-goers can participate in activities such as the ever-popular car smash, joined this year by a piano smash.

STUCO secretary-treasurer Nick Arb said, "(Senior John) Vollmer's bringing a piano. I don't ask questions. I don't know where he got it."

As in past years, the day will include an inflatable jousting ring and inflatable obstacle course, washer toss, wiffleball, arcade games, and barbecue hamburgers and hot dogs. Finally, students can also take a ride on a mechanical bull (and even eat a hamburger while doing so).

In keeping with tradition, STUCO will be selling Spring Fling T-shirts during the day and at the mixer. Arb hinted that the shirt's theme would involve Kool-Aid.

Chief of Intramurals Dave Barton is hosting the annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament, beginning at 9 a.m. on the faculty parking lot and in the gym. 45 teams were registered as of press time, though the bracket is set up

for 64 teams. Because of the numerous openings, Barton will accept registrations through Friday. To have a fair tournament, no team may have more than one faculty member or one varsity basketball player. Barton predicts that the tournament will last all day, and its winners will receive CDs, DVDs, and other prizes.

Barton commented on the lower number of teams this year: "We've had 64 the last two years, but with all the sports conflicts Saturday, it's hard to get them all. We're still having a full NCAA-style bracket, but there's only 45 teams, so there's a bunch of byes in the first round."

At five, STUCO will clear out the campus in order to set up for the mixer, which starts at seven. Like last year, the mixer will be held both inside and out, the outside  
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## Tai injured in car crash

**Scott Mueller**  
Core Staff

St. Louis U. High Chinese teacher Ching-Ling Tai was in a car accident last Tuesday. The accident happened at Clayton and Hanley Roads at 4 p.m.

The accident occurred when a driver making a left turn pulled out in front of Tai. The air bag went off, according to Tai, burning both of her hands. The impact may also have fractured Tai's left wrist, which she currently has a soft cast on.

After the crash, Tai went to the emergency room at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Because Tai walked into the emergency room herself and was not carried in on a stretcher, she was deemed a non-critical patient, and had to wait in the emergency room for seven hours. Tai was not treated until midnight and did not leave until 1 a.m.

Tai was very frustrated with the situation, saying, "If I pretend I'm hurt, and come in on a stretcher, then probably I get seated right away, so I feel the system punishes an honest person."

Tai missed school Wednesday but returned to school Thursday. Today Tai will not be in school because of a scheduled follow up appointment to see how her wrist is doing.

## Porter takes third in STL marathon

**Kevin Casey**  
Reporter

Everyone loves a good race, but what about a good marathon? People seem to love them, too, and St. Louis proved this by hosting the annual Spirit of St. Louis Marathon and Family Fitness Weekend, which took place on April 8 and 9. This year's theme was "Create Your Own 26.2 Mile Masterpiece," and ASC history teacher Joe Porter did just that.

Porter was one of 8,171 athletes, and 3,699 males, to run in the marathon. Not only did he finish, but his speedy time placed him in two of the overall categories. He placed second in the Male Missouri State Champions with a time of 2:39:24. This time also put him in third place in the Male Overall Winners;

the first place winner only beat him by 14 minutes and 15 seconds. "I didn't expect to run as well as I did," said Porter.

Another SLUH teacher participated in this year's event as well. Pastoral Department

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOE PORTER



ASC teacher Joe Porter (left) stands with his Missouri State second place trophy next to the Missouri State Champion (right).

Director and Theology teacher Tim Chik ran the 13.1-mile half-marathon with a time of 1:39:39. He ran the full marathon in 2001.

The marathon started downtown and first took the participants around the Anheuser-Busch Brewery and then several miles to Forest Park. After going

through the park, the marathoners went past Washington University and made a circuit through Clayton. They then looped back through Forest Park and completed the last leg of the race, which ended near its starting

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## COMMENTARY

# Huether questions voting style for Ed Hawk award

**Tim Huether**  
**Editor in Chief**

My classmates and I voted for the Ed Hawk award last week. The Ed Hawk award is given to the student who, “through his love and dedication to St. Louis University High, and through his example of working and giving, was most able to influence his class toward success by cooperation and unity.” As it is bestowed by one’s own classmates, I think it has the potential of being the greatest honor a SLUH student can receive.

However, I think that the nature of the voting takes away from the significance of the award. Presently, students are given the ballots during homeroom and asked to return the completed ballots by the end of homeroom. Many students are distracted in homeroom as it is, with homeroom mail, conversations, and homework among other things, and the 11 minutes in homeroom are just not the most conducive time for deciding honestly who the most deserving senior is. Rather, a voter is far more likely to merely write down the first person that pops into his head and return the ballot as quickly as possible before moving back to his English homework, or Latin translations, or whatever the case may be.

Instead of encouraging students to turn in the ballots the same day they are distributed, making seniors wait at least a day before turning in their ballots would allow some time for honest thought and reflection. Given at least a day to think about the most deserving candidate, students would have the opportunity to make a better choice. I have personally heard from more than one person who, after turning in the first name they thought of, wished they could have changed their vote. Forcing students to wait a day at least gives students the chance to think and reflect honestly about the best possible candidate, rather than making them turn in their choice without a second thought.

## GEORGE

(from 1)  
 the new liver). George’s liver had severe scarring, called cirrhosis, making it somewhat difficult for the surgeon to remove during the hepatectomy. The implantation of the healthy liver went smoothly, as did the reperfusion.

The surgery was completed at 10:30 p.m. and Judy George had a chance to to speak with Shenoy. At 11:00 p.m., George met with his wife and his other visitors, including his two daughters, English teacher James Raterman’s family, and English teacher Rich Moran.

George had one of the best recoveries his nurse had ever seen, according to Raterman. Incredibly, George did not need any blood replenished, even though it was expected he might need 30 units.

George didn’t feel anything for about a day, and then felt remarkably clear-headed. “(I’ve) been through many surgeries, and this is just about the best I’ve ever felt afterwards,” George said. He has been taking Prograf as well as other medications to keep his

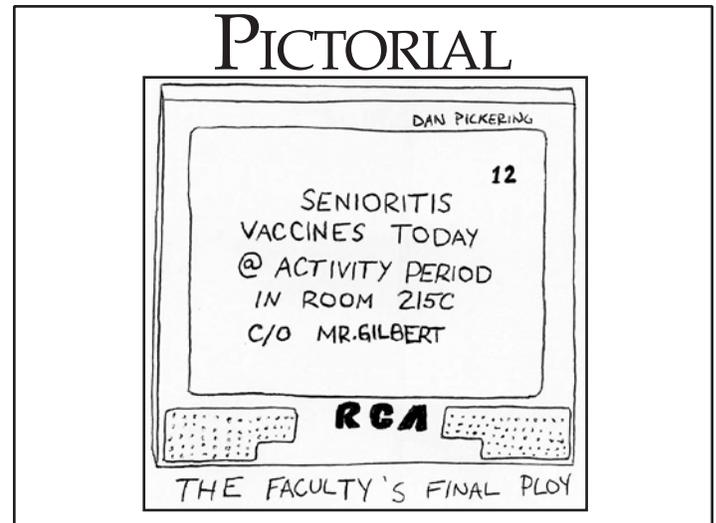
# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Vordtriede defends class of ’07 after Kairos retreat

To the Editors:

After leading 48 juniors through Kairos 31 last week, I would like to express my thoughts on the Class of 2007. It is no secret around the building that this junior class has received a lot of negative attention, which has caused them to have a bad reputation. Prior to Kairos, I had held many condescending views about the juniors, and I was even a little nervous to lead them for the retreat. But once on retreat, I got to know some of the nicest, funniest, and most spiritual guys I had ever met. While on Kairos, I have realized just how concerned these juniors are about their class image. Most of these opinions are based on isolated events done by a handful of guys, but the 48 on Kairos have pledged to work hard to overturn the preconceived notions held by both students and faculty. All I ask is that we respect the Class of 2007 as a whole. If what I have seen last week continues, I am very confident that SLUH will be in good hands next year.

Sincerely,  
 Tom Vordtriede '06



body from rejecting the new liver.

He has color in his face and has been walking around and eating by himself since Wednesday. “He’s doing marvelous,” Judy George said.

“He looks strong,” Raterman said, “Lots of people were praying and their prayers were answered.” Both he and Moran visited with George, talking about the Cincinnati Reds and joking around.

George will leave the hospital today. “It’ll be better for me to get out of this germ-factory,” he said. He will still have check-ups once a week for about a year—the first six months with the surgeons and the latter six months with a hepatologist. He plans to recuperate at home for the rest of the school year.

# Quiz Bowl wins District, advances to State

**Seth Clampett**  
Features Editor

The St. Louis U. High Quiz Bowl team traveled to Marquette High School on Saturday, April 8 to compete in the District Two competition. The team, composed of seniors Timo Kim, Kyle Kloster, Ben Anderson, Ben Farley, Seth Clampett, and junior Micah Manary, won the tournament and as a result will participate in the upcoming state tournament.

The Thinkfastbills faced Cor Jesu, Rosati-Kain, and Lafayette in the first round. Despite Kim's absence, the team defeated Cor Jesu 370-150, Rosati-Kain 455-180, and Lafayette 285-235. The three victories earned the team a No. 1 seed in the championship round. Anderson played especially well, with his quick buzzing and vast knowledge of history, and Farley demonstrated his talent

by answering all of the bonus questions on Heisman trophy winners correctly. Manary helped the team on math, buzzing in even before some of the questions were finished.

Coach Jean Elliot said, "I was happy how the team performed in the morning without Timo. They pretty handily defeated all of their opponents without him. Everybody was a little bit more assertive (and) ... willing to take risks. They played well together."

After lunch, Kim miraculously returned from a college visit and rejoined the team for the finals. The Quizbowlbills faced Rosati-Kain again in the semi-finals, and they defeated them 425-85. They then, once again, faced No. 3 seed Lafayette.

Elliot said, "It was a very tight (match). It came down to the third-to-last question. We were ahead by 30 points, and when they hadn't gotten the second-to-last question, I

knew we had won."

The Jeopardy!bills won the final, 255-215. With the win, they qualify for the state tournament, which takes place in Columbia on Saturday, May 6.

Anderson said, "I think we did pretty well. We were very cohesive as a team, and we had good sportsmanship too."

Elliot remarked on the team's chances at State: "I think we'll do fine. We just don't have the tournament experience other teams have, but it just depends on the questions asked and the day in general. I think we can hold our own."

## Burtelow to sub for George

**Brian Krebs**  
Editor

With English teacher Bill George recovering from his liver transplant, retired English teacher Joan Burtelow has stepped in to teach George's four sections of senior English.

Burtelow taught at John F. Kennedy Catholic High School for 19 years before returning to her alma mater Nerinx Hall. After teaching English to all grade levels and in a variety of subjects for ten years, Burtelow retired seven years ago.

About a month ago, Principal Mary Schenkenberg approached Burtelow—a one-time colleague at Nerinx when Schenkenberg was principal and long-time parishioner of the same church—about filling in for George if he were to get a liver transplant.

Burtelow will take over George's Irish Literature section, Irish Literature II section, and two Satire sections. Burtelow admits to not being completely up-to-date with all of the classes' books, but "I'm reading them like crazy trying to get caught up," said Burtelow.

Despite working with infamous second semester seniors, Burtelow said that "the students have been really great."

Burtelow reflected on her substituting for George, saying, "I felt a little bit at first like the bat boy going in for Pujols, but when I tried to get up at 6 a.m. in the morning I

## Fitz speaks of CPT experience

**Tony Bell**  
Reporter

Too often we picture revolutionaries as people with the most impressive attributes. We tend to mythicize their characters, heights, and abilities until the real person is all but diminished. Others shy away from the word "revolutionary" and what it connotes, seeing it as a label for hippies and radicals. Still others fear that it may bring harm, sacrifice, or possibly even death into their sheltered lives.

Jim Fitz, a member of the Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), addressed a group of nearly 30 students in the Joe Schulte Theater during Activity Period last Wednesday, laying truth to some of these claims. Fitz told of his and other CPT members' presence in the Magdalena Medio region of Colombia. He spoke about Colombia's continuing 40-year-old civil war and what Christian Peacemaker Teams was doing to alleviate the pain of the Colombian people. The CPT motto "Getting In The Way" was seen and heard throughout Fitz's presentation, from a thick-bearded man with a red cap standing calmly in front of the barrel of a tank to the purpose of these red hats, apparel worn to protect CPT members from paramilitary forces as they accompany Colombian communities affected by the violence. Fitz mentioned more than once the

lives saved by the CPT's presence along the Opón River.

Since the beginning of *la Violencia* in Colombia, over 200,000 lives have been lost and more than 2.5 million people have been displaced from their homes, leaving them with inadequate food, clothing, shelter, education and health care. Civilians must constantly protect themselves from three separate armed forces throughout the country: the leftist guerillas responsible for kidnapping for profit, right wing paramilitaries responsible for human rights abuses and occasional massacres, and the government forces (Colombia trains more troops at the School of the Americas than any other nation) which collaborate with the paramilitary.

In 2000, Plan Colombia was created by the U.S. as a "Marshall Plan for Colombia." While it began as a military-free project, Plan Colombia transformed into a project giving 83 percent of U.S. aid to the military or the police. In order to counterbalance this act, which tipped the scale in favor of violence, CPT sent aid by way of peacemakers to the people of Colombia.

As Jim Fitz spoke, he stumbled through sentences and temporarily lost his thoughts, once going so far as not speaking for about a minute, forgetting where he was in his presentation. This kind of public speaking

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# Vianney sneaks past Volleybills in three

**Sam Stragand**  
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High Volleybills barely lost to Vianney in three games on Wednesday, in the first match between the two titans this year. The loss came as the team's first this season; the team also won twice in the previous week, at Fort Zumwalt South and against DeSmet at home.

On Tuesday, April 11, the Killbills made another trek across the Missouri River to easily defeat the Bulldogs of Fort Zumwalt South. In the first game, after a customarily slow start and falling behind 9-10, the TQbills came roaring back behind the serving of Brian Schneier, who had 3 aces in the match to win 25-15. In the second game, the Volleybills wasted no time dispatching the outmatched Bulldogs behind the defense of Dave Bosch

(16 serve receives) to win 25-14.

On Wednesday, April 12, the "See Ya"bills beat a more formidable rival in DeSmet in their first home MCC match. In the first game, the Killbills gained a four-point lead at 15-11 from a back row kill by Joe Holloran. For the rest of the game, the TQbills held the Spartans off by taking advantage of their size to hit and block for the win at 25-21.

In the second game, the Spartans stayed close, in part because of SLUH's missed serves and lack of consistency on defense, to come to 20-19. However, kills by junior Tyler Caldwell and Schneier

propelled the team to victory, 25-20. The victory put the Jr. Bills momentarily at 2-0 in the MCC in preparation for their match with No. 2 Vianney.

On Wednesday, the crowds piled into the undersized black and yellow gym of the Vianney Griffins in anticipation of the match between the two best teams in the state, if not in a larger region. The Heinebills entered the game as "number one and undefeated" according to the stadium announcer. Vianney stood defending their territory and state title as second in the area with only a loss in a Chicago tournament. **see REVENGE, 10**

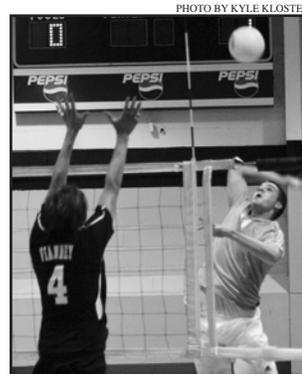


PHOTO BY KYLE KLOSTER  
Murphy Troy goes for a spike versus Vianney on Wednesday.

# STXbills ignite offense, win four, improve to

**Mike Eilers**  
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High lacrosse team continued its success against area teams over the last two weeks, improving to 9-1, their sole loss coming to a Chicago team early on. However, the LAXbills have yet to play some of the toughest teams in the area as they enter the second half of the season.

Way back on April 6 the Jr. Bills defeated Parkway West in a sloppy, rain-soaked match at West. Parkway scored first, but the LAXbills acclimated to the wet conditions and dominated the rest of the contest. SLUH took the lead in the first quarter and never looked back as they went ahead, 10-2, midway through the fourth quarter. The teams traded a pair of goals before the game ended with a victory for SLUH with a score of 12-4.

Midfielder Dan Renz led the offensive attack with three goals, and Dan Pickering added two goals and one assist.

The Lindbergh Flyers were next on the hit list for the Attackbills. As in the previous three games, SLUH fell behind quickly. However, just like the Parkway West game, the Jr. Bills recovered and regained the advantage on a few quick goals and gained a decisive 12-5 victory.

In the past three games, the Bresciabills

have outscored opponents 35-13; an impressive accomplishment considering three of the first four games were decided by one goal. Pickering stated, "The offense finally performed in those games. The defense has been solid throughout the year, but the offense is starting to click."

However, old trends resurfaced when Clayton came to the SLUH stadium last Monday. SLUH held a five-goal advantage at halftime, but a late string of goals brought Clayton to within one. The ConnorColebills held out in the fourth quarter, salvaging a 9-8 victory for SLUH.

Eureka came to visit the next day and the Jr. Bills' offense took no time making up for the lack of production in the second half against Clayton. Matt Meiners and Justin Langan provided the spark with three goals apiece, leading the team to a 15-2 victory over Eureka.

The team finally got a bit of a break over Easter, with a week off before facing Parkway South this past Tuesday. The SLUH-South lacrosse games over the last few years have created one of the newest rivalries for SLUH.

Of their previous four meetings, three have gone to overtime. Two years ago SLUH beat South early in the playoffs, and South returned the favor last year to end the Jr. Bills' season. Many people predicted that another close, hard-fought game would ensue this time around. Pickering added, "Our coaches left South to coach at SLUH, and we wanted to prove that it was a good choice. They knew a few of the kids on the other team and wanted to beat them as much as we did."

SLUH took an early lead for a change with a quick goal to start the game. A few minutes later they widened the gap with a goal by Langan. Parkway South, one of the best teams in the area, regrouped and prevented the LAXbills from scoring any more in the first quarter with their incredibly slow-paced offensive possessions. The Patriots closed the gap with a man-up goal before halftime to make the score 2-1.

Junior Sam Lay took a shot that hit the goalie square in the chest, but somehow managed to crawl across the goal line early **see LA-X/NGAN, 10**



PHOTO BY MATT HUBBARD  
Dan Pickering picks up the ball in Tuesday's 4-3 overtime victory against Parkway South.

## Basebills stumble, go 1-5 in last six

**Justin Rottger**  
Core Staff

Close, but no cigar—a clichè, but an apt phrase uttered over and over around the stadium at St. Louis U. High in the last two weeks.

The Jr. Bills have struggled to score runs against formidable opponents. In their last six games, not including a 13-2 blowout of Miller Career Academy, SLUH has mustered just seven runs against Chaminade, Mehlville, Troy Buchanan, DeSmet, and Vianney. In those five games, the team batted just .181, with 23 hits in 127 at bats.

But what is important to remember is that despite the low number of hits, there have been runners on base. It is with runners on base, and more importantly in scoring position, that the SLUH bats go silent.

Trailing Troy Buchanan 1-0 in the bottom of the fifth inning on April 15, junior Kenny Aston walked with one out. Aston then stole second, moving into scoring position. With a prime opportunity to tie the game, the next batter struck out, and a groundout then ended the inning.

In the next inning, the Jr. Bills finally

plated two runs, but lost two runners to baserunning mistakes—more missed opportunities.

As in the Troy game, the reason for missed opportunities is not a lack of total hits or batting average in a game. It's the lack of *the* hit. The one key the team has been missing for the last six games is that one big hit to open the game up.

Against DeSmet on Monday, SLUH loaded the bases twice but scored just one run total. Down 2-0 in the bottom of the fourth, Jared Saeger stood on third with one out. The next batter struck out. A hit batsman and a walk loaded the bases, but a flyout ended the inning—missed opportunity.

Down 3-0 in the bottom of the seventh, a one-out hit by junior David Eagleton was followed by two walks. With the bases loaded, freshman pinch hitter Mike Bucchino blooped a soft liner into right off the second

baseman's glove, bringing Eagleton in to score. With the bases still loaded and only one out, the next batter flied out to right on the first pitch, and a strikeout in the following at bat ended the game—missed opportunity.

However, interestingly enough, opponents are giving nearly the same effort as the Jr. Bills. SLUH's opponents are not doing much to bring their own runners home. This is in part to some gutsy pitching performances by staff ace Tony Bertucci and solid No. 2 Nick Wingbermuehle.

One cannot overlook the outstanding pitching performances in those five games. Against Chaminade, Bertucci gave up three runs, but only one run was earned in the complete game loss. In the following game, against Mehlville, Wingbermuehle pitched maybe his best game ever, surrendering only one run on just two hits. A solid start

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Nick Riganti braces for the pickoff throw at first base against Chaminade on Tuesday, April 11.

## Golfbills sink Grif- Priory outleaps Discbills

**Steve Azar**  
Reporter

The Bantlebills took on Vianney at the beautiful Riverside Country Club last Wednesday. For head coach Greg Bantle, the six shot victory was way too close. The low shooters were freshman Alex Key and Mike Doherty, who each shot 38. The final was 232-238, improving the Golfbills' record to 4-2-1.

"At least we looked good today," commented Bantle after the match, referring to the team's pastel uniforms.

On Thursday, the Jr. Bills played in the much-anticipated MCC Tournament on the Norman K. Probstein Golf Course in Forest Park. The tournament was highlighted by stellar play from leaders Steve Azar and Doherty, who both shot 75s and walked away with medals. The team placed fourth overall at the tournament.

"I was just throwing darts today," Azar said of his play. "I was planning each shot like a chess master plans his next move. I just went out there and executed the game plan."

Doherty was elated with his play. "You know who the real winner is today? It's the city of St. Louis. Every time I come here it's harder and harder to leave. I think they put something in the water."

Next up for the Laffer T. Danielbills was the Webster Cup on Monday at the Players Club. The only speck of hope for the Green

see **THE GOLF**, 10

**Matt Hubbard**  
Staff

After an offseason of paperwork and cold weather, the ultimate frisbee team resumed action in its first league game versus the Priory "Jeromans" on April 9.

Before the game the Ultimatebills had been pumped up over new jerseys obtained by club moderator Tom Broekelmann the week before.

As the Newjerseybills took the field, they realized their disadvantage. The Priory team towered over all of them. Priory pushed to a 5-0 lead before junior Kevin Stephenson tossed it to Devin Austermann in the end zone. The half ended with Priory up 8-1.

At half the Discraftbills changed strategy from a zone to a man-to-man because their zone was not working against Priory's "hucking" strategy. The Discbills scored again off of a "hammer" throw from Nick Ruemker to Stephenson. The game ended with a score of 15-2. In a valiant attempt Jason Price laid out for a catch, only missing it because of the rocky Priory field.

Team captain Dan Mueller commented, "Our lack of practice was proved by many drops and bad throws in the game. It should have been a lot closer because we did show a lot more promise in the second half. During the past two weeks of practice, we have

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## Sansone named NFF scholar-athlete

**Andrew Schroeder**  
Sports Editor

Senior varsity football standout Jim Sansone has been named one of 11 scholar-athletes by the St. Louis-Tom Lombardo Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. Sansone received a letter notifying him that he had won the award in late February. He will be honored along with the other winners at the Fourteenth Annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet on Sunday, May 7, at the Washington University Field House.

Current history teacher and football coach Dave Barton was the first St. Louis U. High student-athlete to win the award in its first year, 1993.

"The inaugural event was in this L-shaped ... I don't know if it was a reception room. Now it's grown to this massive thing in one of the gyms over at Wash. U. They've got this full video montage of these guys' highlight reels. It's pretty impressive," Barton said.

"They said they get a ton of people. It's

at Wash U.'s Field House, and they said they just pack it," Sansone said.

Several famous sports figures around the St. Louis area are on the Board of Governors of the Foundation and will be in attendance, including Joe Buck, Dan Dierdorf, Jim Hanifan, and Gary Pinkel. Sportscaster Steve Savard will be the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. In addition, Sansone's family, a few of the SLUH football coaches, and former winners from SLUH will attend the ceremony.

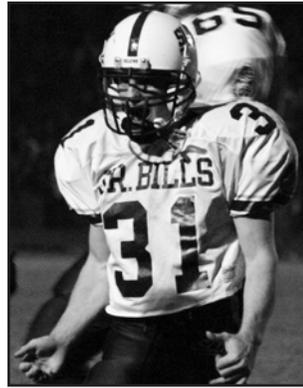
Some of the recipients in past years from the U. High include Matt Herzberg, John Block, Mark Kornfeld, Matt Sinclair, Dan Weidle, and Ryan Watson, to name a few.

"I think we might be the most represented high school (in the history of the award)," head football coach Gary Kornfeld said.

Each award-winner first had to be nominated by his coach. From there, each candidate filled out an application that consisted

of sections describing their scholarship, athletic, and citizenship accomplishments. A committee made up of the board members of the St. Louis Chapter of the National

PHOTO BY KYLE KLOSTER



Sansone in a game against Kirkwood.

Football Foundation judged each candidate and selected the 11 scholar-athlete award winners. Forty percent of the award was based on the "exceptional football abilities" of the candidates. Another 40 percent was placed on the scholarship category, which consisted of a required 3.0 G.P.A. on a 4.0 scale. Finally, 20 percent of the award was based on involvement in community service.

"Coaches submit different individuals for the award, so it's a very prestigious award," Kornfeld said. "I'm very excited that Jimmy was a recipient of it. He's been a three year starter for us on the varsity level. His academics are way off the charts. His citizenship and his involvement in the community is unbelievable. I think he's a

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## Hermesbills take first at U. City

*With Simmons late, Murphy-Baum absent, team steps up*

**Matt Lawder**  
Reporter

The SLUH track team traveled to the University City track stadium with hopes set on protecting their undefeated record. The meet started off shakily with several key competitors missing the beginning of the meet for the ACT and distance standout Ben Murphy-Baum unable to race because of a fever.

With the team title on the line, the sprint squad rose to the challenge. Paul Chaney once again set the tone for the meet capturing first in 100, 200, and 400 with times of 10.68, 21.85, and 49.86 respectively.

Stephan Simmons, missing the 100 because of the ACT stepped up in the 200 (22.26) and the 300 hurdles (39.37) for second and first, respectively. Simmons had some new company in the 300 hurdles though, as Eric Hunt ran a blazing 39.93 to run down second place. Hunt also scored points in the 110 hurdles, getting sixth place

with 15.82. Jordan Bushong was right behind Hunt in the 110, taking seventh with 16.47.

The sprint relays also scored some astounding victories. The 4x100 team of Juniors Dan Quinlan, Ryan Brennan, Kaelan Mayfield, and senior Simmons captured first as Simmons passed three teams in the final 100 meters for a total time of 43.80. The 4x200 team scored a surprising second place when Hunt, Mayfield, Joe Phillips, and Quinlan ran to a blistering time of 1:33.38.

The 4x400 closed out the meet in style when Brennan, Hunt, Simmons, and Chaney, torched their opponents with a time of 3:24.47.

The throw squad also picked up some of the slack. Junior Niko Mafuli again threw his way to a victory with a 48' 4.5" in the shot put. Mafuli also got sixth in the discus in a throw of 132' 5". Cliff Leek also scored in the shot put, taking third with 46' 4.75".

The improving jump squad did not score

any points, but has been setting themselves up to pounce on the competition later in the year. High jump extraordinaire Jason Eslinger just narrowly missed scoring, barely knocking off the 5'9" bar. Junior Jon Harvath has also been improving in the triple jump, flying to a personal best of 39' 11.5" and missing the scoring cut by only a foot.

The distance squad, missing its top gun Murphy-Baum, faltered slightly but did have a few bright spots. Junior Dan Viox ran to seventh in the 800 with a time of 2:02.9. In the 3200, SLUH had two scorers with Matt Lawder in third (9:43.55) and Drew Kaiser in sixth (9:49.97).

The best story for the distance squad came in the JV 3200, though, when freshman phenom John Clohisy shattered the freshman record with a 10:15.32.

Getting some new points from unexpected athletes SLUH, stepped up to win first place as a team with 119 points to a distant

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# Tennisbills ace DeSmet and Marquette

**Killian Hagen**  
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High varsity tennis team continued its streak of successful wins against area and national opponents in the last two weeks with four first place titles and one second place. The continued fan support has really boosted the players' morale.

On Saturday, April 10, the Jr. Bills hosted DeSmet, Lindbergh, and Marquette High School (Wisc.) at Dwight Davis.

No. 1 seed Abe Souza played an aggressive match versus his Marquette opponent with set scores of 6-4 and 6-3 and crushed his DeSmet opponent with set scores of 6-1 and 6-2.

No. 2 seed Steve Hipkiss started off playing well against his DeSmet opponent and won with set scores of 6-2 and 6-3, but he unfortunately lost a tough second match versus his Marquette opponent, 3-6 and 3-6.

No. 3 seed David Lesko had a disappointing day despite his best efforts. He lost to both his DeSmet and Lindbergh opponents. Kevin Howenstein rounded out the singles competition with first place wins of 6-4,

6-4 versus Marquette and 6-0, 6-1 versus DeSmet.

"The day went well for Marquette," head coach Dennis Dougan said. "They were well matched up with our players; it was a nice workout for state."

Regionally, the varsity team has swept the area with a 6-1 victory against DeSmet on April 11, a crushing 7-0 defeat against CBC on April 12, and another landslide victory against Parkway West on April 17.

JV tennis also continued its undefeated season with victories over Vianney (6-0), DeSmet (3-3), CBC (6-0), and Wednesday's victory over Whitfield (6-0). Standout freshman Dan Mathis and sophomore Mike Ferrell have both passed the varsity challenge, as they proved themselves capable when suddenly bumped up to varsity for recent matches.

Mathis bravely stepped up in the varsity three doubles position in the April 10 tournament to win 6-2, 6-3 with varsity partner Matt Fiedler.

Ferrell stepped into varsity ranks Monday at Parkway West with Fiedler for a crushing defeat, 6-1, 6-0.

"It was probably one of the best tennis days yet—eighty degrees, balls flying off racquets. We were really starting to come together as a team," JV tennis coach Dave Callon said.

Unfortunately, JV suffered its first loss of the last three years against Parkway West on Easter Monday. The JVbills changed the lineup after Ferrell moved up to play lower varsity for

the day, putting Killian Hagen and freshman Tom Hoffman in the No. 1 spot, followed by Dan Mathis and John Edwards in the No. 2 spot. Hagen and Hoffman lost in a back-and-forth match resulting in a final score of 6-8, followed by a win of 8-1 by Mathis and Edwards.

The final losing score of 4-6 was a result of "not playing good doubles," Callon said. The JV team is looking to redeem itself in the upcoming match against Parkway Central on April 24.



Abe Souza smashes his way to a win last Wednesday at Dwight Davis.

## JV spring sports midseason update

### *JV Volleyball*

**Tim Guntli**  
Reporter

With an exciting 25-19, 25-19 victory over Vianney on Wednesday, the JV Killbills improved their record to an impressive 9-0. The victory was a great follow-up to the 2-1 win over DeSmet last week. DeSmet and Oakville have been the only teams to force the JV squad to a third game this year.

Much of the success of this year's season can be attributed to impressive hitting and digging by sophomore Pete Hock and great setting by freshmen John Swanston and Mike Adams.

When asked about the talent of the JV team, coach Terry Quinn said, "The record is successful. The volleyball program has a strong future with the guys that are coming up from JV."

The JV Volleybills are off to a good start, but they will have to continue working hard in order to keep their record flawless in upcoming matches against Vianney, DeSmet, CBC, and all of the teams playing in the DeSmet JV tournament next week.

**Josh Bradley**  
Reporter

Nearly a month into the 2006 season, the B-team baseball team stands with a solid 5-1 record.

Three weeks ago in the season opener, the Jr. Bills demolished Cleveland NJROTC 14-0. Sophomore Mike Leibach led the Jr. Bills with a stellar pitching performance, throwing a no-hitter and striking out 14 out of the 16 batters he faced.

The Sandlotbills then traveled to Heine Meine to face the St. Mary's Dragons under the lights. After a slow start, the bats got rolling, and the B-teambills pulled away with a 10-1 win.

The Jr. Bills then went out to Fenton to play the very tough Rockwood Summit Eagles. Despite taking a 5-0 lead, the Jr. Bills couldn't hold on, and lost the offensive battle 11-8.

Last week in the first MCC game of the year, the Rawlingsbills defeated Chaminade 10-4 at Chaminade. The Bills followed it up by beating St. Mary's again in SLUH's new baseball stadium this past Monday, this time by a score of 8-6.

On Tuesday, the Jr. Bills faced one of their biggest rivals, the **see B-BASEBALL, 11**

# Huether one of 22 to take silver in Russian essay contest

**Kyle Kloster**  
Photography editor

The Pushkin Institute of Moscow awarded senior Tim Huether a silver medal this March for an essay he wrote as part of his Russian class for the 24th National Russian Essay Contest. The medal honored Huether as one of 22 students in America who received a silver, and one of 47 total students who advanced to the second and final round of the contest.

Russian teacher Rob Chura takes class time each year to allow his junior and senior students to write and submit an essay to the national contest in November. The American Council of Teachers of Russian gives an open-ended question for the students to answer in Russian, allowing them to show their mastery of the language. The Council then collects and judges the submissions from all over the country and awards participants gold, silver, and bronze medals based on the quality of

grammar and vocabulary the students use. The essay of any senior who receives a gold medal advances to a second round of judging in the motherland, Russia.

Huether qualified with a gold medal in the first round along with 46 other Americans, and their essays then passed halfway around the world to the Pushkin Institute of Moscow.

Chura commented, "Obviously, it's pretty hard to qualify."

Huether remarked that his experiences on the Russian trip over the summer helped with his grammar abilities on the essay. The essay question, Huether explained, left his essay open enough for him to write in areas he felt comfortable with.

He said, "I played to my vocabulary strengths. ... (I wrote about) which kind of subjects I like at school, and what I do for fun."

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# Texas choir entertains students

**Tim Glaser**  
Reporter

Students filed into the gymnasium during the 13-minute late start break period two Fridays ago, April 17, some even boldly skipping their third period classes to see the Strake Jesuit/St. Agnes Choir from Houston, Texas.

The choir, composed of 100 young men and women including a small male and a small female ensemble, performed a mix of classical, gospel, and popular songs in their 45-minute show. April 17 was the only day the choir could come, and some of the more understanding teachers graciously let SLUH students miss their third period classes.

The Strake Jesuit/St. Agnes Choir goes on tour every year, taking their euphonious

sounds to cities all over the country, and this year, St. Louis was the lucky city. The choir also went to St. Joseph's Academy to sing.

"Strake has had a long history of a strong choral music program," SLUH choral director Joseph P. Koestner said, "and they do a lot of tours and competitions."

The estimated total of 200 SLUH students that came and went during the performance proved to be an enthusiastic audience and even participated in the show itself.

"The Strake (choral) director commented on how attentive the SLUH students were," Koestner said.

When the show ended, Koestner's fourth period varsity chorus class shared their songs with the Strake and St. Agnes students.

# Block schedule missing in fourth quarter calendar

**Dan Everson**  
Core Staff

As the St. Louis U. High master calendar in the Parent/Student Handbook shows, there will be no block schedule week for the fourth quarter this year.

According to Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski, the decision to skip block week this quarter was made around this time last year. After looking at the fourth quarter schedule, the Instructional Council, comprised of department chairs and the administration, determined that there was no good week during the quarter to set aside for block schedule.

The faculty meeting on April 4, parent-teacher conferences on April 7, a five-day Easter break, and the onset of AP and senior exams in May all contributed to the cancellation of block schedule this quarter.

However, Michalski pointed to the North Central Evaluation Team visit next Tuesday and Wednesday as the event that rendered a block week impossible. "Had we not had the North Central evaluations that week, I think that would be the week we would've done (block schedule)," Michalski said.

Although block week is set to return to the calendar each quarter next year, Michalski doubts that SLUH will convert to a full-time block schedule in the near future. "Block week was put in around the time when the school was looking at its scheduling options," he said. "I think it is past (the) time, though, for trying to use it and understand it (as a potential full-time schedule). It's hard to understand it (completely) when you're using it only three or four times a year," Michalski concluded.

## PN Golf Nightbeat

The SLUH golf team came out strong last night at Forest Park and tied DeSmet 221-221. However, captain Alex Luebbert birdied his way to a career low four-under-par 31, serving as the tiebreaker and winning the match. The win over DeSmet, who took first at the Webster Cup on Monday, is definitely the Tigerbills' best performance this season. They will try to continue their low shooting next Monday against CBC.



The choir from Strake Jesuit/St. Agnes High School in Houston sings in the gym on April 17.

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## REVENGE

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to blemish their record.

As the tension mounted and the crowds packed the sweltering gym, Joel Westwood began the game right with a kill.

Tied at 14-14, the teams traded kills before an incredible block by juniors Rory Faust and Murphy Troy gave the Killbills the edge, 16-15. Behind the best blocking and defensive game the team has played all year, the Boschbills took the first game, 25-20.

In the second game, the Jr. Bills started slow with inconsistent defense and serving but came back to tie the game at 10-10. After gaining a two-point lead when Heine and Westwood blocked one of the best hitters in the state, the Griffins collected themselves behind a series of uncontested outside hits and missed hits to take the lead 21-18.

However, outstanding play behind 6'8" junior Murphy Troy with a kill and an ace brought the Jr. Bills to the precipice of victory at 23-22.

But, neither the crowd nor Griffins would quit, and they tied the game 24-24. One more chance at victory slipped from the grasp of the Killbills before the Griffins took the game 28-26 to force a decisive third game.

From the very beginning of the third game, it was evident that the Griffins stood in the midst of their best play this year while the Jr. Bills struggled with serves and blocking. Still, the TQBills continued to stay even with the hometown Griffins behind the hitting of Heine and Westwood (6 kills in the game) and the serving of Schneier, whose ace gave the Schneierbills the lead 13-12 and forced the Griffins into a time out.

However, the inconsistent Roofingbills would stay a few points behind the lucky Griffins, who constantly sought help from the low cross beams while the same beams ruined many good SLUH plays. Down 24-22 and facing a loss, the TQBills gathered themselves together for one last run with two blocks, first from Troy and then Faust and Caldwell, to tie the game at 24-24. However, errors mounted on the Jr. Bills' side until a close ball fell out of bounds for a 27-25 Vianney victory.

While the Griffins won the match 2-1 in their best shape of the year, the Jr. Bills briefly showed who the best team really was in the first game when they dominated the net with blocks and accurate setting.

When the Griffins come to SLUH in a few weeks, they will be missing those low beams and their raucous crowd in a game that the Jr. Bills should be favored to win if they play up to their potential as a whole. The TQBills' next home game is against No. 4 CBC Cadets on Wednesday, April 26.

## LA-X/NGAN

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third quarter to give SLUH a 3-1 lead. With less the 30 seconds left on the clock, South finally penetrated the Longpolebills' stout defense and scored. While the defense was still recuperating, the Patriots scored again less than 20 seconds later to tie the game. The game remained tied through the entire fourth quarter thanks in large part to goalie Matt Yoon, who made countless breath-taking saves and even came out of his comfortable crease to tackle a would-be scorer. So for the fourth time in five contests, this game went into overtime. However, this overtime would only last 14 seconds as Meiners won the face off and ran straight to the goal and scored, giving SLUH the sudden death victory.

The LAXbills take on two-time defending state champ MICDS on Saturday at 2:00 at MICDS for the next game.

"If the team keeps up the intensity and playing as a team we can go far. We have good a chance to win but we need to play like we have been recently," noted Pickering.

## HUCK-O-MATIC

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worked on our fundamentals and hope for a much more competitive game against Marquette this Sunday."

"It was a good game for us. It taught us that individuals will beat us if we don't play like a team," said Broekleemann. "We need more practices."

Andrew Cordes commented, "We showed a lot of good effort, but things just didn't fall into place for us."

"All of our throws were better than theirs, but their height won out," said Price.

The Flickbills had gone 2-1 in practice games played before the season started, beating Francis Howell Central and CBC, but coming up short against Marquette. Their next game is on Sunday April 23 at 1 p.m. in the SLUH football stadium.

## THE GOLF

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Jacketbills was the strong play of their captain, Alex Luebbert, who shot an impressive six-over 78 on the difficult layout. Luebbert placed ninth in a tournament stacked with the area's top players, once again proving his value to the team.

"Yeah, I played well, I'd say. I just go out there and give 110 percent every time I play. That's all I know how to do," he said.

On Tuesday the Jr. Bills played Chaminate at Glen Echo. This time, the Jr. Bills didn't even come close, losing by sixteen strokes. Doherty was low with a 38 and Azar was close behind him. Luebbert was also low with a 39. Brock Affholder couldn't find his rhythm and shot a disappointing 46.

"I just fell apart. I folded out there. Maybe next time," said Affholder walking off the ninth green.

On Wednesday, the team played St. Mary's, and this time, they were able to come away with a strong victory. The final was 200-216 in the six-man match at Quail Creek.

Up next for the Jr. Bills is districts at Algonquian Country Club on May 3.

## ROCK CHALK

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second place Marquette (92).

SLUH has been gearing up for its biggest meet of the season yet, the KU relays. Taking place Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in Lawrence, Kan., any fans willing to make the five hour Saturday trek would be much appreciated. Tickets cost \$5 for youths and \$10 for adults. Also racing in between high school races will be college and professional races with Olympians such as Justin Gatlin, Allyson Felix and Maurice Greene. Be there to see SLUH take on their biggest challenge yet.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Fox 2 News has selected senior sprinter Paul Chaney as their athlete of the week for his performance at the U. City Invitational on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Chaney carried the Jr. Bills with wins in the 100, 200, and 400-meter dashes in addition to anchoring the 1<sup>st</sup> place, school record setting, 4x400 relay team. The feature will air tonight on Fox's 9 p.m. newscast.

## BASEBALL

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chino against Troy Buchanan allowed SLUH to remain in the game as he threw five strong innings, giving up two runs. Another well pitched game by Bertucci against DeSmet gave the Jr. Bills a chance to win.

That is the common thread here—that, with the exception of Tuesday’s game against Vianney, great pitching (and defense) has kept SLUH in each of these games.

“Our pitching and our defense can keep us in any game. We’re going to have a game where we’re gonna get blown out because somebody’s not on. That’s gonna happen, but for the most part our pitchers and our defense are gonna give us the chance to win every game we play against any opponent we play,” Nicollerat said.

“You have to concede that good pitching always beats good hitting,” said Nicollerat, “but the alarming thing to me is our inability to make contact with two strikes. That is a huge concern. It is something that the other team has done better than us.”

In those five games mentioned, the Jr. Bills have batted .080 (5 for 62) with two strikes, and 40 of those 62 at bats resulted in a strikeout (14 looking).

“Let’s go back four games, and count the number of hits we have and the number of base on balls we have and compare those statistics to our opponents’, who are all top ten teams (with the exception of DeSmet). I don’t think you’re going to find a whole lot of difference in the number of hits and base on balls. What you’re going to find is our inability to get a big hit, or to get a hit with guys on base, and the other team almost doing nothing with nobody on, and getting the one hit with second and third and two outs,” Nicollerat said.

“We’re just not coming up with the timely hits. There’s no real reason for that, we’re just slumping right now. We’ve got a bunch of good hitters on this team,” Beal commented. “We’ve been working on our two-strike hitting, because we haven’t been doing a good job of that and we’ve been striking out way too much. We’ve been working at putting the bat on the ball, so that we have a chance of something happening.”

Beal broke out of a personal slump by going 2 for 4 with a double and a two-run home run on Tuesday.

“I think some of our hitters are getting

over-anxious. That’s why we’re swinging at bad pitches; maybe we’re trying to do too much. But we’ve been working on once we do have a strike (on us) to maybe not try and hit the home run, but getting up there with two strikes and putting the bat on the ball,” Beal said.

Baserunning mistakes have also cost the team runs. Against Troy Buchanan, with runners on first and third in the bottom of the sixth, a designed play where the runner on first was supposed to decoy the pitcher, giving the runner on third enough time to break for home ended when the runner on first was picked off, ending the inning.

Nicollerat also believes that luck is involved when it comes to baseball.

“There is an element of luck in this process. You make your own luck, too. Here’s the thing I think teams have done better than us: they’ve made their own luck by swinging the bat and making contact with two strikes and we haven’t done that. We take way too many two-strike pitches. We’re trying to hit two-strike pitches out in front instead of waiting and letting the ball come to us,” he said.

Whether it’s luck or skill, SLUH has come close a number of times in those five important games, but it seemed every time it was “no cigar.” And many players are confident that the slump will end soon, and would much rather struggle at this point in the season rather than in May when it really counts.

“I’d just as soon get this stretch out of the way now than have it pop up in May. I think our boys can use this as motivation, to keep working hard, and to know that we’re still competing and not hitting, and we still have a chance to win. We know that if we do a little bit better job with contact and get some better at bats, the runs will start (coming),” Nicollerat said.

The Jr. Bills will face Hazelwood East this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. and Lafayette and McCluer will come in for a doubleheader at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m tomorrow. This is just another great chance for everyone to come and be part of a baseball atmosphere not found at many high school venues in the area. Help your Jr. Bills break out for some runs, so “close, but no cigar” will be uttered no more.

## SANSONE

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boy for this award,” Kornfeld added.

On the field, Sansone racked up 184 total offensive yards this year, including 107 yards on the ground and 77 yards on five receptions. He also added one touchdown. On defense, Sansone recorded 53 tackles, 10 assists, 3 fumble recoveries, and 2 interceptions.

Of the 11 scholar-athletes, the MCC was represented quite well. Five out of the eleven were from MCC schools, including two from Vianney.

In addition to the scholar-athletes, the committee also chose the two most inspirational/courageous players and one college scholar-athlete.

Sansone was quite pleased to receive the award. “I was really surprised to get it. It’s pretty humbling just from the fact that the guys who were nominated from our own team (were very deserving), and then when I got there and I saw some of the other guys that got the award, the kind of names around St. Louis that you know ... I’m pretty honored to get it,” he said.

“It’s an honor, of course, to have one of our own from St. Louis U. High to be represented there. There’s 11 guys, and to be selected one out of those 11 from all the schools in the metropolitan area, I think speaks volumes for what Jimmy represents and what St. Louis U. High represents,” Kornfeld finished.

## B-BASEBALL

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Vianney Griffins. The Jr. Bills brought their best game to the tough Vianney team. With a fantastic offensive show, great defense, and a complete game from sophomore lefty Chris Dreeste, the Jr. Bills put away the Griffins 12-2. Coach Scott Gilbert commented, “(The win was) the best game I’ve seen in the nine years I’ve coached here at SLUH ... Everything came together.”

With an explosive offense, led by sophomore sluggers Adam Belgeri and Zach Villmer, and a fantastic defense, behind ace pitchers Dreeste and fellow sophomores Belgeri, Leibach, and Villmer, the Louisville Sluggerbills continue to tear it up. They play Lindbergh today at 4:15 at the Flyers’ field, and head out to DeSmet tomorrow morning to take on the Spartans at 10 a.m.

**STUCO '07**

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community." Zinn's goals are to improve communication between the executive board and the homeroom reps, as well as use humor to get messages across better.

Kyle McCollom was elected Vice President of Pastoral Activities. "I'm really excited to get a chance to start administering service with pastoral officers in each class," he said. McCollom mused, "I guess I have friends in the class, and I'm greatly appreciative." McCollom said that an idea he had for next year would be to have homeroom pastoral reps meet in pairs with students and outline the service opportunities available to them better.

Michael Kirner was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Kirner, who had never held a STUCO spot before, said, "I was surprised. I'm really excited (and I'm) looking forward to next year."

STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson said, "From what I've heard, quality guys have been elected, and that's what we've been trying to accomplish is to get the type of people who want to be leaders in those positions. It looks like we've got that type of group this year. I was pretty excited."

**PN Lacrosse Nightbeat**

The LAXbills dropped their second game of the year 8-7 in overtime last night to the Parkway Central Colts. The Colts took a 7-3 lead over the Jr. Bills, but SLUH came back to tie it at 7. The Warriorbills' four straight goals were sparked by Brian Hartwig when he won a faceoff, ran straight to the goal and put it in to make it 7-4. The game went into overtime, but Parkway Central scored first in the sudden death period to take the game 8-7. SLUH fell to 9-2 on the season and plays tomorrow at MICDS at noon. Come watch the LAXbills take down the Rams.

**PN Tennis Nightbeat**

The Agassibills shut out Parkway North last night 7-0. Junior No. 1 Abe Souza's 7-5, 6-4 win set the tone for seniors Steve Hipkiss, David Lesko, and Kevin Howenstein (Nos. 2-4), sweeping their opponents. Doubles partners No. 1 Andrew Nelson and Steve Kainz, No. 2 Jason Rusch and Andrew Vatterott, and No. 3 and Matt Fiedler and Nate Hogrebe followed suit.

DeBettencourt noted, "The (victory) I was most surprised at was Michael Kirner. He's kind of a quiet guy, but he showed everyone that he is really serious about (his position)."

Kesterson said, "It's good that we've got some of the old guys that have been here and know what it takes to be successful and some new guys that have some new ideas and some new energy."

In the primary elections held last Monday, 207 out of 274 eligible students voted. For the final elections on Tuesday, 216 juniors voted, a 78.8 percent voter participation. The vast majority of the junior class was present for the speeches in the theater, since this year they were made mandatory.

Kirner finished by saying, "This (election) has brought together many different people. It should be interesting but it will go well. I think we'll all work really well together."

**SPRING FLING**

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portion being held under a large tent. For a change, the outside music will be played by DJ Spitfire, also known as senior Si Kincaid, while the inside music will be hosted as usual by TKO DJs.

Tickets are required for entry into the mixer, and are available for \$7 today or Saturday all day. The tickets are more professional than in the past, made with tear-off tabs, "like a movie ticket, or a baseball ticket," according to Social Commissioner Dave Steitz to prevent counterfeiters. STUCO delivered tickets to area girls schools and 50 to the other MCC boys schools, and plans to admit 2700 students to the mixer.

Arb concluded, "The fling will be flung."

**BURTELOW**

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felt more like Stan Musial because I know that Mr. George is an excellent teacher."

Having taken classes at University of Iowa, University of Missouri-Columbia, St. Louis University, and Truman State University after graduating with her master's degree from Washington University, Burtelow continues to learn. "I'm still going to school," she said. "I go to Lifelong Learning at Washington University. I'm a school freak."

**PORTER**

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point.

Porter felt he started the marathon a little too aggressively, and, as he said, "paid for it later." The last five miles were the hardest part because of the fatigue in his legs and "some hidden hills" along the way. The best part, though, was the barbeque he hosted afterwards at his house for his family and friends, or supporters.

An avid runner, Porter ran on his track team in high school at DeSmet. He then attended St. Louis University on a running scholarship. He now helps coach St. Louis U. High's track team.

This being Porter's first marathon, he decided to participate because he wanted to put himself in a marathon position. His friends and his sponsor, Big River Running Company, also urged him to sign up, and he trained for the marathon by running 100 miles a week. He plans on running in the Chicago Marathon this October and hopes to lower his time to about 2:30.

Chik, who didn't train for his run, reflected that it was kind of foolish to run at the pace he did, but, at age 28, thought, "What the heck, why not?" The main reason he participated was because of the 11 other family members of his that were running too. "I wanted to beat them," said Chik.

The next race Chik plans on running is the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in June. It's only 3.1 miles and raises money to fight against breast cancer. Chik challenges any of the cross country or track athletes to try to beat him.

Along with the glory and bragging rights, Porter's quick time also earned him a reward of \$350. He doesn't plan on spending it on anything big, but does plan to use some of it to take fellow ASC teachers Michael Herman and Tom Broekelmann out to dinner.

**STAT OF THE WEEK**

**In the 4x400 relay at the U. City Invite April 8, four SLUH sprinters—junior Ryan Brennan, Eric Hunt, Stephen Simmons, and Paul Chaney—broke the school record, set in 1985, with a new mark of 3:24.47.**

## PHILADELPHIA

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The most drastic change is the creation of three new offices (president, social officer, and pastoral officer) for each class. These officers are responsible for coordinating the homeroom representatives. The previous constitution assigned two officers each to the freshman and sophomore classes and four to the junior class. The senior class was represented by the student body officers (President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer).

Kesterson attributed these new positions to STUCO's desire to "continue to build leadership, not just at the top level," but amongst underclassmen as well.

The addition of senior class officers separate from the executive officers is intended to streamline STUCO operations. "We wanted to narrow things down," Pastoral Commissioner Dan Finucane said. Finucane noted that under the old constitution, the student body officers had to "pay attention to (the senior) class and the student body," whereas the new senior offices allow the STUCO executives to focus only on the needs of the entire student body.

The addition of the three officers per class has increased student government's total membership to 98—roughly 9.2 percent of the student body. Kesterson said that an increase in bureaucracy as a result of the additional positions had been a "concern" during the constitution's formation but added that "hopefully that will be taken care of by (the students) voting in the right people. I don't see it as being a problem"

Finucane said that it is the responsibility of STUCO members to avoid operational complications under the new constitution. "Hopefully, people will assume their roles and stick to (them). If (officers) read the constitution and know what's expected, (bureaucracy) won't be a problem," Finucane said.

Accountability of the homeroom representatives is also dealt with implicitly by the new constitution. The reps have been the object of much criticism for frequently neglecting their duties. By more precisely defining their roles, the new constitution seeks to eliminate any confusion among the reps about their duties.

Kesterson said that under the new constitution, "(the homeroom reps) know specifically what they should be doing, so

there shouldn't be questions about (the reps') responsibilities. (The constitution) gives me something to point to, whereas before there was more grey area."

Along with the traditional job of informing homerooms of STUCO's activities, the new constitution expands the reps' responsibilities to include being present at both the monthly STUCO meetings and the quarterly forums.

The new constitution has also rearranged the roles of the Social/Publicity, Sports, and Pastoral Commissioners. These officers are now referred to as Vice Presidents instead of Commissioners, and the fields they supervise are now entitled Public Relations, School Spirit, and Pastoral Activities, respectively. The duties of these Vice Presidents remain largely unchanged, although under the new constitution they are much more clearly articulated.

"It's really just a semantics change," Vice President Max Magee said.

STUCO's election process has also been altered slightly. In the past, seniors were allowed to run for one of three positions: President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Defeated candidates were allowed to subsequently run for one of the three Commissioner positions. Under the new constitution, the voting for the Public Relations, Spirit, and Pastoral offices takes place at the same time as the voting for the three executive positions. Defeated candidates may now run only for one of the new senior class offices instead of another Vice President position.

In addition, the new constitution makes attendance at the candidates' speeches mandatory for the junior class, since attendance in recent years at the speeches had flagged significantly (Approximately 80 juniors attended last year's speeches).

"In order to elect the right guys, it's only fair that everybody sees what these guys have to offer," Kesterson said.

The changes regarding the election were put in place in time for this week's elections (see article, p.1).

Article V of the new constitution is an entirely new addition, dealing specifically with the House of Governors (HOG), the legislative body created earlier this year to charter student organizations. The constitution states that HOG "shall convene at least

once a quarter," and also makes it responsible for fielding concerns from the school community about any SLUH organization. If a concern is brought to the Vice President, a "special meeting of the House where at least 2/3 of the voting members are present" shall be called, and "the charged organization will have the opportunity to address the House and will be available to answer questions." The House will then decide whether or not to revoke the organization's charter through a series of motions.

Alumni Service Corps teacher and STUCO advisor Mike Herman said that the constitution is a result of his discussions with Kesterson.

"We talked first semester about where we thought STUCO could improve, especially the homeroom rep system," Herman said. Herman and Kesterson then held several "listening sessions" beginning in January, at which various faculty and administrators (including Principal Mary Schenkenberg and Assistant Principal for Student Welfare H. Eric Clark) "voiced their concerns" with STUCO and offered suggestions, Herman said. Herman and Kesterson then presented the findings from these meetings to the STUCO executive board. After discussing the findings of the listening sessions, STUCO began the actual writing of the constitution, which was completed shortly before Spring Break.

## HEATH BAR

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After months of deliberation, the Pushkin Institute awarded the silver medal to Huether and 21 other students, and Huether was the only student from Missouri to receive a medal in the second round.

The award, which Chura praised as a "pretty impressive accomplishment," came as a pleasant surprise to Huether, who explained, "I know Mr. Chura prepares us well, but I don't think I'm the best speaker in the class. ... I'd say I was surprised."

Huether plans on attending the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, which requires that students be fluent in a non-English language to graduate. Presently, Huether said, he is considering taking Russian in college. Huether explained, "I like the language a lot."

by Jim Santel

## Calendar

April 21 - April 28

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21**

Schedule R  
 Soph. Class Liturgy  
 NHS Current Meeting  
 Wellness Club Pool Tournament  
 Jazz Band Tour  
 V BB SLUH Tournament @ SLUH/FP,  
 4:30 pm  
 B BB @ Lindbergh, 4:15pm  
 JV/V VB vs. Francis Howell, 4:30/5:30pm  
 Curly Fries, Rib Sandwiches

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

STUCO Spring Fling  
 V BB SLUH Tournament @ SLUH/FoPo,  
 11:00 am, 2 pm  
 C BB @ Vianney (DH), 10/Noon  
 V TRK KU Relays @ Lawrence, KS, 4pm  
 V VB Parkway Tournament @ Parkway  
 Central, 9am  
 C/JV/V LAX @ MICDS, 10am/noon/2pm

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

Jazz Band Concert

**MONDAY, APRIL 24**

Schedule R  
 IM Mental Meltdown (All)  
 Pro-Life Club Meeting

B BB vs. MICDS @ FoPo #2, 4:15pm  
 C BB vs. CBC, 4pm  
 V GLF vs. CBC, Course TBA, 3:30pm  
 JV GLF vs. CBC @ FoPo, 3:30pm  
 JV/V TN vs. Parkway South, 4pm  
 V TRK Vianney Relays thru 4/25 @  
 Vianney, 4pm  
 JV/V VB vs. Marquette, 4:30/5:30pm  
 C LAX vs. Hazelwood Central @ Coke  
 Park, 5pm  
 Pizza Sticks & Taco Sticks, Pizza

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25**

Schedule E  
 North Central Evaluation Visit thru 4/26  
 JV/V Lacrosse vs. Hazelwood Central @  
 Coke Park, 4/5:30pm  
 Cookies, Funnel Cakes, Chicken Strips

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**

Schedule R  
 Freshman Class Liturgy  
 Jr. HR Rep. Mtg.  
 V BB vs. CBC, 4:30pm  
 B BB @ CBC, 4:15pm  
 C BB vs. DeSmet @ FoPo #1, 4:15pm  
 V GLF vs. St. Francis Borgia @ FoPo,  
 3:30pm

JV/V VB vs. CBC, 5/6pm  
 Pretzels, Crisпитos and Burritos

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

Schedule R  
 Freshman English Tutorial  
 IM Mental Meltdown  
 Faculty Mix-It-Up Lunch  
 Rosary in N. Am. Martyrs Chapel  
 Mother's Club Fashion Show and Dinner  
 V BB vs. Rockwood Summit, 4:30pm  
 B BB @ Rockwood Summit, 4:30pm  
 JV/V TN vs. Parkway South, 4pm  
 V TRK @ Clayton Invitational (Prelim) @  
 Wash. U., 3:20pm  
 C/JV TRK vs. St. Mary's, Webster,  
 DeSmet, CBC @ Vianney, 4 pm  
 C/JV/V LAX vs. Rockhurst,  
 4/5:30/7:30pm  
 Apple Turnovers, Brunch for Lunch

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**

Schedule M  
 Awards Assembly  
 CSP Food Drive Ends  
 B BB vs. Bishop DuBourg, 4:15pm  
 V TN @ Belleville East Tourn. Thru 4/29,  
 times TBA  
 Mostaccioli with Garlic Bread

**FITZ**

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 performance would have earned any SLUH student low marks in a class presentation, but for the students, it was humbling. He had not been trained in rhetoric, but in an organized, nonviolent alternative to war. Who would have thought Fitz, growing up as a farmer in central Illinois, would travel to war-torn Colombia on a mission for peace? He was unassuming, saying he had been called by God and supported by his family and Mennonite church, to join CPT in objecting to war and violence.

Theology teacher Rob Garavaglia said, "I invited Jim because he is an example of a normal Christian responding to the call of God. His example of courage and humility strips away any of my excuses: I am too busy. ... Or I have a family. ... Our vocation involves the use of our gifts for the betterment of our neighbors."

According to a CPT pamphlet, CPT is an organization first created by Mennonites, Brethren, and Quakers in 1984 "for Christians

to devote the same discipline and self-sacrifice to nonviolent peacemaking that armies devote to war." CPT members are trained in peacemaking before traveling to a crisis area at the invitation of local peace supporters. Along the Arizona/Mexico border, CPT "challenges U.S. immigration policies that result in hundreds of migrant deaths in the desert every summer."

In Colombia, where Fitz serves, CPT works to end the bloody civil war. CPT has had a presence in the Hebron District of Palestine's West Bank since 1995, working with local peace groups to end the violence.

However, probably CPT's most well known presence is in Baghdad, where its members have supported Iraqis committed to nonviolent resistance since October 2002. On Nov. 26, 2005, two CPT members made news when they were among four abducted by kidnappers in Baghdad. On March 10, 2006, CPT member Tom Fox's body was found. Norman Kember, Harmeet Sooden, and CPT member Jim Loney were released

about two weeks later. In one of the pamphlets distributed by Jim Fitz last week, Tom Fox wrote, "If Jesus and Gandhi are right, then I am asked to risk my life, and if I lose it, to be as forgiving as they were when murdered by the forces of Satan." CPT continues to serve the people of Iraq.

If you'd like to get involved, CPT has ways to help. Peacemaker Delegations open to applicants over 18 travel to crisis areas for one or two weeks to protect human rights and engage in nonviolent direct action.

The CPT could also use your donations and prayers in order to continue its work. For more information, go to the CPT website: [www.cpt.org](http://www.cpt.org).

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## Baseball Scores

4/7/06

University City	000 00	0	0	3	
SLUH	1 11 2 00		14	15	0

4/8/06

St. Mary's	000 003 1	4	5	4	
SLUH	030 324 0	12	12	1	

Riganti: 4-4, 2 RBI (4), 3 runs scored

Rabe: 2-3, 2 RBI (2), 3 SB

Wingbermuehle: 5 IP, 3 H, 0 ER, 0 BB, 4 K

4/11/06

Chaminade	000 102 0	3	4	0	
SLUH	001 000 1	2	7	2	

Quinlan: 2-4, 2 RBI (5)

Bertucci: 7 IP, 3 H, 1 ER, 0 BB, 5 K

4/13/06

Mehlville	010 000 0	1	2	0	
SLUH	000 000 0	0	1	4	

Wingbermuehle: 7 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 3 K

4/15/06

Troy Buchanan	000 101 001	3	7	1	
SLUH	000 002 000	2	5	2	

Beal: 1-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI

Bucchino: 5 IP, 2 ER, 1 BB, 1 K

4/15/06

Career Academy	000 11	2	4	1	
SLUH	180 40		13	6	1

4/17/06

DeSmet	000 201 0	3	4	1	
SLUH	000 000 1		1	2	1

Bucchino: 0-1, RBI (1)

Bertucci: 6 IP, 3 H, 3 R (1 ER), 11 K

4/18/06

SLUH	002 000 0		2	8	1
Vianney	500 041 0	10	10	2	

Beal: 2-4, 2-R HR (2)