

# PREP NEWS

Big Missey is watching you.



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## Cashbah a bust; registers \$200,000 net loss

### Me, Myself and I Facebook

For the first time ever in SLUH history, Cashbah, the event designed to bring in the high rollers and heavy spenders, registered a net loss. The loss was attributed to astronomical decorating costs, poor planning, and an interesting guest turnout.

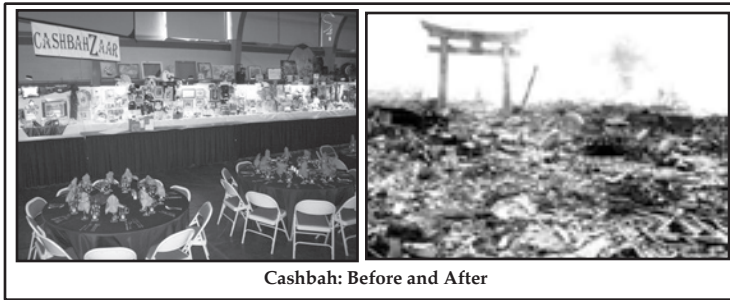
Perhaps the largest pitfall of the event was the American Government-esque decorating budget. Decorations included a champagne fountain, a disco floor, and a large ice sculpture of Tom Cummings, S.J.

Cummings said, "Well, I was thinking, you know, we are here to celebrate Fr. Bailey. So I made the association that since we were

both presidents of the school—you know that don't you—and we were also both Jesuits, I figured my sculpture was pretty much the same thing as one of Fr. Bailey."

Cummings' ice sculpture, measuring

not account for the water capacity of the sculpture. By the end of the night, a six-inch puddle had spread across the entire floor of the gym as Cummings' head melted slowly into the ground.



Cashbah: Before and After

Cashbah also experienced transport problems as the two shuttle drivers, both mafia gun runners without valid driver's licenses, were dragged by Maplewood police into the back of their patrol car. Co-Cashbah chair Ann Rice refused to comment. According to information leaked to the *Prep News*,

however, Rice apparently employed the pair secretly, hoping to pocket the additional cash.

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## SLUH embraces Facebook; website finalized

### Lumberjack McScruffy Moustachio'd super villain

The administration officially designated St. Louis U. High's new Facebook profile as the SLUH website on Monday. Although the computer technicians have not yet finished friending all of the students, the website should be fully operational by May.

Because of the switchover to Facebook, not only has the school-wide ban on the website been lifted, but also Facebook is now the home page for every computer on campus. Furthermore, Facebook paraphernalia will be sold at the SLUH bookstore, and the freshman computer courses will give a weeklong crash-course in the art of Facebook.

Although several administrators explained that the age-old policy of, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em" was the real cause for switch to Facebook, one anonymous faculty member said that over spring break, President David Laughlin and Assistant

Principal for Student Welfare H. Eric Clark had both become addicted to the website and conspired to lift the ban. Nothing is certain, but rumor has it that many students have overheard Clark saying to secretary Marla Maurer, "Hold my calls, Marla, I'm facebooking. I have to check my wall."

Laughlin could not be reached for comment, but when approached in his office, he fumbled with his computer, frantically closing windows, saying, "I can't talk to you right now, I'm on Fa- I mean, I'm working!"

Computer technician Jon Dickmann explained in a Facebook message, "There's talk of removing the Examen and replacing it with a Facebook-based prayer service. Two minutes would be too short, so we're thinking of moving back to a six period day, abolishing homeroom and activity period, and using all the extra time for the Facebook period. They say the period will allow students to reach out and friend someone."

Math teacher Tom Flanagan offered his own insightful experience on the matter, "You

know, I got an e-mail from David (Laughlin) one day inviting me on to Facebook. Now, I'm not one to just go and do what everyone else is doing, but today I felt spunky. I haven't turned off my laptop since, and I'm tinkering with a way to incorporate the new system with my math classes. Actually, sometimes I just skip class altogether and hideout somewhere with my laptop."

Ben Dumont, a faculty member who worked on the new website for years, explained that, although the change would scrap the work he had done on the website, he was happy to "make way for the future."

The switch will have minor effects on disciplinary policy at SLUH. Students found not to have a Facebook profile will be expelled, excommunicated, and vaporized without question, unless they have a signed permission slip. Also, rules against drugs and alcohol have been struck down to allow more freedom in posting pictures on Facebook profiles.

## SLUH to play at new Busch, Cardinals here

**Alf Sanford**  
**The Futzman**

Following some under-the-table wheeling and dealing by St. Louis U. High administrators and confusion on the part of Cardinals executives, the SLUH varsity baseball team will play its 2006 season in the new Busch Stadium, while SLUH's new field will be used for the Cardinals' 81 regular-season home games.

Apparently, while finalizing plans for the Cardinals' involvement in the Forest Park field, Vice President of Advancement Thom Digman added a stipulation at the end of the agreement.

It reads: "In the event that the Cardinals and SLUH both construct a new stadium in the same year any time in the future, whichever organization can produce the most members with perfect scores on the ACT test over the course of the previous year will have full use of the larger stadium for one calendar year."

The result of the contest, of course, was a landslide victory for SLUH.

## Barton accused in intramural cookie scandal

**Bulbous Shartblat**  
**Uh Oh! Oreo**

An ongoing scandal has corrupted St. Louis U. High students' favorite activity period pastime, intramurals.

The scandal, uncovered by students from Team Dunn, alleges several instances of Xavier students bribing Barton with homemade cookies for intramural points. These students have taken the name "Xavier Mafia" (XM).

One student said, "I had noticed something fishy happening with Xavier's point totals, ... so I followed known XM members into the Social Studies office one day and pretended to talk to (history teacher Tom) Wilson while the XM spoke to Barton. The members gave him a plate of large double chocolate cookies and then promised to name their firstborns after *Star Wars* characters. Barton then marked something in a little black book. I checked the IM board the next day, and Team Xavier had gone up five points." Members of Dunn also found three containers of cookies underneath Barton's desk.

When informed of these allegations,

Digman said, "I really kind of inserted it as a joke. After signing the contract, I showed (former president Paul) Sheridan, and we had a good laugh. Of course, at the time, we never actually thought it would happen. It really is pretty funny when you think about it."

Ferky Jankonsen, the Cardinals' representative (and a graduate of DeSmet) that signed the contract said, "I can't believe it. They took it right from under our noses. Those SLUH boys, you got to hand it to them. But the Cardinals are optimistic that the SLUH facility will meet our needs almost perfectly. For one, we can guarantee a 'sellout' of every game, as admission is free, and the facility only seats a couple hundred people. Sure, we'll lose some money, but money isn't everything."

SLUH's reaction has been highly enthusiastic.

Sophomore Ted Tedenger said, "Now I don't have to leave campus to watch the Cardinals. Oh, and our baseball games will be more exciting too, I guess."

Senior Schimweg Tarlton, the president

Barton commented through a mouthful of oatmeal raisin, "I never like to hear that someone is cheating at intramurals. It is nearly a capital sin. I'd also like to say that as the moderator I reserve the right to do WHATEVER I want!"

Mothers of known XM members refused to comment on where these homemade cookies came from.

Xavier was further accused of bringing SceneIt cards to IM Movie Trivia and using cell phone Internet access in an attempt to win Music Trivia. Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark promised to look into these claims of illegal cell phone activity.

Xavier homeroom teachers: film teacher Mark Cummings, French teacher Jennifer Crespino, physics teacher Eric LaBoube, and theology teacher Rosemary Queathem sent out a unanimous response to the accusations: "We did not authorize, nor had knowledge of, any cheating or bribing as a method for winning intramural games. Go Xavier!"

As part of his defense, Barton protested, "Junior homeroom M224 was missing their teacher, Mr. Cummings, throughout the whole of Movie Trivia. With him, they were

of the eating club, hopes to have near daily trips to the ballpark for eating sessions. Tarlton said, "Ballpark food. You can't beat it. I previewed the food earlier. Those hotwursts, where they put a hotdog and a bratwurst in one hotdog bun together, are to die for. It's also great 'cause it costs less and is healthier than our cafeteria food. I think the club members will really enjoy it."

Additionally, third floor employees and big-time donors will have exclusive access to the luxury boxes, henceforth to be known as the Sheridan-Digman High-Rolla Jr. Billiken Boxez. There, drinks will be served in chalices, and theology teacher Tom Cummings, S.J., will function as the bartender and "will pop outside to share a stogey with anyone whenever they want one," said Cummings. Whenever Cummings cannot make a game, theology teacher Michael Marchlewski, S.J., will fill in.

Head coach Steve Nicollerat said, "It's a top-notch facility for a top-notch group of kids. They really deserve it. They've worked hard to get to varsity, and they really are just

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guaranteed a win; without him, they had no chance. I boosted them a little for a nominal fee, but that was only fair."

A committee is being put together to investigate the full extent of the corruption. Disgruntled M218 homeroom teacher David Callon will head the committee. Until a verdict can be reached, all students are restricted from bringing food to Barton, and Barton has been banned from all intramural activities.

At the first meeting of the committee, Barton pleaded to allow the students to continue providing him with tasty treats throughout the week.

At this time, Principal Mary Schenkenberg will step down from her duties and fill in for Barton as intramural moderator.

"I feel that intramurals are a crucial part of our students' SLUH experience," Schenkenberg said. "They need to learn vital lessons that they will use in the real world such as bribery and underhanded dealing, and I feel that I must concentrate all my efforts on the program."

With Schenkenberg's leave of absence comes an open principal position. At the top of the substitute list is Barton himself.

# Faculty to drive shuttles as parking moves further

## Mother Superior Oh Flitterbick!

With the completion of the new student parking lot this past week, another phase of Vision 2000 has come to a close. However, since the lot is now west of Forest Park Community College (FoPoCoCo) and over two and a half miles away, SLUH has bought a shuttle bus as a service for the students. The bus was first put into use this week.

Unfortunately though, the persistent sinkhole problem has set SLUH back financially, so the school could not hire a driver for the shuttle. Instead, driving the shuttle bus has now become a prefecting-type duty for the teachers.

On Monday, the English department had to supply drivers, so they sent out two seasoned veterans, Jim Raterman and Barb Osburg. Raterman greeted the students bright and early in the morning with his usual grin and energy. Unfortunately he had decked himself out in his own uniform, complete with a conductor's hat. To top it all off, he even installed his own bell. Many juniors grumbled that he rang the bell too frequently and laughed to himself every time it chimed.

Osburg nearly caused an accident when she was driving a group of sophomores in the afternoon. Osburg got out of the driver's seat while the bus was in motion to lead a Disney sing-a-long. A crash was averted simply because there were no cars on Berthold at

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(Doc Oc)

and we weren't a club sport. Doc Brock has taken this rowdy crowd under his wing, has led us back to club sporthood, and now we're getting a stadium!" exclaimed senior Will Forceschool.

The administration is still discussing the plans for the rest of the land purchased by the school. Schenkenberg has formed a committee to oversee a committee that will decide what to do with the space. The committee, according to Schenkenberg, has sought student input on the topic.

"We talked with a freshman just last week!" she said. As for the name of the student, she could not recall.

the time.

"It was scary," one anonymous sophomore commented. "The singing that is. I don't think I've witnessed anything so awful."

The foreign language department took over Tuesday. During the morning shift, Spanish teacher Kevin Moore took the helm. To no one's surprise, he began the drive with a lecture about the evils of fossil-fuel vehicles and then proceeded to tow the bus to school with his bicycle. Surprisingly, many students opted to walk to school instead; the others missed the first two class periods. Moore has subsequently been placed in the intensive care unit at Barnes-Jewish Hospital for extreme fatigue.

Instead, history teacher Steve Aylward filled in and volunteered to drive. However, he refused to drive the bus and instead stuffed students into his environment-friendly Echo and a rickshaw pulled by his cat, Attila. Unfortunately, 14 of the 16 students in Aylward's car died from asphyxiation caused by Aylward's refusal to turn on the air conditioning, compounded by the boredom from listening to 90.7 KWMU, National Public Radio. Aylward said, "'Tis a small price to pay to save the planet. But their martyrdom will not be in vain. The planet must survive!"

Biology teacher Steve Kuensting swapped his driving shift with Matt Scuito, leaving him behind the wheel Wednesday afternoon. Kuensting managed to crash the shuttle on Macklind, running head-on into a semi. The school is currently investigating the condition of the bus, and the amount of money required to fix it. The health of the

juniors on the bus is unknown, and the administration hasn't planned to look into it.

Kuensting commented, "Hee Hee. Stick it to the Man. That'll teach 'em to try and give me seven periods. I told 'em, 'You lose. I am not doing it.' Weren't even gonna give me a pay raise. I mean, do they want to send me to the nut house? Oh well. They're gonna fire me."

The bus will remain out of service for the next week, and students will be required to walk. As one administrator said, "We're doing all we can in the best interest of our students. We're only thinking about them."

(From way out of left field) some great kids. Super duper: Football coach Gary Kornfeld, who happened to be walking by, added, "Heckuva deal for SLUH. Those baseball guys, they sure make one heckuva team. They give it their all, 110% every day. Of course you gotta love T-Digs (Thom Diggins), pullin' that one out of his hat, getting to play in the big house, don't ya? Heckuva deal." While the attendance at Cardinal games may put a strain on the already tight parking situation, the new parking lot, which will have approximately 18,325.6 parking spaces, should open shortly. Theology teacher Matt Scuito concluded, "What a great thing for SLUH ... on this. I just can't wait to see the Jr. Bills in action and take some pictures, on this. But I've got to go on this. This interview is over, on this."

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want from Kingshighway to the Dino lot with absolutely no consequences.

"The kicker is, with all of this Vision 2000 construction, pretty soon our campus will be bigger than Saint Louis U.," said Zarrick. "This place is going to be great."

## Quote of the Week

"I THOUGHT WE CAME OUT SLUGGISH IN THE FIRST PERIOD, AND GOLLY, DID IT COST US."

—ST. LOUIS BLUES HEAD COACH MIKE KITCHEN



## Kiosks installed throughout school, gross \$\$\$\$

### Buckinbardy Nematode

The St. Louis U. High North Central Committee of Public Safety (NCCPS) unveiled the installation of over 200 kiosks around the Backer Memorial over spring break this week. The kiosks, both manned and automatic, will officially open for business on Tuesday, April 18, but they have been selling coffee, snacks, school supplies, and personal items like steroids and Sudafed for the past week as part of a publicity campaign. This project is the first part of the Vision \$2 Billion (V2B) campaign to increase the financial security of SLUH.

Although booths are present in every part of the school, not all of the kiosks offer the same goods, as the NCCPS hopes to maximize profits from the introduction of school-wide sales.

"SLUH is a rich, diverse, 99.99 percent white and Catholic school, so obviously, different constituencies will have different needs," NCCPS chairwoman Dona D. Scremey-Nate. "The stands have been strategically placed and supplied in order to

best address the needs of the students. For example, the junior hallway machines sell Ritalin, and others sell fuzzy slippers and teddy bears near the counseling office. In formulating this plan, (the NCCPS) made sure that it had something for every student."

In addition to the variance in vending stock, the NCCPS has also strategically decided not to place machines that are unlikely to have much patronage.

Scremey-Nate said, "(The NCCPS has) monitored traffic in areas all around the school and have included those findings in our plans. The chapel, obviously, will have no vending machines because its average student traffic is .3 people per hour. Also, while the computer lab certainly has many occupants, we've been observing them very carefully for the past three months, and they haven't actually moved yet, so there will not be any kiosks there either."

Student response to the kiosks has been mixed. Freshmen have generally not noticed the machines as the books stacked in their arms impede their vision ... somewhat. However, juniors greeted the new arrivals with characteristic enthusiasm, having already destroyed 13 machines thus far, and

seniors were pleased that they no longer had to travel off campus for their daily needs.

Senior Dom Jacques said, "It's been a hassle driving off campus for vittles and then taking too long and missing a class or two. Sometimes teachers even notice and that gets kind of weird. But this way, I can just walk out of class and get a burger or something, instead of having to bring it from lunch. It's great."

There has been relatively little opposition to the new kiosks. Early last week, the theology department had issued a signed letter criticizing the so-called "culture of greed" and "consumerist materialism" that this plan represents, but their office has since been converted into a religious trinket store, selling pentacles, tarot cards, and miscellaneous Harry Potter paraphernalia.

Although the kiosks have only been open for a week, total sales have already been estimated to have topped \$20,000 and are continuing to rise daily. However, because the NCCPS had been unsure of the success of the plan, an \$8,000, or 92.6 percent, increase in tuition has already been scheduled for next year to cover the cost of the kiosks.

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## Cummings speaks out against V2K timeframe

### Captain Beefheart Thermos

In a statement released on Saturday night, theology teacher Tom Cummings, S.J., expressed his "extreme displeasure" with St. Louis U. High's Vision 2000 expansion, especially the project's ten-year schedule.

"Back in '79, when we ... uh, I ... built the football stadium, it only took about fifteen minutes," Cummings said. "I grabbed thirty physically dazzling young men, a dozen or so mules, and the Dalai Lama, and we went to work with nothing but our earlobes and an orange peeler. But with Vision 2000, the administration announces it's a ten-year deal. Ten years! That's absurd. It took God, what, seven days to create the universe and even got a day off, and it's going to take SLUH ten years to build a soccer field or two?"

Cummings, who several times reached Rumsfeldian levels of comically angry outbursts while giving his statement, offered to

assume command of Vision 2000, criticizing president David Laughlin's handling of the program.

"If I'm in put in charge, there won't be any of this sinkhole business, no construction crews and heavy machinery, or all that nonsense. All I need are a few strapping young lads willing to flock to my side, and together, with nothing but a few cans of Crisco, we shall create a utopia of high school athletic facilities and alumni reunion reception lobbies sponsored by Anheuser-Busch," Cummings pledged.

Asserting his presidential authority, Laughlin discreetly and quietly ignored Cummings' suggestions. He went on to label Cummings' proposals as "unrealistic," citing recent studies conducted by the University of California at Berkeley showing that the amount of teenage boys who can be categorized as "strapping young lads" has decreased exponentially since 1979.

"Where's (Cummings) going to get his work force," Laughlin wondered. "DeS-

met?"

Despite the apparent fallacies in Cummings' plan, it has been gaining widespread support among the student body. Sophomores and juniors have been especially drawn to Cummings' promises that they would no longer have to park in eastern Wyoming and be shuttled to school by camel, as has been the procedure since construction of the soccer stadium removed most of the student parking lot on Berthold Avenue.

"I'll get a water taxi or something real nice like that to bring (the sophomores and juniors) right to the front door," Cummings said.

Seniors have also expressed a partiality to Cummings' plan. "Cummings is a sweet dude," senior Spud Kraftwerk said. "His class was so easy to sleep in. Plus, I'll be out of here in like, a month."

As for freshman, it seems that their support of Cummings' plan stems largely from the fact that their mommies have told them to do so.

## Missey clone enters *Prep News* office, causes havoc

**Eduardo Raffle Rouser**

English teacher and *Prep News* daddy Steve Missey successfully cloned himself last Thursday after school, realizing the worst nightmare of every student, teacher, and administrator at St. Louis U. High.

Missey hasn't revealed how he got cloned. However, it was discovered that science teacher by day and mad scientist by night Steve Kuensting had taken Wednesday and Thursday off to prepare for "a special project."

Thursday night, Missey told the *Prep News* staff that he had an "important errand" and would return in about an hour. As expected by the staff, Missey returned two hours later, except this time, "Missey" was in fact the clone. Missey I had decided to have dinner at home with his family, sending Missey II instead to the *PN* office.

However, because the *Prep News* has had the delight of spending an average of twelve hours a week with Missey, it didn't take long for the *PN* staff to uncover the truth.

"The minute he came, I noticed something was wrong," Features Editor Seth

Clampett insisted. "He hardly reacted when I picked up his Nalgene water bottle, took the cap off, and drank it; he didn't even get out of 'his zone' from reading an article. So, I threw water in his face. Here's where I knew

I had been working on. ... That did not go well." Indeed not. Upon hearing Krebs tell Missey to "pass dat dutch" and "get low," an enraged and screaming Missey dumped all of Krebs' books out of the second floor office window.

"At that point, I was like, 'Dude, the Miss is being hellas funk.' ... Well, I don't think he liked that either because at that point he grabbed my iPod and cell phone and threw them against the wall," Krebs said.

Missey II also turned out to be a much more aggressive debater than Missey I, turning his conversations with office belligerent Photo Editor Kyle Kloster violent. Kloster, a long believer in the ironic ending of John Updike's short story was beaten down by an overbearing Missey II rebuttal.

Shaking and on the verge of tears, Kloster whispered, "I was bored, so I decided to rehash the whole 'Is *A&P* comic or ironic?' dispute. Usually he just allows me to ignore blissfully the arguments he's right about, but this time he stood up grabbed me by hair and started screaming in my face that I was 'an idiot to believe that there were any ironic see **TIMES TWO, 6**



Missey I talks to Missey II in the *Prep News* office.

something wasn't right. The real Missey would have thrown me to the ground and assaulted me like he did last fall, but this guy just smiled and asked for some paper towels to dry his face."

Editor Brian Krebs added, "I had a break from laying out so I decided to go after Missey. First, I started out with the 'You're old' bit. He hates that stuff. Then, I decided to introduce the Missy Elliott rap

## Frisbee club gets stadium as part of V2K

**Elliot Davis**  
**You Paid For It**

As construction crews put the finishing touches on the new baseball field, soccer field, and track, St. Louis University High School has finalized plans for a brand new Ultimate Frisbee stadium. The school has purchased all that is left of the neighborhood between the existing campus and Kingshighway Boulevard for the new stadium.

"The acquisition really serves two purposes," Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick said. "A, we are finally rewarding the Ultimate Frisbee team with a much needed stadium. Number two, it will stop all of the complaints from the neighbors about students parking there. No neighbors equals no complaints. And, here's the kicker: it only costs a couple thou," he finished with a sly grin.

The stadium will be located just east of the proposed site of the Student Life Center.

The Frisbee team originally asked that it be a grass playing surface for a truer feel and a softer landing surface for their "wicked lay-outs." However, after realizing how incredibly cool artificial turf looks and how much more expensive the turf costs, the team as well as the administration decided to splurge on a third artificial turf field.

"Well, we figured we already have two turf fields, why not make it an even-numbered three?" Athletic Director Dick Wehner said. "Plus, I love watching the little rubber pieces fly up when the kids run on it."

As suggested by school nurse Scott Gilbert, the field will be equipped with electric coils under the turf to heat up or cool down the playing surface, depending on the temperature,

"Always looking out for the safety of our students," Gilbert said.

In addition, construction crews will dig for a place to install the new bleachers, which

will be partially underground.

"We've really gotten into this new idea of putting the bleachers on an even level with the field. I mean, it's not like spectators would want to see the whole field while the game is going on," Wehner said. "Plus, we've toyed with the idea of creating a 'splash zone' where fans would be likely to catch some stray rubber heading their way," he finished.

All discussions of the necessity of the field aside, the Discbills are ecstatic about their new facility.

"It's really about time," junior Huck Dadisc said. "I mean, we have won second place at the state tournament the past two years. That's more than the football team, soccer team, or baseball team can say, and they all have their own fields."

"I'm just glad the Frisbee team is finally getting some respect around here. At this time last year, we didn't even have a moderator, see **FRISBEE, 3**

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(from the bowels of hell)

elements in the end of *A&P*.”

However, Missey’s betraying mistake came after being in the office for only forty-five minutes. “He pronounced my name correctly,” an aghast Sports Editor Andrew Schroeder said. He’s always pronouncing my name “SHRO-der,” but when he said it correctly, I was like, ‘Hot dog! What’s going on?’”

As if waiting for a dramatic entrance, Missey I then strolled into office with his usual “Hi everybody” greeting. With the entire office in silence, he walked over to the couch and sat next to Missey II. The two Missey, now sitting identically with their left legs across their right knees, let out a wry laugh, sending the office into a panic. Jim Santel and Andrew Mueth simply ran around the table shrieking. Timo Kim and Dan Everson jumped out the windows. Tim Malecek fainted, and editor-in-Chief Tim Huether plunged his head into a computer monitor in a screaming rage.

Fortunately, having two Misseys allowed the multiple injured members of the staff to get to the hospital twice as fast. Three and a half hours later, the entire staff was gathered in the waiting room at Barnes Jewish Hospital. Despite broken legs, twisted arms, a bandaged head, and a newly-discovered heart condition, Missey clapped his hands and announced cheerily, “Let’s put out a paper.”

After they recovered from the shock of having two Misseys, the staff settled back into its Thursday night routine and they finished the paper at 3 a.m. Despite having two English majored Misseys, last week’s paper contains more inaccuracies and grammatical errors than ever before.

Missey I cites only one reason for wanting to clone himself: he simply has too much work for one person to do. Missey said, “I’m capable of doing everything—I mean come on, we’re talking about me here. I just simply didn’t have time to fit in teaching, grading essays, bitching about grading essays, mickey-mousing in the English office with Curdt, my drug dealings—you’re not quoting me on this, are you?—and moderating that godforsaken paper.”

## DOWN THE DRAIN

(from a teacher’s child)

An interesting guest list kept profits way down this year. The traditional high rollers apparently had spent all their money at Cor Jesu’s auction and did not attend. Instead, the guests hailed primarily from North and South County. In fact, the usual suit and tie affair was replaced by clothing from the Derelict line.

The auction also saw an unusually high number of Jesuits, such as Ralph Houlihan, S.J., who has reportedly made money by selling Kairos crosses on the black market. Many of the Jesuits wore signs around their necks and cried, “Remember Arrupe!”

As none of the attendees had any personal wealth, the only item actually sold at the oral auction was a trip with Fr. Houlihan to the Cardinals game, although the buyer, an anonymous Jesuit residing on Lawn Avenue, opted not to take Houlihan with him.

All in all, Cashbah dropped \$200,000 (or 200,000 McDonald’s Big and Tasty’s), requiring budget cuts next year. President David Laughlin explained, “Well, here’s the deal. Obviously we can’t cut any of the salaries of the administrators, so we’ve got to take it from the lower two levels. The administrators are the ones making all the big decisions, anyway. Does a freshman Latin class really matter? They can’t even conjugate ‘amo’ in pluperfect.”

The budget cuts also necessitate canceling further V2K improvements, such as the plan to include a swimming pool. AP Physics teacher Paul Baudentistel gave the *Prep News* an exclusive interview. His hair uncharacteristically messy and missing a large chunk, Baud humored himself, “You know what? Who wouldn’t want to swim in a cave! I mean my whole life I’ve always wanted to do it! They thought they could take FoPoCoCo from me. BUT THEY CAN’T! I’m Paul Baudentistel and I want the humidity to form droplets upon my skin!”

In addition to V2K cutbacks, the school will see some sweeping changes in academic standards. In another effort to cut costs, fine art programs disbanded, from *Sisyphus* to pottery to yearbooks (wait, never mind, they’ve cancelled themselves).

The change met with the most resounding praise from the school is the combination

of the science and theology departments to teach creationism. Each class will be taught by one theology and one science teacher, who will improvise the material on the spot. Laughlin said, “I’ve always wanted to teach creationism. It’s one of the things I really believe strongly in. I’m so happy I’m at a private school, so I can actually do it.”

Fittingly, this Cashbah was dedicated to the memory of Fr. Bailey. Future plans for Cashbah have been abandoned. Instead, the third floor is working on developing a pyramid scheme to provide funding for next year.

## KIOSK

(the inevitable next step)

“It’s a very modest increase in tuition, and we still provide a quality education for less than John Burroughs and MICDS. And our AP scores are better, too,” budget administrator Peyton Moare said. “If families really, really cannot afford tuition according to our calculations, we are more than willing to give them grants and financial aid. Actually, the kiosk plan benefits parents more than they know, as the daily maintenance of the kiosks opens more work grant opportunities for students.”

When asked about the necessity of another \$8,000 dollars from each of the over 1,000 students, Moare said, “The finances of the school are quite complicated and intricate, not small matters to worry the pretty little heads of parents about. But I assure you the money will be put to a good use.”

With nearly \$8,000,000 due from the increase in tuition and an estimated \$300,000 in profits from the kiosks by the end of the year, the NCCPS is overjoyed with the success of its plan and is currently formulating committees to evaluate various plans for the money, such as a trickle-down salary increase, or the expansion of third-floor offices.

“This plan succeeded because of the hard work of the whole administrative team, the cooperation of the faculty, and the salaries of the students and their parents,” Scremey-Nate said. “Obviously, with so many parts of the SLUH family working so well together in this plan, the gains should go straight back into the community.”