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"If nothing else, value the truth"



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X Prize for space exploration awarded in stadium

Sean Powers
Core Staff

The worldwide race to be the first private corporation to venture into space twice in two weeks came to a close right here on St. Louis U. High's athletic field. The award for the highly competitive race is called the Ansari X Prize (X Prize). Team Leader Burt Rutan and his team, Mojave Aerospace Ventures, LLC., met in the football field to accept the trophy and \$10 million check. As of today, the \$10 million X Prize stands as the largest incentive ever in aviation.

However, the X Prize is not the first incentive for advancement in engineering and aviation exploration. One of its inspirations was the Orteiz Prize for \$25,000,

which Charles Lindbergh won in 1927 when he flew solo across the Atlantic Ocean in the Spirit of St. Louis. His grandson, Erik Lindbergh, who retraced his flight, spoke about how St. Louis still today plays a large role in the advancement of aviation and aerospace exploration. Saturday, SLUH became a part of that history by having the award presented in the stadium.

The day kicked off at approximately 9:00 a.m. with autograph signings. Mem-

bers from the Mojave Team, who won the prize, along with the founders and supporters of the X Prize, gave out autographs to many interested spectators from all over the country. Also in attendance were members from the New Spirit of St. Louis, who played a role in bringing the X Prize to St. Louis.

Hundreds of spectators came to watch the historic ceremony at the athletic field and get a chance to meet the history making members of the three organi-
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Recipients unveil the X Prize.

Dauphin Players will present Rosencrantz next week

Paul Barker
Reporter

On Nov. 19, 20, and 21, the St. Louis U. High stage will open onto two insignificant Elizabethans passing the time by betting on the toss of a coin. As the flip turns up as heads again and again, the two men become aware of the trap they're in: They are two minor players in one of theater's most famous stories who don't know what they're doing or why they're doing it—and they aren't even sure who they are.

Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* is a comedy in which two undeveloped characters in Shakespeare's *Hamlet* are fleshed out in

a madhouse of jumbled philosophy, regal murders, and theatrical debauchery—all without ever getting answers regarding their purpose and identity.

"If you discover you're a character locked forever inside the fixity of art, that's a nightmare," says Kathryn Whitaker, the play's director, in reference to the protagonists of the title. For the two main characters, Danish courtiers Rosencrantz (senior Paul Barker) and Guildenstern (senior Kevin Boehm), the story is a constant struggle to gain some control over their surroundings. But with sweeping entrances of royal attendants, the king, the queen, and a raggedy band of actors, Stoppard pins the two men to the
see MELANCHOLY, 13

SLUH library adds tomahawk to collection

Brian Krebs
Core Staff

Yesterday, Timothy Drone, '68 added to the library's art collection by gifting the school with an Osage Indian tomahawk. The Indian weapon is estimated as being from the last half of the 1700s. Drone has donated much of the art already in the library.

The tomahawk was carved from Osage orange wood, a relatively dense wood. Drone said, "Now (the tomahawk is) pretty light, but when that was made, the wood would have had water in it, so it would have been much more hefty."
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Freshman DeLaria wins science award

Andrew Mueth
Core Staff

Freshman Brett DeLaria received a \$3,500 national savings bond in the Currian Room Tuesday during activity period. Last year DeLaria, along with three grade school classmates from Immaculate Conception grade school, competed in and won the second annual eCYBERMISSION, a web-based science, math, and technology competition for sixth through ninth graders.

Funded by the United States Army, eCYBERMISSION is a program that seeks to "spark interest in science and math," said Kelly Stratchko, the eCYBERMISSION program manager who awarded DeLaria the savings bond. The entire program is based online; contestants register, choose a topic, and sub-

mit their project information and data online. According to the program's website, www.ecybermission.com, "eCYBERMISSION challenges (participants) to explore how science, math, and technology work in your world."

DeLaria's team, the Supertechs, won first place for the northwest region in the 2003-2004 competition. The Supertechs designed a solar water purification device that combined electrolysis and distillation. DeLaria described the device as a box with a slanted glass top and mirrors on the sides. The device is placed in the sunlight, and as the water heats in the reflected sunlight, it condenses on the glass and rolls off in a purified form.

DeLaria attended Immaculate Conception grade school in Columbia, Illinois. In seventh grade, his computer teacher Sue Lewis, learned of the program, then in

its first year, and was asked by the school to pick four students in seventh grade to compete. Lewis selected DeLaria, Jenn Hannon, Emma Mathews, and Dan Everding. Lewis filled the role of team advisor.

After registering and looking at the topic ideas, the four students decided to go into depth on DeLaria's school science project involving the electrolysis of water as a method to remove harmful metals from water. In seventh grade, the team had won a criteria award consisting of a \$2,000 savings bond per team member for having done a "good job on science, math, and technology but ... (we) needed to improve other aspects such as our teamwork and the English (in the report and presentation)," DeLaria commented.

The team again registered in eighth **see REVENGE OF THE, 14**

Six musicians qualify for districts

Dustin Sump and Seth Clampett
Reporter and Staff

Last Saturday, Nov. 5, the Jazzbills began the process that could earn them a spot in Missouri's all-state band. SLUH had a strong showing in their district competition, qualifying six musicians in eight spots who will now perform with the district band in a concert Nov. 21 and will compete for spots in the state competition.

Qualifying to the district concert band were juniors Ben Anderson (first chair for tenor saxophone), Jim Schaefer (fourth chair trombone), and Nick Niehaus (fifth chair trumpet). Sophomore Kris Florek made alternate saxophone in concert band. Seniors Charles Ullmann and Paul Florek qualified for first chair tuba and second chair trumpet for the concert band, respectively. Schaefer also qualified as an alternate piano and Kris Florek made alternate saxophone as well.

The competition for band members consist of tryouts held in several districts across the state in early November. Band members can audition for positions in either the concert band or the jazz band. Prior to their auditions, band members

prepare songs that were given to them for the competition. They play the selected song and sets of musical scales before a judge, who evaluates their performance and assigns a ranking based upon the scores each musician received.

Ullmann and Florek, who have qualified for district band, will not be able to try out for a spot in the all-state band. Ullman and Florek will be participating in the Youth Symphony Concert, a local orchestra for any musician under the age of 22, which is held on Nov. 21, the same night as the district band concert. In order for a musician to qualify for the state competition, he must play in the district band concert. There was a scheduling conflict in which the district band concert and the Youth Symphony concert were going to be held on the same night.

Ullmann cited as reasons for participating in the Youth Symphony concert his greater commitment to the orchestra, its better music, a better experience with a more prestigious group, and the fact that the Youth Symphony concert was scheduled first.

Band director Brian Mueller said, "You have to participate in a district en-

semble (in order) to audition for state."

Both Ullmann and Florek blamed the district coordinator for the scheduling conflict. Florek said it was "district's fault for scheduling (the performance)" since the Youth Symphony concert was scheduled first. Ullmann stated that the disqualification "just seemed ridiculous."

Florek and Ullmann hoped that they could miss the district band concert and still try out for all-state band in December. However, a board reviewed their case and voted against this, upholding the rule that they must participate in the concert to audition for state, thus disqualifying the two seniors.

Mueller believes Florek and Ullmann should put school activities before their commitments to the Youth Symphony despite the unfortunate conflict.

Mueller said, "They want to do both, and if there was a district orchestra, Paul and Charles would (have) been able to perform with that group (in the concert) and (would) go on to state."

Despite the loss of SLUH's two returning state qualifiers, the Bandbills will perform in the concert and hope to do well in the ensuing state competition.

COMMENTARY

Kloster addresses leadership

Kyle Kloster
Core Staff

For the past two weeks, the *Prep News* has featured opinions regarding leadership and responsibility of SLUH, specifically in our Student Council. Though the editors and STUCO wrote about taking a stance on important issues and other aspects of leadership, I think that the most important issue, moral leadership, deserves much more detail.

Lots of guys drink and cheat, and not everyone, even at SLUH, pays much attention to it. I have seen it, and most of you know that it goes on, even if you haven't seen it. We cannot just pretend the cheating, drinking, bullying, and smoking don't go on, but I don't see a whole lot of effort to stop any of it. It can be embarrassing and difficult to stand up and tell someone to stop these things, and often you'll be ostracized for doing so. But none of us should let himself sit down and accept these things just because it's too scary to tell someone you think they're doing

something immoral. I ask you all, please consider the actions you see every day that you know shouldn't go on but do nothing, or too little, to change.

Members of STUCO, as SLUH's representative body and the student body's leaders, have a larger responsibility than the rest of the school to try to lead others in responsible behavior, though we all should try. STUCO's constitution declares setting an example of "good moral and responsible behavior" as one of their duties. Last week they cited the recent removal of a STUCO member due to violation of the drug and alcohol policy as enforcement of their stance on responsible leadership and the drug and alcohol policy. I really think that this duty extends beyond removing a STUCO member from office for such a violation. Moral leadership, for all of us, does not mean acting according to the rules when someone is looking. We all should try inside as well as outside of SLUH to be good people, but especially STUCO—as our leaders they have a responsibility to **see KLOSTER, 12**

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Caputa, Faber address SSA

Dear *Prep News* Editors and the SLUH community,

Last week the *Prep News* featured an article which described a presentation made to the faculty by a visiting priest named Fr. Timone from New York. He drew his views from the Catholic Medical Association, which believes the causes of homosexuality are all external and which they list as follows:

1. An inability to play team sports requiring eye-hand coordination, such as baseball, soccer, and basketball.
2. A father who is perceived as distant, critical, selfish, angry, or is an alcoholic.
3. A failure to identify with and establish friendships with same-sex peers.
4. A poor body image.
5. A mother who is controlling, overly dependent, angry, or demanding.
6. Sexual abuse or rape in your past.
7. Separation from a parent during the critical time of development.
8. A failure of parents to encourage same-sex identification

and friendships.

9. Narcissism or profound selfishness.

This list comes from a pamphlet called "Homosexuality and Hope," which was given to the faculty. The pamphlet refers to homosexuality as Same-Sex Attraction (SSA) because they believe it is not a natural state of being but rather an affliction which results from an "inclination, which is objectively disordered" (CCC, 2358).

This so-called research which comprises this list is not peer reviewed by psychologists or psychiatrists. Is this the sort of academic integrity we want to promote at SLUH? In seeking to understand and respect our gay brothers, does this list of common stereotypes promote our mission as men for others? The faith has nothing to fear from the truth that homosexuals are real people who deserve the same treatment as heterosexuals. Faith has plenty to fear from junk science which encourages a skewed interpretation of the Catechism.

Sincerely,
Phil Faber and George Caputa '05

The Herz thanks fans for support

Dear SLUH Football Fans:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the great fans here at SLUH over the past three seasons. From 3-7 to 7-3, the support for the team has remained steady. I would especially like to thank STUCO for their support of both the team

and my own individual accomplishments. It has been a pleasure and blessing to play in front of the best high school fans in Missouri. Again thanks.

Matt Herzberg '05

Gaming club begins operations

Tim Jansen
Reporter

Recently, a new club has been attracting interest in Jr. Billiken video and card game lovers. The club sponsors video game tournaments, card game tournaments, and, in general, a chance for SLUH students to get together and have fun.

The newly-formed SLUH Gaming Club was spearheaded by senior Mike Mueller. Mueller has worked toward a Gaming Club since his sophomore year. Mueller said, "I heard about how multiplayer gaming on video game consoles was going to explode and come out with some great games."

Unfortunately, he was too busy sophomore year to be able to organize it. Junior year, however, he did not actively participate in any clubs and got together with club moderator Kent Kershenski to form it. Kershenski is an avid CCG (card collecting game) player who delves into games such as *Lord of the Rings*, *Marvel Vs System*, and the most popular card game at SLUH, *Magic: The Gathering*. They have held one video game tournament where students gathered to play *Halo* on the club's XBox and *Super Smash Brothers Melee* and *Mario Kart Doubledash* on their Nintendo GameCube. Mueller says, "Even with the requirement for a parental permission form because of the M rating of *Halo* and the contradiction to Christian values, mainly the killing, the first tournament had a good turnout."

Their upcoming tournament on Nov. 19 is going to be using the much-awaited follow up to *Halo*, *Halo 2*. If you want to get a parental permission form, go to 221C.

Robert Perry heads a faction inside the Gaming Club of *Magic: The Gathering* players. Perry claims, "There are about twenty-five students that play *Magic*. It's a great hobby for before and after school because you can just take out some cards and start playing anywhere." The *Magic: The Gathering* faction has hosted a tournament in the Booster Draft format and had a group of about thirteen kids in four

Lab gets 16 new computers

Kyle Kloster
Core Staff

Last weekend, the St. Louis U. High computer lab acquired sixteen new and powerful computers. Unlike most every other computer on the SLUH campus, these sixteen sport the Windows XP operating system, and are geared towards higher performance than the other machines in the lab, according to computer teacher Steve Nicollerat. Nicollerat, who will teach the new computer game programming course SLUH will offer starting second semester, said that the new computers all use Windows because it complements programming software better than Macs do.

Computer technician Jon Dickmann explained that he and computer teacher/technician Tim Rittenhouse spent last Friday assembling the new tables that SLUH had purchased for the computers.

According to Dickmann, SLUH's only expenses for the improvements include the tables, the monitors, and three of the sixteen computers, while the rest was

donated to SLUH by alumni.

The Saturday after Dickmann and Rittenhouse furnished the lab with the tables, SLUH students installed the new computers by organizing them on the tables and connecting various cables to power the machines. Joe Locastro, Stu Condit, Matt Wilmsmeyer, Pat Turco, Jimmy Strzelec, and Dave King spent their Saturday unpacking the machines, attaching cables, and plugging wires into different computer parts so that the lab would be prepared for Open House that Sunday, according to Dickmann. Though the computers are set up on the tables, they are not yet fully operational because, as Dickmann explained, the class using them does not begin until the second semester, so they need not be functioning yet.

Dickmann said that the computers will connect to SLUH's network, but will not have internet access. According to Nicollerat, they have not yet decided if the machines will be open to student use, or exclusive to the class's use only.

Open House: a rousing success

PHOTO BY ALEX SCIUTO

John Taaffe
Reporter

SLUH opened its doors again last Sunday for the annual Open House. According to Director of Admissions Craig Hannick, over 2000 people visited, 660 of whom were potential students. The majority of the crowd showed up between twelve to two and, as witnessed by Hannick, "the line was the largest I have ever seen (for an Open House)." Some of the SLUH students giving tours were even asked to take two families at the same time during heavy traffic.

Hannick noted that "students were impressed by the phase of development. (There was) a lot of excitement over plans to expand." Vision 2000's athletic focus, however, did not seem to change the students' reasons for looking at SLUH. Hannick asserted, "We kinda have it all. We have athletics and academics, but the students primarily come because of the



Two members of the circus club perform at the open house last Sunday.

H2O polobills finish 3rd in State

Team follows up semifinal loss with commanding victory

Greg Mantych
Reporter

This past weekend, the St. Louis U. High water polo team finished 3rd in the Missouri District Tournament after losing to Chaminade 6-5 in the semifinals and rebounding with an 8-4 win against John Burroughs in the consolation game.

The loss to Chaminade was disappointing to all, including the many fans present, as everyone hoped to compete in the finals. Matched up against the Red Devils, SLUH knew that the game would be close and the loss was by no means an upset. Chaminade had a better record against SLUH, but every player knew that they were fully capable of dominating the Red Devils.

As expected, the beginning of the game started off with the Polobills and Chaminade playing evenly.

Senior Kevin O'Neill tapped in a missed shot by junior Mark Abram to start SLUH off to an early lead. However, two consecutive Chaminade goals kept the

Speedobills on their toes. Nevertheless, senior Tim Heafner kept up, tying the game, 2-2.

Unfortunately, Chaminade would sneak in the final goal of the period to finish off the first quarter ahead, 3-2.

Red Devils squeezed in a quick goal with less than one second remaining in the second quarter to end the first half up 4-2.

SLUH, refusing to go gently into that good night, kicked back at the start of the second half as Heafner powered in a goal with a defender trailing on his legs. Adding to the comeback, Heafner scored yet again during a 4-meter penalty shot to tie the game once more.

However, as they always seem to do, Chaminade scored again before the end of the period to keep a one-point lead over SLUH, 5-4.

But Chaminade began to tire as the game went on, giving SLUH a chance to take advantage of the team's weakness.

"We began to outplay them," commented head coach Paul Baudendistel, "and our depth really showed that they were the more tired team."

At the start of the final period, senior Tim Szewczyk kept the Jr. Bills going with a goal that tied the game for the third time that night.

Much to the dismay of the SLUH
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Staminabills take disappointing 8th in State

Henry Samson
Reporter

Poised to cap off a heroic season with a high state finish, and favored to place second as a team on Saturday, the St. Louis U. High Harriers had high hopes for glory and victory. But unfortunately, the bitter kiss of reality pressed up against the Jr. Billikens, as they fell to a very disappointing eighth-place team finish behind a flurry of out-of-town teams, Parkway South, and Fort Zumwalt South.

"Nine out of ten times we'd run better than that," said head coach Jim Linhares, "We just did not perform or get any luck."

The feeling among the coaches and runners to this day is still one of shock. "It's almost like it never even happened," said senior captain Charlie Samson.

The second quarter contained many opportunities for the Jr. Bills, but with missed shots, they had to rely on their defense to contain Chaminade.

Amidst tight defensive efforts, the

Though no one ever wants a season to end in this way, it did. On the records, SLUH finished eighth place with 192 points, behind two St. Louis schools and 112 points behind team champion Liberty.

But the day was not a total black hole for the Billikens. Junior juggernaut Ben Murphy-Baum, who has been SLUH's front-runner all year, fought through the hills and crowds to emerge with a tenth-place all-state finish. This is the highest all-state finish since 1994, when former coach Pat Hamel placed 14th. Murphy-Baum covered the difficult course in 16:52, a testimony to the degree of difficulty of the day.

"It was really cool to be able to stand on the all-state podium," said Murphy-Baum, who added, "It was also an honor

PHOTO BY GREG FOX



A SLUH water polo player (white cap) fights for the ball during last Saturday's third place game.

to be with the 24 other best runners in the state."

Murphy-Baum, along with senior captain Alex Muntges, ran with the leaders through the first mile and were in excellent position. But tragedy struck Muntges in the middle mile on the "Bunny Ears" stretch of the course. The hip and leg problems Muntges had been dealing with all year long flared up again and forced him to slow his pace down considerably to a jog and then to a walk tempo.

Consequently, he fell back to where he eventually finished, in 157th place with a time 11 minutes higher than normal. But in a testimony to his dedication and a true show of class, he struggled up the last hill with the 50 members of the Blue Crew cheering for him every step of
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Pigskinbills blow out Vianney, 35-0

But Kirkwood clinches district with 35-7 win

Brian Glaenger, Seth Clampett
Reporter, Staff

The Jr. Billiken football team wrapped up its season last Friday with a dominating 35-0 win over MCC rival Vianney. The team played strong offensively and defensively to secure a 7-3 record and second place in both its district and in the Metro Catholic Conference.

The Jr. Bills started off strong when junior defensive back Paul Cheney recovered a Vianney fumble with 9:43 left in the first quarter. However, the Griffin defense forced the Jr. Bills to punt the ball on the ensuing drive.

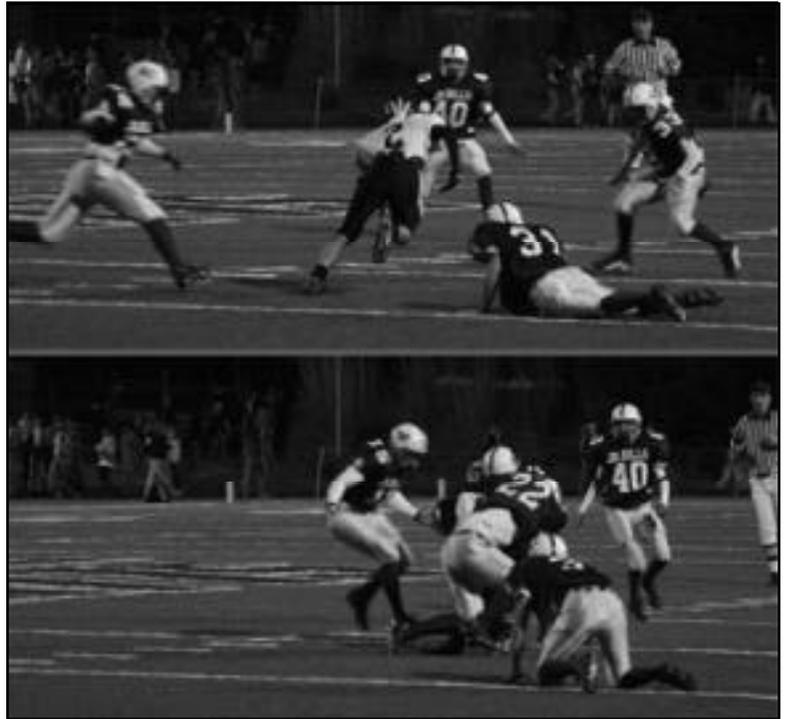
Once the Kornfeldbills regained possession, they moved quickly downfield with two passes to senior receiver John Warner for 27 total yards. The Jr. Bills capitalized on this drive when quarterback Matt Behr pulled off a fake while Cheney ran 14 yards on an end-around reverse for the touchdown. Behr's extra point attempt gave SLUH an early 7-0 lead.

Starting the second quarter, the RayLewisbills moved downfield, and with 11:12 left on the clock, junior running back Stephen Simmons dashed 43 yards for another six points. Behr's kick cleared the posts, and the Jr. Bills pulled ahead, 14-0.

Vianney seemed determined to answer the Billiken touchdown. On their kickoff return, the Griffin

receiver lateraled the ball to a defender who was tackled by Behr, keeping the Griffins at the 45-yard line. However, SLUH stepped up their defense when senior Dav e F r a n k l i n sacked the quarterback, forcing them to punt and keeping Vianney at zero.

The JMacbills scored once again on their next drive. The highlight of the game came when B e h r



The SLUH defense converges on a Vianney player last Friday. The defense shut out opposing teams three times this season on the way to a 7-3 season record.

lateraled the ball to Cheney, who threw 57 yards to Warner for another touchdown.

The Griffin offense struggled again after the half. SLUH's defense pressured Vianney's quarterback, whose pass was tipped by head coach Gary Kornfeld as it went out of bounds. Once again, Vianney had to give the ball to the SLUH offense.

SLUH quickly moved down the field on the ensuing drive as Behr completed a 50-yard

scored his first touchdown of the year and the last of the game to make the score 35-0 with 1:49 left in the quarter.

Both the second string offense and defense played throughout the fourth quarter, holding the Griffins scoreless. As time ran out, the Jr. Bills' final 2004 game ended with a score of 35-0.

Kornfeld said of the game, "It was great (and) because everybody was able to contribute and everyone played ... not only did they play ... they did a good job. Some of the guys who haven't gotten in the ball game much went in and did a great job. To respond the way we (have) is just terrific. (We played well) across the board, offensively and defensively. It was a team effort."

Despite SLUH's win, Kirkwood beat Lindbergh 35-7, giving them the most points in the district and vaulting them into the sectionals.



A SLUH receiver (left) catches a Matt Behr pass as a Vianney defensive back wraps him up during last Friday's 35-0 victory.

pass to Warner for a first and goal. Simmons ran in the touchdown with 7:14

left in the third quarter. Following this drive, senior tight end Matt Herzberg

PHOTO BY ALEX SCIUTO

Captains Zang, Weir, enjoy four years of varsity success

Tim Malecek
Reporter

The two captains of the St. Louis U. High soccer team have played a combined 24 years of soccer, including eight years of varsity soccer, and notched 82 wins and a state championship at SLUH. The 7th-ranked SLUH Jr. Bills are led by seniors Brent Zang and Tim Weir.

The two players have been playing together for St. Louis (formerly Busch) Soccer Club since eighth grade when their teams combined, and have spent a lot of time together on and off the field. Zang said, "It's always a good time. We all get along real well. We've always had a good relationship." In addition to serving as captains for SLUH, they both are the captains of their club team.

The two were recruited as freshmen to join the varsity squad. Weir played about half of the time that first year, and Zang played nearly every game. As the years progressed, the two increased their skills at the varsity level and gained more playing time.

The players have founded a dynasty here at SLUH. Head coach Charlie Martel said of the pair, "Finding the right words (to describe them) is going to be difficult because of their contributions. It's just absolutely amazing what they've done since freshman year. It's hard to put into words. I'm very grateful for their contributions to SLUH soccer."

The team has substantially improved over the last three years, winning 25 and 26 games the last two years and still looking for more wins this season. Martel said, "This could very well be the best three-year period of the school, and, of course, Timmy and Brent have been an integral part of that."

Weir and Zang were both named All-Metro players last year. Zang earned First Team All-Metro as a sweeper and Weir received Third Team All-Metro as a center-midfielder.

Last year, the SLUH defense, led by Zang, allowed only 12 goals while posting 21 shut-outs. This year, the solid defense has allowed only 19 goals with 15 shutouts.

Weir scored seven goals last year with eight assists. This year, he once again had seven goals, plus three assists. Despite the drop in assists, Weir's performance this year has once again been outstanding in his direction of the team from the center midfield.

In addition to helping the team to a plethora of victories in their four years, Weir and Zang also help to ease other players into the system and help them when necessary. Freshman Tommy Meyer joined Zang on the back line this year. Meyer had to get acclimated to playing against varsity level players in the two sweeper SLUH formation. Meyer commented

on Zang, "He's a really great leader on the field. He makes sure I know what I'm doing, and he encourages everyone during practice."

Junior right midfielder Zach Weiss said the captains, particularly Weir, also helped him transition into varsity soccer. Weiss noted, "They are vocal leaders. They showed me the ropes the first couple of years. They gave me guidance, Weir especially, from his center mid spot."

The captains are pleased with this year's performance overall. Although Zang admitted that "We've (the team) been inconsistent at times during the year, I feel that we are starting to gel together now."

Weir was also happy about this year's team, saying, "The work rate is still there (from last year), and I think the guys are having fun. It's really been a good year."

Martel echoed their comments, saying, "These guys have given us every ounce of everything they have, and I don't think at this point in time they can be playing any better than they are playing."

The fate of the Jr. Bills season was determined last night, but regardless of the result, Weir and Zang have made a major impact in the SLUH soccer program. Martel is proud of his captains: "Their overall contributions to SLUH soccer and our history has been tremendous."

SLUH defeats DeSmet in PK thriller

Woods ends game with save as SLUH wins 4-2 on PK's



Senior Connor Finnegan clears the ball out of harm's way during last night's sectional championship.

After 120 minutes of scoreless play, last night's sectional championship game came down to penalty kicks, and SLUH emerged victorious. SLUH led off as Brent Zang put the ball in the back of the net to secure a 1-0 advantage. The first DeSmet player's shot went wide left, and SLUH kept the lead. After trading two pairs of goals, Tim Weir stepped up and hammered in SLUH's fourth goal. Goalie Wyatt Woods jumped to his right, stopping DeSmet's fourth shot, which sealed the win for the Jr. Bills.

SLUH controlled the ball for much of the first and second halves, but DeSmet's goalie loomed large, stopping multiple Jr. Bill scoring chances. The four ten minute overtime periods were marked by midfield battles, with neither team dominating.

SLUH will face CBC in the State quarterfinals at 8 p.m. tomorrow night at Soccer Park.

Underclassman Season Sports Wrap

B Football

Record: 5-5

The B Football team began the year with progress, but because of injuries and overall team inconsistency, it ended with a 5-5 record.

“(The year) was tough because I thought going into the season that we would have a terrific year, and I think we were all a little disappointed with a 5-5 record,” said head coach Dave Barton.

The defense, led by safety Tim Iovaldi and defensive end Tyler Caldwell, was unstoppable to begin the year, but tapered off as the season wore on because of injuries.

The offense was led by quarterback Mike Quinlan and running back Kaylon Mayfield, who was the team’s leading scorer.

Barton said that at times during the year the offense performed terrifically, but at other times penalties contributed to a lackluster performance.

In spite of the disappointing 5-5 season, the Bees closed it up with their best game of the year, a 14-7 win over Vianney.

Barton said, “There is a lot of talent among this group. They will all contribute to the varsity squad next year.”

JV Water Polo

Record: 17-1

The JV water polo team had an overall record of 17-1, losing only to DeSmet.

Their leading goal scorer was Brendan Mehan, who had 29 goals. Tom Tandler had 22 goals with 19 assists. Their captains were sophomores Kerry Reed and Paul Merrill.

Their goalie, Jason Appelbaum, was extraordinary with a save percentage of 73.7%.

Head coach Paul Baudendistel was proud that his team could stay focused all year, especially since most games were blowouts. In the beginning of the year, the team had a lot of good individual team players and at the end they were able to play well as a team. Baudendistel thinks the season went very well and only wishes they had more competition.

JV Cross Country

9 races: 7 first-place finishes

The JV cross county team had a great year. According to head coach Jim Linhares, they had “more people running faster, more people under 18 minutes, and more people under 19 minutes.” Some of the people that contributed to the team’s success were seniors John Kelly and Pat Mannhard, juniors Andy Bonner, Shane Mulligan, Dave Rhodes, and Max Magee, and sophomores Matt Lawder, Pete Heagney, and Nate Banet. SLUH’s JV had one loss the whole year at full strength (the top seven runners) at Rimrock against Liberty, the eventual state champion.

C Soccer

Record: 15-4-1

“(This was a) terrific season for these guys,” head coach Tom McCarthy said. It certainly was a great year, with the C UEFAbills scoring first in 16 times to win 75 percent of their matches. Captains Dave Ziegler and Brian Fetter were the leading goal scorers, and fellow captain Kevin Steitz helped them out as the team assists leader. Goalies Brendan Steinway and Nick Marey combined for 15 shutouts.

“Everybody on the field” aided the keepers on defense, according to McCarthy. Summarizing the Manchester Unitedbills’ season, McCarthy said, “They have tremendous potential for the future. They put in a lot of work, and they’ve done well. They’re a fun group to work with.”

C Football

Record: 3-6

After a rough start to the season, the C Footbills managed to pick up three wins to make their final record 3-6. Freshmen Matt Leibach and Dan James led the way at quarterback, while Andrew Blackmon and Tom Kornblum were the running backs. Mike Federer and Eric Devlin were the top wideouts.

Freshmen Matt Rice and Matt Miller led the Jr. Bills’ defensive unit.

“The boys learned a lot of football this year,” concluded head coach Tom Wilson. “We had some good games, and we had some bad games. I’m anxious to see them progress in their SLUH football careers.”

C Cross Country

Six races: six first-place finishes

“We have a strong cross country tradition here at St. Louis U. High, and the freshmen fulfilled that tradition,” coach Tim Chik said of this past season.

The C Harrierbills did have an incredible year, going undefeated, with hard-fought wins at the Hazelwood, Jesuit, and Findley Invitationals on the road to an MCC title. Coaches Chik, Tom Flanagan, and Jim Linhares listed freshmen Stephen Schumacher, Donald Geders, Dan Warner, Matt McBride, Mike McCafferty, Steve Kelly, and MCC individual champion Chris Murphy as the team’s top 7 runners. Murphy, Schumacher, Geders, and Warner all broke 20:00 over the course of the season; Murphy ran the fastest race of the year with an 18:27 at Findley.

Linhares acclaimed the team as a “spectacular group . . . (with) great depth.” He added, “You can’t say that a single one of them did not progress as the season went on. Our future is secure in (the freshmen’s) hands.”

JV Soccer

Record: 8-8-3

The JV soccer team finished up the year with a record of 8-8-3. Their key players were Geoff Miller, Mike McCarthy and Max Hogan, who led the team throughout the year. Head coach Bob O’Connell is proud of the effort that the team was able to put in the whole year.

The team improved on the style of play, which made them a better team.

O’Connell thinks that the season was a huge success in that they were able to play a lot and improve even more.

B Soccer

Record: 18-2-1

The B soccer team had a fantastic year with an ending record of 18-2-1. Chris Haffner lead the team in goals with 23, followed by Cole Grossman who had ten. Head coach Steve Schad was happy that his team was serious throughout the year in trying to prove themselves for varsity. He was proud that the team was able to gel and learn to play as a team. The team defense improved the most throughout the year.

13-Alpha-10: Tychonievich recalls military life

Alex Sciuto
Features Editor

Yesterday, Nov. 11, Americans across the country observed Veterans Day to honor the more than 25 million people who have served in America's wars from World War II to the current war on terror. One of those veterans is Latin teacher Mark Tychonievich, who served three years from 1972 to 1975.

Tychonievich graduated from high school in June 1972 as the Vietnam War was coming to a gradual end. One month later, in July, Tychonievich began his enlistment in the armed forces with the First Infantry Division.

Tychonievich enlisted in the military directly after high school to help pay for college using the G.I. Bill. Because he enlisted, the military gave Tychonievich the choice of the job he wanted or the location where he would serve; Tychonievich chose the First Infantry Division.

"I'm not sure why (I chose the division), other than I remember my dad telling me how famous it was during World War II," Tychonievich said.

The First Infantry Division, one of the most illustrious units in the army, was formed in 1917 near the beginning of U.S. involvement in World War I, and the unit saw its most famous action during the invasion of Normandy in World War II. The division still exists today with some of its troops stationed in Iraq currently fighting in Fallujah.

Based in Fort Riley, Kan., the First Infantry Division had and has troops stationed in Kansas and Germany especially around the city of Nuremberg.

Tychonievich's military occupational skill was "13-Alpha-10, which is a basic artilleryman." Although Tychonievich was trained as an artilleryman, he did little actual artillery work. Tychonievich stayed with the division's headquarters part of the First Infantry Divisions's artillery battery.

"I worked with lots of officers, and I was one of the few enlisted men in the unit. What I did was take care of their office stuff, and when we were in the field I did a lot with radios," Tychonievich said.

Tychonievich spent much of his time practicing war games "in the field." His unit kept in constant practice in both Kansas and Germany, ready to defend America during the Cold War. Military planners and brass believed that if the Soviet Union did attack, the Russians would attack near Nuremberg, where Tychonievich was stationed.

The closest Tychonievich ever came to being deployed was in the Yom Kippur War. In 1973, Egypt and Syria sneak attacked Israel and quickly regained much of their land lost in the 1967 Six Day War.

"The United States was willing to send US troops to help (Israel). I remember being on alert for four or five days because my unit would have gotten on an airplane and would have

fought," Tychonievich said.

The Yom Kippur War was the closest the United States ever came to becoming directly involved in Israeli affairs. Tychonievich never had to fly to the Mideast because Israel, with United States materiel help, pushed back the two aggressors and quickly won the war.

"I didn't want to do anything like (going to war) ... (I was) very pleased that it did happen that way even though you knew people were dead because of that. But that's as close as I ever came," Tychonievich said.

Even though Tychonievich never was stationed in Vietnam, he met many men who had served and were serving there. Tychonievich commented on the similarities between his job in Germany and the jobs in Vietnam because each involved long periods of idleness followed by short bursts of activity.

During the stretches of inactivity, Tychonievich met many different and diverse people. Sergeant Major Deveaux, who took special interest in the new enlistees, stands out as a unique soldier to Tychonievich. In the invasion of Normandy, Deveaux had landed at Omaha beach, the bloodiest beach of the invasion.

"He went in on the first day ... as a private E1. By the end of the day he was an E6, which meant that sixty-five percent of his men were killed in his unit. Because of all the death, they had to move him up in rank. He was a remarkable person. ... One of the bravest men I think I ever met."

Deveaux, who also fought in Korea and Vietnam, had a great "cognizance" about how other people felt. Tychonievich remembers how calm he always remained even in the most tense situations.

Tychonievich also remembers how he would fly-fish in the middle of the barracks.

"He was a very funny man," Tychonievich said.

Tychonievich believes that meeting people like Deveaux, people he would normally never meet, was one of the best facets of being in the military.

Tychonievich said, "I needed to be around people who were completely ... different from me in the way they think and they way they look, in the way everything, and somehow or another it made me a stronger person and somebody who could see other sides of things besides my own."

Coming back from Germany, Tychonievich came back to a different place than the one he had left. "Nobody ever asked you about your time in the service. Nobody cared.... You were just home."

Having had years to reflect on his experiences, Tychonievich believes his three years were a positive experience for him. "I'm glad that I did it." One of the greatest lessons Tychonievich learned, he always tells his seniors preparing for Senior Project: "Go off and find people who are so unlike you that you need to spend some time with them."

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—Mark Tychonievich*

HEAFNER

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fans, however, Chaminade answered with a goal to keep their crucial lead.

As the end of the fourth quarter approached, SLUH had several chances to tie the game or possibly take the lead, including Chaminade kick-outs and open players in the final seconds of the game. Nevertheless, Chaminade held on for the 6-5 win.

"We played solidly defensively," remarked junior Mark Abram, "and that was a very winnable game, but we should've capitalized on more opportunities."

With their chances of a game in the finals gone, SLUH played John Burroughs, a team which took MICDS, the state champions, into quadruple overtime. Although a win did not come easily, SLUH defeated John Burroughs, 8-4.

The first quarter gave SLUH nothing but optimism as they scored five unanswered goals, including three from Heafner.

Although John Burroughs answered back with a goal, Heafner retaliated by scoring again to give the Torpedobills a five-point lead.

Once again, as John Burroughs scored with a bit more than a minute left, SLUH was reluctant to relinquish their lead as Abram juked out his opponent to fire in a shot with the half winding to a close.

With a scoreless third period, the defenses battled continuously as John Burroughs tried desperately to come back.

Regardless, their aspirations would only drown: though they managed two goals in the final quarter, a shot from senior Tim Lonergan secured both

SLUH's lead and a third place title as they took the game, 8-4.

Despite John Burroughs' intense game against MICDS, the Jr. Bills had the aquatic ability to beat them handily.

"Our win against a solid team like John Burroughs," commented Baudendistel, "shows that at our very best, we can dominate any team in the league."

The fact that SLUH finished third in state speaks volumes for the progression of water polo in Missouri, as teams are continuing to add to the intensity and challenge, and the sport is still growing.

"Nobody should be ashamed by the season," remarked Baudendistel, "because we conditioned as hard as we could and played as hard as we could and we didn't give anything away."

SIZZLER

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the way.

Junior Mike Jonagan, who was set back midway through the season with a muscle strain, ran to the best of his ability, finishing in 60th place, with a time of 17:47. He will be returning as SLUH's second highest varsity finisher next year.

Senior captain Dan Meier also faltered on the hills of Oak Hills Golf Course. About his race he said, "I just physically didn't have it. I got out in good position where I could make a move for all-state, but I couldn't make the move." Meier finished his XC career with a 17:51 for 66th place.

Senior captain Joe Carlson fell back in the second mile of the race, recovered a bit in the last mile, but had fallen too far back to make a significant charge. He came home hardest of any of the SLUH

runners, passing over 15 people in the last mile to earn a 63rd place finish in 17:49.

Senior Matt Dirnbeck was "happy that he could run in the race, but disappointed that the team's goals weren't hit." He raced with heart but traversed the course in 18:05, a good deal slower than normal, and finished in 85th place.

Junior Drew Kaiser rounded out the bunch. He finished as the third highest SLUH non-senior in 18:12, good enough for 96th place. He will return to the team next year as a tested varsity athlete.

No one likes to see a dream fizzle any day, but sometimes one has to deal with the luck of the game. In closing, Linhares said, "I don't want state to diminish what the team accomplished this whole season from top to bottom. Not only were they fine racers, but this group was unmatched in spirit and family by any group I've ever seen."

**r²bills to begin
s e a s o n****Brian Hubbard
Reporter**

The Ultimate Frisbee team kicks off the year with its first game this Saturday at CBC at 2:00 p.m.

Despite losing last year's captains Kevin McCarthy and John Weaver to graduation, the team is still expected to be very strong. It is led by many players who helped bring home second place in the state championship tournament in Kansas City.

Although spring is frisbee's main season, the team is looking to play a few games against area teams in preparation for spring tournaments and the state championship near the end of the school year.

This year's team is led by seniors Will Ernst and Brian Hubbard.

Junior Tim Huether is optimistic about the season, saying, "With all the guys returning from last year's second place team and a lot of guys having played in Tower Grove Park's summer league, our team should hopefully challenge for the state title this year."

PN Racquetball Nightbeat

The Racquetball team defeated rival DeSmet 6-1 in their first match last night. Though No. 1 seed Ryan Franklin lost, the other six varsity teammates picked up the slack. No. 2 seed Pat Corcoran won his match 15-12, 15-0, shutting out his opponent in the second game. In the doubles category, Pat Sheehan and Jason Rush won their first match together.

Art Club visits Kraus Haus

Jim Santel
Reporter

After school on Friday, ten members of St. Louis U. High's Art Club, moderated by art teacher John Mueller, visited the Kraus House in Kirkwood, which was designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The club, which visits local museums, galleries, and other artistic points of interest, hoped to see and gain greater appreciation for the work of the world-renowned Wright, who is also known for designing the Guggenheim museum in New York City.

The house, which dates back to 1951, is based around the principle of a parallelogram. It includes a parallelogram-shaped bed, and contains only two right angles in the entire structure. The house also sports Wright's famous organic style of design, which features much natural light. With its simple, open rooms, the house utilizes what Mueller called a very "human" space.

The Kraus House also features all of the original furniture in the exact spaces that Wright himself specified in the design, something that is very rare to find in any Wright house today, due to the fact that Russell Kraus, the former owner,

NHS develops website

Brian Hubbard
Reporter

Along with 60 new members inducted on Thursday, Oct. 21, the National Honor Society has another new face for the new school year: a website. The idea for the site was brought up at last year's end-of-the-year meetings, where, according to NHS co-moderator Jean Elliot, "some of the kids who were going to be seniors brainstormed and came up with that idea."

Designed by senior Michael Hill, the website, www.sluhnhs.org, is intended to let "other people in the school and community know what we're doing, and for the members themselves. They can find out when the meetings are, how many service hours they have, what committees

treated his house as a work of art that should be left the way Wright designed it.

"It impressed me how (Kraus) didn't stray from Wright's plan at all, and that he asked Wright's permission before he changed anything about it or added anything to the house," said freshman Louie Monnig, an Art Club member.

"To have such an incredible house appointed with all of the original furnishings is not commonly found," stated Mueller.

Club president junior Nick Jacobs said that the trip was "actually kind of a spur-of-the-moment thing. You do have to have an appointment to go, and that is kind of a pain, but it was definitely worth it to see the house."

The club plans to go visit another larger, more famous Wright house in the spring, the Dana-Thomas house, located in Springfield, Missouri. Mueller hopes that the trip "will give (the club members) some contrast between a smaller house and a really large, grand house that Frank Lloyd Wright built."

"There are things locally that we should cherish as part of our heritage and culture here in St. Louis," Mueller concluded.

they're on," said Hill, adding that, "It's just another way to keep people informed."

Elliot said that she believes the website and the bulletin board that currently serves as the information center for members will both serve a purpose. "The website will be a place where students at home can go to the website and find out when the next meeting is and find information about service projects. On the bulletin board we really don't put that much information, it's more 'This is what we're about,'" she said.

Even though the site is still currently under construction, NHS is hoping it can eventually be expanded to the point where the members can log on and get personalized information on what's going on for each particular member.

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MOHAWK

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On the main shaft of the weapon, is a hand-carved etching depicting a canoe used in battle, an Osage war eagle, three headless bodies, and a rattlesnake.

According to Drone, the rattlesnake denotes the potency of the weapon. The top of the shaft ends with 13 notches indicating lightning. "Thirteen was a sacred number for the Osage," added Drone. The shaft is embedded with opaque decorative stones, known as trade nails. The spike of the tomahawk was melted down from metal and hand-forged.

Although crafted for battle use as a lethal weapon, Drone mentioned that the tomahawk was mainly used "to intimidate as opposed to fight in battle." Primarily, the Osage were a mercantile tribe, fighting only to preserve their territory and people. The Osage had a "really symbiotic relationship with the French," according to Drone. Both the decorative stones and metal spike are thought to have come from the French.

KLOSKEET

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show others that drinking at parties, cheating in class, and bullying are bad things to do anywhere. All of these things happen, and I know that even some STUCO members have taken part in them.

As Domenic Laury said in his letter last week, we are all human, and we are all capable of more. I don't think anyone should stop trying because perfection is impossible, nor do I think we should be satisfied with just the progress we have made so far. Some students, and some STUCO members, have spoken out against meanness towards classmates and cheating, and they have called for more kind-

Five Osage chiefs approached Drone, requesting that he allow them to bless the

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The newly-donated tomahawk. The engravings on the handle have been accentuated.

tomahawk. However, Drone did not allow them, knowing that a blessing would have given the piece "patrimony," thus obliging him to donate it to the Osage. Instead Drone and the chiefs decided to display the tomahawk with a red "blood cloth," symbolizing its use as a weapon.

Since procuring the piece through private sale, Drone has lent out the tomahawk and a number of other Osage artifacts to the St. Louis Art Museum for their "Art of the Osage" exhibit, which concluded earlier this year. According to Drone, the tomahawk is "the best gun stock war club" the St. Louis Art Museum has seen.

Librarian Libby Moore is excited for the tomahawk's impending arrival to the library. Knowing Drone through his past donations, she said of him, "He loves the school. He's always wanted to give something back to the school. And he said he'd love for the students to be exposed to art (and art) history."

ness, welcoming behavior, but these things still happen regularly. I'm sure everyone at SLUH has done these things before, but doesn't the widespread existence of these things show that we are not done, and that we need leadership? This is a difficult role, but whether it is pleasant or not, it is something that a student, and especially a member of STUCO, should be prepared for.

We all know about these things, and some of us claim to try to stop them. But, I ask you all to please seriously consider this: have you genuinely been, or at least tried to be, the best moral leaders that you can try to be, inside and outside of SLUH?

PAUL

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zations. At SLUH, X Prize co-founder Peter Diamandis gratefully exclaimed, "Thank you, St. Louis. Thank you for staking the risk of supporting this prize. In 1996, we announced the intent to fund the X Prize. St. Louis, you deserve to be very proud of yourselves today."

X Prize co-founder and former astronaut Byron Linchenberg stated what many of his hard-working team members felt about the day's significance. "It's a great day. We've been working for about eight years. Previous to that, I had been thinking of ways to promote space exploration, and to see Burt and his team accomplish the goal, I think, is wonderful and a great boost towards more private space travel."

The actual presentation of the award began at 10:30; there was a sizeable crowd, and media from all over the country came to the event as well.

Ahmir Ansari, from Dallas, Tex, the head sponsor of the prize, explained, "Our venture can be summed up by Socrates. 'Man must rise above the earth.'"

Fellow entrepreneur, Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen spoke to the crowd. Even though Allen funded well over the \$10 million prize to help support the Mojave Team, he said, "I plan to get it back. There are plenty of people who want to go up (to space), and I think, in the next few years, there will be a market for private space travel."

After several more dignitaries spoke of the promise of private space ventures, the trophy was unveiled and presented, along with a large check, to the Mojave Team represented by Rutan, Alen, and pilot Brian Binnie.

The crowd erupted with cheers, and just as the ceremony was wrapping up, SpaceShipOne Pilot Mike Melvill, performed two fly-overs in a plane designed by the same company that designed the winning spacecraft. The marching band from Parkway West finished off the ceremony as the award winners and dignitaries headed over to the Science Center for more activities throughout the day.

Dulac, '01 named Lincoln Laureate

From the Wire

Illinois Wesleyan senior Jason Dulac was one of 51 college students recognized for excellence by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois on Sat., Nov. 6 in Springfield at the Old State Capitol building.

Each year, an outstanding senior from each of the four-year, degree-granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is awarded a Certificate of Achievement and becomes a Student Laureate. Student Laureates are chosen by the chief executive officers of their respective institutions, who also serve as Academic Trustees of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. The student must have a cumulative and major GPA of not less than 3.00. Dulac has a 3.98 GPA.

Dulac, of Ada, Michigan, was presented a Lincoln Academy Medallion and a check for \$150 in recognition of his overall excellence in curricular and extra-curricular activities at the award ceremony.

MELANCHOLY

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stage, leaving them to wander, to doubt, and to play games while they try desperately to make sense of the frenzy around them.

First and foremost, the play is a comedy—"an exercise in Shakespearean absurdism," says senior Joe Locastro, playing the role of Claudius, the Danish king. Built around a clownish duo, and featuring pirate attacks and a melodramatic tragedian (senior Dave King) who's as much a salesman as an artist, R&G was intended to humor and to entertain.

But that doesn't mean the audience won't have things to contemplate, if any of its members are so inclined. "The way Stoppard weaves humor with some pretty dark questions in such an agile way is very...disconcerting," says Sean O'Neil, an ASC member who has assisted Whitaker throughout rehearsals. "We're laughing at things that really aren't that funny."

Historian and political analyst Richard Norton Smith, executive director of The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, was the keynote speaker.

A 2001 graduate of St. Louis U. High, Dulac is a biology major with double minors in business and biochemistry at Illinois Wesleyan, with a concentration in pre-dental studies. He was named in the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges 2003 and 2004 editions. He is also a member of the United States Achievement Academy: Collegiate All-American Scholar Program 2003 and 2004 and a member of the National Dean's List for 2003 and 2004.

Dulac is a member of the national scholastic honors societies Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, as well as the biological honors society Beta Beta Beta for which he serves as treasurer. He also is a member of Illinois Wesleyan's Student Senate, serving on the Financial Advisory Board, the Resolutions Committee, the

Elections Committee, the Constitutional Revisions Committee, and as Parliamentarian.

Dulac has had hall council leadership positions, such as Student Senate Representative, Residence Hall Recycling Chair, and Resident Representative. He has served as the co-facilitator of My IWU, a program discussing campus diversity. A member of the All University Judiciary Committee and the Academic Appeal Board, Dulac has had long-term involvement with the Green Task Force, Habitat for Humanity, and is a member of the university's Black Student Union (BSU).

"I first became involved in Student Senate in order to improve the quality of life within the student body. Since that time, my focus has come to center on two issues I feel are important. One is environmental sustainability, and the other is diversity. Next semester I'll be heading up the BSU Campus Relations Committee."

Part of what makes R&G such an intriguing work, perhaps, is that it does not satisfy—it's filled with unfinished thoughts and sentences, broken philosophies and unanswered questions. In portraying the whirlwind that Ros and Guil are caught up in, Stoppard often leaves the audience a bit unsettled.

The opening scene, for example, is an uneasy piece in which the only characters on the set are as bewildered as the audience. And there are moments when Stoppard's two courtiers are completely aware they're being watched, taking the time to look out over the audience and comment on its presence.

The show has a unique brand of humor that comes from bizarre situations stretched out to the extreme. By the end of the show the characters have been through murders, swordfights, miniature dramas, and even a pirate attack. Throughout the play, Ros and Guil are thrown from one absurd circumstance to the next, seeking answers in between and failing to find

them.

Because of its playful nature, R&G is likely to strike a chord with audiences of all types. There are earthy moments, intellectual moments, terrifying moments, and frantic moments—but all in all, it's the story of a couple of average guys, placed center stage and trying to comprehend their world. The show promises that even if you aren't familiar with *Hamlet*, you will still be able to take something from it. It's just that kind of play.

Iganatian Solidarity Week

Martyr Mass—Sunday, Nov. 14,
10 p.m., SLU

Martyr Processions—Monday,
Nov. 15, 9 p.m., SLU

15th Anniversary Mass—Tuesday,
Nov. 16, AP, SLUH

SOA Prayer Vigil—Thursday,
Nov. 18, 9 p.m., SLU

by Andrew Mueth

Nov. 12-Nov. 19

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Schedule R
IM Bashball Jr. vs. Faculty
Technology Meeting
Sr. Retreat Meeting (Pallotine)
Greek students' field trip, periods 3-5
STUCO Fall Ball
Science Club Backpack Trip thru Sunday
Chicken Fried Rice

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Grandparents' Mass, 9:30 am

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Schedule R
IM Bashball Seniors vs Faculty
Sr. Mom Bake Sale
College Visits:
Central Methodist University
Pizza

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Schedule R
IM Basketball Jr.
Sr. Mom Bake Sale
HR Rep Meeting
Young Republicans Mtg.
Faculty/Staff Mix-it-Up Luncheon
College Visits:
Central Missouri State University
U.S. Marine Corp.- Educational and
Career Opportunities
Western Illinois University
Washington & Lee University @ Jr./
Sr. Lunch (Sign Up)
Club Wraps

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Schedule R
Fr. Eng. Tutorial
Sisyphus Editors' Meeting
Jr. Retreat Meeting

Senior Pallotine retreat thru Friday
College Visits:
Regis University
Webster University
Brunch for Lunch

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Schedule R
IM Basketball Soph.
Jr. Class Liturgy
Rosary in chapel
Spaghetti with meatballs

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Schedule L
Father/Son Liturgy
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead:
Dauphin Players production thru
Sunday
SOA Trip thru Sunday
V Soc. State Semifinal
Pizza

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grade, focused on solar distillation, and designed their solar still, deciding to find a new possible way to purify water using less electricity. Water purified via the solar still could be "an emergency (water) supply for the nation in times of crisis," said DeLaria.

Whereas electrolysis removes only metals from water, solar distillation eliminates all unwanted substances, including dirt and harmful chemicals as well as metals, from water.

According to DeLaria, the team took something "costly and expensive" and made it something "much simpler" with greater abilities.

Their work paid off, as the team was selected to be part of a group of sixteen teams to go to the national finals of the competition. DeLaria said that he was pretty nervous before the finalists were selected, and when his team was announced as the winner, he felt "humongous excitement. I basically went running through the halls."

DeLaria, his teammates, and Lewis

travelled on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the competition, which was essentially a "big science fair," DeLaria said. The team set up its project the day after arriving and then toured Washington, D.C. The next day, DeLaria, who was "too nervous to eat," and his teammates gave a presentation on their project. The following day, the teams all toured the Army Research Labs, a key organization in eCYBERMISSION and ate a luncheon with some top military officials.

The following evening, the teams all gathered nervously for the awards banquet.

To the joy of DeLaria's team, they were selected as the northwest regional winners. Each team member was to be awarded a \$3,500 savings bond; DeLaria received his this past Tuesday.

DeLaria noted that his project only received third place at his grade school, but after the revisions, won first in region at this national competition.

DeLaria said that the military helped to guide the contestants through the com-

petition website at first, and later at the competition in Washington. Sergeant Major Enoch Godbolt, Army Research Labs commanding sergeant major, commented upon the tremendous teamwork of the students. "The kids don't ask, 'What can I do?,' but 'What team can I be on?'"

DeLaria encourages his fellow freshmen to participate in this year's competition. He calls eCYBERMISSION "a great program. It has done great things for me."

Senior Moms' Cookie Sale

The Senior Mom's are sponsoring a "Cookie Sale" on Monday and Tuesday, November 15 & November 16 during activity period and lunch hours. Please stop by and get some delicious brownies, cookies, puppy chow, etc.