

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

# Prep News

*"If nothing else, value the truth"*  
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# Scholarship donated in honor of Westfall, '62

**Brian Krebs**  
Core Staff

Yesterday friends, colleagues, and family members of the late George "Buzz" Westfall, '62, the former St. Louis County Executive, gathered at St. Louis U. High to give SLUH a \$187,000 check to pay for a fully-endowed scholarship.

Westfall came from a "modest and humble background," according to former colleague and longtime friend Michael Flynn, Treasurer of the Buzz Westfall Memorial Fund. In fact, Westfall lived for a while in public housing. However, through significant financial aid, Westfall began his education at SLUH in the fall of 1958.

After graduating from SLUH, Westfall attended St. Louis University for

both undergraduate and law school. After working his way up to the position of Prosecuting Attorney, Westfall entered the political realm as St. Louis County Executive, an office he would hold for from 1990 to 2003.

Following Westfall's death in October 2003, Flynn and another of Westfall's friends, former colleague and St. Louis County Circuit Court Judge John Ross, collaborated with Westfall's family and friends to establish the Buzz Westfall Memorial Fund with the former as treasurer and the latter as president. It is this committee that endowed SLUH with the \$187,000 check yesterday.

According to Vice President for Advancement and Planning Thom Digman, the scholarship will begin with the incoming class, the class of 2009. Digman noted

that the scholarship could be split up among a few students instead of giving it entirely to one individual.

Digman explained how the \$187,000 check will translate into providing a fully endowed scholarship. "It (the \$187,000) is put into our endowment fund. The endowment is invested. ...We (hope to) invest the money at somewhere between nine and 10 percent." Later, 5.75 percent of the interest made is put towards offsetting the tuition of the student receiving the scholarship. The remaining interest, as decreed by the SLUH Board of Trustees, will be kept in the endowment to allow more growth.

Both family and friends agree that the endowment to SLUH is something Westfall would have wanted, based on his  
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## Rosencrantz to debut



PHOTO BY ALEX SCUTO  
The director (senior David King) of a rag-tag troupe of thespians—which includes Kevin Becvar (far left)—attempts to entice Rosencrantz (senior Paul Barker) and Guildenstern (senior Kevin Boehm) to view plays both tawdry and risqué for a mere coin or two in this weekend's play *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*. The play will be performed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

## Dougan undergoes bypass

**Timo Kim**  
Core Staff

Last Thursday, counselor Dennis Dougan underwent double-bypass heart surgery at St. John's Mercy Hospital. He is currently recuperating at home and will not return until after the Christmas break.

Dougan found out that he had two completely blocked arteries and one nearly blocked artery when he got a stress test on Nov. 3 during a check-up for an exercise program. The doctors tried to remove the occlusions with an angioplasty two days later, but they could not avoid invasive surgery. However, during the operations, the doctors found that they did not have to operate on the nearly blocked artery.

After the surgery, because both his heart and circulatory system were very strong, he only stayed in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit for one day. He then spent the weekend at the hospital and returned home on Monday, Nov. 15.

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## Science Club backpacks amid hunters at Hawn State Park

**Dustin Sump  
Reporter**

Over the past weekend, the members of the Science Club braved the frigid temperatures and the first weekend of hunting season to explore Hawn State Park, which is located south of St. Louis, past Farmington, Missouri. Thirteen students from all grade levels and three adults, including moderator and biology teacher Steve Kuensting, a student's father, and a friend of Kuensting's, left at about 5:00 p.m. Friday. Fortunately, the club arrived at Hawn earlier than they anticipated.

Upon arriving, disaster delayed the group as a water bladder had burst on the van ride down, forcing everyone to wait in the parking lot as the equipment dried. The group had to wait for the gear to dry

because wet clothing or sleeping gear would cause hypothermia in the frigid temperatures.

Finally hitting the trail, the group hiked maybe two miles before pitching camp and immediately started a fire to ward off Friday night's chill.

The next morning, a blaze of gunshots ushered in the deer hunting season, waking the group of campers. By 11:00 a.m., everyone had eaten, purified water at the clear stream, and broken down the camp. That day the group moved leisurely, trekking only three miles, a short hike compared to the normal eight to twelve mile treks the club has done in past years. Still, on Saturday, they saw the last of the brilliant fall colors from Evans Knob and found a high bluff formation at the southern end of the park. Most members climbed to the top and soaked in the serene envi-

ronment. Another roaring fire and great night's sleep left the club prepared to make the quick hike back to the vans at the trailhead on Saturday.

When asked about the trip, some of the more experienced members were somewhat disappointed with the slow pace and ease of it. Senior Luke Dang acknowledged that, "It was a starter trip," but emphasized his enthusiasm, saying, "I'm looking forward to the next one."

Kuensting echoed Dang's comments, showing his overall satisfaction: "I was glad no bullets came our way." He anticipates more walking and thorough hiking next month at Taum Sauk Mountain State Park. If you are interested in the upcoming December trip, watch for announcements or check out the Science Club website at <http://www.sluh.org/bioweb/scienceclub.htm>.

## Ignatian Solidarity honors martyrs

**Kevin Michniok, Alex Sciuto  
Reporter, Photos/Features Editor**

Tomorrow, more than two dozen St. Louis U. High students will travel to Ft. Benning, Georgia, to join in protesting the Western Hemispheric Institute for Security Cooperation, commonly known as the School of the Americas. Thirteen students, along with a number of students from Nerinx Hall, will travel to Ft. Benning in a bus sponsored by the World Community Center. Some students will travel down by themselves, returning early Monday morning.

According to theology teacher Rob Garavaglia, who organized the trip, it fits perfectly with the Jesuit ideal of men and women for others. "To be a man or woman for others is not just about charity or picking up a pencil when someone drops it, or going to a CSP site. Those are all necessary, but justice calls us."

Living out the call to justice requires three things: simple living, realization of our participation in evil, and willingness "to work to stop injustice," according to Garavaglia.

The SOA trip ends Ignatian Soli-

arity Week, celebrated at St. Louis University. To support SLU's events, which included SLU's Martyr Mass, martyr procession, and SOA prayer vigil, and to support the students traveling to Georgia, SLUH held a Mass during activity period on Tuesday to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the slaughter of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper, and her daughter. Approximately 85 people attended the Mass, celebrated by Jeff Harrison, S.J.

"In some respects you can point the finger at the people who have been implicated and charged with their murder, but like any great evil, you can't just lay the blame on any one set of people," Garavaglia said.

Graduates of the SOA participated in the murder of the six Jesuits and two women. Graduates have also been implicated in the massacre at El Mozote, El Salvador, and the rape and murder of four church women, also in El Salvador.

Garavaglia said, "My personal reason for going (on the trip) was that I needed to respond to the gospel's invitations for peace and an end to violence, and I honor those who struggled in El Salvador."

## Calypso band to perform

**Dan Everson  
Reporter**

During activity period on Monday, Nov. 29 the Asaphonics Steel Drum band will perform their unique brand of Calypso music in the theatre. The band plays Christian songs, some of their own and others traditional songs with a Caribbean twist. St. Louis U. High chorus director Joe Koestner calls the group "really dynamic."

Koestner said he is looking forward to this performance because "events in years past have pointed to the fact that we are a world community. The more we try to understand other cultures, the better we can understand our own diversity."

Concluded Koestner, "We need to know more about the rest of the world. Everything we do affects everyone."

### Quote o' the Week

"Come now, let us reason together."

—Lyndon Baines Johnson

# LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

## Knapp responds to letter on homosexuality

To the Editors:

Sometimes when we don't like the conclusions someone reaches, we do not dispute the facts upon which his conclusion is based, nor do we take the time to demonstrate a flaw in the person's logical use of those facts. Instead, we find it easier to attack the person or to deflect the discussion to another issue. We saw more than enough of the former during the recent political campaign: attack the man, not the position. As for attacking the position, we know that the tobacco companies did that for years, ridiculing studies linking smoking and cancer as "junk science." In SLUH junior theology classes, we cover logic and discuss the errors of these tactics. I find similar faults in the letter submitted by two students last week in which they criticized Father Donald Timone's presentation to members of the theology department and the work of the Catholic Medical Association ([www.cathmed.org](http://www.cathmed.org)).

In the first place, the letter refers to the speaker as "a visiting priest from New York named Fr. Timone." They fail to mention that Fr. Timone is a well-known and respected counselor who has worked with homosexual men and women and their families for over thirty-five years. Contrary to the impression one might get from their letter, Fr. Timone's presentation was not made to "the faculty," but at an informal gathering of the theology department to which other faculty were invited. The writers claim that Father "drew his views" from a pamphlet published by the Catholic Medical Association (CMA). They neglect to mention that Father used a variety of sources, including his own broad-based

experience. They claim that Fr. Timone holds that the causes of the homosexual condition are "all external." At no time did Father make such a claim. In fact, he observed that a number of factors may be at the root of the problem of same-sex attraction, and acknowledged a possible genetic predisposition in his listing of likely factors. (He also explained that authoritative studies in identical twins—one being heterosexually attracted and the other homosexually attracted—would seem to discount the hypothesis that a yet-to-be-discovered "gay-gene" is the sole cause.) As one who attended the meeting, it is my opinion that the writers misunderstood Fr. Timone's position and then proceeded to attack it.

Their second error was to label the research cited by the CMA as "junk science." For some reason, they believe that the research behind the report has not been "peer reviewed by psychologists and psychiatrists." Peer-review is the act of having another writer read what you have written and respond in terms of its effectiveness. The papers that eventually served as the basis of the report were presented at a conference, circulated among experts, and were subjected to criticism and revision. The pamphlet which the students obtained, "Homosexuality and Hope," is only a popularized summary of a much larger document by the same title that was developed by psychologists and psychiatrists over a period of several years. As Fr. Timone observed during the meeting, the full report itself was published in print and on the Internet, "for all the world to see," and has been

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## S. Flanagan addresses treatment of Club Holiday

To the Editors:

With the recent hot topic of drug and alcohol abuse, it seems prudent to show how poorly the school is addressing it. The administration has haphazardly handled the situation regarding the "Club Holiday" website.

To give you the facts, I will tell you what was on the site. The site had an opening paragraph that was satirical and in no way a formal statement to be taken seriously. The administration did take it seriously and claimed it to be a "mission statement." There also were the presence of 16 pictures. In all of these there were two that did in fact have the presence of alcohol. I am not defending nor condemning the people in these photos, but in the other 14 pictures, two contain glasses with liquids in them, which happen to be water and kool-aid, and twelve have no indication of any alcohol. From these pictures, you can prove that four students did drink alcohol, yet a total of eleven students have been punished. Because of those punishments, it seems as if the pictures and the individuals were not looked at individually, but rather that they were generalized.

On October 8th, ten other students and I were called into Mr.

Clark's office, where from later experiences I feel we were given false displays of concern and understanding. We were told that our parents would be called on the following Monday.

In the October 8th edition of the *Prep News*, there is a quote from Mr. Clark about the administration's policy on controlled substances, claiming it is one of "immediate care and concern—it is not about punishment. We're trying to deal with the culture that our students have to deal with, with illegal drinking, use of drugs, etc. Our concern is the safety and welfare of our students." From my experience, there is nothing remotely true in Mr. Clark's statement about their policy on drugs. All eleven students were put on disciplinary probation and told to write a two-page reflection paper. Five of the eleven also had to take drug and alcohol assessments and write an additional paper. Of the five, four of them were in pictures with beer, the other one had a glass of water at a birthday party. The six remaining students were punished by association; there is no possible way the school could prove they had been drinking or using drugs.

I admit that four people are guilty, but the other seven seem

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

## Merkley, '05 laments spiritual lethargy

To the Editors:

Last week, I decided that I would start going to Mass every morning before school, because I felt like my education throughout the day wasn't fulfilling my spiritual needs. True, theology class works, but let's be honest. Many people I know wish they could drop theology class, because, "It's time consuming," "I won't use this in college," or, the most disturbing, "I've got other homework and I don't have time for this class."

We are a Catholic high school. At least, the last time I checked it was so. Ask students why they came, and you'd think we were a private secular Ivy League. The pursuit of knowledge is our ultimate goal, but for what reason if not to find God? Isaac Newton used science to find God in his life, and Thomas Aquinas used reason to prove God's existence. However, if you ask a student why he attends SLUH, I can almost blindly guarantee that his reason will be the education we receive and because this school is a powerful tool to use in order to crack the locks on funding and acceptance into prestigious colleges and universities. Notice not one word will be said about wanting to become closer to God through learning, or even to want to take theology class at SLUH.

When you have enough fingers to count the students attending mass in the morning, something that takes a mere twenty minutes, yet you have several dozen students who scramble to go to the computer lab, or nearly a hundred who stagnantly sit in the cafeteria before homeroom, I begin to wonder. When a majority of the student body dreads morning prayer service like the plague, something that's a mere twelve minutes for one day a week, I wonder. And when you have many students who only look forward to school liturgies because the "freshman mommies" might be selling cookies afterwards, I can only wonder what's wrong with us, as a student body, as a school, and most disturbingly, as a Jesuit institution. I can't tell anyone what to do with their free time, but what could be more important than God in your life? Obviously, eating Bosco sticks is more important, as are computer games. My bad. I forgot eating and staring at a cold screen is how God wants us to live.

I wonder what God thinks, and what He's going to do when no one believes in Him anymore because we can't make time for Him who gave us time to use in the first place. I can only hope He doesn't give up on us, because God, like anyone, just might give up too if no one believed in Him anymore.

Joe Merkley, '05

## Quote of the Week II

"Words, words. They're all we have to go on."

—Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*

## Homan, '08 wants students to think

To the editors:

A lot of what has been in the paper and talk in the school is politics. It's not that it's just politics. It is that politics are becoming tribal. It is not only politics. People are holding some beliefs, so they identify with a group. But people then will not identify with anyone outside of their group. Whether it be punks and preps, Democrat or Republican, we need to learn to think outside of the box. Because we identify better with one group does not mean we cannot hold ideals from another group as being important. We need to figure what we believe for ourselves. We need to be ourselves and accept others for being themselves.

I am annoyed with myself because I was hypocritical. I am frustrated by people who will not accept people for who they are. That is what I have been doing. I was arrogant and pompous about my beliefs. I apologize to classmates who have had to deal with me.

All I ask of people is to think. Think for yourself and not what someone says to think. Do not listen to the majority on the basis that it is the majority. Do not form to conform. Do not conform your ideas to a group of similar ideas. I know that many people are going to disregard this letter and say it's all stuff they have heard before. You may not have listened before. This is not meant to convert anybody. I only want people to think more for themselves.

All I ask you, the reader, to do is to think this weekend and to analyze yourself. See you as you and not everyone else. Take away something from your weekend. Because if life was a minute, I do not want to waste my minute.

Ken Homan, '08

P.S. This weekend, go see *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*.

## Leek, '06 asks for support for throwers

To the editors:

I am writing on behalf of a minority in our school. There are only three or four of my kind remaining here at SLUH, and we are tired of being looked down upon, ignored, underestimated, and most of all overlooked. I am speaking of course of the throwers. The forgotten part of the track team, the part of the team that this year may very well be dangerously short-handed.

The throwers are the guys that are often classified as the large brutish type. We are the guys that you may see wandering around the P.E. field screaming, grunting, and tossing around metal objects. What most people don't realize is that there is a lot more to the shot put and the discus than just brute force. The throwing events require patience, muscle control, timing, speed, agility,

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# Soccerbills' season ends in quarterfinals

## No. 1 CBC knocks off SLUH 3-2 in a close game

**Andrew Schroeder**  
Reporter

After winning the district title two weeks ago, the Jr. Bill soccer team looked to win its second state championship in as many years. However, after squeaking past the DeSmet Spartans last Thursday in a penalty kick thriller, the Soccerbills met their match in the state quarterfinal against CBC, falling 3-2 and ending their season and state title hopes.

The sectional match against DeSmet last Thursday was definitely worth putting off homework to come out and see, as two of the most evenly-matched teams in the area went head to head at Soccer Park. After 120 minutes of scoreless play, the game went into penalty kicks where the Jr. Bills edged out the Spartans 4-2, giving them a 1-0 win.

The DistrictChampBills came out looking good in the first half against DeSmet. They controlled the ball for a considerable amount of time with several

good crosses to the middle, but were unable to score.

Noted coach Charlie Martel, "(We) looked more confident than (DeSmet)."

Towards the end of the half, especially with less than five minutes to go, the play became very physical, which was to be expected in a state tournament game of such magnitude. Senior captain Brent Zang and junior Zach Weiss were among the Jr. Bills who took their turns knocking Spartans around at the end of the half. Despite the rough play, neither team could get anything going, and the game was tied 0-0 at the half.

In the second half, both teams came

out energized with big scoring chances. Just four minutes into the period, a Spartan striker darted down the field with a breakaway, but senior goalkeeper Wyatt Woods charged, slid, and deflected the ball to his right, where a SLUH defender recovered and cleared it away.

After this save, the U. High offense put the pressure on the Spartan defense. Junior Tom Irvin dumped a cross into the box, but Weiss volleyed it just wide right. Then, on a cross by senior Scott Brown, Weiss ripped a volley, but it was saved by the DeSmet goalie.

As the second half wound down, DeSmet gave it one last

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Senior Scott Brown (black jersey, center) fights for the ball with a CBC player during last Saturday's game.

# Footbills (7-3) finished second in district, MCC

**Bryan Glaenger, Seth Clampett**  
Reporter, Staff

Last Friday night, the Jr. Billiken football team finished off a 7-3 season that head coach Gary Kornfeld described himself as "very pleased with." The season was characterized by the team's ability to move the ball on offense and their defense's important stops. The higher level of play led to victories over rival CBC and Kirkwood and second place finishes in both their district and the Metro Catholic Conference.

The Jr. Bills started this year's season against Parkway South. They triumphed 20-17 and showed that they would be a strong team offensively throughout the year. SLUH then traveled across the river and challenged Althoff, who advanced into the playoffs in Illinois, narrowly losing 28-27 due to a few missed field goals and extra point attempts.

Junior running back Stephen Simmons ran for a combined 465 yards in those first two games alone. Simmons proved to be a valuable asset to the team, scoring 14 touchdowns for 84 points and posting 1,269 yards rushing. Simmons has been named the co-Player of the Year in the MCC.

SLUH's defense posted two early shutouts in a row, against Chaminade and Beaumont. Throughout the year, the Jr. Bills' defense was able to put pressure on quarterbacks, read plays as they occurred, and force multiple turnovers. Junior Jim Sansone and senior co-captain Will Holleman led the team with 84 and 76 tackles, respectively. Junior safety Eric Hunt had six total interceptions this season, and senior captains Dave Klug and Matt Herzberg recovered a combined four fumbles.

Senior quarterback Matt Behr demonstrated his talents on multiple areas of

the field, throwing for a total of 1,145 yards and completing 79 of his 174 attempts. Behr also kicked well, punting a total 1,474 yards and scoring 23 points on field goals and extra point attempts.

In early October, SLUH played two MCC teams, losing 32-23 to DeSmet but prevailing 17-10 against CBC. The Jr. Bills demonstrated their ability to respond after losing initially against CBC, which was a recurring theme in their games this year.

Senior John Warner had 556 yards receiving, followed by junior Paul Cheney with 238 yards. SLUH's ability to pass helped them to many of this season's victories.

Entering districts, the Jr. Bills had their first match-up against Lindbergh. Optimistic about the result, SLUH started the game that would eventually keep them out of the playoffs. Despite their confi

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# Water polo looks back on 21-4 season

## *Third place in State capped off competitive season*

**Greg Mantych**  
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High water polo team had much to celebrate at their banquet this past Sunday, ending a terrific season with a 21-4 record and a third-place overall finish in the Missouri District Tournament. However, despite their disappointing third place finish, the Polobills thrived in several aspects of the game.

SLUH dominated opponents offensively this year, scoring a total of 269 goals.

Individually, senior Tim Heafner stood out with 99 goals, a statistic with little competition, and the title of the Team Offensive MVP (a title given to one player voted on by the varsity players).

Defensively, the Jr. Bills controlled the water as they held several teams to only a few goals each game. The Speedobills only allowed 137 goals, a number largely credited to the team's goalie, senior Rick Bettger. Bettger, named Team Defensive MVP, had a 67.9% save percentage with 190 saves and was one of the leaders in the league. Throughout the year, Bettger blocked practically enough

shots in the chest to cause a collapsed lung.

In addition to the Polobills' outstanding play throughout the season, they maintained a moral code of clean play, win or lose, a characteristic instilled by head coach Paul Baudendistel. In a sport played partially underwater, cheating is easy to pull off. Nevertheless, the Jr. Bills stuck to a standard of fair competition and would not have felt right if they had finished in any place by cheating.

However, the team's season was filled with its share of lows as well as highs.

Every player and fan remembers the thrilling overtime victory against MICDS, but also the crushing loss to the same team a short time later. SLUH defeated rival Chaminade in their own pool by one point in a tight battle, but lost to them later in both the MICDS Invitational and the Missouri District semifinal game by one goal.

The loss to Chaminade put the Hydrobills against John Burroughs in the consolation game, where SLUH won handily to attain their third place finish.

"Sometimes, when you wake up," reflected manager Jason Murphy, "it's just another day. That's how the cookie

crumbles."

The Jr. Billiken team was also recognized by water polo fans in the entire area. Heafner was voted Player of the Year by the district coaches as well as being named to 1st Team All Metro Catholic Conference. Seniors Tim Szewczyk, Kevin O'Neill and Rick Bettger were also honored with a place on the 3rd Team All-Conference.

The seniors should be most honored, as they have been with the water polo team the longest and were the leaders the entire season.

"It was awesome to play this year," remarked Heafner, "and I don't regret a thing, no matter where we ended up."

Still, everybody should anticipate a great season next year as a class of juniors and two sophomores return as starters and a whole new class moves up to varsity. "Several teams are losing their star players," commented junior Mark Abram, "but we still have a solid foundation of returning team members."

Living up to this year's standard will be tough, but the water polo program is ready for anything.

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effort. A Spartan striker sent a rocket towards Woods, who made the save to preserve the 0-0 tie and send the game to overtime.

In the first ten minute overtime, the Spartans turned up the heat as they kept the ball in the Jr. Bill end for much of the period. But the SLUH defense, led by Zang, held strong and repeatedly cleared the ball out of the zone, forcing another overtime.

The second overtime was much more evenly played. Junior Chris Schranck had a couple of scoring opportunities, but was unable to capitalize. Then, with less than two minutes left, a DeSmet player took a great shot which hugged the ground and headed for the left corner of the goal. The SLUH defense converged on

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## Harrierbills end season 8th in State

**Henry Samson, Tim Huether**  
Reporter, Sports Editor

Despite finishing a disappointing eighth place at state, head coach Jim Linhares was "happy (about) a very successful year." This year, the team took commanding wins at both districts and sectionals, winning with 26 and 41 points, respectively.

The team dominated nearly all the St. Louis teams they faced this year, running away with several races throughout the year. The Harriers posted strong wins over area teams in the First Capital Invitational, McCluer North Invitational, and the MCC Championships. In these three races, SLUH scored the minuscule total of 114.

The cross country team will lose a plethora of key seniors, including four varsity runners and 26 from the entire team. The cross country program says goodbye to successful seniors Alex Muntges, Dan Meier, Joe Carlson, and Matt Dimbeck.

But top-returnee junior Ben Murphy-Baum will lead the team next year into another promising future. The team also returns juniors Mike Jonagan and Drew Kaiser, who placed 60th and 96th in state, respectively.

The team also looks forward to several sophomore and junior runners from a JV team that placed first in seven of its nine races. The JV team also received some varsity experience, placing sixth in the Jesuit Invitational.

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and of course, a little bit of pure strength.

In an attempt to foster understanding and possibly even breed some semblance of enthusiasm within the student body for us forgotten souls, I want to explain to you what it feels like to throw the shot. Nothing should be going through a thrower's mind once he steps into the ring. His muscles should already be trained before he steps into the ring; they should know what to do without his help. The second a thrower starts to think about what he needs to do is when he makes a mistake. He needs to trust himself. After going through the motions, the shot is eventually released. Some sort of barbaric scream typically accompanies the throw. This scream is not intentional; it is caused by the release of every last ounce of strength from the thrower's body all at once.

Not many know how it feels to completely expunge yourself of any and all energy in one glorious moment. When the

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dence, the team did not play well and fell in quadruple overtime, 24-21.

Coming off of a heartbreaking loss, the Jr. Bills prepared for their toughest match against Kirkwood. SLUH won 14-12. Kornfeld said, "It was really nice to see how the kids responded and defeated what I think is the toughest team in St. Louis." The CoachTBills seemed to win the game because of their ability to tackle and sack the quarterback, since they sacked the quarterback five times in the game. Senior Dave Franklin led the defense with 7 sacks this season, one of which came against Kirkwood.

This season, SLUH also demonstrated

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pastoral office has recently purchased a number of low-gluten Communion hosts. Anyone in need of a low-gluten host should see Mr. Stewart in the Pastoral office before Tuesday's all school Mass.

shot sails out of your hand, it is a moment of absolute power. It is like scoring the winning touchdown, hitting a home run, blocking a shot on goal, and aching a test from Dr. Monahan all rolled into one fantastic feeling and all crammed into the blink of an eye. The feeling of raw power that comes from something so barbaric as throwing a metal ball is unbelievable, but I am going to ask you all to believe it.

I am going to ask you all to hear my call not only for those interested in joining us on that P.E. field on spring afternoons, but also to all of you that have never been to a track meet. Your track team is not like any other team at SLUH. There are dozens of athletes at each and every meet doing whatever it is that they do best, and we all need your support. I ask that you join us by coming out for the team, or maybe just by gracing us with your presence at one of the many meets that will be occurring this coming spring. Let's go Junior Bills!

Cliff Leek '06

how the kicking game and field position could be used as a weapon against their challengers. A late addition to the team, sophomore kicker Max Wheeler kicked the ball a total 1,076 yards, averaging 53.8 yards per kickoff.

In their final game of the season, the Jr. Bills played well and posted their third shutout of the season, triumphing over Vianney 35-0.

Overall, Kornfeld was pleased with the season. He said, "We had great things happen, and I'm extremely pleased with all facets of the game. Our schedule is pretty tough and I'm very pleased with how (the season) turned out."

Leading the team this year were senior captains Behr, Klug, Holleman, and Herzberg. Kornfeld said of the team's atmosphere that "everybody meshed well and ... they worked well together."

In preparation for next year's season, the Jr. Billiken football team will look to become faster and stronger as a team. Kornfeld said, "We'll do what we always do. I am always looking forward to next year's (season)."

## SLUH Football All-MCC 2004

### FIRST TEAM

David Caldwell (DT)—Senior  
Matt Herzberg (TE)—Senior  
Eric Hunt (DB)—Junior  
Niko Mafuli (OT)—Sophomore  
Stephen Simmons (RB)—Junior  
John Warner (REC)—Senior

### SECOND TEAM

Matt Behr (QB)—Senior  
David Caldwell (OT)—Senior  
Isaiah Cole (LB)—Junior  
David Franklin (DE)—Senior  
Curtis Hoette (REC)—Senior  
Chris Hoffmann (FB)—Junior  
David Klug (DT)—Senior  
Scott Rice (DE)—Junior  
Jim Sansone (DB)—Junior

### HONORABLE MENTION

Phil Brown (OG)—Senior  
Paul Chaney (DB)—Junior  
Will Holleman (LB)—Senior  
Tim King (C)—Senior  
Brendan Klein (OG)—Senior  
Cliff Leek (DE)—Junior  
Bob Schuster (LB)—Senior  
Willie Shipp (DB)—Sophomore

### ALL ACADEMIC

Matt Behr  
Phil Brown  
Isaiah Cole  
David Franklin  
Matt Herzberg  
Curtis Hoette  
Chris Hoffmann  
Eric Hunt  
Tim King  
Brendan Klein  
David Klug  
Cliff Leek  
Niko Mafuli  
Scott Rice  
Jim Sansone  
Bob Schuster  
Mark Sharp  
John Warner  
Max Wheeler

**SO CLOSE**

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the ball with Woods, Zang and senior defender Connor Finnegan all in the area, and the ball was tipped just wide left.

The third overtime was also marked by a lot of back-and-forth play. Towards the end of the period, the Jr. Bills had their best chance of the night to score. The ball was played to the middle where Tom Irvin was just feet away from the Spartan goalie. However, Irvin was a little off balance and couldn't settle the ball for a good shot. He tried, but his shot flew right to the goalie who made the save. The SLUH fans let out a groan after they stood in anticipation of the game-winning goal, but then realized that a fourth overtime was on the way.

Like the previous 110 minutes of soccer, the fourth overtime proved fruitless for both teams. SLUH sent the game to penalty kicks after they held off two DeSmet corner kicks with just seconds left in the period.

In the penalty kick scenario, each team selects five players who were on the field at the end of the game to shoot. At the end of the five PKs, the team with the most goals wins the game.

According to Martel, "We worked on (penalty kicks) for two weeks," in anticipation for this game against DeSmet, so the team was well prepared.

The five players chosen for SLUH were Zang, freshman Tom Meyer, junior Brian Odem, senior captain Tim Weir, and Weiss. Weiss, however, was not needed as the Jr. Bills ended it in four penalty kicks.

Zang, Meyer, and Odem each scored while DeSmet missed one of its first three chances. Weir then scored to give the Jr. Bills a 4-2 lead. Goalie Wyatt Woods tipped the Spartans' fourth shot wide right to seal the win for the Thrillerbills 4-2.

Martel was pleased with the overall support, especially from the bench. "The

guys really wanted to play CBC," said Martel, motivation which propelled them past DeSmet into the state quarterfinal where they met the No.1 Cadets on Saturday night. However, after their 120 minute battle with DeSmet on Thursday, the team was a little fatigued, especially in the midfield. This may have been a factor, as the Soccerbills dropped the game to CBC by the score of 3-2.

In the first half, CBC came out firing. Just four minutes into the game, a CBC striker came streaking down the left side, beat a SLUH defender and put it past Woods to give the Cadets an early 1-0

Although the Cadets accomplished exactly what SLUH was specifically trying to prevent, the Soccerbills were not willing to give up. SLUH marched back down the field and held possession of the ball for the next ten minutes, but couldn't put one in to get back on top.

Then, with 21:10 left in the game, CBC took the lead with what proved to be the game-winning goal. A CBC player got control of a loose ball just outside the SLUH box, took two dribbles, and scored over Woods, who was sliding out to cut off the angle to the goal.

After this, the fatigue of the Jr. Bills began to set in. CBC controlled the ball for almost the remainder of the game, save for a couple of chances SLUH had at the very end of the game. The Jr. Bills could not find the net, and the game ended 3-2 with CBC moving on to the state semifinal.

The final game of the year for the Soccerbills was an "all out brawl," as

Martel put it. It was a very exciting game with a lot of action, but unfortunately SLUH ended up on the losing side.

Overall, it was a very successful season, as the Martelbills finished up with an 18-8-3 record and capped off "the best three year period in the history of SLUH soccer," according to Martel. After losing 18 seniors last year, Martel said "Charlie (Clark) and I were amazed (with the team) this year."

The team will graduate 11 seniors, including four starters: Scott Brown, Paul Eschen, Connor Finnegan, Joe Guntli, Phil Hof, Luke Schlafly, Tim Weir, Matt Wilson, Mike Wise, Wyatt Woods, and Brent Zang.

Looking forward to next year, with only four starters who will be gone, there are plenty of players returning to make another run at the state championship, including freshman Tommy Meyer, who is one of the best players in the nation in his age group.

**Season Soccer Stats****Goals:**

Schlafly (11); 8th in MCC  
Leinauer (10); 13th in MCC  
Ferris, Irvin, Weir, Wilson (7)

**Points:**

Leinauer (27); 9th in MCC  
Schlafly (26); 10th in MCC  
Irvin (22); 15th in MCC

**Goals for/Goals against:**

73 - 22

**Assists:**

Irvin (8); 8th in MCC  
Leinauer, Ferris (7); 10th in MCC  
Schranck (5); 15th in MCC

**Goalies:**

Woods: 10 Shutouts; (T-1st in MCC)  
.66 G.A. Avg; (6th in MCC)  
Guntli: 5 Shutouts  
.94 G.A. Avg.

lead.

With 24:40 left in the half, however, Weiss headed in a cross from the right side, to tie the game at one. Then, just three minutes later, senior Luke Schlafly put the go-ahead goal into the right side of the net to give SLUH the edge, 2-1. The goal was Schlafly's team-leading 11th of the season.

After getting ahead in the game, the Jr. Bills tried to keep CBC out of the net for the rest of the night. They dropped their center striker back to create a diamond shaped midfield and defense to try to keep the Cadets from getting anything started. It worked for the rest of the half, as the Jr. Bills went into the break leading 2-1.

But with just 3:10 expired in the second half, CBC broke down the Jr. Bills' defense. A CBC player crossed the ball from the left side to a wide open striker who put it over a sliding Woods and into the top of the net.

**KNAPP**

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the subject of feedback and debate. The information in that document includes twenty pages of text supported by one hundred thirty-one citations from learned and peer reviewed journals. (The full report with notes is available at the Catholic Medical Association site, [www.cathmed.org/publications/homosexualityarticle.html](http://www.cathmed.org/publications/homosexualityarticle.html).)

I know five of the authors of the final report. One of the contributors, an eminent psychiatrist who has worked for years with persons afflicted with same-sex attraction, reflected on the document: "Almost all of the articles cited in our report were from professional journals in which all the articles were peer reviewed. For example, the major well-designed studies on homosexuality from the Netherlands and from New Zealand were peer reviewed in the American Journal of Psychiatry, as was the recent study of abusive behavior in the SSA lifestyle in the American Journal of Public Health." Any characterization of the CMA report as "not peer reviewed" and based on "pseudo-research" is indefensible.

My point is that there is much to learn about the problem of same-sex attraction. In recent years there have been a number of important developments. For example, Dr. Robert Spitzer is currently Chief of Biometrics Research and Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University in New York. He is best known for his scientific role in 1973 when he was the instrumental figure in the American Psychiatric Association's decision to remove homosexuality from its diagnostic manual of mental disorders. But three years ago at the annual meeting of the APA, Dr. Spitzer presented surprising results of a landmark study. The conclusions of his report confirm many of the points made by the Catholic Medical Association in their report, "Homosexuality and Hope." Spitzer now states: "I believe patients should indeed have the right to explore their heterosexual potential." No one would criticize Spitzer's credentials. In 1973, few would have imagined he would take the position he took in 2001. And so much more work needs to be done. Perhaps one of you will

make a major contribution in this field some day. We have to be open to the truth, and "open to growth."

The characterizations of "Homosexuality and Hope" as "not peer reviewed," "junk science," and "pseudo-research" are inaccurate and unjust. And as for the letter's implication that members of the CMA are lacking in respect and understanding, or fearful of and stereotyping persons with same-sex attraction, I close with a passage from the document itself: "Those who wish to be free from same-sex attractions frequently turn first to the Church. CMA wants to be sure that they find the help and hope they are seeking. There is every reason to hope that every person experiencing same-sex attraction who seeks help from the Church can find freedom from homosexual behavior and many will find much more, but they will come only if they see love in our words and deeds."

Sincerely,

James G. Knapp, S.J., Theology

**DOUGAN**

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"The doctor says I'm healing and it's just a matter of time, but I don't have much energy," said Dougan. "Gradually, I'm feeling better ... I feel blessed that I didn't have a heart attack."

The Counseling Department has taken up the students left in a vacuum because of Dougan's absence. Deacon Dr. Jim Murphy, a former teacher and counselor who staffs the library after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, has assumed Dougan's meetings with freshmen and their parents. The seniors have been delegated among the other counselors for their college admission preparations. Sophomores and juniors will be assigned to counselors on an as-needed basis.

"(The Counseling Department) brought Dr. Murphy back, so Mr. Dougan doesn't come back to a backlog of interviews," said Counseling Department chairman Dr. Ken McKenna, "It's important that he doesn't have stress during this time while he's recuperating."

**FLANAGAN**

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to be being punished because of speculation. What is worrying about this situation is the general lack of concern for the students' psychological well being. When talking to one of the school counselors, I had to explain the details of what was on the site, they seemed not to have been told details of why we were being punished, yet they were given the typed punishments sent in the mail. How could they have dealt with a situation if one had come up? That is not to say there haven't been psychological effects, it would have been impossible not to be somewhat distressed under our circumstances. Where is compassion when you send the counselor only the punishment list? How can people help without knowing all the facts? I feel we have been falsely accused based on the rising "concerns" of the administration, whose actions weren't based on the "safety and welfare of our students," but rather with one true objective: to make us the scapegoat for the entire student body.

Steven Flanagan, '05

**BUZZ**

(from 1)

stress on education.

Flynn said, "Buzz, at an early age, knew the value of a good education. I know he valued his education that he got at St. Louis U. High. ... He felt, coming from the modest background he did, that obtaining a good education early on was the key to his success in life.

Flynn added "(The Memorial Fund) felt this would be a fitting tribute because of the value Buzz placed on education and especially because he himself came from such a modest background. ... It was all the more reason we wanted to make the scholarship available at his alma mater."

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Editor in Chief

Known as the *Prep News'* glorious commander-in-chief and supreme leader of the revolution, he fights for the rights of the downtrodden wealthy of America and graces the *Prep News* with his radiant countenance. He is Gregory Price Fox.

by Andrew Mueth

## Calendar

Nov. 19- Dec. 3

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

Schedule L  
 Father/Son Liturgy  
*Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead:*  
 Dauphin Players' Production thru  
 Sunday @ 7:30 p.m.  
 SOA Trip thru Sunday  
 Pizza

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21**

Sr. Kairos Retreat thru Wed

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

Schedule R  
 IM Basketball So.  
 Fr. Eng. Tutorial  
 Jr. White House Retreat thru Wed  
 College Visits:  
 Valparaiso University  
 Washington & Lee University @ Jr./Sr.  
 Lunch (Sign Up)  
 Pizza

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

Schedule M  
 School Mass  
 Chicken Rings, Wings of Fire

**WEEDSDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

Schedule H  
 Burgers

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

Happy Thanksgiving!

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

No Classes

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

Basketball Blue/White Game

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

Winter Coat Drive thru 12/07/04  
 STUCO Christmas Drive thru 12/18/04

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

IM Basketball Jr  
 B BB Ft. Zumwalt South Tourn. thru  
 12/2  
 Pizza

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

IM Basketball So.  
 So. Bonus Reading  
 NHS Meeting  
 College Reps (Sign Up):  
 Missouri Western State College @  
 Jr./Sr. Lunch

V/JV/C WR vs. Hazelwood West, 6:00  
 Papa John's

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

Schedule H  
 Faculty Meeting 1pm  
 V SW vs. Parkway South, 4:00 (All Swim-  
 ming Home meets @ Forest Park  
 Community College)  
 Fettucini\*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2**

Schedule R  
 STUCO Forum  
 Fr. Eng Tutorial  
 Fac/Staff Mix-it-Up Luncheon  
 IM Basketball Sr.  
 Yearbook Picture Retake  
 V/JV/C WR @ Windsor, 6:00  
 Roast Duck\*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3**

IM Bashball Sr.  
 V/B BB vs. Pacific, 5:30/7:00  
 V Swimming @ Lafayette, 4:00  
 C White BB vs. Pacific, 4:00  
 C Blue BB @ Jennings, 4:30  
 Filet Mignon with Foie Gras\*

\*Menu subject to change

## Greeks trek to Olympia restaurant, Art Museum Class sees ancient relics, dines on gyros

**Scott Mueller, Greg Fox**  
 Reporter, Editor in Chief

Last Friday, 24 St. Louis U. High senior Greek students left school and traveled to the St. Louis Art Museum and to Olympia, a local Greek restaurant, for lunch. They left during activity period and returned at 1:15. Classics teachers Mark Tychonievich and Mary Lee McConaghy accompanied the students.

The purpose of the trip was to expose the Opabills to local examples of ancient Greek and Roman art and sculptures. The Art Museum's collection includes a variety of antiquities, ranging from busts and full statues to vases as well as artifacts from related cultures. While some of the artifacts were originals, others were copies of originals. The museum's collection

of artifacts spanned multiple rooms as well as multiple millennia.

For senior Greg Fox, the memorable work was the "Torso of Nike," a sculpture of the torso of the Greek goddess of victory and namesake of the famous American shoe company. Another work that students were impressed with was the massive statue of Hercules that adorns one of the entrances to the museum. Coincidentally, the docent who was monitoring the room containing the pertinent works was a SLUH graduate.

The students then moved to another wing of the museum, where McConaghy pointed out a Renaissance sculpture of Pan. The students also viewed Renaissance paintings of classical events in this wing.

After the museum, the students went

to a traditional Greek restaurant on McCausland Ave. called Olympia Taverna and Kebab House. After passing around a platter of traditional appetizers such as hummus, kalamatta olives, and pepperoncini, the students passed around multiple platters of pita bread. McConaghy then doled out portions of flaming kasseri cheese to the group, a treat that was both tasty and entertaining. After these appetizers, many of the students ordered gyros for the main course, and some finished the meal with the traditional baclava desert. According to Tychonievich, gyros are a "very traditional food."

When asked, Fox said the trip was definitely worth the time and it was a great appreciation tour. Afterwards the students returned to school for the rest of the day, full of Greek food and cheer.