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Sheridan headed for Bellarmine Prep, San Jose

Timo Kim
Core Staff

President Paul Sheridan, S.J., announced Tuesday that he would be stepping down as president next fall after a nine-year tenure as the president of St. Louis University High. He is leaving to assume the presidency of Bellarmine College Preparatory, an all-boys Jesuit institution of about 1460 students in San Jose, California. In addition to an announcement made to the faculty, letters were sent to alumni and students informing them of his decision.

Bellarmino first approached Sheridan during its own search for a new president

after their former president, Bill Muller, S.J., had been reassigned elsewhere by his provincial in June 2003. Unable to find a suitable candidate in their province, they broadened their search to include all schools in the JSEA, finally discovering Sheridan.

Sheridan said, "I got a phone call in January (last year) ... and they said, 'We are looking for a president.' And I said, 'Why are you calling me? I have a big job here, and I don't see myself clear enough to drop everything and go to California.'"

Sheridan initially declined the offer of candidacy, but the Bellarmine committee contacted Sheridan again and asked him to reconsider. At this point, Sheridan

went on a retreat at the White House Retreat Center in south St. Louis county, during which he asked his provincial, Timothy McMahon, S.J., for advice. After several weeks of prayer and reflection, they decided that it would be best for Sheridan to take the position at Bellarmine. The Bellarmine committee and board of trustees then interviewed him over the summer before offering him the position.

"It was not really until September that the position was offered, but there was the understanding upon offering that he needed to complete his work here," said Vice President of Advancement Thom Digma.

According to a letter written by the
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Talent show rocks theater

PHOTO BY ALEX SCIUTO



Pat McDermott juggles at the Dec. 21 STUCO Talent Show. See story, page 2.

Applications up 10% from '04

Seth Clampett
Core Staff

The time between November and February once again brings an antagonizing and scary process of admissions, including applications and interviews, to begin selecting the freshmen that will fill the class of 2009.

SLUH will be accepting about 270 young men from all around the area, similar to the 273 freshmen who joined SLUH's family last year.

Director of Admissions Craig Hannick said, "I think (this year) is a very typical pool. I think we'll have 270 well qualified applicants, and several that we'll have to disappoint."

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Talent show amazes through song, dance

Jim Santel
Reporter

Woodstock. The Isle of Wight. Altamont. While these great rock festivals may have featured the likes of Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones, and The Who, they lacked certain other timeless acts; namely young adolescent males singing a love song in Russian while wearing very tight shirts, senior Tony Kroeger crushing a soda can with his bare shoulder blades, and senior Kenny Reagan eating more grapes than any well-adjusted human really should. These particular feats of skill, along with many others, dazzled and horrified audiences on Dec. 21 in St. Louis U. High's fourth annual STUCO Talent Show.

The show began in the theater immediately after the varsity basketball game against DeSmet, a pairing which STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson said is arranged so that "more people will spill over to the show following the game."

However, an enormous line for the show began forming in the Danis Lobby during halftime of the game rather than

Overkamp has open-heart surgery

Andrew Mueth
Core Staff

Three Fridays ago, while visions of sugar plums danced in most students' heads, former faculty member Bob Overkamp underwent open-heart surgery on the leaking mitral valve in his heart.

"The mitral valve is the outlet of the left ventricle," Overkamp said simply in an e-mail interview. "The tissue of one of my leaflets had degenerated and some of the chordae which serve to stabilize it had snapped," causing considerable backflow, Overkamp said.

According to Overkamp, Dr. Trevor Axford, M.D., "a heart surgeon with particular skill in valve repair," performed the surgery at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond Heights. The surgery took four hours, two of which Overkamp spent on a heart-lung machine. The operation went

after it, which Kesterson attributed to the fact that "(the show) has been successful in the past enough that now people really want to come see what it's all about. Now people just come for the talent show, but the fact is that we don't want them to just wait there for the show the whole time, we'd like them to go to the game as well."

STUCO, for their part, certainly didn't let the throngs of people down, smoothly providing a plethora of acts without any technical difficulties. Among the highlights was a carefully choreographed hip-hop dance extravaganza performed by seniors Joe Eggleston, Bob Stretch, Phil Hof, and Tim Rogers; freshman Patrick Probst singing Billy Joel's "Movin' Out" while juggling; and seniors Tim Heafner, Brent Zang, Aaron Seville, Connor Finnegan, and John Seo proving that while the boy-band phenomenon itself is dead, boy-band impersonation is as popular as ever with an electrifying lip-synch session to N*SYNC's classic ballad "It's Gonna Be Me."

Members of SLUH's own Circus Club chipped in as well, with a death-defying display of fire-juggling—an act which

smoothly, and Overkamp commented, "very little of my blood was lost, and none was transfused."

Overkamp remained in the hospital for four days and is currently recovering at home.

"My recovery has been a restful time, so far," Overkamp said, mentioning that his convalescence has included lots of sleep, reading, and "a few walks outside in nice weather."

Overkamp had helped out at SLUH as the assistant freshman wrestling coach, but this operation has ended his assistance, at least temporarily. Overkamp remarked, "I would like to come to wrestling matches as a spectator at least. We will have to see whether my chest will permit any more actual wrestling this season."

He hopes to return sometime around the end of January.

could, in true SLUH fashion, only be followed by Ryan Stevenson, '04, balancing a 14-foot ladder on his chin.

Perhaps the funniest (and definitely the most disturbing act) consisted of seniors Willie Goeltz and Dan Polokonis singing the Russian love song "My Star" while often taking extended breaks to skip around the stage and hold hands, all while wearing very tight red shirts emblazoned with sparkling stars courtesy of art teacher John Mueller. "I think we displayed great emotion," Goeltz reflected. "We tried to show some true passion."

After that display of affection, seniors Stretch, John Burke, John Pecher, Patrick Milford, Mike Twillmann, Dave King, and Mark Zurline delivered some good old face-melting, bone-shaking rock and roll, performing a cover of The Darkness' arena rock anthem "I Believe In a
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Senior project commences

Tim Huether
Sports Editor

On Monday at Activity Period, various members of the SLUH community including teachers, staff members, and juniors, gathered together at the Missioning Ceremony in the chapel to bless the seniors and send them off on a hopefully successful Senior Project.

Senior Project, a three and a half week period when seniors perform community service, has been a staple of Juniors for 35 years. According to the Parent and Student Handbook, Senior Project is "designed to challenge (seniors) to go beyond the purely personal acquisition of knowledge and to use their skills and God-given talents in the service of others." The project is also intended to give the seniors "a broader view of society's problems, a deeper appreciation of their own gifts, and an awareness of their responsibility as Christians to be of service
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STUCO urges support for tsunami victims

Dear parents and students,

With the unexpected occurrence of the tsunami in Southeast Asia, a dark cloud has been placed over mankind. Waves of great height, caused by the massive shift in the earth, ransacked many villages in the countries of Indonesia, India, Thailand, Burma and Sri Lanka. The earthquake itself affected most of Southeast Asia as far north as New Delhi, and within seven hours, the tsunami and the earthquake reached the eastern coast of Africa, including the countries of Somalia, Kenya, and Tanzania. As expected, with the devastation caused by this monstrous happening, many people have lost their lives. The numbers at this point (death tolls of all the countries affected) have reached over 150,000 victims, most of which come from the islands of Andaman and Nicobar. Thousands of people are still missing, and 20 of the 199 islands of the Maldives have been declared "completely destroyed."

As the Jesuit motto says, we are to be "men (and women) for

others." As Christians, we have a responsibility to follow our conscience and do what is morally right. Please see this as a chance to join a larger SLUH community in the same fight to give anything and all we can. We are asking for monetary donations from any and all, so that we may show that St. Louis University High School keeps the victims of this horrible tragedy in our hearts. We have chosen a very trustworthy charity that will see that our contributions get to the devastated areas of Southeast Asia and Africa. We have chosen Catholic Relief Services. We would like to thank you in advance for the contributions you will be giving.

May God give us the strength to see the light in this time of darkness, and bless us with His grace.

Sincerely,
Student Council, '06 and '07

Nolan thanks SLUH for Loyola Party

Dear SLUH Families,

The students of Loyola Academy would like to thank all of the SLUH community for the great Christmas Party held at SLUH on December 4, 2004. It is a Saturday packed with fun, friendship, and faith, where our Loyola gentlemen can experience the SLUH "men for others" in action. The boys truly enjoy everything about the day.

We would also like to thank all the families for the contributions made at the SLUH Grandparent and Family Mass earlier this year. We are grateful for the continuous support the SLUH families provide for our mission.

Sincerely,
Thomas M. Nolan
Director, Loyola Academy

THE THICK LETTER

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The school has received around 350 applications this year, an increase of ten percent from last year.

Principal Mary Schenkenberg said of the increase, "I think it's wonderful that we have (as) many fine applicants as we have. It makes it a more difficult process, and I'm not looking forward to that part."

However, the large increase in applicants left Hannick temporarily short of faculty and staff who would be conducting the interview part of the process. Hannick had not predicted the large number of applicants, so he did not originally ask enough staff to volunteer to conduct interviews.

Hannick worked with Schenkenberg to "strategize about how we were going to get more people to help. We did speak in a faculty meeting and share our concerns, and I did ask some of the senior teachers to help out, (since) they don't have senior (classes) this month."

Hannick has now covered all of the interviews, having scheduled the rest of them for early next week, after which the committee of admissions will then make their decision on who will become part of the class of 2009.

The admissions committee, which includes Hannick,

Schenkenberg, Fr. Paul Sheridan, S.J., Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski, Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinzelmeyer, Assistant Principal for Student Welfare Eric Clark, Director of Diversity Spencer McCall, Counselor Mary Michalski, and English teacher Tim Curdt, begin reviewing applications sometime after next week. The committee looks for 80's-90's on standardized tests in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade, A's and B's on the student's report cards, involvement in extra curricular activities, commitment to faith, and a successful interview.

Mary Michalski looks for "what the school is looking for academically, and we want students to get involved in activities, so we look for those kinds of things, and as a counselor, I certainly look for family support and how much of that comes through in the interview, what kind of study habits the student has, and their dedication to their schoolwork because that's going to make the transition to SLUH so much easier."

As the last few weeks in January come to an end, the committee will choose around 270 new freshmen to join the halls of SLUH in the fall of this year. Once the decisions are made, the letters of acceptance will be sent out Feb. 4 to the eagerly awaiting young men.

HUS Foundation to hold second trivia night

Biermann, '80, started foundation for son

Dan Everson
Reporter

Very few people have heard of Atypical HUS (Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome), a rare blood disease that affects the kidneys. The ailment, which has received no medical researchers' attention, was considered an "orphan" disease until the HUS Foundation was begun by Bill Biermann, brother of SLUH librarian Eleanor McCarthy. Biermann's son Nathan, now 4, had been diagnosed with the disease as a toddler, which affects about 300 American children.

The foundation, now in its second year, has been dedicated to funding HUS research to try to cure the illness, which requires blood transfusions, plasma treat-

Perrin departs

Brian Krebs
Core Staff

It may seem like only yesterday that classes began this year at St. Louis U. High, but the first semester is indeed nearly complete and the time has already come for Physics B teacher Michelle Perrin to hand over her classes to returning science department chair Eric Laboube. Laboube, who had been away this past semester on sabbatical, will return after exams to pick up right where Perrin left off.

Perrin will return to the job she held before August as an educational technology consultant for Vernier Software. Among other devices, Vernier creates the very same electronic sensors used in Perrin's and other physics classrooms at SLUH.

Don't be misled: Perrin's experience at SLUH wasn't her first teaching experience. Perrin taught physics and calculus at Nerinx Hall for ten years and robotics at the University of Missouri at Rolla.

Perrin enjoyed her experience at SLUH this semester, and when asked if she'd do it again, she insisted, "I'd do it in a minute." She continued, "I laugh every day coming here. It's a real joy. To me

ments, and dialysis. After failing to gain funds from Congress and celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey and Bill Gates, they took it upon themselves to raise money for research in Switzerland. Last year, they successfully raised enough to co-sponsor a year of research with aid from the Peretti Foundation in Italy. This year, they have the same goal and need more funds.

One of their fund-raising events on the calendar for 2005 is their annual trivia night and auction, which this year is scheduled for April 16 at the Carpenters' Hall in south St. Louis. Adults can attend the trivia night for approximately \$100 per table. Silent auctions and a few oral auctions are included.

Some of the most popular items are that's the best thing: being able to get up every day and enjoy doing what you do."

Having taught both male and female teens at SLUH and Nerinx, Perrin has a rare look into the behavior of sexes separated.



Michelle Perrin taught science for a semester while Eric Laboube was on sabbatical.

"The basic difference is boys don't cry. That's really true. They're pretty much the same. I really don't notice a huge difference. I noticed that girls (at Nerinx) are more willing to take risks."

Outside of the classroom, Perrin participated in a junior retreat at the White House. Perrin said, "I thought it was the neatest thing I've ever done. I would recommend it to any (SLUH student)." Perrin added, "(It was) the best thing I did here."

Junior Greg Mantych attended that retreat and said he was glad he "got to see PERRIN, 9

SLUH sports camps donated by the coaches, including football coach Gary Kornfeld, basketball coach John Ross, and baseball coach Steve Nicollerat. Vianney High School has also made auction item donations in the past.

The foundation still needs smaller donations to make up auction baskets, however. The foundation accepts any unused or unwanted Christmas gifts to the auction. Monetary donations are accepted as well.

"It's really nice to see everyday people giving five or ten dollars," commented McCarthy.

Last year's trivia night brought in around \$20,000, and the foundation hopes to match or exceed that total this year. "It was really a load off of our backs (to get that amount of money)," McCarthy said.

Students interested in donating to the HUS Foundation should talk to Mrs. McCarthy in the library.

Rookbills (3-1) defeat O'Fallon

Compiled from sources

On Wednesday, the SLUH chess team won its third match of the season at O'Fallon Township High School.

Senior captain Brian Nienhaus lost in an upset at first board, but senior Isaac Dripps won handily at third, and freshman Stephen Schumacher won at fourth in his first high school game ever. At fifth board, senior Luke Dang lost for the first time this season.

With the overall score 12-11 in favor of OTHS, the match came down to the second board, where junior Ben Geisman and an OTHS junior were tightly locked. Geisman eventually outmaneuvered his opponent and chased him across the board with Geisman's own king and a promoted pawn, trapping him in a corner.

With the victory, the Rookbills improved their record to 3-1. They will next face Belleville East on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 4:00 p.m. in the Ignatian Conference Room.

Argentinabills go 3-2 over break

Henry Samson
Reporter

While most people spent the holidays relaxing at home or with family, sleeping in and not worrying about school or other activities, the Saint Louis U. High basketball team was sweating away the down time with a few serious practices and games. "It's hard to stay focused," said senior Dan Henry, "but we've been pretty determined to keep doing well, especially in conference play."

Their hard work has definitely paid off. The Jr. Bills have reached the halfway plateau of the regular season on a positive winning note. Currently at 7-5, they have proven their worth as a respectable team in the area.

The first opponent of the break turned out to be a challenging Parkway West squad. After a strong opening first half in which the Jr. Bills came out ahead 30-20, Parkway West staged a bit of a comeback in the third quarter. Even though they closed the gap to two points by the end of the third quarter, SLUH quenched their

fire in the fourth and won by a healthy ten point margin, 61-51.

After a short respite without any games over Christmas, SLUH ventured into the distant lands of Collinsville, Illinois for the annual Schnucks Holiday Classic tournament. Sitting comfortably with a 6-3 record at that point, SLUH hoped to do well.

The Jr. Billikens met Glenwood in the first round on a frigid Tuesday night. SLUH came off the tip unusually sluggish and cold for the entire first half. The 28-16 score at halftime was just as painful to watch as it is to read.

But after the first few minutes of the

second half, the Jr. Bills began to come alive. Baskets started dropping and the transition takeover started working.

Goettermann, who had been ice cold in the first half, dropped two threes with six minutes left to pull the Rossbills within one point. From then on, the junior-driven defense dominated and the transition takeover was complete.

After an impressive come-from-behind 53-45 victory over Glenwood, the tournament unfortunately turned in the wrong direction. Peoria awaited SLUH in the second round. After an even-played half, SLUH found itself down by five.

The third quarter would be essential for the Jr. Bills to get back in control of the game, but Peoria played well and broke the score open in the third, carrying the momentum into an

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Senior Dave Goettermann crosses over a Peoria player on Dec. 28. Peoria prevailed, winning 82-67.

'Rasslinbills take fifth in DeSmet Tourney

Jesse Zacher
Reporter

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, the varsity wrestling squad took fifth place at the 23rd annual Spartan Classic at DeSmet. The tournament, one of the biggest if not the biggest of the year, consisted of sixteen schools, including SLUH, Lafayette, Parkway North, Hazelwood Central, Hazelwood West, Oak Grove, Seckman, Vianney, CBC, Webster Groves, Fort Zumwalt South, Pattonville, Windsor, Ladue, and DeSmet.

SLUH started behind, because senior Thomas Gezella (171 lbs.) sat out of the tourney due to an injured shoulder. However, little man sophomore Andrew Mueth (112 lbs.) performed well, placing fourth with pins over John Georger of CBC, Matt Stolle of Hazelwood West, and Tim Samples of Pattonville. He ended the tournament with a 4-6 record.

Senior Andrew Poulin (119 lbs.) placed fourth as well. Poulin pinned Steve Narzinski of Hazelwood West twice and conquered the 2004 state placer, Cory Lemery of Windsor, by pin as well. Unfortunately, he lost his following match and was put into the third place bout, ending with a record of 6-3.

Junior Jon Holden (140 lbs.) had an excellent first day and second morning by pinning four of his first five opponents, the exception being a win by forfeit. His 5-0 streak, however, was ended by Brian

Patrick of Pattonville. Holden lost his third place match to Ryan Otto of CBC, ending the two days with a 6-3 record to take fourth place.

Junior Devin Austermann (152 lbs.) wrestled terrifically throughout the tournament.

He went undefeated on the first day and a half with five pins. He lost to the skilled Jason Black of Seckman,



Senior Ryan Franklin (215 lbs.) pins an opponent during the DeSmet Tournament on Dec. 28. SLUH placed fifth in the tourney, but Franklin did not place.

15-0, and barely lost in a close match to Jeremiah Henson of Parkway North, who

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H₂O bills fall to Parkway Cent.

Kevin O'Neill
Reporter

The St. Louis University High swimming and diving team returned to competitive action on Jan. 4, 2005, when they visited Parkway Central. With the last swim meet taking place on Dec. 17, the Speedobills had been able to focus on practice for the last several weeks. Over Christmas break, the Speedobills practiced nearly every day.

Despite their hard work, the Speedobills suffered a disappointing loss to Parkway Central in the first swim meet of 2005. Unfortunately, the U. High diving team was unable to participate in the competition because state rules only permit them to dive in a limited number of meets per season. Without junior diving sensation Zach Berndsen and sophomore Jim Heafner, the Speedobills could not garner enough points to defeat Parkway Central.

After losing to Parkway Central, the Speedobills swam against Mehlville on Wednesday, Jan. 5. Hoping to give more swimmers an opportunity to participate in competition, head coach Fritz Long entered only junior varsity swimmers in this meet. Even with no varsity swimmers in the meet, the Speedobills easily defeated Mehlville by a score of 109-71.

Nearly every swimmer posted best times during the competition. In one of the most exciting races of the day, sophomore Jim Heafner, after diving earlier in the meet, overcame a 50-yard deficit in the 400-yard freestyle relay to narrowly defeat his opponent.

Today the junior varsity Speedobills travel to Cape Central to compete in another dual meet. The varsity component of the swim team will stay behind to rest and practice for their next competition, next Friday at 4 p.m. against Vianney at Forest Park Community College.

Underclassman Sports Wrap

JV Wrestling

Upcoming events : Vianney Tournament

Check this week's wrestling article (pg. 5) for further information.

B Basketball

Record: 9-3

Outstanding Players: Murphy Troy and Gino McNeal

J.V. Hockey

Record: 2-5

C Basketball White

Record: 9-1

Upcoming Games: Jan. 8th in Westminster Tournament

C Wrestling

Record: 2-4

Outstanding Players: James Barton and Tom Mudd

C Basketball Blue

Record: 10-2

Upcoming Games: Jan. 7th at CBC

—Compiled by Jack Dryden

CROSS-OVER

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evenly matched fourth quarter, and winning by 15 points, 82-67.

The next day, the final day of the tournament, there was a quick chance for redemption against Eisenhower. In both the first and third quarters, SLUH danced with fire on the hardwood, but unfortunately in the second and fourth quarters, they let Eisenhower slip back and eventually pass them. It was a hard loss, as SLUH fell by a score of 75-69.

We welcome our Jr. Bills back from the East side as they venture to the newly christened halls of Christian Brothers tonight. As always, conference games breed new excitement, and this game is shaping up to be a showdown. Gametime is 7 p.m. sharp. Don't miss it.

PREP NEWS NIGHTBEAT

PHOTO BY ALEX SCIUTO



Senior John Warner skies over the Hazelwood West defense last night. SLUH prevailed, 81-53.

Last night, the Billikens faced off against the Hazelwood West Warriors. The Bills jumped out to a quick early lead and never looked back. SLUH's mix of an explosive offense and rock solid defense propelled the team to victory by 28 points, 81-53.

LACK OF

(from 2)

Thing Called Love,” complete with the audience’s hands-over-head clapping as Stretch sang in a falsetto that most dogs can only hope to hear, and Burke displayed guitar licks that would make Eddie Van Halen proud.

“They definitely rocked pretty hard,” said sophomore Dan Renz.

“Everyone was so riled up by that song,” added freshman Noah Mitchell, who played bass with the band “Bob” earlier in the night.

As in years past, admission to the show was free, but donations were accepted to buy toys for patients in St. Louis Children’s Hospital. STUCO president Joe Eggleston said he was “disappointed” with the returns of the donations, estimating the final amount collected to be about \$575. “When you consider that we had over 700 people in attendance at the show, that’s not a very good number.”

BON VOYAGE

(from 2)

to fellow human beings.”

The purpose (of the missioning ceremony) is that ... the whole school is sending (the seniors) forth, which is why we had teachers, we had staff people ... and the juniors are there ... to say, ‘You’re going forth (in our name),’” said Senior Project coordinator Jeff Harrison, S.J.

Added Harrison, “This (project) is SLUH for some old person, or some little kid, or some crippled person. When they see you, that’s what they’re going to know about SLUH. So we’re sending you forth as a whole school.”

SLUH’s junior class, in addition to seniors, was required to attend the ceremony. “It’s for (the juniors) to see it, but also they represent the community, the school,” said Harrison. “Plus, it’s kind of a kick off for the juniors, who say, ‘These (seniors) are leaving. It’s our school for the next three weeks.’”

Harrison and fellow Senior Project coordinator Rebecca Ferrigni opened up the ceremony with remarks about the significance of senior project and a prayer for the SLUH, Notre Dame and Rosati-Kain

Kesterson and Eggleston both alluded to the possibility of charging a small admission fee next year to prevent such a low return from occurring again.

“The whole point of (the talent show) isn’t to charge people to see this event,” Kesterson said. “But in the past it’s been great that we’ve received more money than the amount of people in attendance, so maybe next year we’ll have to charge a buck or two to guarantee that the money will be there (for the hospital).”

Another problem stemming from the free admission was the largest crowd in the talent show’s four years, which resulted in opening the theater loge to accommodate the enormous number of attendees. While some people were shut out of the show, Kesterson said, “It ended up working out. Having those 250 seats in the loge really helped, and most people were able to get in.”

Kesterson added that, since the se-

niors are on Senior Project, he hasn’t been able to discuss better ways “to handle the flow of people” with the STUCO officers. “Selling tickets may be an option, and that may be what we end up doing, but we have to talk about the pros and cons of that. But that can turn into a mixer-type situation, where the question is ‘who gets the tickets?’ and having people who really want to be at the show getting left out. Is that really fair? We’ll have to talk about that,” said Kesterson,

Despite the rush of people and the lack of donations, quality performances of juggling, singing and dancing, crowd surfing, can-crushing, ladder-balancing, and a whole lot of rock and roll made it all worthwhile, and Kesterson was pleased with the final product. “Every year, I want to make sure that the production lives up to the hype, and I think it did that this year,” he reflected.

students involved in the car crash last Saturday which claimed the life of a Notre Dame student and left another in serious condition.

STUCO President Joe Eggleston then followed with an opening prayer. Next came math teacher Jonathan Steiner, ’99, with a reflection on his senior project, which he spent at Glen-Mary Mission in northern Kentucky. Steiner focused on how his ideas of service and of people changed during those three short weeks in northern Kentucky.

About his speech, Steiner said afterwards that he wanted the seniors to know “that they needed to be open to what was going to happen in this experience, and that if they were, then their outlook on service could be significantly different after the experience.”

The seniors’ projects were split into ten categories of people they would be working with: mentally or behaviorally disabled, physically disabled, underprivileged children, poor, elderly, sick, visual and hearing impaired, emotionally disabled, education of young and learning disabled, and special projects located out-

side of the St. Louis area. For each group, a teacher read a short reference to that type of service in the Bible. Then a senior homeroom pastoral representative read the name of each senior doing that type of service. Finally, the teacher read a prayer, blessing the seniors of each group with certain gifts especially helpful to their type of service, including strength, courage, understanding, and patience, among others.

Then President Paul Sheridan, S.J., read a prayer, blessed the seniors as a whole, and as attendees were invited to extend their hands in blessing, Principal Mary Schenkenberg ended the ceremony, sending the seniors forth with a closing prayer.

Relating to the importance of Senior Project, Harrison emphasized that the seniors are doing Jesus’ work in the world: “Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me.’ Well that’s what you’re doing. You’re being Jesus in those places. So what is it to take SLUH there? Well it’s to take Jesus there, ultimately. It’s not just Billikens and things. It’s to take Jesus to these places,” said Harrison.

SHERIDAN

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chairwoman of the Bellarmine board of trustees, Antoinette Sarraille, sent out to Bellarmine families on Jan. 3, during his interviews, Sheridan impressed the Bellarmine committee and board with "his kindness and spirituality."

As the new president of Bellarmine, Sheridan will fulfill many of the same duties that he holds here, including fundraising for the school's endowment, building plans, and curriculum expansion.

"Obviously, a president has to be a good fundraiser, but (Sheridan) brings so much more than that, too. He's a very spiritual person, a person who is a good leader, a person who is kind, a person who fits into many groups, and a person who is organized," said Jerry Wade, S.J., who has served as Bellarmine's interim president during their search. "He knows the Jesuit mission very well and what we are all about in our secondary schools ... and with his experience, with his energy, with his spirituality ... that makes him a very special person."

In light of Sheridan's planned departure, the administration has formed a Presidential Search Committee to contact and evaluate candidates for the vacancy. The committee is chaired by former Chairman of the Board Ted Hellman, who declined to comment for this article, and consists of ten other members drawn from faculty, administrators, board members, Jesuits, and parents.

Prior to the announcement, the committee had explored the Jesuit educational community for prospective applicants as the first phase of its search process. Since then, the administration has sent e-mails to schools throughout the Jesuit Secondary Education Association (JSEA) asking for candidates and recommendations. If

the administration does not find an acceptable candidate from this effort, they will then advertise publicly for a president.

Although the committee has just recently begun evaluating candidates, they hope to choose a new president by the end of the school year.

Between September and the announcement in January, Sheridan has worked to finish projects in curriculum, physical planning including campus improvements, and the current fundraising campaign for Vision 2000. Also, the administration has taken that time to prepare to search for a new president and to prepare the transition between Sheridan and his successor. Sheridan plans to finish organizing and planning these projects before his departure next school year.

"I don't want to lose any consistency in what is happening," said Sheridan. "There are so many balls in the air—management, admissions, budget, Vision, (and) relationships with sister institutions (in the city)—so there is no piece of my job that I'm giving up until October."

However, Sheridan does not plan to leave SLUH abruptly. During the months between his stepping down and his institution as the president of Bellarmine, Sheridan will split his time between both SLUH and Bellarmine to allow his successor to ease into the SLUH environment.

"A president always brings his or her own style ... how you communicate with people, what constituencies you see on a regular basis, (and) how you arrange your meetings with the various members of your community," Principal Mary Schenkenberg said. "(Sheridan's departure) will be a great loss to SLUH because Father Sheridan has been a wonderful president."

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Announcements

After Wednesday's final exam, STUCO will be hosting a BBQ. Proceeds will go to the Catholic Relief Services for the victims of the recent tsunami. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and soda will be served.

In light of the tsunami in Southeast Asia and our efforts to aid the victims with our donations, a Mass to honor those affected by the disaster will be held on Feb. 2 during Activity Period.

January 7, 2005

FOURTHS

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pinned Austermann with only thirteen seconds left in the match. Austermann took fourth place with a 7-2 record.

Junior Eric Gass returned to the 189-lb. class and wrestled some of the toughest wrestlers in the whole tournament. The story of Gass's season thus far has been rigorous competition at each event. He lost to the overpowering muscle of opponents Taylor Moore of Oak Grove, John Henry of Seckman, and Reggie Jeff of Pattonville. Gass also placed fourth with a record of 6-4.

As he was at the Ritenour Invitational and as he will be at the Vianney, MICDS, and Rockwood Summit tournaments, senior David Caldwell (275 lbs.) was the man of the Spartan Classic, posting a remarkable first place. Caldwell suffered his first loss of the season so far to Ronnell Simpson of Hazelwood West in the final round of the qualifying tournament by a score of 4-0. Other than that tough defeat, Caldwell made meat of every other opponent, with pins in all of his other matches. Caldwell couldn't find his rhythm in the first period of his final match but did find it 28 seconds into the second period to pin Mike Williams of Oak Grove and take first place with a

PERRIN

(from 4)
know her outside of the classroom.”

Junior Nick Bettger chimed in, “She’s a good teacher. She gets along well with the students.”

The science department has enjoyed the presence of Perrin for the past semester. Biology teacher Tim O’Keefe said “(Perrin) was terrific. I think kids really liked having her here. She was great to have in the department here ... and made it a lot of fun. (She was) great to be around as a colleague.”

Perrin concluded, “It’s going to be hard to leave. This is a very compassionate place. You always hear that SLUH boys are very arrogant, and I don’t see that at all. They are extremely nice.”

record of 8-1.

Wrestlers Phil Clerc (130 lbs.), Shaun Whalen (160 lbs.), and Dave Franklin (215 lbs.) all fell short of the final matches, having been eliminated in the first round of the finals tournament. Clerc wrestled well in his matches and kept fairly defensive in his last match, barely falling into a cradle and getting pinned by Ben Chellew of Seckman.

Whalen had an excellent first day but was thrown off by a controversial loss to Nate Dunlop of Pattonville. Whalen was defeated by pin amidst a technical error as the scoreboard went out. However, the match continued without the essential stoppage of play and the referee called the pin, leaving coaches Tim Curdt and Todd Clemens as well as Whalen in complete uproar.

Franklin fell out in his first match of the final tournament by a score of 14-

4 though he wrestled quite well, being a good thirty pounds lighter than most of his opponents. He had a record of 3-4.

The team ended in the top five with a short lead over Vianney.

The varsity team also won its meet against MICDS Wednesday by a score of 42-26. Andrew Mueth, Jon Holden, Devin Austermann, Tom Gezella, Dave Franklin, and Dave Caldwell all pinned their opponents. There were also wins by wrestlers Ron Gentile and Eric Gass. Senior Phil Clerc suffered a dislocation of his left shoulder in his match against Drew Kutta. It looks as though he will be out for at least one week. The JV won their match as well by a score of 42-25.

The varsity and the JV teams both see action in the Vianney Tournament tonight and tomorrow. There is sure to be plenty of tough competition at this tournament.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

PHOTO BY KYLE KLOSTER

A house on Berthold Ave. struggles to remain standing before being completely demolished yesterday.



by Andrew Mueth

Calendar

Jan. 7-Jan. 21

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

Schedule R
Pro-Life Meeting
V/JV WR @ Vianney Tournament thru
8th
V SW @ Cape Girardeau Central, 5pm
C BB Blue @ CBC, 4pm
Bosco Sticks, Stuffed Crust Pizza

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

C WR @ Windsor Tournament, 10am
C BB White @ Westminster Tournament

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

Semester Exams: Science and English
Sr. Project Reflection Meeting, 7pm
Sisyphus Artwork Deadline
C BB Blue vs. Chaminade, 4pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Semester Exams: Theology and Math
NIE Meeting, 11:30am

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Semester Exams: Foreign Language and
Social Studies
Senior Pallotine Retreat thru 14th

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

No Classes

Faculty In-Service
V/B BB @ Parkway South, 5:30/7pm
C BB Blue vs. Jennings, 4pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

No Classes
Science Club Backpacks thru Monday
V SW vs. Vianney, 4pm
JV WR vs. Vashon, 4:30pm
C WR vs. Kirkwood, 4:30pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

V WR @ Rockwood Summit Tourna-
ment, 9 am
C WR @ Fox Tournament, 9am
C BB White @ Chaminade Tournament

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

Senior Kairos retreat thru Wednesday

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

No Classes
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
C BB White @ Chaminade Tournament

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

Schedule R
IM Movie Trivia Fr/So.
Young Reps
V/B BB vs. Kirkwood, 4:30/6pm

V SW vs. DeSmet, 4pm
Cheese Garlic Bread, Chicken Strips, Mac
& Cheese

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

Schedule R
Grades Due
Fr. English Tutorial
IM Movie Trivia Fr/So.
NHS Meeting
V SW @ Clayton, 4 p.m.
V/JV/C WR vs. Ft. Zumwalt North, 6pm
Funnel Cake, Papa John's

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

Harmony Project 8:30-11:30am
IM Movie Trivia Fr/So/Jr.
Rosary in Chapel
V/JV/C WR @ Chaminade, 6pm
C BB White @ Riverview, 4:30pm
Bosco Sticks, Spaghetti with Meatballs

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

Schedule R
V WR @ MICDS Tournament thru 22nd,
9 am
V/B BB @ Vianney, 5:30/7pm
C BB Blue @ Vianney, 4pm
Tator Tots, Pizza

Announcements:

Prepcasts (<http://www.prepcasts.com/>) will be broadcasting the SLUH vs. CBC basketball game tonight at 7 p.m. This game will be archived on the site for later listening pleasure. 2004 football games against CBC and Kirkwood are also archived on the site.

Megan Benz was critically injured in an automobile accident on Nov. 12, 2004. Her mother, Robyn Benz worked for several years in the Advancement office at SLUH, and now works at DeSmet. Solicitations are being made for auction items for a benefit being held on Megan's behalf on Jan. 15, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. at "The Original" Crusoe's Restaurant, 3152 Osceola Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111 (phone # 314-351-0620.) Cash contributions can be sent to any US Bank at Megan Benz Family Trust c/o US Bank. Also, charity bracelets are available for \$5.00 each. All proceeds go to Megan's donation fund. To order, contact Matt (314-323-7332)

Get to know your...

Curiously unable to speak without first snapping his fingers smartly or waving his hands about erratically, he often appears when least expected and disappears when most needed. But these feeble idiosyncrasies pale in comparison to the overwhelming question: Does he own shirts without buttons? A talented exegete who occupies himself in his spare time with e-mail wars and other petty disputes with an unknown English teacher who sits across from him, this benevolent and magnanimous shepherd of the wayward journalist flock is truly "tremendous." He is Prep News moderator Mr. Stephen David Missey.