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Computer room updated, policy changed

Seth Clampett
Core Staff

Recently, many Jr. Billikens have seen on the announcements or have heard from fellow students that the computer room—commonly used during activity period and after school for gaming—has been closed. The computers' software is being updated to OS 10, and the policy of the computer lab has been changed as well. The new rules will be implemented upon the re-opening of the computer room by next Wednesday.

The computer lab has been closed recently because Computer Systems Manager Jon Dickmann has been updating the

lab's software from OS 9 to OS 10. There were several reasons for updating the system, including the ability to have roaming user accounts. According to Dickmann, "When you use OS 10, all the computers now will talk to a server, and the student will be able to log in to any of the machines, and his home directory, or really his documents, will move with him. So if he gets booted off a computer for some reason, he can go to really any (of the) other OS 10 machines."

Students will also be able to use better versions of iMovie and iPhoto, which are useful for projects. There will be a better networking system, which is better for the computer programming classes

because students can work on program codes on the lab's machines instead of only the computer classroom's machines. Another bonus is that Dickmann will be able to manage the computers more easily.

With the new system, each student will have his own account and a small portion of the server's memory for his own use. The student's user ID number will be his student ID number and the password is a combination of the student's initials and the last three digits of that student's ID number.

Dickmann said the decision to upgrade the computers came "because we're
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Junior Day of Service

PHOTO BY TIM HUETHER



Juniors Jason Rusch and David Mitchell (left) prepare salad at Karen House.

On Monday, 40 SLUH juniors gave up their day off to participate in a junior day of service. Students served at four sites: Karen House, Bethesda Center, St. Patrick Center, and Sts. Peter and Paul.

Eugene Sullivan, '59, publishes first novel

Brian Krebs
Core Staff

Earlier this month, retired judge Eugene Sullivan, '59, released his first novel, entitled *The Majority Rules*. Sullivan describes his book as "a Washington thriller that lets people see how the most secret of the three branches of government (the Judiciary) really operates."

Having been a federal judge at the U.S. Court of Appeals for 16 years, Sullivan is well-versed in the topic of his legal thriller: corruption, greed, and danger of death amidst the Court of Appeals, which is arguably the second most powerful court in the U.S. after the Supreme Court.

The plot centers around a newly-appointed judge, Tim Quinn, and a deadly conspiracy involving Chief Judge Harry Winston's influence over other judges in order to comply with Leo Draco, a hotshot Washington, D.C. lawyer, who is paying off Winston.

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Chinese students arrive

Jim Santel
Reporter

On Monday, St. Louis U. High welcomed exchange students Yi Kun, or Richard, and Jin Lu, or Sally, both of whom attend the Nanjing Foreign Languages School in Nanjing, China. The students are currently staying with freshman Mike Sizemore and junior Timo Kim, respectively, until the end of the semester.

The exchange program, which is now in its seventh year, according to SLUH Chinese teacher Ching-ling Tai, is based on the sister-city program that exists between St. Louis and Nanjing.

"I was quite surprised when my teacher told me I would be coming (to St. Louis)," said Sally. "But because I received high marks on the high school

entrance exam and my behavior in school was good, I was able to attend here."

Sally added that both she and Richard are in the fourth year of the six-year Chinese high school system.

Through his time here at SLUH, Richard said he was hoping to "see the difference between American studies and Chinese studies." He added that the main difference between SLUH and the Nanjing Languages School is that "we have 50 students in our classes in China, so the smaller classes here give us more freedom."

"I want to have a different experience here and learn what your lives are really like," Sally added. "Because in China, most of the teenagers think that American students don't do much homework or work that hard. But from my time here, I've already seen that it's different."

STUCOBBQ raises money for tsunami

Dan Everson
Reporter

After the St. Louis U. High student body completed exams Jan. 12, STUCO held a fundraiser barbecue to benefit victims of the tsunami disaster that struck Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, and Somalia among other areas of south Asia and eastern Africa.

Junior social officer Max Magee described the event as SLUH's "way to give back (to the world)." The barbecue also provided an opportunity for students to relax and hang out with food and friends to celebrate the end of exams.

With senior officers out on their service projects, junior and sophomore STUCO officers had to organize the fundraiser. The effort was led by junior officers Scott Rice, Darryl "Woody" Jones, Dan Finucane, and Magee as well as sophomore officers Jim Heafner and Paul Merrill.

So far, over \$350 has been counted from the successful barbecue, which attracted a relatively large amount of attention when compared to previous fundraisers.

"I (was) really surprised by the turnout, especially from freshmen and sopho-

mores," commented Magee.

The barbecue's funds make up only a part of STUCO's campaign to assist tsunami victims. With cafeteria and homeroom donations combined with barbecue money, about \$1300 has been raised thus far. But STUCO still has higher hopes and expectations.

Tom Cummings, S.J., Superior of the Jesuit community, noticed that the student council at DeSmet was having success raising tsunami relief funds and has challenged SLUH to do the same. If the Jr. Bills can raise \$1500, the Jesuits will put up an equal amount to aid those in areas affected by the tsunami. To meet the challenge, STUCO encourages members of the SLUH community to continue donating. They will still accept checks and cash to give to Catholic Relief Services.

The tsunami fundraiser has gone well overall. "(Raising money) with CBC for Loyola Academy (earlier this year), we did not raise much . . . But homeroom representatives have helped a lot with collecting money (this time around)," said Magee.

STUCO, still a few hundred dollars short of their \$1500 goal, urges the SLUH community to continue to be generous and help meet or exceed the goal.

McCall hospitalized, field trip cancelled

Kevin Michniok, Kyle Kloster
Reporter, Core Staff

Regional Director of Diversity Spencer McCall checked into St. Mary's hospital yesterday because of intense abdominal pain. According to Assistant Principal for Student Affairs H. Eric Clark, McCall went to St. Mary's in the morning before school, after waking up in a lot of pain.

As of Thursday, the nature of McCall's ailment remains unknown, but possibilities include kidney stones and appendicitis. Though McCall stayed in St. Mary's with his ailment and a morphine IV drip, Clark said that McCall's health is not in danger. McCall's absence caused the cancellation of St. Louis U. High's field trip to the Harmony project at CBC.

The Harmony project, a cultural diversity event held at CBC yesterday, invited students throughout the metro area to learn about racial profiling and racial backgrounds. CBC also hosted a play, put on by the St. Louis Black Repertory Company, that explored the effects of ethnicity and racial profiling. Vice President of Association for Cultural Enrichment at SLUH (ACES) Jon-Paul Johnson said that, because McCall planned the field trip and handled all pertinent information, the students who signed up to visit the project did not know much about the trip.

Senior Moms Cookie Sale

Senior Moms cookie sale next Monday, January 31 and Tuesday, February 1 during activity period and lunch outside the cafeteria. Each item will cost 50 cents, and proceeds help fund the graduation lock-in.

Shepard thanks SLUH for growth

Dear Readers,

While I was sitting in my homeroom listening to the announcements, I heard someone say "Spread the gospels around," and so I am.

This past semester here at St. Louis U. High School has been the best. I believe that God has indeed blessed me with the chance of coming here. My journey through elementary school and middle school was often challenging to my faith, and at one point I began to even question God's presence in my life. I felt as if He really didn't give a damn about me. Before coming here, I really

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trying to upgrade as time goes on. (It was also made) for the user manageability just so we can monitor the system better."

Last school year, during a meeting, faculty members raised concerns about the games being played in the lab and the number of students who spent unscheduled periods playing games. Math teacher George Mills was selected to chair a sub-committee of the technology committee to assess the current policy and create a set of regulations to monitor student use of the facility.

According to Principal Mary Schenkenberg, "One issue is the use of the computer lab itself. Should it be restricted during unscheduled time to only academic work? Another (issue) is in the free time—before school, after school, and activity period—should there be some rules around what kind of games you can play and what we will allow on our machines?"

Over the summer, math and computer teacher Dan See researched computer games and the ethics of the games, including national rating systems for violent games. He also considered the possibility of an internet filter.

See said, "We decided we would not get filters. We would rely on close adult supervision in those areas where students use computers, and we also have some software called the Remote Desktop that allows us to see what students have on the computer. If you did it randomly and students knew you were doing it randomly, it would remove the necessity of filters."

Mills, who headed the committee, has implemented a policy change that will take effect when the computer lab has been fully updated with new software and will be re-opened for student use.

As part of the new policy, there will be a list of rules that will be placed in the room that will have to be followed by all students when they use the computers.

The new policy prohibits students from playing games during unscheduled periods. The computer lab will be open, but it can only be used for academic purposes. Some people suggested closing the lab completely and forcing the students to use the library computers only, but Mills said, "If it's open only before school, during activity period, and after school for games, then that's the only way people are using the room. That is a great room for students to use for school. Students should be saying 'I have a paper to do' (and) they ought to go to a comfortable place

had no clue about what my religion truly meant, I really didn't understand what Christianity truly meant, but coming here, I not only receive book-smarts, but I also feel that with each passing theology class I am becoming closer to and understanding God and his unconditional love for me.

This is my gospel of how God has changed me, and I just wanted to thank SLUH for helping me reach and surpass my limits physically, mentally, and spiritually.

You all will be in my prayers,
Aaron Shepard, '08

and do their paper. To take that away from them is kind of silly for a school."

Mills's original proposal included a regulation that would require a student to have a note from a teacher in order to use the computer lab for academic purposes during unscheduled periods. However, the plan was changed because, according to Schenkenberg, "at St. Louis U. High, we like to trust our students, and we have operated that way. I think the young men of SLUH deserve that kind of trust."

Mills said, however, "We may eventually go to that system, but we're gonna try it. (We say) here are the rules, don't play games, use the room for academic purposes, and we're gonna trust the students. The room will be watched more closely than it has been during the free periods, and we're hoping to create a sense of its use for academics."

Game regulation is also a part of the new computer room policy. According to Mills, the violence-level toleration will probably remain right above the *Unreal Tournament* level, which is rated as a mature game (17+), but Mills hopes that starting next year, playing first-person shooter games will not be allowed on the school's computers.

See, who researched game violence and computer gaming in other schools, said, "We decided maybe first-person shooter games should not be allowed. The violence is not too graphic, but it's a role-playing act where you're committing a violent act. That's a first-person shooter. So, we decided to draw the line on violence this year just above *Unreal Tournament* because there've been guys here who've been playing *Unreal Tournament* for a while. Next year, we'll go just below that. We'll establish a new policy and a new line. There are lots of games out there that are entertaining that are below that line. I think we've reached a good compromise for all those involved, remembering that we are an academic institution and conceding the fact that we do allow gaming."

However, See said, "Gaming stuff changes, too, so we're going to have to continually look at this. There are some gray areas. We can't draw a line that says these games are allowed and these games aren't. First of all, there's too many games and we can't look at them all. Kids are going to find games that are right

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44 juniors participate in day of service

Cliff Leek
Reporter

On Monday afternoon, 44 members of the class of '06 came together for their first of two junior days of service planned for this year.

The juniors met in the SLUH chapel at 3 p.m. on Martin Luther King Day to open the activities with prayer. The students were then sent to one of four different sites chosen by the junior STUCO representatives: Karen House, St. Patrick's Center, Sts. Peter and Paul Homeless Shelter, and Bethesda Center. Community Service Director Colleen Rockers recommended both Bethesda Center and St. Patrick Center, while Karen House and Sts. Peter and Paul Homeless Shelter were chosen because the STUCO reps were already familiar with them.

The students who attended the day of

service encountered not only the physical labor of cleaning or yard work that has come to characterize class days of service, but also had the opportunity to interact with people. According to junior class president Scott Rice, the change to include more interaction was made because in the past, "We weren't really working with people, and some of us really wanted to," Rice said.

Art teacher and day of service attendee John Mueller and junior class pastoral rep Dan Finucane both echoed the sentiment that service involving people would be more meaningful for the students and therefore draw larger numbers of volunteers than in the past.

Making the service more personal seemed to work in that there were more volunteers than STUCO had predicted. Rice reported that STUCO was "actually only expecting about twenty people."

Finucane added, "Fifty was the original number that we had signed up, but it ended coming down to about forty by Monday."

Monday's day of service was in addition to the usual one that most classes have. Originally the day of service had been planned for April 16, but the junior class reps decided that a second day would help to foster more class unity and offer more chances to those that really wanted an opportunity to work with their classmates. The April 16 day of service will still take place, and will be more like the typical day of service with the students doing physical work outdoors.

Pastoral Director Tim Chik announced during the junior prayer service on Wednesday that he was "impressed with (the junior class') leadership" in taking the initiative and setting up a second day of service.

Four student teachers to assist at SLUH

Andrew Mueth
Core Staff

Four college students have recently joined the St. Louis U. High staff. The students are each in an education program at their colleges or universities and are working at SLUH as student teachers, each in a different department and with a different teacher.

Julie Wright, a senior at Webster University, is working with mathematics teacher Tom Flanagan. She began this week by observing his classes, Algebra I and junior precalculus, and will take over the classes slowly, according to Flanagan. By next Wednesday, Wright plans to be teaching Algebra I, and will "build from there," said Flanagan.

Having finished all her classes at Webster, Wright will teach at SLUH until she graduates during the second week of May. Wright hopes to find a teaching job next year, but if she cannot find a job then she plans to earn her master's degree in education.

Seth Waits is working with Spanish teacher Kevin Moore. Waits attends St.

Louis University, and because he attended Dallas Jesuit High, he is familiar with "the Jesuit experience," as he put it.

Waits is currently "observing and discussing" Moore's classes, Moore said. Moore plans for Waits to teach two of his four Spanish III classes for most of the third quarter, beginning next week. Moore said he plans to let Waits "work out things on his own," based on his past experience with student-teachers and new teachers. However, he feels that Waits is "very comfortable" with teaching, so he has no worries.

Waits will teach at SLUH until mid-March, when he will then student-teach at Dewey International Elementary School, near SLUH, in order to have experience teaching at all levels, kindergarten through twelfth grade, as is required by SLU for his teaching certification.

Waits plans either to begin teaching next year, or to attend graduate school at the University of Texas.

Tim Seymour, '96, is working with history teacher Paul Michaelson and computer teacher Steve Nicollerat. By next week, he will be teaching Michaelson's

Global History I class and one of Nicollerat's freshman computer classes. When the seniors return from project, he will take over Michaelson's senior macroeconomics class. In the past few weeks, Seymour has been observing classes and preparing to take over.

Seymour attends Lindenwood University, where he is earning his teaching certificate and will be teaching at SLUH until April.

Amanda Kueper is working in a slightly different way with dance teacher Janet Strzelec. Kueper is on her Senior Project at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, required for all seniors majoring in theater and dance, including herself. She worked with Strzelec in a production of *Grease* over the summer, where she got the idea for her project.

Kueper works at SLUH on Tuesdays and Thursdays while attending classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. She began helping to teach dance classes last week, and will teach until April. Kueper says that she "really like(s)" her experience teaching.

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Sweatbandbills (8-7) fall to CBC, Kirkwood

Henry Samson
Reporter

After a flurry of games in Illinois, the St. Louis U. High Basketbills traveled the narrow lanes of Highway 40 to battle with cross-town rival CBC. This game was a big one for the Jr. Bills, who had a 2-1 conference record. Unfortunately, luck dealt SLUH the wrong hand as CBC struck a heavy blow, winning 72-66. Senior Curtis Hoette commented, "We really weren't expecting CBC to play as well as they did. So, we're pretty disappointed that we lost."

The game was crazy from the tip. In the first quarter alone there were a total of eight lead changes as both teams came out with guns firing. If senior Dave Goettelman hit a three, CBC had an answer. Every time CBC answered, SLUH came right back with a statement of its own. At the end of the very fast paced, back and forth first quarter, SLUH was on top, 19-16.

But if the first quarter was any indica-

tion of how the rest of the game was to pan out, no lead was safe. SLUH, propelled by the quickness of Goettelman and junior Pete Cooney, opened the second quarter with a 6-2 run, extending their lead to seven points. However, by halftime, SLUH's defense had caved in a bit, and CBC would have led at halftime if not for a buzzer-beater by junior guard Tim Garvey. Both teams headed to the locker room with SLUH narrowly leading, 71-30.

CBC opened the third quarter with renewed energy, taking advantage of SLUH's faltering defense for a 14-5 run. "We have to fine tune some defensive lapses," said senior Dan Henry. "Sixty-six points should win a basketball game."

The Cadets cooled off after a while, but the effects of their charge were lasting. Play evened out, but SLUH started to get into foul trouble, a curse that seems to haunt the team night in and night out. The Jr. Bills had their work cut out for them, down by five entering the fourth quarter. After a quick CBC basket to put them up

by seven, Goettelman dropped back-to-back bombs from long distance to pull the Jr. Bills within one point. A comeback, so it seemed to the cheering section, was in the air.

But immediately after the excitement, CBC opened up a 7-0 run that put them ahead by eight points, and just out of reach of the Jr. Bills, who dug a hole for themselves with fouls and sloppy defense. The final score was 72-66.

Kirkwood visited SLUH on Tuesday night for a big mid-week matchup. The Pioneers, boasting a 10-5 regular season record up to that point, were definitely going to be a challenge, and a 9-1 Kirkwood streak from the tipoff set the mood for the entire first half. There was little SLUH's defense could do to stop the barrage of buckets from their opponents, and a rather dismal first half ended with Kirkwood ahead 34-18.

At this point, hope for a Jr. Bills comeback was about as sparse as the confidence in the AP Physics classroom
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Belugabills take first at DeSmet Invitational

Kevin O'Neil
Reporter

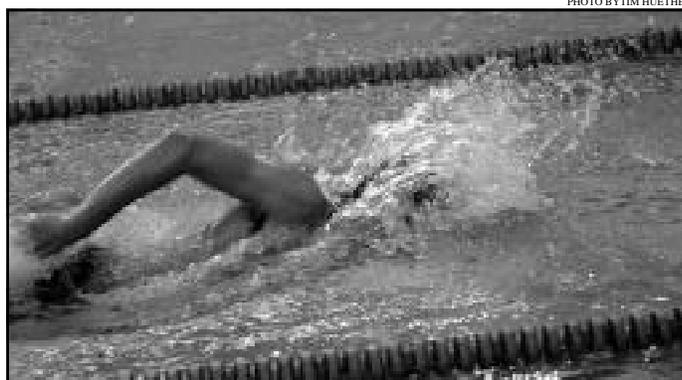
Last Friday, the St. Louis U. High Jr. Bills swam against MCC rival Vianney, easily winning 134-49. In this meet, the Speedobills dominated, placing first in every event, except the 50-yard freestyle. Once again, junior Wes Going qualified for state with a time of 55.64 in the 100-yard butterfly. Sophomore Joel Berger also swam well, finishing with a time of 5:46.72 in the 500-yard freestyle.

After Friday night's easy victory, the Speedobills traveled to St. Peters Rec-Plex on Saturday afternoon to participate in the DeSmet Invitational. Teams participating in the DeSmet Invitational included DeSmet, MICDS, Glendale, and perennial state power Rockhurst. The Speedobills only placed first in one event, as senior Tim Heafner won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.12.

In the 100-yard freestyle, the Speedobills gained points through the ef-

forts of Heafner, Going, and senior Dave Schwarz, who placed second, third, and fourth, respectively.

Despite the strong swimming by the Speedobills, they ended the swimming



Senior Tim Heafner swims in the 50 freestyle on Tuesday against DeSmet. SLUH defeated DeSmet, 99-84.

portion of the meet trailing Rockhurst 504-494. But the diving competition remained for the Belugabills, a competition that Rockhurst did not compete in.

In the diving competition, the

Speedobills performed exceptionally well, capturing fourth, fifth, and sixth places. Led by junior Zach Bernsden, the efforts of the diving team propelled the Speedobills into first place, ahead of

Rockhurst 536-504.

In their third meet of the past week on Tuesday, the Speedobills defeated DeSmet, 99-84.

In the upcoming week, the U. High swimming and diving team will face conference rivals Chaminade and

CBC.

"The meet against Chaminade should be very close," said senior captain Matt Odenwald.

Singletbills take fourth in Vianney tourney

Jesse Zacher
Reporter

On Friday, Jan. 7, and Saturday, Jan. 8, both the JV and varsity wrestling teams competed in the annual Vianney tournament.

The JV team did a commendable job on Friday night and ended with four third place wrestlers: sophomores Phil Patton (112 lbs.), Rich Darragh (119 lbs.), Jared Ford (160 lbs.), and Andrew Austermann (171 lbs.).

Sophomore Niko Mafuli wrestled for first at 275 lbs. but fell to Anthony Kelly of Vianney to take second place. In addition, sophomore Tim Metcalf (152 lbs.) earned his spot on top of the podium by placing first.

Bright and early on Saturday morning the varsity took their spots and started their march towards what would be a fourth place team finish in the tournament. SLUH surpassed Vianney in the final round with wins in five of their six matches.

Head coach Tim Curdt remarked, "For most of the year, and in past years, our tournaments have basically consisted

JPKbills put the hurtin'

Eric Durban
Reporter

Fresh from holiday rest, the Racquetbills started off the new year with convincing wins against the Parkway Central Colts and the DeSmet Spartans to run their season record to 7-0.

After a break in the league for the holidays, the Pennbills were definitely well-rested as they took on an over-matched Parkway Central squad on Wednesday, Jan. 12. Playing first and setting the tone, the 5th, 6th, and doubles seeds put on quite a show, only allowing a combined ten points in their three matches.

Leading the way was another solid performance by the doubles team of junior Jason Rusch and senior Pat Sheehan.

of wins throughout the day and losses in the final round. Now, hopefully, is the time we start keeping up with wins in our final rounds."

Senior Andrew Poulin (119 lbs.) was pinned by Nick Stinebruck of Lindbergh in his third place match and took fourth. But junior Devin Austermann (152 lbs.) and senior Shaun Whalen (160 lbs.) each won their third place matches by pin and found their spot on the podium. Senior David Franklin (215 lb.) won his third place match by a score of 8-5 over Ryan Rodgers of Vianney.

Senior David Caldwell took the Vianney Tournament and set it with the rest of the victories under his belt as he pinned Steve Himmelmann of Northwest in 52 seconds to take his third first place

Their 15-0, 15-0 shutout was another sign of their growth toward being a key component in the run for another state championship.

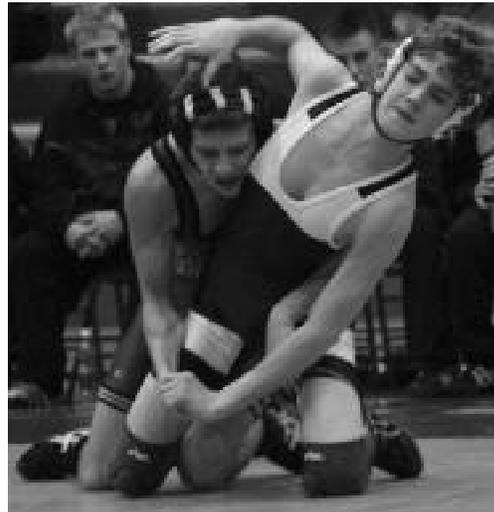
The top half of the Babybills then took the court and proceeded to pick up right where the bottom half left off. Playing with a very loose, cool demeanor, No. 1 seed senior Ryan Franklin picked up a quality 15-4, 15-9 win against a dark horse in fellow #1 seed Jimmy Li.

Realizing that an always-tough DeSmet team awaited them, the JPKbills geared up for the challenge early and came into the Jan. 19 match exuding confidence. After hearing earlier that the CBC squad had easily defeated the Spartans the previous week, the Megablastbills knew that they too needed to put up a strong showing, and the team didn't disappoint, posting a

tournament finish this year.

The varsity team had the following week off and then competed in the

Rockwood Summit Tournament this past Saturday. However, unlike their previous performance in the Vianney Tournament, they did not win most of their final matches. An excellent nine wrestlers made it to the final round; four won their matches.



Sophomore Andrew Mueth (112 lbs.) is taken down by a Ft. Zumwalt North wrestler on Wednesday. Mueth was pinned, and SLUH lost the dual meet, 59-12.

Patton (112 lbs.) wrestled up and took sixth place in his class. Austermann (152 lbs.) dominated Colin Fitzhenry of Mehlville by a score of 12-1 and took fifth

on DeSmet

hard-fought 6-1 victory.

For the second week in a row, the doubles team showed great teamwork in another convincing victory, this time prevailing 15-0, 15-7.

In the rest of the teams' victories, each player faced tough competition and had to fend off late surges or complete a comeback of their own.

"I loved the way we didn't get rattled and kept our act together," commented head coach Joe Koestner.

After losing badly 15-4 in his first game, No. 3 seed junior Justin "Spicy" Langan found his rhythm in the second game to win 15-8 against the always tough Spartan No. 3 seed, senior Brett Bronenkamp. Langan carried that game two momentum into the tiebreaker and

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Frisbee, bowling, rugby, no longer club sports

Tim Huether
Sports Editor

According to a memo sent by e-mail from Athletic Director Dick Wehner to several SLUH staff last Friday, including Principal Mary Schenkenberg, librarian Sharon L. Zilske, Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick, Assistant Principal-Student Affairs H. Eric Clark, Vice President for Advancement Thom Digman, yearbook moderator Tim Rittenhouse, and *Prep News* moderator Steve Missey, former sports clubs including bowling, Ultimate Frisbee, and rugby are no longer considered St. Louis U. High club sports.

In addition to not being able to use the SLUH name for their team or receive press in the *Prep News* or the *Dauphin* yearbook, these teams are now not allowed "meeting space, banquet space, signage in the hallway or bulletin boards or announcements on the television sets," according to the memo. In addition, Wehner will meet with coaches from the rifle, lacrosse, inline hockey, hockey, and racquetball programs next Monday, though he said that none of these was at serious risk of having their club sport status taken away.

Ultimate Frisbee team captain Brian Hubbard said, "Obviously it will be harder to practice, and it might be tougher to get into tournaments without a school's backing. I'm just disappointed we're not a sport any more."

Rugby captain Will Holleman said, "I don't think (us not being a club) is going to hurt us at all ... But it's kind of a hassle just getting the word out to possible players, and to players about practices, meetings, and games."

For a year and a half to two years, said Wehner, "We have been going through this process, trying to bring the club sports in line with the school. If they are going to call themselves St. Louis U. High and wear a jersey that says that, then we need to make sure that they are following certain guidelines."

With that goal in mind, Wehner said, "I met with Dr. Schenkenberg, Mr. Clark,

(Activities Director) Mr. (Spencer) McCall, Mr. Digman, and we talked about club sports. I then developed a handbook for club sports coaches, (including) anything and everything you need to do if you're a club sports coach at St. Louis U. High."

For the handbook, "I took the current coaching handbook, tore out a lot of stuff, added some stuff, borrowed from a lot of different schools, and I incorporated that into a handbook. Anything from the do's and don'ts to hotel rooms to med-kits at practice," Wehner said.

According to the handbook, clubs must now follow SLUH's substance abuse, academic eligibility, sportsmanship, emergency, transportation, travel, and hotel policies. Clubs must also have adult supervision at all meetings and practices, and coaches must comply with all MSHSAA rules, in addition to many other guidelines listed in the handbook.

Wehner also identified the moderators of each club sport.

Former Bowling Club moderator Greg Bantle informed Wehner that the Bowling Club was no longer active, and "No (students) ever came forward," said Wehner.

As for rugby, after meeting with former coach Suzanne Walsh, Wehner "met with some people involved in rugby separately and I told them 'You can't have outside kids, and you must have (a representative) in school,' and they didn't want to follow the criteria, and so they decided to go out on their own," said Wehner.

Spanish teacher Myriam Aliste had agreed to be the Ultimate Frisbee team moderator earlier in the year, but after Wehner informed her of the full responsibilities, she decided that she could not live up to the needs of a club sport.

For these reasons, the Bowling, Rugby, and Ultimate Frisbee teams were disconnected from affiliation with SLUH.

Multiple incidents over the last ten years have made greater club sports regulation necessary. Explained Wehner, "Last year the Ultimate Frisbee team went out of town, went to Kansas City. There was

not a faculty member on the trip. There was not a SLUH representative on the trip," said Wehner. "But a lot of parents thought that this was a St. Louis U. High-sponsored activity. There was no way to get in contact with anybody unless they had a cell phone. We didn't know where they were staying."

About five years ago, following a loss, a club sport coach forced the team to participate in a lengthy practice following the game, overworking them.

For the last few years, the rugby team has had players from CBC and Edwardsville on the team, something Wehner has deemed unacceptable.

Wehner continued, "Another thing was that we had Ultimate Frisbee and rugby playing some college competition. And we deemed that to be unacceptable just from a philosophical standpoint, meaning we're playing rugby and Ultimate Frisbee, and we take a break, and they're over there drinking a six pack of beer and our guys are drinking Gatorade. I don't think that meshes very well."

In addition, Wehner cited a bench-clearing brawl in a freshman club sport game, something that has not happened in any level of any sport of any other SLUH-affiliated competition during Wehner's twenty-plus year tenure as Athletic Director.

Wehner said, "We need to know what is going on with our boys. If anything happened to one of our boys because we dropped the ball on this, I would really struggle with that. Really struggle. Talking to some parents, they're of the feeling that, 'If my kid's playing Ultimate Frisbee at St. Louis U. High, or my kid's playing rugby at St. Louis U. High, then everything must be OK. St. Louis U. High must have checked out everything. St. Louis U. High is sponsoring this sport. So if my son's going to Kansas City, then St. Louis U. High must have okayed this.'"

Hubbard said, "I can see where they're coming from because they don't want stuff to go wrong and have them get blamed, and I wouldn't want that either if

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Kingbills capture Belleville East

Matt Angeli
Reporter

After everyone had disappeared from school after semester exams, the St. Louis U. High chess team returned on January 12 to narrowly defeat Belleville East, an opponent they hadn't beaten since the club was reformed three years ago.

The match turned in favor of the Rookbills early on, as they led 12-0 with wins at boards two and four, worth 7 and 5 points and played by juniors Ben Geisman and Matt Angeli, respectively.

With an hour left, SLUH was leading 12-0 and needed just three and a half points to win.

Unfortunately, the Jr. Bills' luck changed as senior Luke Dang fell behind and lost at board five.

Senior Isaac Dripps also lost a close game. Dripps did have a time advantage of 20 to 12 minutes but was unable to run his opponent out of time as he was slowly maneuvered to the edge of the board and checkmated by a promoted pawn. The score now stood 12-10.

The deciding factor of the game came from board one, where senior captain Brian Nienhaus battled his tough opponent. Amazingly, with about ten minutes left on both clocks, each player had taken only one piece. That quickly changed as play accelerated with the minutes ticking down. Each person's time was about even, but Nienhaus made his opponent think for a while on a couple moves, giving him a two-minute advantage.

Nienhaus summed up his philosophy, saying, "If you take a while in the beginning and the middle, you can let your opponent think in a bad situation in the end."

With the score 12-10 and board five worth 8 points, the match outcome rested on this final board. As the time ticked down, the gameplay got so fast that when each player moved and was reaching for the clock, the other person would have already moved. With his opponent's time dwindled to almost nothing, Nienhaus forced a stalemate, dividing the eight first-board points and clinching SLUH's vic-

tory

After the grueling match, Nienhaus declared "I don't wanna play chess till next week."

Last Wednesday, the Rookbills extended their winning streak to five games with a decisive win against New Athens High School. After traveling for nearly an hour and crossing the Kaskaskia River, the team was slightly groggy but excited in anticipation of the match.

Nienhaus was unable to attend the match due to a Kairos Retreat, but Geisman stepped up to the challenge and played a dominating game against his opponent. Early in the game, he was able to cause chaos with his queen on his opponent's queen side. He has officially extended his winning streak to five matches.

Angeli, likewise, moved up to board two and ended up drawing an hour into the match.

Dripps, playing board three, was able to achieve a knight advantage and wipe out his opponent's helpless pawns. With a nice time advantage of 35 to 15 minutes, Dripps had three pawns on one side and two on the other, giving him an almost sure chance of promoting a pawn to a queen. His opponent wiped out two of the three pawns on one side, but Dripps got his queen and proceeded to close in on the enemy king. His opponent clung to the lone hope that Dripps would make a mistake and stalemate him, making the match a draw. Nevertheless, Dripps finally did checkmate him.

Playing at board four, Dang was slightly under pressure with ten fewer minutes than his opponent during the crucial endgame. Dang tried valiantly to win, but his pieces were too spread out as the opponent's queen took two pieces while subjecting his king to repeated checks. Eventually Dang got trapped on the side as his opponent smashed him with a queen-pawn checkmate.

Freshman Josh Dripps, Isaac's brother, made his debut at board five. Solidly defeating his opponent, he later said, "I made a couple mistakes in the beginning and middle, but I was able to checkmate my opponent with a lined

queen-rook attack."

The Rookbills' win, by a score of 21.5 to 8.5, brought the team's overall record to 5-1. Having clinched a playoff spot, the team have byes the next two weeks. They will travel to Belleville West for their final regular season match on Feb. 9.

CLUBS

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I were they. It's just disappointing that we can't find a moderator to put forth the time we need to be a club. I'm just disappointed that we can't get a team together."

"In the end, it's just the team's choice to be this way," Holleman said. "The issue is that we play with CBC kids and Vianney kids, and the team isn't willing to change that."

Wehner commented on the reasoning that the teams now may not have practices at SLUH, announcements on the P.A., or coverage in the *Prep News* or yearbook, "What that's doing, is that's fostering the idea that this is a SLUH-sponsored sport."

Schenkenberg commented on the possibility of an overhaul of the non-athletic clubs following the club sport reform: "I think it might be wise to take a look at clubs, and now that we've taken the focus off of club sports and have kind of gotten that structure into place, I think it would be good to look at clubs. (Right now,) once the club has official status, then there isn't a whole lot of structure. So it might be worth it to take a look."

Wrestling Nightbeat

The St. Louis U. High wrestling team defeated the Red Devils of Chaminade last night at Chaminade, 42-25. The Cutweightbills received pins from juniors Bryan Edmunson (130 lbs.), Devin Austermann (152 lbs.), and Eric Gass (189 lbs.) and senior Ronnie Gentile (125 lbs.). Senior Shaun Whalen (160 lbs.) won by minor decision despite the fact that he was nursing a wrist injury.

—Compiled by Jesse Zacher

LaBoube returns from sabbatical in the Southwest

Timo Kim
Core Staff

After a semester-long sabbatical spent travelling to various observatories in the Southwest, reading, and studying, physics teacher Eric LaBoube has returned to teach at St. Louis U. High. He will take over his Physics B and Advanced Physics Topics classes, which had been covered by former physics teacher Michelle Perrin and physics teacher Kent Kershenski, during LaBoube's absence.

The focus of LaBoube's sabbatical was to learn about the recent advances in physics education and then evaluate SLUH's own physics curriculum in reference to his findings. LaBoube left SLUH after the end of the 2003-04 school year to begin his sabbatical with a three-week class on Modeling Theory at Arizona State University. Modeling Theory is a teaching technique which combines laboratory work and computer technology into interactive simulations of actual physics demonstrations.

"I was actually on a three-year professional development plan, and ending in sabbatical was something that I had planned to do," said LaBoube. "I've been going to (American Association of Physics Teachers) conferences every January for nine years, and hearing about (these techniques) ... is kind of interesting It's something I always wanted to do."

After he finished the Modeling Theory course at ASU, LaBoube began a regimen of independent reading, including journal articles and books on concurrent research in physics instruction. During this period he also sampled physics simulation software similar to that used in the Modeling Theory techniques.

Currently, new currents in physics education are moving away from traditional textbooks towards more simulation-based curriculum, according to LaBoube.

"An active learning environment is really the biggest thing," LaBoube said. "A lot of these (programs) have websites, and there are web-based simulations like this physics modeling ... where you work through a simulation. That is kind of an intriguing thing because with a computer simulation you can do things that we couldn't do before."

These simulation-based curricula, or e-texts, resemble WebAssign in that both have series of questions that students have to solve. Whereas WebAssign only tells the students whether their answer is correct or not, the e-texts would simulate the actual experiment according to the data the student entered into the program. The simulations would also have accompanying explanations to serve as the course text.

LaBoube has arranged to sample these e-texts in his classes to judge their benefits and drawbacks as part of his evaluation of new techniques.

LaBoube said, "Everyone has their own ideas about how physics should be taught, so I am just dabbling a little bit in all of them to see what would be practical, what would be best for the

high school level, and what we could do without making major changes to our curriculum."

Although SLUH had already implemented several components of these programs in recent years, such as WebAssign and computer-based laboratory work, the simulation-based curricula could still slightly shift the focus of physics classes. According to LaBoube, these e-texts could show students abstract concepts that they read in books in a more concrete fashion, much like in-class demonstrations. The time saved in demonstration and explanation time could then be diverted toward other activities, such as more labs.

In addition to his study of emerging computer techniques and software, LaBoube visited several prominent observatories and national laboratories in the Southwest. His destinations included Los Alamos National Laboratory, the Lowell Observatory, and The Very Large Array Radio Observatory, which appeared in the movie *Contact*.

"Every sabbatical is supposed to contain a renewal component, so I guess that was my renewal component because most of these places are in remote areas, and I like that," LaBoube said. "(The Advanced Physics Topics class reads) about things that were discovered by somebody working here and working there, so it was neat to go to those places."

LaBoube concluded, "I always have the tendency to think about things I didn't do. I wanted to take an extended float trip ... get on the river and float for about a week ... so there are some regrets that you had this big chunk of time and you didn't get to do some of the things that you wanted to do. But, by and large, as far as what I set out to do, I feel pretty good."

New member of the U. High family

PHOTO COURTESY OF PAUL BAUDENDISTEL



Congratulations to physics teacher, water polo coach, and all-around cool dude Paul Baudendistel, whose wife, Milena Garganigo, gave birth to a boy, Michael Gianfranco Baudendistel, on Friday, Jan. 7. Michael was 8 lbs., 12 oz., and was 22 inches long at birth.

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place at his weight. Junior Mike Doherty (135 lbs.) took fourth place in his class after being pinned by Mitch Stromsdorfer of John Burroughs, as did senior Tom Gezella (171 lbs.) after he lost his third place match to Nick Holder of Mehlville by a score of 10-2. Third place at the 215 lb. class went to Franklin with his win over Philip Klapproth of Poplar Bluff by a score of 10-1. Junior Eric Gass (189 lbs.) took first with his 2-1 victory over Travis Pearmont of Mehlville. Caldwell added a fourth tournament victory to his nearly flawless record of 22-1, by pinning Eddie Fischer of Mehlville in the first period.

On Wednesday night, the Panthers of Ft. Zumwalt North came to the gym for a dual meet. SLUH has often fallen short to the skilled wrestlers out of Zumwalt North, losing several duals against them in past years. This year was no different, as the varsity squad regrettably lost their dual by a score of 59-12.

The SLUH team wrestled many good matches but met tough competition. Poulin came out with the first of only three wins for the team at his 119 lb. class. Poulin's match against Justin Kliethermes was a little slow. Both struggled for control in tie-ups and from near takedowns. Poulin took Kliethermes down three times but couldn't get him to his back and won with a 7-3 decision.

Metcalf's first varsity match at 145 against Adam Wallace had only one takedown from either of the two wrestlers. Fortunately, Metcalf had the takedown. He broke the 3-3 tie with 2.8 seconds left in the match with a takedown to win, 5-3. Even Caldwell took longer than usual to pin his opponent, but he managed to outmuscle Kris Dunard at 275 lbs. Dunard fought with a strength only slightly less than that of Caldwell as Dave pinned him in the third period.

Caldwell is set to appear in the *Suburban Journal* as its athlete of the week this week. Look for him and look for the team tonight and tomorrow night at the MICDS tournament as they compete with sixteen other teams in their last tournament before the district and sectional tournaments.

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prevailed in the match 11-6.

"I think he was asleep for the first game, but was able to turn it on very nicely to pull out the win," said Koestner.

No. 2 seed senior Pat Corcoran also found trouble early against his DeSmet opponent. Before he could catch his breath on the court, Corcoran was quickly down 7-0 in the first game. With clutch shots and gutsy play, though, Corcoran fought his way back for a 15-11 victory and then held off a late DeSmet surge to take the second game 15-12.

"A clutch win like this for our team shows our growth, especially late in the season," commented Corcoran.

In competition earlier this season, the Splatbills had defeated DeSmet 6-1. In pulling out another convincing victory, the team placed themselves in good position heading into the biggest match of the year on Jan. 27, against the CBC Cadets.

Aside from their league competition, the varsity squad took time out over the holidays to gather for the annual SLUH Racquetball Alumni Tournament. The gathering was held on Dec. 26 at Concord, and with over 30 alumni, it was the largest turnout for the event that Doc Koestner started over 19 years ago. Alumni ranged from '81 to the most recent graduates of '04.

Aside from conversation and pick-up games, a loose win-and-advance tournament took place. All the winners of individual games advance until only two are left, and this year left us with a familiar scene. Still at the top of their games, Phil Mathews, '04, and Joe Sharamitaro, '02, faced off in the finals. As a SLUH student last year, Mathews won the tournament, and although he has moved on to the University of Illinois, the result was much the same. Mathews pulled out a convincing victory to repeat as tournament champion.

"It was a lot of fun to see a bunch of old friends, and it was also nice to defend my title," said a happy Mathews with his winner's trophy in hand.

ABOVE .500

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before a test. Even with the 16-point deficit, SLUH struck with six quick points to open up the second half, but just as the momentum arrow turned in SLUH's favor, Kirkwood answered with seven points of its own. The situation was back at square one, and that's where it stayed for the rest of the evenly played, physical game. Even though SLUH outscored Kirkwood in the second half, it wasn't enough to overcome the initial deficit. SLUH lost by a score of 69-54.

Henry concluded, "We really have to work on defense. But (the) conference is still pretty wide open, and I think we can win it."

The best remedy for the 8-7 Bills right now is to remember the past, but forget the wound. The second half of the season is in front of them, and conference play will become more serious. So buckle your seat belts, basketball fans, the fourth quarter of the regular season begins tonight at 7:00 at Vianney and then continues tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. at SLUH. It should be a wild ride.

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200 pack gym for unsupervised dodgeball romp

**Scott Mueller
Reporter**

Last Wednesday, feeling relieved from the end of exams, almost 200 students from St. Louis U. High and various girls' schools piled into the gym for the first ever SLUH dodgeball tournament.

Founded by sophomore Mike Guinn, the Dodgeball Club has been in existence since October. Guinn said they had been planning a tournament since the club had been started. Guinn is the club president, with sophomore Joe Griffin as the vice president. Michael Marchlewski, S.J. is the club moderator.

The tournament took place at 6 p.m. There were an estimated 200 people in attendance with 160 players on 32 different 5-man teams who competed for the chance to call themselves the dodgeball champions. The cost of the tournament was \$3 per person, and all proceeds went to benefit those hurt by the tsunami.

Three matches went on simultaneously each round. As for rules, if a

player was hit by a thrown ball he was called out; if the player caught the thrown ball then the thrower was out and one teammate of the catcher was allowed back in the game. Though not encouraged, head shots were legal.

In the end, the Purple Cobras emerged victorious. The team consisted of sophomores Tim Iovaldi, Joe Lorbert, Murphy Troy, Kenny Astin, and Tyler Caldwell. Team 28, made up of juniors J.P. Johnson, Tom Nolan, Brennan DuVall, Anthony Jones, and Jordan Bushong came in second place. The Cobras will become the varsity dodgeball team and will play against other area schools.

The night was not entirely fun for the Dodgeballers, however. There were several rules broken in regard to the student use of the gym. According to Athletic Director Dick Wehner, the dodgeball club had three strikes against them.

The first strike was that they did not talk to Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick for approval. After getting approved by him they should have talked to Wehner,

but Wehner said that he never gave the approval for the tournament to go on. The third strike was that there was no adult moderator present. Because Director of Security Charlie Clark did not know about the event, Wehner was afraid there could have been break-ins due to the lack of security.

According to Guinn, he did talk to those people and was given the okay. Whatever the mix-up was, there were no adults present and the tournament should not have been allowed to happen. Either way, the two-week notice given by the dodge ball club was inadequate.

To make matters worse, there was a class reunion going on in the Danis Lobby. The reunion would have taken precedence over the dodgeball tournament. Another problem was that after the tournament was over, no one cleaned up in the gym. Wrappers, gum, and other junk was left on the gym floor and bleachers.

The club does plan to have more tournaments in the future, but with tighter faculty control.

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on the line, are they acceptable or not, and in those cases we'll have to make a game by game judgement in light of (the new policy)."

The computer room will remain open before and after school and during activity period for gaming use. See said, "We've already set a precedent for games. We have a rec room. We open it before school, after school, and during activity period and we tell students it's okay to play games. We feel it's okay to allow games during those times, those non-academic times, in the computer lab."

If students do not comply with the new rules or regulations, the penalty will most likely be a demerit or a jug, but the punishment could also include expulsion from the lab.

Junior Matt Wilmsmeyer said of the changes, "I think they're going to be very

effective. It doesn't happen very often, but there's stuff on (the computers) that shouldn't be on there. A lot of the stuff that's on (the computers) we're trying to pin back to the students, (and) we're doing stuff with the lab that will allow us to do that so every student has their responsibility not to abuse their privileges in there. We can track them if they do."

Next week, the computer lab will re-open with new software and a new set of rules and regulations to monitor the games and activities of the students who use the software.

Correction:

The Trivia Night date for the HUS Foundation will be on March 5, 2005, and will still be at Carpenters' Hall.

Coldren injured in car accident

**Dan Everson
Reporter**

St. Louis U. High English teacher Patricia Coldren was involved in a car accident on the way to school on Wednesday morning. Coldren's vehicle was hit and totaled by an SUV in St. Charles. She was taken to the hospital for examination.

According to English Department chairman William George, who spoke with Coldren on Wednesday night, she sustained no broken bones but received some bad bruises when the SUV crushed her passenger door. "She said her glasses were knocked off," explained George.

Doctors have instructed Coldren to rest over the weekend. Depending on how she feels, she may return to school Monday.

by Andrew Mueth

Calendar

Jan. 21-Jan.28

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

Schedule R

V WR @ MICDS Tournament thru
22nd

V/B BB @ Vianney, 5:30/7 p.m.

C BB Blue @ Vianney, 4 p.m.

Tator Tots, Pizza

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

V/B BB vs. St. Mary's, 5:30/7 p.m.

C BB Blue @ Oakville Tournament

C BB White vs. St. Mary's, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Pro-Life Trip thru Tuesday

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

Schedule R

Junior Whitehouse Retreat thru

Wednesday

Freshman Homeroom Rep. Elections
thru 1/27

V SW @ Chaminade, 4 p.m.

Pizza Sticks, Taco Sticks, Club Wraps

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Schedule R

V BB @ Ladue, 7 p.m.

V/JV/C WR vs. DeSmet, 6 p.m.

Pretzels, Brats

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

Schedule R

Bosco Sticks, Taco Salad

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

Schedule R

Seniors Return from Project

Fr. Eng. Tutorial

Rosary in Chapel

Fac/Staff Mix-it-Up Luncheon

V/JV/C WR vs. Pattonville, 6 p.m.

V SW vs. CBC, 4 p.m.

C BB Blue @ Oakville Tournament

Fiestada, Chicken Rings

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

Schedule M

V/B BB vs. Jefferson City, 5:30/7 p.m.

Cookies, Pizza

GRISHAM

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However, Sullivan has been much more than a novelist and federal judge. After one year at St. Louis University, Sullivan entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. There he was involved in both the varsity lacrosse team and the Cadet Honor Committee, and quickly rose to the position of a Ranger Instructor. Sullivan received many awards for his services in Vietnam, including the Bronze Star and the Air Medal.

After Vietnam, Sullivan turned his attention towards continuing his education and enrolled in Georgetown University Law Center where, during his senior year, he became an editor of the Georgetown Law Journal.

After graduating from law school, Sullivan returned home to St. Louis, where he officially entered the realm of law as a clerk to Chief Judge M.C. Matthes of the Court of Appeals. A year later, he returned to the Washington, D.C., area, where he was an attorney with the Patton Boggs law firm.

At that point, Sullivan entered the White House as a member of President Nixon's defense team. As a result, Sullivan was present at the Watergate impeachment trials of 1974.

From the White House, Sullivan went to the Judicial branch as a trial lawyer for

eight years. Sullivan was then selected to be the Deputy General Counsel of the Air Force, the second highest position that one of the 1,700 lawyers at the Pentagon can hold. Soon after, Sullivan assumed the duties of the General Counsel for the National Reconnaissance Organization (N.R.O.), a then ultra-covert organization, featured in the movie *Enemy of the State*.

During his second term, President Ronald Reagan appointed Sullivan a Federal Judge at the Court of Appeals, a position Sullivan held for 16 years. Sullivan would be Chief Judge for five of those years.

In 2002 Sullivan took "senior status," meaning he was retired but could be called back to the bench if needed. At present, he is a part of the Board at both West Point and Duke University Law School.

So, how did Sullivan become interested in writing? Sullivan explained, "It's been in the back of my mind to be a novelist for a long time. Even before I took senior status, I started playing with the idea of writing a novel about a judge on a court." He continued, "A lot of people think they have a novel in them. I think most people do. But it's really tough to actually finish a whole book."

It took Sullivan a total of five years, including seven rewrites, before Sullivan

could get a publisher.

Through his trials and tribulations, Sullivan was able to develop his own style of writing after studying the works of John Grisham, Tom Clancy, and Scott Turow. He also formed what he described as his own personal "formula" for writing interesting fiction consisting of dialogue, action, and character thoughts.

Said Sullivan, "(When you) put yourself in the shoes of your characters, that makes it authentic."

Of his years at SLUH, Sullivan said, "(SLUH) gave me my motto that I dealt with the rest of my life, and that is the motto of Hannibal: 'I will find a way or make one.'"

Sullivan's second book, which has yet to be titled, was recently bought and publication of the book will follow the book's completion. Unlike *The Majority Rules*, Sullivan's next book, also featuring Tim Quinn, is more of a "spy thriller" than a legal thriller, and will include "a lot of background from the Watergate (scandal)," with which Sullivan himself had personal experience.

Sullivan reflected on the next stop of his seemingly endless line of career endeavors: "I'm off on a new career as a novelist, and I'm very excited about that."

Sullivan expects to be in St. Louis in March for a book signing. During this time, he plans to stop by SLUH to visit.