



Sweeney retires after eight years

Leary will take over as VP of Administration

Tim Huether
Sports Editor

Vice President of Administration Brian Sweeney, who has been at St. Louis U. High for eight years, announced his resignation last Friday, Jan. 21.

Sweeney never fully regained his strength after the quadruple bypass surgery he had in August, and he lacked energy since returning to his position in September. President Paul Sheridan, S.J. said, "His energy has sunk, and so basically Brian and I had discussions, and we both thought that the pressure of this job was (too great)."

Vice President of Advancement Thom Digman said, "I think it's fair to say that when you have a life instance like (the

surgery), it makes you evaluate what is important to you, and your life. ... Quality of life means a lot to him."

Business manager Eric Schnable, who worked under Sweeney for the last two and a half years, said, "I don't think he really fully recovered from the surgery. It was basically just downhill from there. His parents got sick, his wife's parents got sick, and it became overwhelming. All the work, and all the changes that are going on, the V2K projects that are going on, they became overwhelming for him."

Sweeney decided he would not be able to continue as VP of Administration through discussions with Sheridan throughout December. After Sweeney's decision, Sheridan and the St. Louis U.

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Student computer accounts created

Brian Krebs
Core Staff

Students in both the computer lab and computer classroom no longer have to limit themselves to one computer where personal files are saved, nor worry about those files getting deleted. Since Tuesday after school, every student can now access his own personal account with all the necessary programs.

The necessary equipment to set up these student accounts was purchased over the summer, but, because of his busy schedule and various other time constraints, computer systems manager Jon Dickmann wasn't able to upgrade the computers until just recently.

Although the accounts are now just in the computer lab and adjoining classroom, in a few weeks, Dickmann plans to move upstairs and set up the computers in the library and finally the multiple laptop carts around the school.

Every student account has access to typical programs found on most computers in the school: iTunes, iPhoto, iMovie, Quicktime, iDVD, etc. However, students can also log into their accounts from the few scattered Windows computers.

To log into an account, each student needs to enter his username (which is his seven-digit student ID number); and his password, defaulted at the student's three initials and the last three numbers of the

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Freshmen elect class reps

Kevin Michniok
Reporter

Freshmen elected Kevin Steitz and Matt Rice as their two class STUCO Representatives last week. 201 voters (75 percent) voted on Thursday for the primary; 185 votes (69 percent) voted on Friday. The primary was held during the freshman/sophomore lunch period, and voters chose between six candidates.

The responsibilities of the elected officials include promoting school spirit, being a voice for the freshman class, and taking the place of their departed senior advisors. More specifically, they will help put together the freshman dance, help with raffles, Cashbah, and Spring Fling in April.

STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson said, "These guys are voted in (by their classmates) because their classmates see them as good leaders." He went on to say that it should be a great "learning experience" for the two officers.

Rice, one of the elected, felt his plans as a representative were to help organize the dance and put together a homeroom preview of sports events before they happen. His qualifications are that he was on STUCO and was the president of the Honors Society at Washington Middle School.

"I think this class is really awesome and I want to make (St. Louis U. High) the best four years for them," Rice said.

Steitz, the other student elected, plans to help promote school spirit and encour-

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Pro-Life club travels to D.C. for protest

Tom Vordtriede
Reporter

Sixteen Junior Bills left St. Louis on Sunday, Jan. 23 to protest *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States. The group of David Auffenberg, James Burke, Connor Cole, Charles Diehl, Dan Finucane, Peter Herman, Michael Hill, Brian Kurtz, Greg Mantych, Matt Meiners, John Merkely, Alex Mueckl, Andrew Tayon, Tom Vordtriede, Joe Wotawa, and Mark Zinn traveled by plane to the nation's capital under the direction of chaperones Jesuit scholastic John Brown, S.J. and theology teacher Tim Chik.

The 32nd anniversary of the ruling was actually on Saturday, Jan. 22, but the March for Life was pushed back to Monday, Jan. 24 so that the march would take place while the Supreme Court was in session. People came from all walks of life and every corner of the country. There were families, single people with friends, parents, elderly people, children, and of course, teenagers. At every glance, a group of teenagers could be found—whether they were in grade school, high school, or

college. Some of the Jr. Bills chatted with students from SLU, Rockhurst, Creighton, and other universities while waiting for the march to get underway.

Despite the cold weather, and the snow that caused airport delays that weekend, the marchers came—they came just the same. There was an electric sense of companionship throughout the entire crowd as the rallies finished and the march began.

The walk to the Supreme Court began with a lot of energy. After some initial chanting tapered off, there arose a new feeling—one of prayer, peace, and patriotism. There were many people along the way praying the rosary in unison, and at one spot, a trumpet player played “God Bless America” as the marchers around him sang.

As the sixteen Junior Bills marched over Capitol Hill, they turned around and viewed a spectacular sight. There were demonstrators behind them as far as they could see from on top of the hill.

Finucane commented, “I was so amazed to see the drastic numbers behind me.”

Chik added, “You can never tell an accurate number of how many people are
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Senior Ryan helps save priest's life

Timo Kim
Core Staff

Although senior Kevin Ryan had volunteered to care for children at the Carmelite Child Development Center for Senior Project last Tuesday, he and teacher Jennifer Pearia helped a retired priest who had fallen near the center and was incoherent. The priest is currently in critical condition.

The incident occurred at about 4:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon when Ryan walked outside into the fenced play area connected to the center. While walking around in the play area, he saw the man prostrate on the walkway between the parking lot and a nearby Shop 'n Save. It is unknown exactly how long the man had been lying there, although they think it was between ten and 45 minutes.

“I just happened to be the first one to notice him on the ground,” Ryan said. “At first, I could not tell if there was a guy hurt or if there was just somebody lying there, looking up at the clouds. I saw (him) move, so I wasn't too worried at first, but then I saw a hand reach up and he rolled to his side and I started thinking, ‘This guy does not look so well.’”

When Ryan and Pearia reached the man, they found that he had fallen, scraped the back of his head, and vomited blood, partially on himself. Although he was conscious, he was not lucid. Ryan then immediately called an ambulance. While they waited for the ambulance to come, Ryan wiped the vomit off the man's face and then directed the ambulance to the man's location.

“It was really amazing how (Ryan) was so quick-thinking,” Pearia said. “We didn't know who this man was or what was going on ... but Kevin just hopped the fence (and helped him).”

Coincidentally, for about a year, Ryan has begun each day with a reading from a prayer book which has a short story accompanying each prayer. That day, the
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Coldren, McCall recovering

Andrew Mueth
Core Staff

Two members of the St. Louis U. High faculty were hospitalized last week for separate reasons. English teacher Patricia Coldren was brought in for examination after a car accident last Wednesday, Jan. 19, on her way to school. Coldren was out of school for two days and returned on Friday.

Coldren says that the passenger side of her car was broadsided, spreading the force of impact across the side of the car and totalling the vehicle. Coldren was out for two days with “bruises and tenderness,” but is now fully recovered.

Director of Diversity Spencer McCall was out of school last Thursday and Fri-

day with intense abdominal pain. Though still awaiting test results, he says that he may have diverticulitis, a disease of the colon. He hopes to have a certain diagnosis by early next week.

The St. Mary's hospital doctors were confused about McCall's diagnosis because he was lacking any symptoms typical of diverticulitis besides abdominal pain. Diverticulitis is a chronic disease, and though the pain will subside after he finishes medication, the disease could recur at any time if he does have it.

Though still in pain, McCall returned to school on Monday. McCall is taking four different medications (one anti-inflammatory medication, one painkiller, and two antibiotics) until he is diagnosed for certain.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cole thanks SLUH students for help at Boutique

To the Editors:

I had the pleasure of working with SLUH students at the Mothers Club Holiday House Tour Boutique last month.

I was very pleased to have assistance from at least six young men for the wreath delivery. We set up a gift-wrap production line and they were wonderful, offering assistance to me and carrying packages to cars for Boutique shoppers. Our shoppers were impressed to have the unexpected service available to them.

Thank you to juniors Tony Bell, Geoff Miller, Dan Stewart, Patrick Zelaya, Matt Ludwig and Mike Eilers! I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. When asked if they volunteered for this project, the said Mr. Hannick came into their math class, asked for

workers and they were all happy to help out.

At the end of the evening, Stephanie Hof and I also benefited from the generous help of Dave Goettelmann. He went above and beyond the call of duty, providing extra assistance to help us close the Boutique.

Again, it was a pleasure working with these young men, volunteering their time on a Sunday afternoon. They are excellent representatives of St. Louis U. High.

Sincerely,
Abby Cole

Child Life Services thanks SLUH for donation

Editors' Note: Student Council raised \$575 in donations from the December 21 Talent Show. With that money, STUCO purchased toys and delivered them to Children's Hospital on December 22.

Dear SLUH students,

On behalf of St. Louis Children's Hospital and the staff of Child Life Services, I would like to say, "Thank you" for your special contribution. Your donation was included in our gift bags and given to the patients during the holiday season. The children and

their families are pleased to know others are thinking of them and everyone is truly appreciative of your kindness.

It is donations from thoughtful people like you that continue to help Child Life Services in our mission of "*doing what is right for kids.*" Thank you again for thinking of our children.

Sincerely,
Jill Malan, Manager
Child Life Services

Special Sisyphus Preview

Rain
Tom Gezella

The droplets formed runnels on concrete
In the first moments,
Swaying up and down the narrow streets
Like uniformed children playing tag.
Looking out through pitter-pattered panes of glass,
I watched small drops play patty cake
With the leaves of flowers and trees.
Cloud drips enlightened by a long descent knew
To fall near the roots of trees
So they could climb once more to the sky,
Giving life along the way.
Others lay, fat and lazy, on car roofs or
Patio furniture, waiting for the sun to come
Carry them to their pillowy beds.
Glassy spheres danced on the brims of hats
Or hid in the hair of heads uncovered;
No drops escaped their descent wholly
But tapped each brick, each window,
Each upturned face
Of children welcoming the water
As it danced across their cheeks.

Sisyphus to debut Jan. 31st

**Ben Farley
Reporter**

In ancient Greek lore, Sisyphus continually rolls a boulder up a steep hill, only to see it roll back down the hill just before reaching the summit.

With this same dogged determination, the editors of *Sisyphus* present another edition of St. Louis U. High's literary magazine. The magazine will be sold beginning next Monday during Activity Period and both lunch periods outside the cafeteria. Each magazine costs 25 cents.

Over the past month the editors—seniors Paul Barker, Mike Granger and Alex Sciuto, juniors Tony Bell, Tony Bertucci, Ben Farley and Kyle Kloster, and sophomore Joe Milner—have pored over about 100 manuscripts of poetry and prose. The selection process was sometimes

brutal, and editors had to reject many well-written pieces of literature. The final product includes twenty-nine poems and short stories, along with many pieces of art.

The cover, designed by art editors Barker and junior Joel Westwood, is a continuous line drawing of a man writing on a piece of paper.

"The intent was to have a dreamy feel," said Westwood.

There are fewer drawings in this issue than normal, but it does contain many

good photographs. Senior James Lang and junior David Rhoads submitted particularly good artwork.

The Winter '05 issue contains "many strong poems and several good stories," according to moderator Rich Moran. These works of interest include Barker's "Walking Spies," and Joe Milner's "To My Love, by a Maldivan Fisherman." Moran also pointed out that senior Tom Gezella's poems are "remarkable."

Submissions by teachers include ASC English teacher Sean O'Neil's witty "To Athena" and English teacher William George's "The Currency of Desperation."

Also, senior Luke Dang submitted his "Dang Anthology" (a phrase coined by Mike Granger), a collection of six of his poems.

Over the past several years, the size of the magazine has increased significantly with its

great quality of submitted work. However, this added material led to several computer problems and a week of frustration for the staff. Luckily, layout editor Tim Huether supplied his computer wizardry and eliminated the problems.

Over 400 copies will be printed, and the magazine always sells out, so buy your copy early. The staff is also looking for new talent to write and draw for the Spring '05 issue, which quickly approaches.

Counseling website ready

**Tim Malecek
Reporter**

The counseling department launched its own website recently in an effort to cut down on the expense of paper and mailing. Counseling department chairman Ken McKenna explained, "(The cost of paper and mailings) is certainly in the hundreds of dollars."

The website was launched earlier this week. The counseling department enlisted the help of junior Shane Mulligan to set up the site. McKenna had planned to finish the website by the end of the first quarter, but the date was pushed back.

The website contains useful information for juniors, including a list of visiting college representatives, scholarships, financial aid, and e-mail addresses for all the counselors.

In addition, the counseling department will cease to mail the *Guideline*, its quarterly newsletter.

McKenna said that "most of what we put in the *Guideline* we accomplished through other mailings." McKenna explained that most of the information in the *Guideline* had started to become static, with only minor changes each year.

The *Guideline* has instead been broken up by class year and placed on the website, where students will be able to view any quarter's issue. McKenna hopes that having the *Guideline* on the internet will encourage students to go to the website. However, his primary concern is that students will not visit the site and may miss important dates and information.

McKenna has great hopes for the ongoing effect of the website. McKenna said, "Now that we have a website, we really encourage everyone to visit the website. It can be very powerful."

The counseling department's website is www.sluh.org/counseling. It can also be accessed using the "Jump To" window from sluh.org.

DRAWING BY DAVID RHOADS



Junior David Rhoads' drawing of Ray Charles is one of many drawings in the winter issue of *Sisyphus*.

Singletbills slip past DeSmet, 36-35

Jesse Zacher
Reporter

The varsity wrestling squad made a good showing in the Eric Lewis Invitational Tournament, their fourth tournament in as many weeks.

The two-day tournament at MICDS began with two rounds of wrestling Friday night. The Jr. Bills won nine matches and lost ten in the first two rounds.

In an odd turn of events, several rounds were omitted from the tournament when the Ladue area and MICDS campus experienced a power outage on Saturday. Those wrestlers knocked out before the quarterfinals lost their double-elimination chance because of a press for daylight as the rest of the tournament continued with matches in the dark, lit only by what light filtered through the windows.

Senior Andrew Poulin (119 lbs.) wrestled in his first match against Stephen Kessel of Westminster Academy, pinning Kessel exactly one minute in. Poulin won three more matches on the weekend, but lost to Justin Kliethermes of Fort Zumwalt

North in his third place match and took the fourth place medal.

Senior Ronnie Gentile (125 lbs.) stepped up and had his best tournament so far this year. Gentile outmuscled the strong Donnie Bonds of Riverview Gardens. Gentile wrestled smartly and competitively, avoiding being turned to his back once and quickly escaping each of the four times he was on bottom. Gentile notched a clutch takedown to tie the match in the third and was awarded a penalty point to go on top for the win, 7-6.

Gentile finished fourth in the tournament with a record of 4-2. He lost only to Pat Mills of Hazelwood West in both his second round match and his third place match.

Jon Holden (140 lbs.) won his first two matches as well as his fifth place match, but lost two in between to end with a record of 3-2 for the weekend. Holden easily defeated Caleb Yarborough of McCluer North by a devastating score of 13-0 to take fifth place. Devin Austermann (152 lbs.) also took fifth at his weight with a record of 3-2. He pinned two opponents

in his preliminary matches and defeated Jason Muller of Timberland by a score of 4-0 in their fifth place match.

Eric Gass (189 lbs.) ended the weekend with a 2-2 record but took one of those two losses in his third place match against Javon Watson of Riverview.

As usual, Dave Caldwell (275 lbs.) only wrestled a few matches on the weekend. However, the weekend for him was unusual in that he lost only his second match of the season. Caldwell went against Ronnell Simpson of Hazelwood West, and the giants fought ruthlessly for six minutes, but neither of the two could stumble the other into a takedown. Caldwell was down 2-1 in the third after a reversal in the second by Simpson. However, Caldwell deliberately got to his feet and out of the grasp of Simpson for the escape while both wrestlers were nearly out of bounds, tying the match at two.

The second overtime period saw Simpson on bottom, where he barely escaped Caldwell for the winning point. Caldwell suffered only his second loss of

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Swishbills drop one to Vianney, 56-52

Henry Samson
Reporter

Last Friday, the St. Louis U. High Basketballbills traveled to the outskirts of Kirkwood to do battle with the Vianney Griffins, an important MCC rival. As always, the conference matchup and capacity crowd that comes with every conference game electrified the air. A win was essential for both teams in the MCC race. Unfortunately, though, SLUH fell to a 2-3 conference record—two games behind Vianney—after losing another fourth quarter thriller, 56-52.

SLUH started off with a strong first quarter. Good penetration and ball movement allowed the Jr. Bills to go on top of the equally aggressive Griffins, 12-11. SLUH fed on this momentum in the beginning of the second quarter, but just after a 7-2 run pulled the Jr. Bills ahead by five points, a series of unfortunate events happened, as Lemony Snickett would say.

A Vianney forward slammed the ball into a wall, sparking a technical foul. SLUH missed both free throws, and the Vianney crowd started to get crazy. Consequently Vianney came back with renewed energy and SLUH all of a sudden went cold. Vianney's 14-2 run put the Griffins on top 28-21 at halftime.

Much of the third and fourth quarters were marked by back and forth basketball. Things started cooling down until a freak accident occurred during a timeout. One of Vianney's cheerleaders was swinging around a stick that, according to athletic director Dick Wehner, "had a loose cap that flew off into the SLUH crowd." Needless to say, tempers flared, but nothing became of the incident, which Wehner called "completely unintentional."

Senior Dave Goettelmann brought the Jr. Bills back to within one after dropping an NBA-range three, but there was little the Jr. Bills could do to counteract

their foul trouble, which cursed them late in the game. A total of 22 fouls sent SLUH deep within the double bonus, and Vianney sunk their free throws down the final stretch. The final score was 56-52.

Senior Dan Henry remarked, "We have got to stop losing these close games. They're killing us."

After licking the wounds of defeat, the Jr. Billikens welcomed St. Mary's Dragons to Oakland Ave. on Saturday night. Unlike the previous night's action, this was not a close shave. The Jr. Bills came out and pounced on the unsuspecting Dragons in the first half. Their fast style of play and stalwart defense gave the Bills a 34-19 lead at halftime.

At this time the newest member of the varsity team should be introduced. Sophomore Gino McNeal, who was called up from the B team at the beginning of the new year, saw a wealth of playing time.

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Chlorinebills fall to Chaminade, 94-92

Kevin O'Neill
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High swimming and diving team visited the Chaminade Red Devils on Monday for a dual meet. Chaminade, a perennial state swimming contender, again has a strong team, having finished third in the Marquette Relays. The Chaminade squad indeed proved to be a challenge, defeating the Speedobills by a score of 94-92.

The lead changed multiple times throughout the course of the meet. Junior Wes Going swam a very competitive meet, placing second in the 100-yard butterfly and first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 56.09. Senior Tim Szewczyk and sophomore Brendan Mehan completed the sweep in the 100-yard backstroke, placing second and third, respectively.

Other first place finishers included senior Adam Trafton, who won both the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard

freestyle. Freshman David Miller finished first in the 500-yard freestyle, completing the race in 5:07.62.

Finally, the 400-yard freestyle relay team beat the Chaminade relay team in the last event of the competition. However, the Speedobills still lost by a two point margin.

The diving team also performed well at the Chaminade dual meet, but without sophomore diver Jim Heafner, they could not place as high as they had hoped. Heafner is currently sidelined with a stress fracture on the fourth lumbar vertebra.

"I won't be diving any more this year," said Heafner, commenting on his absence from the diving board.

Even without Heafner, the Pikebills still have a strong group of skilled divers who can compete with anyone. Junior Zach Bernsden placed second in the diving competition, while fellow junior Nick Ruemker and freshman Patrick Probst finished in fifth and sixth place, respectively.

Although they lost to Chaminade, the Speedobills were satisfied with their ef-

fort. Both teams raced hard, but at the end of the meet, the Chaminade Red Devils refused to shake the awaiting line of Speedobill hands. With this memory in their minds, the Speedobills return to practice, motivated to work hard and defeat Chaminade in state competition.

The Jr. Bills swim again in a tri-meet with MICDS and Parkway South at the Rec Plex tomorrow at 7 p.m.

2-1 AND 2-3

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According to manager Max Magee, "Gino seems to be getting more comfortable with the team as the games go by, physically and socially."

Third quarter action was much like the first half as SLUH exercised complete control of the game. With a 22-point lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter, head coach John Ross unloaded the bench for much of the remainder of the game. SLUH held the twenty-point lead until the final horn blew and defeated the Dragons by a score of 64-43.

On Tuesday, SLUH faced off against the Ladue Rams, their third contest in 5 days. The game against the 7-7 Rams proved to be another Jr. Bills romp. Strength on the offensive boards, coolness in the heat of the game, and quick responses to pressure propelled the Jr. Bills to victory.

Like the St. Mary's game, SLUH controlled most of the game until the third quarter. Ladue gained momentum after a guard got a technical for shoving senior John Warner as Warner tried to help him up. But the Jr. Bills responded with a 16-0 run after Ladue brought the score to within two points, and went on to win with the identical score as St. Mary's game, 64-43.

Game time is tonight, basketball fans. Jeff City has traveled the Missouri highways and has stopped at the halls of the Backer for a weekend matchup.

"They are fast and strong," said junior Pete Cooney. "They also shoot a lot of threes." It should be an exciting evening.

Come to see who lives by the bomb, and who dies by the bomb. Tipoff is at 7.

PREP NEWS NIGHTBEAT

Rasslinbills beat Pattonville 48-28 in last home dual meet

PHOTO BY KYLE KLOSTER



Junior Devin Austermann (152 lbs.) attempts to pin his opponent, Pattonville wrestler Jake Sloan, last night at SLUH. Austermann went on to defeat Sloan by major decision, 17-3. SLUH received pins from seniors Ronnie Gentile (125 lbs.), Dave Franklin (215 lbs.), and Andrew Poulin (119 lbs.), and junior Jon Holden (140 lbs.) Gentile had an especially impressive match, pinning Pattonville Pirate Jay Qandah only 1:11 into his match. SLUH's JV team also achieved a decisive win, defeating the Pirates 56-34.

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BLACKOUT

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the season to the same man who gave him his first one back in December and took second place in the tournament.

The team had to shake off the so-so performance of the weekend to wrestle at home on Senior Night against DeSmet on Tuesday. The dual was rough and came down to the wire, although SLUH came out on top with a score of 35-34.

The meet started at 171 lbs., where senior Tom Gezella had a bye to put the Jr. Bills on top 6-0. Gass wrestled the formerly injured Billy Hinds and wrestled well. Gass worked hard and remained on top for nearly the entire match. He turned Hinds to his back twice for two points each time, but could not keep him there for the pin.

Hinds started what would be a series of Spartan penalties with an illegal move, followed by an argument with the referee over the call. Gass kept that aside and got one last takedown to win his match 13-4.

David Franklin (215 lbs.) went out

with the aggressiveness of a lightweight in his match against Shaun Hoppe and quickly took him down. Franklin turned Hoppe to his back towards the end of the first period and barely missed the two count before the buzzer sounded, ending up 5-0.

It only took Franklin forty seconds to put Hoppe back on the mat in the second period, and this time, Hoppe was not saved by the bell as Franklin got the pin. Franklin's pin, followed by Caldwell's open, put SLUH up 22-0.

However, SLUH saw losses in its next five consecutive matches to fall down 28-22.

Mike Doherty (135 lbs.) stopped the streak of losses with an 18-7 major decision over Tony Lucchesi, who was penalized several times for stalling the match out of sheer stubbornness. Fortunately, Doherty was on top enough that those points only added to his lead.

Jon Holden (140 lbs.) dominated in his match against Page Hereford with

three near pins in the first period to put him up 10-0 going into the second. Holden started on top in the second and didn't look back as he pinned Hereford at 3:30, putting the Jr. Bills back in the lead 32-28.

The video of Tim Metcalf's match at 145 lbs. against Steve Layton could be used to instruct reversals, as all the points scored by either wrestler were from reversals. Metcalf and Layton scrambled for control but never turned each other over. Metcalf did not cut Layton in the third and Layton scored the reversal. Layton scored a buzzer-beating reversal in the final period to win 8-6.

The final win for the Jr. Bills came from Devin Austermann (152 lbs.) in his match against Matt Skarkin. Austermann entered the third period up only 4-2, quickly escaped, was then taken down, escaped again, and sealed the match shut with a final takedown to end up on top, 8-4, which put SLUH on top 35-31.

Shaun Whalen (160 lbs.) wrestled Sean Dietz but only barely fell short by a score of 10-6. SLUH escaped on top of this meet by only one point.

PN NIGHTBEAT PART II

SLUH swims circles around CBC, 102-84

PHOTO BY KYLE KLOSTER



Senior Eric Appelbaum (above) swims the backstroke leg of the 200-yard IM race yesterday in a dual meet against CBC at Forest Park Community College. In the final home meet of the season, the St. Louis U. High swimming and diving team defeated the CBC Cadets, 102-84. All 68 swimmers were able to participate in the meet as there were numerous exhibition heats. Junior Wes Going, senior Tim Szewczyk, and sophomore Brendan Mehan finished first, second, and third, respectively in the 100-yard backstroke, allowing the Speedobills to go ahead of the Cadets in the final events of the meet.

THIS WEEK IN PREP NEWS HISTORY....

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1944

The Smoker Swain of the week is popular Larry Neaf....he draws a huge crowd (composed of Larry and your editor) as he rolls his own cigarettes....Larry has become a wizard at the art, taking only fifteen minutes, many pieces of paper, and enough tobacco to put Lucky Strike out of business in rolling one puff.

GETTOKNOWYOUR...

Sequestered in closets alone with his bags of
 Funyuns and essays and lit'rary mags
 purveyor of puns
 devourer of sons
 with garnish of softspoken pointers and gags
He is *Prep News* advisor
 Frank Kovarik

SWEENEY

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High board members immediately began looking for a replacement in what Sheridan called a "quiet search, not a public search." They contacted D. Michael Leary, a retired partner with Deloitte-Touche, an international accounting firm, in mid December. After meetings with Leary and several other candidates, Sheridan and the executive committee of the board agreed on Leary and hired him. Leary's first day was this past Monday.

According to Sheridan, the VP of Administration deals primarily with the financial outlook of the school. He prepares school budgets, prepares the school for audits, supervises expenditures, researches insurance, and makes financial projections. The VP of Administration also oversees SLUH's investments, and, with the consent of the investment committee, he acts on his investment suggestions.

According to Sheridan, over his eight years, Sweeney did many things exceptionally well. First, he expanded the financial department from two people to four, making it a more effective and full-fledged department. Secondly, he improved comprehension of the budget by broadening its sub-headings of expenditures, which help the reader better understand where all the money is being spent.

Sweeney's expertise in insurance saved both SLUH and teachers at the school a great amount of money. Sweeney also was involved with the acquisition of



Sweeney

property and was involved in urging the city to demolish irreparable property in the area, paving the way to easier and less hazardous expansion.

On working with Sweeney, Sheridan commented, "He's been a team player in terms of the staff on this floor. He had a nice personality, very approachable, very calm."

Digman echoed Sheridan, "He's just an all-around good person. He's somebody that you worked with (well, and he is) just a very good guy."

Schnable said, "He's been a great guy, a great boss, a great friend."

Sweeney will continue working at SLUH from time to time as a consultant and will help Leary with the transition into his position.

In addition to being a partner at Deloitte-Touche, Leary was the Chief Financial Officer of the Sales Audit Corporation, and has been the Director of Boys' Hope/Girls' Hope of St. Louis. Leary has also been an advisor on the audit committee of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Digman elaborated on Leary's qualifications, "When Mike was also the partner of (Deloitte-Touche), he was the partner in charge of a lot of not-for-profit organization audits and educational institution audits. He's got a broad overview of what our business needs are."

Leary had many reasons for accepting the job: "I spent thirty years in public accounting and retired and have been doing financial-type consulting since then. Plus (I have) a real genuine love for the

Jesuits. I went to St. Louis University. My sons are Jesuit-educated, and then, my knowledge of what Paul (Sheridan) does and what his mission is, and how much I admire him" were all big factors in Leary's decision.

As of Wednesday, Leary did not have any plans for changes in the financial department yet, having been on the job only a full two days. "I'm still trying to get to the bottom of all the stacks of stuff on my desk, find my way around, (and) get the lay of the land. I didn't come with any preconceived notions," he said.

Sheridan said, "(Leary) is very determined. He's more in tune to the corporate world. He's had a lot of experience with corporate accounting. I think he's also a finance man. He loves to strategize. He is also a detail man. He looks at things very carefully, (that's) his personality. He's a hard worker, very committed. He wants the best to happen, and he'll put a lot of energy into making the best happen."

Digman said, "I think people will enjoy being around him. I think he'll bring some professionalism but also some fun along with him."

After two full days on the job, Leary said, "(It's) been great. Everyone has been wonderful and welcomed me aboard. (There is a) super bunch of people here. (I'm) very happy, very pleased."

While Sweeney declined to be interviewed for this article, he did want those at SLUH to know, "I certainly enjoyed my eight years at SLU High and all the wonderful people that I worked with, and I know that they will be served well in the future."

STARK

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age students to get involved with many activities. He also said, "I'll be open to talk to anyone who needs help or if any problems occur."

His qualifications include his role as captain of the soccer team at SLUH. He was also on STUCO and wrote for the newspaper at his grade school.

Said Steitz, "I want to succeed and

do my best at every task."

Mike Saettele, who voted for Rice, said, "I voted for Matt Rice because he is a really nice person and a very good leader. He makes really good decisions that will benefit the welfare of the student body."

Jack Pitts, who voted for Steitz, said, "I voted for him because he is a very

energetic person who has great ideas."

This week, the voting for the freshman homeroom representatives, took place. On Tuesday, the self-nomination occurred in homeroom and nominees spoke on Wednesday. Students elected two representatives, one in charge of social/intramural and the other in charge of service/pastoral.

ROCK FOR LIFE

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there. Newspapers usually say there are thousands or tens of thousands, but in reality it is in the hundred thousands.”

As they got to the steps of the Supreme Court, the Jr. Bills reorganized on the right side of the building and said their own rosary.

Wotawa reflected: “The rosary was definitely my favorite part. The SLUH guys really showed a lot of maturity. It put things in perspective, and we saw how praying is a great way of hopefully getting this overturned.”

Chik, who goes on the trip annually, said, “I think it is my civic duty to stand up for the unborn. The Supreme Court is nine people, and they are not necessarily the voice of the people, and the voice of the people needs to speak for those who cannot. I love taking the students to this march every year. They see the diverse group of people—especially the other teenagers, and something just clicks.”

Mantych said, “It was really cool to see so many people on the march that believed in the same thing we did. I was comfortable in what I believed, and so

was everyone else.”

In the Museum of U.S. History, which the group visited on the first day, Chik spent most of his time in the Brown v. Board of Education wing. He was very pleased to hear Baltimore Archbishop William H. Keeler’s homily at the Youth Mass in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Keeler connected *Roe v. Wade* to *Plessy v. Ferguson*, in

which the Supreme Court ruled separate but equal facilities were constitutional, and said, “Abortion is the civil rights struggle of our day.”

In the end, Chik is optimistic: “I am hopeful *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned. We, the people make a difference by raising a moral objection. *Plessy v. Ferguson* was overturned because of the constant and unwavering protest created by the people. And since January 22, 1973, our country has made great strides, so yes, *Roe v. Wade* can definitely be overturned, and it could be sooner than we think.”

The Pro-Life Club wants to extend an invitation for all SLUH students to think about coming on this trip next year; interested students can talk to Mr. Chik or one of the participants from this year’s trip.

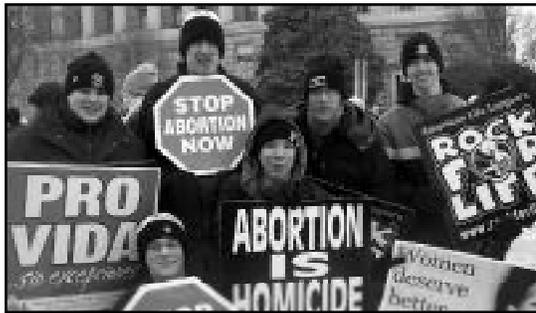


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SLUH Pro-Life club members proudly display their banners at the march.

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Welcome back seniors!

Chinese New Year Celebration

Dr. Tai invites all to celebrate the Chinese New Year at the Wei Hong Seafood Restaurant. The celebration kicks off at noon on Sunday, February 6. Anyone interested must turn in a form and ten dollars to Dr. Tai by February 2. See Dr. Tai for questions, a form, or a menu.

by Andrew Mueth

Calendar

Jan. 28-Feb. 4

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

Schedule M

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

Cookies, Pizza

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

C BB Blue/White @ DeSmet 10/11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

CISL Speech Meet

Alumni Mothers' Club Cashbah Gift Gathering Party, 10 a.m.

V SW vs. MICDS/Parkway South @ Rec-Plex, 7 p.m.

JV SW MCC Meet @ Chaminade

JV/C WR MCC Tournament @ CBC

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

Schedule R

IM Movie Trivia Senior

Senior Mom Bake Sale

Season Fries, Pizza

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Schedule R

Senior Mom Bake Sale

CSP Celebration-Reflection Meeting

IM Movie Trivia Seniors

College Visit: U. of Missouri, Kansas City

Young Republicans

Latin Club

V/B BB @ Gateway 4:30/6 p.m.

Cheese Bread, Brunch for Lunch

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Schedule R

Fr. Eng. Tutorial

IM Movie Trivia Seniors

Mass for Tsunami Victims

V SW MCC Championships @ Chaminade

Bosco Sticks, Chicken Stuffing Casserole, Biscuits

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Schedule R

Soph Bonus Reading

STUCO Forum

IM Movie Trivia All

1818 Registration

Rosary in Chapel

Pizza Sticks, Taco Sticks, Spaghetti with Meatballs, Bread Sticks

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Schedule R

IM BB Frosh vs. Faculty

Symphonic Band Field Trip

V/B BB vs. CBC 5:30/7 p.m.

V SW MCC Championships @ Chaminade

Pretzels, Chicken Strips, BBQ Sandwich

ASHCROFT

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student's ID number. Once logged in, a student may go to Preferences and change his password.

In addition to the new accounts, e-mail accounts have also been created by Dickmann. These accounts are set up as a "web client," meaning that a student will be able to access his e-mail from any computer with an internet browser and entering student.sluh.org/webmail/. This entry will prompt a login screen requiring the student's user name and password. A student's actual e-mail address is his seven-digit student ID number@student.sluh.org.

Dickmann reminds students of the Technology Code of Conduct outlined in the Parent-Student Handbook concerning proper use of the e-mail account.

Eventually, students will be able to access their SLUH account from a home internet browser. Said Dickmann, "Right now it's not really set up. I hope at some point to have a web interface, so essentially they could go to students@sluh.org and have some way for them to log in there and get their files."

Added Dickmann, "Right now there

is a way, but it's kind of complicated."

In addition to facilitating students' accessibility to files, the usage of personal accounts also helps Dickmann in managing any technical problems that may come up on the computers. The user accounts also have the capability of being monitored and tracked.

The creation of student accounts also facilitates the use of Moodle, which is, according to Dickmann, "an online classroom" where teachers can create quizzes for students, post assignments, syllabi, etc. Moodle is presently being used by theology teacher Robert Garavaglia, history teacher Paul Michaelson, science teacher Tim O'Keefe, and computer teacher Tim Rittenhouse.

Dickmann also foresees students accessing "group folders" created by teachers, in which the teachers "dump whatever files they want into these group folders and the students in the class would have access to them."

Students have mixed reactions on use of student accounts. Freshman Kaj Boserue said, "It's pretty handy...for files, homework, projects, and everyday use."

However, junior Joe Kister disagrees.

"I really hate it," said Kister, who sees the change as more of a nuisance than a benefit. Uninformed of the specific information needed to access his account, he was unable to log onto his account and instead had to resort to using a computer vacated by a logged in user.

PRIVATE RYAN

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story had been about a man who collapsed on the street and the passerby who stayed with him until he died.

"I thought that it was so bizarre that (the incident) fell on the same day," Ryan said. "It was kind of eerie, but it was also like a religious experience."

Quote of the Week

"Abandon learning and there will be no sorrow." —Lao-tzu