



## Rockhurst principal, Laughlin, named first lay president

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Editor in Chief

David Laughlin, current principal of Rockhurst High School, was announced as the next president of St. Louis U. High on Wednesday morning, ending almost a month of speculation as to the successor to outgoing president Paul Sheridan, S.J. Laughlin's appointment as president will take effect on July 1, while Sheridan's tenure will end in October.

Laughlin will be the first lay president of SLUH and will join a small circle of lay presidents of the 49 Jesuit high schools in America.

SLUH also announced the creation of the position of Assistant to the President for Identity and Mission, a spot which

will always be filled by a Jesuit. Ralph Houlihan, S.J., has accepted this position effective immediately.

"I certainly know of the great reputation (of SLUH)," said Laughlin. "I'm excited about (my new position)."

Upon learning of Sheridan's impending departure in September 2004, the administration began compiling a profile of who could become SLUH's next president, according to Vice President for Advancement Thom Digman. The school then began what Digman called a "referred search," compiling a list of potential candidates, approaching them about the opening.

Sheridan said that the school was looking for a candidate who had "strength, experience, (who was a) man of great

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## SAC discusses peer pressure and student workload

Timo Kim  
Core Staff

Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark's Student Advisory Committee (SAC) convened for their third quarter meeting this year on Monday in the Library. The committee briefly discussed suggestions for the year-end SAC dinner menu, and then moved on to the main topics of discussion: students being overburdened by homework, and issues of peer pressure and self-esteem in the

student body.

The meeting began with a discussion of the homework burden on students and how that affects other aspects of student life. According to Clark, students should expect an average of a half-hour of homework from each class each night, and that freshmen especially feel overwhelmed by homework because they have a full course schedule and are still getting used to SLUH. Clark said, "Students are saying that they do not have any time to go to the

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## Archbishop celebrates Ash Wednesday Liturgy

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Archbishop Raymond Burke celebrated Ash Wednesday Mass this week with the entire SLUH community at the invitation of President Paul Sheridan, S.J. Burke first met privately with Sheridan, then said Mass. After Mass, he granted a short interview to the *Prep News* and shortly after, left to celebrate noon Mass at the Cathedral Basilica.

A number of months ago, when Burke visited and dined with the Jesuits of SLUH, Sheridan invited Burke to celebrate Mass. According to Sheridan, asking Burke to celebrate Mass was a sign of respect. SLUH has hosted other bishops including former Belleville bishop Wilton Gregory, former St. Louis archbishop Cardinal Justin Rigali, and former auxiliary bishop of St. Louis Michael Sheridan. Both Paul Sheridan and Burke have worked together promoting and organizing Catholic education in the city of St. Louis.

Burke hoped his presence would help start Lent well for both students and faculty. "(I hope) that they'll begin Lent seriously, so that all of the good that comes from the Lenten observance, they'll experience in their lives," Burke said in the interview.

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# Student parking lot to lose over 100 spaces

**Andrew Schroeder**  
Reporter

As Vision 2000 continues to re-shape the St. Louis U. High campus, some major changes in the parking situation at SLUH are scheduled to take place in the near future. These changes will begin with the demolition of the large warehouse flanking the west side of the Berthold parking lot, which is scheduled to be finished by Feb. 28.

Grading and excavation of the site will begin March 1. This excavation will eventually cut into the Berthold parking lot.

According to Facilities Manager Patrick Zarrick, "The excavators have agreed to leave the student lot intact until Monday, March 14, right after Cashbah weekend."

Cashbah presents a parking predicament because of the visitors and volun-

teers at SLUH working to set up for the dinner auction. Therefore the Berthold lot will remain intact until after Cashbah.

When the crews do begin the excavation of the Berthold lot, Zarrick anticipates losing between 100 and 150 spaces on the west end of the lot, and as a result, some changes will occur in the configuration of each class's parking privileges.

The current senior lot will be expanded and marked off so that the "220 registered seniors will have an area marked on the current Berthold lot that will allow them the appropriate number of spaces to park on a daily basis," according to Zarrick. The marked off area will be just slightly larger than the current area reserved for senior parking, and seniors will receive blue tags to hang from their mirrors to show that they are allowed to park there.

The sophomores, who will receive the "business" end of the situation, will have to park on the south Science Center

parking lot located at the southwest corner of Berthold and East Ave. SLUH has received permission from the Science Center to use this lot and has asked the Science Center to leave the gates open between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m., while students are arriving, to avoid the need for tags and keycards for lot entry. This lot can accommodate about 130 cars, and the sophomores will be expected to begin parking there within the next two weeks.

Although the spaces on the Berthold lot are not being destroyed until mid-March, the sophomores are being asked to park on the south Science Center lot to accommodate the moms helping with Cashbah. The Cashbah volunteers will be coming and going for the next month and will often have packages that need to be brought into school, so they will be given the priority of parking on the Berthold lot. In addition to the parking spaces on the Berthold lot, the Science Center has given

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## Class of 2009 admits 275

**Kyle Kloster**  
Core Staff

U.S. Postal Service agents distributed letters last Saturday to 275 eighth-grade boys in the St. Louis area that announced their admission to St. Louis U. High as the class of 2009. SLUH's admissions committee picked the 275 students out of a pool of 368 applicants, the largest group in several years. Initially, 408 boys looked at SLUH, but the number dropped to 368 after admissions committee members advised 40 not to apply.

Two-hundred and fifty of the new class are Catholic, and the other twenty five are Christians, although one Hindu and one Buddhist applied.

The class of 2009 also contains 19 Illinoisians, 255 St. Louis or St. Charles residents, and one student who marked "other."

Of the 61 minority applicants, the committee admitted 30 total minorities, including 18 African-American, three

Asian, and three Hispanic students.

Head of Admissions Craig Hannick noted that nearly one third of this year's applicants had a "legacy," a father or brother who graduated from SLUH, a large number compared to other years. Despite having a SLUH connection, only 118 of the 140 "legacy" applicants got into SLUH.

The large number of applicants resulted in a class with better test scores than most years. Hannick said, "The incoming class is stronger than average because we chose more selectively because of the huge number of applicants."

Increased application forced the committee members to take students with higher test scores in cases where students who gave great interviews and appeared right for SLUH were competing for a spot, according to Hannick.

"The interview," Hannick explained, "played an important role ... good interviews made our job harder." He added, "We knew cutting 100 students would lose some really neat kids. Twenty or thirty more could've got in."

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## Chess loses to Belleville West

**Matt Angeli**  
Reporter

Last Wednesday, the Rookbills went to Belleville West in hopes of ending their season on a good move. Unfortunately, their hopes were dashed by a dropped queen, a weak defense, and their slightly better opponents.

Senior club president Brian Nienhaus fell apart when his opponent attacked right at the most inopportune time for Nienhaus' developing defense. Nienhaus tried countering the attack but was unable to do so as his pieces ran out of escape routes.

Junior Ben Geisman also lost, ending his five game winning streak, as he fell behind a pawn. Almost all unenlightened chess players regard pawns as worthless;

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Malecek addresses students refusing Eucharist at Wednesday's Mass

To the Editors:

I am writing this letter to address the Ash Wednesday Mass. At Communion, some may have noticed the unusually large group of students who did not receive Communion. There is no way all those sitting had committed mortal sins, at least I hope. So why then did so many refuse to receive Communion? The simple answer: Archbishop Raymond Burke.

In speaking with a number of the students about why they refused to receive communion, the common response was because of Archbishop Burke's presiding over the ceremony. Most were protesting Burke's treatment of St. Stanislaus, his response to homosexuality, or both. I do not oppose people's opinions and convictions. They are necessary to make everyday decisions. I certainly do not agree with some of Archbishop Burke's actions, but refusing the Eucharist is not the right way to protest them.

Some said they refused communion because Archbishop Burke had consecrated the bread and wine, and they did not agree with his policies. However, the concept of *ex opere operato* states that the grace of a sacrament is conferred by Christ, not a

priest, so regardless of the priest, the sacrament always brings the grace of Christ. So it doesn't matter that Archbishop Burke consecrated the body and blood instead of another priest. The result is exactly the same.

Another reason for refusing the communion was to publicly protest his actions. I highly doubt that Burke noticed the scattered students refusing communion, and even if he did, he had no reason to believe they were refusing the Eucharist in disapproval. If someone is willing to refuse the Eucharist to protest, then shouldn't he or she be willing to write a letter or start a petition, an act that will tell Burke specifically what they are doing? But most of the people I spoke with said they never considered it.

In no way am I trying to say people shouldn't act for what they believe in, but refusing Communion was not an appropriate way of doing it. In order to protest, you refused the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Which is more important?

Tim Malecek '06

## Ross thanks basketball fans

SLUH basketball fans,

I wanted to personally thank you for supporting the basketball team this season. You are truly the best fans in the MCC this season. Let's sweep the Spartans.

John Ross

## 2K9

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As members of the admissions committee, Schenkenberg and Hannick, along with Mark Michalski, Mary Michalski, Paul Sheridan, H. Eric Clark, Art Zinselmeyer, Tim Curdt, and Spencer McCall, go through "a very thorough, arduous process." The process begins after Christmas break and involves examining each applicant's standardized test scores and report cards from the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades as well as a personal interview with the applicant, according to Hannick. The committee also considered students' extracurricular activities and recommendations from grade school principals.

"In the interviews we'd look for what (the students) bring to SLUH, what they desire to be," Schenkenberg explained about the process of interviews. "The interviews are a delight because the boys are always well-rounded and interesting and enthusiastic."

Of the class of 2009 Schenkenberg concluded, "(The group) looks like a very strong class, a very talented group."

## CHESSE

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however, true chess players value their pawns almost as much as their regular pieces. Often it is a promoted pawn that wins the game.

Junior Matt Angeli played a superb game, countering his opponent's offensive moves and keeping the number of pieces taken equal. With a comfortable time lead of 7 minutes to 3 minutes and a feeling of victory, Angeli dropped his queen to his opponent's queen. Angeli next had to decide between dropping his rook or being checkmated. His raging emotions prodded him to move quickly, saving the rook but losing by a bishop-queen checkmate. Angeli was unavailable for comment as he kept rolling a stone up a small hill, watching it fall, and pushing it up again.

Senior Isaac Dripps came through with the only victory for SLUH as he used his queen to trap his opponent's pieces behind three pawns.

Senior Luke Dang also lost as his opponent swiped several pieces from him and quickly choked him to a figurative death.

Losing 25-5 wasn't what the Rookbills had in mind, but the match didn't count as the team had already secured a playoff berth. Their first round playoff is next Wednesday, at either SLUH or Metro High School at 4 o'clock. Confirmation will be forthcoming on the Rookbills second playoff appearance in two years. SLUH was defeated by Metro in the first match of this season, and last year SLUH was swept out of the playoffs by Metro. However, the Rookbills are strategically planning their offensive in hopes of not only earning playoff victory, but also revenge.

# Murals may soon brighten rec room walls

**Dan Everson**  
Reporter

A group of St. Louis U. High students met in the rec room a week ago to discuss the possibility of painting murals on the bland walls. Headed by English teacher Sean O'Neil, the group brainstormed and came up with some creative ideas to decorate the popular hang-out spot. Many students have expressed interest in painting murals, but it is unclear how many will actually help out with the project.

O'Neil's goal is that, eventually, almost every surface in the room will be covered with artwork. "Ceilings, walls, pipes, columns ... all the white space," O'Neil speculated. "Everything is a po-

tential canvas." One suggestion even involved painting scenes within the I-beams that support the Rec Room ceiling.

O'Neil plans to have students start penciling designs on surfaces once a few ideas have been submitted. However, painting isn't planned for weeks into the future. "We wouldn't actually paint until a weekend or (over) spring break," O'Neil stated. But paint is not necessarily the only medium to be used. "I'm open to suggestions," said O'Neil.

Asked why he wanted to start up a group to improve the rec room atmosphere through art, O'Neil commented, "I'm down here every day (and the walls) are such a sterile, ugly yellow-white."

O'Neil mentioned that his first idea was to put up posters, until it occurred to

him, "This would be a perfect place for students ... to use their own neat, creative ideas ... using the weirdness of the structures (to their benefit)."

One major theme currently being considered, "The SLUH-stine Chapel," would incorporate the eight columns east of the bookstore. According to O'Neil, each pillar would have "different panels to represent the different aspects of life at SLUH—for example, fine arts or foreign language." The basement columns, which O'Neil describes as "holding everything up," would have a deeper meaning, unique to SLUH.

Anyone interested in helping out should see O'Neil in the English office or in the rec room after school.

# McCarthy receives BSA Band ventures to St. George award Rockhurst for concert

**Sean Powers**  
Core Staff

History Teacher Tom McCarthy, an adult leader in the Boy Scouts of America, received the St. George award, the highest possible award given to an adult by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. He received the highly-coveted award from Bishop Robert Hermann this past Sunday afternoon at the New Cathedral, full of scouts for "Scout Sunday."

How coveted is the St. George award? Out of the thousands of Catholic adult volunteers in the scouting program, four adults received the honor this year. The St. George award, according to McCarthy, "is a national award presented to an adult (in scouting), the highest award a scouter can receive in the Catholic Church."

McCarthy continued, "It's for serving scouts in the Catholic units and for serving as a leader in the Catholic Church." The award focuses not only on an adult's commitment to youth in the scouting program, but just as importantly to his surrounding Catholic community.

"I think a large part of (receiving the award) is being committed to teaching at a Catholic school and serving Catholic students here," said McCarthy.

McCarthy, a member of St. Justin Parish in Sunset Hills, has served both the scouting program and the Church throughout his life. In his parish, McCarthy currently serves as Eucharistic minister, coach of his children's sports teams, and with any other help his parish asks of him.

McCarthy has served on summer camp staff for 14 summers and Junior Leader Training Camp staff for more than 20 sum  
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**Sean Kickham**  
Reporter

St. Louis U. High's symphonic band, led by band director Bryan Mueller, traveled to Rockhurst Jesuit High School in Kansas City for a special performance last Friday, Feb. 4. The group left SLUH at 7:00 a.m. and arrived at Rockhurst around 12:30 p.m.

The symphonic band, which consists of instruments including the flute, clarinet, and saxophone, is "like a marching band ... with no rhythm section," according to Mueller. The concert began at 1:15. About one third of the Rockhurst student body voluntarily attended the spectacle of songs, including three pieces that were heard at SLUH's Christmas concert.

Overall, "We did a pretty good job," said Mueller. Sophomore John Hussung, who plays the baritone, a small tuba-like instrument, agreed: "I think (the Rockhurst students) had a pretty good time ... they valued us there."

After the concert, the group enjoyed a tour of the newly-built Rockhurst campus. "It was really nice," said Hussung. The band ate pizza and socialized with members of Rockhurst's band.

One of the band's favorite places was Gates Famous KC BBQ, located near the school. Also, violinist Ray Kreienkamp "really liked the Jazz Museum." There they enjoyed a "local, very talented jazz group."

The band left Kansas City at 7:15 p.m. and arrived home around midnight. The only problems were "getting the automatic hand washers to work at the first rest stop and one guy getting a fat lip from goofing around," chuckled Mueller.

Rockhurst's jazz band will be coming to St. Louis U. High March 10 and 11.

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# Mixtapebills pay CBC back, 76-63

## *Goettelmann sets 3-point record in win over P. South*

**Henry Samson**  
**Reporter**

There was something in the air last Friday night in the gym of St. Louis University High School. Scholars would say it was the sweet smell of rivalry revenge. Parents would say it was a sonic boom. Players would call it go-time.

"Either way, the crowd was awesome," remarked senior Dan Henry, on the multitudes of Jr. Billiken fanatics that lined the bleachers for the game against CBC.

There was an extra special buzz pulsing with the added excitement of Senior Night, a dedication to the hard work of SLUH's four seniors throughout their high school careers.

All these ingredients alone would boil a great basketball stew, but the fact that CBC, who had been on a hot streak, tested the Jr. Billikens right from the start brought the game to a higher level. "It was the best game we've played this season by far," senior Dave Goettelmann said of SLUH's sweet 76-63 victory.

CBC jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead in the first two minutes of the game, much to the dismay of the hyped-up crowd. But reenergized after a time out, SLUH rallied

back on the shoulders of the four seniors and capped off a 20-5 run with a three pointer from senior John Warner at the first quarter buzzer to put them on top 20-13. It was especially fitting that SLUH would be carried by these seniors on their special night in front of a wild home crowd.

Play evened out in the second quarter, mainly due to some miscommunication on offense, but the Jr. Billikens held the Cadets at bay. Smart, technical play was SLUH's strength. Before the half was over, CBC's two premier players were on the bench with three fouls each.

At one point it seemed as if CBC would mount a comeback, but a quick steal at half court and the resulting two-handed tomahawk jam by Warner quenched any fire in the Cadets arsenal for the half. The dust settled with SLUH

ahead, 36-30.

The back and forth play that ensued in the third quarter was maddening. Every time SLUH dropped a bucket, CBC marched back down the court and scored themselves. CBC closed the gap to 5 points late in the third quarter, but no one was expecting what Goettelmann had in mind. SLUH began to pull away in the last ten minutes of the game as Goettelmann went nuts from downtown. He proceeded to dump five bombs from long distance to put a knife in the heart of any comeback hopes.

It was almost as if

Goettelmann was in a completely different world. After making his fifth trey of the half (which, by the way, he did with a hand in his face from about 26 feet out), he and the rest of the seniors were marshaled off the court amidst a standing ovation. At

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Senior John Warner attempts to block a Parkway South lay-up last Wednesday as junior Pete Cooney (12) looks on.

# Hydrobills accomplish MCC three-peat

**Kevin O'Neill**  
**Reporter**

The St. Louis U. High swimming and diving team won its third consecutive Metro Catholic Conference championship last weekend. The conference victory can be attributed to the Speedobills' unique combination of talent and depth. The Speedobills finished with a total 409 points, while Chaminade and CBC, the two next-closest finishers, netted 352 and 245 points, respectively.

Seniors Adam Trafton and Tim Heafner and junior Wes Going played major roles in the conference victory. Heafner finished first in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.12 and

also won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 49.22. Trafton won the 200-yard freestyle event, and Going captured first in the 100-yard backstroke. In addition to these victories in individual events, the Speedobills won both the 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay. The Jr. Bills took first in half of the 12 events.

Along with these strong performances, the excellent depth of U. High swimming talent made winning the conference possible. Many Speedobills were able to drop time, move up places in their heat, and capture valuable points.

"Everyone swam a good meet," senior Matt Odenwald said. "A lot of people stepped up and contributed towards the

victory."

Freshman Kip Tandler was one of those swimmers who stepped up. In his last possible chance, he qualified for state in the 500-yard freestyle. Junior Matt Ampleman also qualified in the 200-yard individual medley. With the addition of these two swimmers, the Speedobills' state squad now consists of 11 total swimmers.

Coming off their conference victory, the Speedobills hope to keep their momentum heading into the state meet. The preliminary round of the state meet takes place today, and the meet concludes with the finals tomorrow. Come out to the St. Peter's Rec-Plex to support the Speedobills.

# 'Rasslinbills gear up for sectionals

## *Team looks to send many wrestlers to State*

**Jesse Zacher**  
**Reporter**

None of the St. Louis U. High wrestling squads saw competition this week, as the wrestling season is winding down. No Missouri varsity team wrestles in the two weeks before they compete in the two-day, sixteen-man bracket sectional tournament, which SLUH will compete in tonight and all day tomorrow at Hazelwood East.

This year marks the first that playoff wrestling will be conducted in this way. In past years, the playoffs have consisted of separate district tournaments of eight-team pools, followed a week later by a sectional tournament consisting of the top wrestlers from each district.

This new format will "give everyone a good chance," said head coach Tim Curdt. Ranking only the top four of sixteen wrestlers instead of eight as before will give those wrestlers not ranked in the top four a stronger opportunity to win early matches to advance in the tournament. Curdt stated, "I was first against the new format, but now I can't see why it wasn't used before ... It has plenty of benefits."

Curdt feels slightly anxious over what to expect out of the wrestlers after a two-week break from tournaments and dual meets. Said Curdt, "Come Friday, we will not have wrestled for two weeks, so I might ask myself 'Are we going to be flat?' or 'Will all our two weeks of preparation pay off?' and 'Are we healthy?' ... I think our guys will do well, and this two weeks will

prove to have been productive."

The team finished the regular season strong, with a 7-3 dual meet record and strong performances in tournaments. Of the upcoming tournament, Curdt mused, "Any kid on the team can do well at this tournament. The only thing is, they can't really afford to have a bad day with this format, whereas you formerly could have a mediocre district tournament and do well at sectionals."

He also noted that people should anticipate seeing plenty of Jr. Bills performing well and advancing to the state tournament. Two wrestlers that plenty of people will be watching are senior David Caldwell (275 lbs.) and junior Eric Gass (189 lbs.), both being area top ten wrestlers in the area in their weight classes.

# CCMbills tie DeSmet, enter playoffs No. 13

**John Pecher**  
**Reporter**

The St. Louis University High School Hockeybills finished their regular season with two games last Friday and Saturday. These key games came against St. Charles West and DeSmet, and the Jr. Bills came away with positive results.

On Friday, the Icebills took on the St. Charles West Warriors at St. Peters RecPlex. A goal by the Warriors early in the first period put the Jr. Bills, who had difficulty scoring on the St. Charles West goalie, down 1-0 early.

However, a quick goal from senior Tom DiFranco tied the game at one, and was followed by another from sophomore Dan Steck. From then on, the Jr. Bills kept the momentum. Steck tallied two on the night, while classmate Chris Place scored three. Despite a late third period goal by the Warriors, SLUH held on to win by a score of 8-2.

Coming off of their third consecutive win, the Busiebills faced off against DeSmet last Saturday in the 31st annual Jesuit Cup. The momentum from the pre-

vious game did not seem to continue, however, as the Jr. Bills found themselves down 2-0 early in the first period and heavily outshot by the Spartans.

However, late in the first period, Steck was dragged down on a breakaway and was awarded a penalty shot. Steck rifled his shot over the shoulder of the DeSmet goalie, making the score 2-1 at the end of the first.

In a second period mostly dominated by DeSmet, SLUH managed two more goals on only four shots. The first came from senior Larry Howe and the second from Place. A solid performance by senior goalie John Pecher held the Spartans to a scoreless second period, which ended with SLUH up 3-2.

However, the Spartans soon battled back with an early third period goal to tie the game at three. Pecher held strong despite the barrage of shots, making one huge glove save on a cross ice pass through the crease. Shortly thereafter, DeSmet finally scored to regain the lead, 4-3.

Yet, the Icebills showed life in the last five minutes of the game. Senior Mike Tangaro and Place connected with junior Eddie Effinger, who sniped a shot past the

DeSmet goalie's outstretched glove to tie the game at four.

Despite the late efforts which followed, for the first time in 31 years the Jesuit Cup game ended in a tie, even though the Jr. Bills were outshot 44-9. Because DeSmet was defending the Cup, they were allowed to retain possession.

The Busiebills finished their season with a record of 6-10-3, good for fourth in the Metro Conference. They are seeded No. 13 in the playoffs, and will take on No. 20 Francis Howell Central. The first game will be at 9:45 p.m. Friday night at the St. Peter's Rec Plex, and the second at 7:45 p.m. Saturday night at the Affton Rink.

*The Mother-Son Mass begins at 9 a.m. this Sunday at the Shrine of St. Joseph. The brunch will take place at the Chase Park Plaza following the Mass.*

## St. Louis U. High Valentine's Day Contest

1. Who, on his first date with his future wife, picked her up in his yellow 1973 yellow Pinto with chilled champagne in the backseat?

2. How many SLUH faculty members are married to other SLUH faculty members?

3. Name at least two faculty members who met their wives while in the seminary.

4. How long have Eric Clark and Marla Maurer worked together?

5. Who was a "child bride" and married at 19?

6. Who met his wife through a bridge-playing friend?

7. Who got engaged in Paris?

8. Who went to a free dance lesson with his future wife and failed (in the eyes of his wife)?

9. Who met his wife in a college grammar class? (He received an A. She received an A+.)

10. Who met his wife while directing her in Edward Albee's *American Dream*?

11. Who met his wife at a Chaminade Basketball tournament? At the time, he was teaching her brother.

12. Who got locked overnight in the Botanical Garden with a lady friend the summer after his senior year of high school?

13. What two *PN* moderators got engaged over the same Christmas vacation?

14. Who proposed to his wife on the feast of St. Ignatius because they both taught at Jesuit schools?

15. Who was walking across the campus of

Haverford College with her soon-to-be fiance on the day that JFK was assassinated?

### Contest Instructions

*For some romantic entertainment for you and your special person, the Prep News presents 25 questions about SLUH faculty engagements, courtships, and romantic trysts. The top scorer will receive a giftcard to Blockbuster Video to purchase the love movie of their choice. Second place will receive movie passes for two, and third place will receive a copious amount of candy. All three will receive a pink laser-copied edition of this week's Prep News and their names scrolled across the school's TVs for no one to read. Last place will receive a copy of T.S. Eliot's "Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock." Readers should submit their completed answer sheets to the Sisyphus box relocated to the Prep News office.*

Palmer at her wedding reception in her parents' basement?

19. Who lost her antique wedding ring while playing pool volleyball in Boca Raton, Florida?

20. Whose original wedding ring is at the

16. Who met his wife while working with her at a lab table dissecting a leopard frog?

17. What teacher found out on Valentine's Day that the school she was teaching at would be closing?

18. Who danced to the song "Bad Case of Lovin' You" by Robert

bottom of the Mediterranean Sea in the south of France?

21. Who got married on February 15? The only advantage, he says, is that he can buy one less present each year.

22. For whose wedding did senior Alex Sciuto serve as altar boy?

23. What two female members of SLUH's faculty are presently engaged (not to each other)?

24. What faculty member was born on Valentine's Day?

25. Who proposed to his wife on the U. City balcony where they first decided to date? Coincidentally, English teacher Jim Raterman's daughter lived in the apartment below the balcony, and Raterman's granddaughter was born a day after this man's first daughter. For a third coincidence, Raterman and this man were born on the same day (different years).

**Tie-breaker:** How many years total have administrators Dr. Mary Schenkenberg, Eric Clark, Mark Michalski, and Art Zinselmeyer been married?

### Official Prep News V-Day Contest Answer Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

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## LOTTA

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SLUH 40 spaces on their north lot, which will also be reserved for visitors and Cashbah volunteers and used only until Cashbah is finished.

The juniors' parking situation is not as clear-cut and well defined as the seniors' and sophomores'. The early-arriving juniors will be able to park on the current Berthold lot on a first-come, first-park basis before and after the lot is damaged by the excavation.

However, the overflow juniors will have to choose from a couple of other parking options. They may park on the south Science Center lot with the sophomores, on East Ave. bordering the south Science Center lot, or on a small gravel parking lot that will be installed in a few weeks.

"Our construction manager, Tarlton, has agreed to construct the temporary gravel lot as soon as possible, ideally sometime between March 7 and March 14, weather permitting," Zarrick said. This lot will hold approximately 70 cars and will be located between the large and small warehouses on the south side of Berthold.

Security in all of the new parking locations has also already been provided for. One guard will continue to stay inside the Berthold lot while another will stay just outside of the gate to the Berthold lot. The guard outside the gate will monitor the gravel lot and the Science Center Boulevard as well as give directions to cars looking for a place to park. One more guard will be added to keep watch over the south Science Center parking lot and East Ave. from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"Our thinking is that by 8 o'clock, most students should have their cars gone from the Science Center lot. If they were to stay past 8 p.m., we would ask them to move their cars up to one of the closer

lots," said Zarrick.

To compensate for the distance between the south Science Center lot and the school building, "Fr. Sheridan has approved of a six-person golf cart, which

seats six people, and would not be very time-efficient.

Because the shuttle will not be used for the student body, Zarrick said that the new parking pickle will necessitate a little planning on the students' part. They will need to arrive about five minutes early to make the walk from the Science Center South Lot up to school.

"On the bright side, this will lead to a more fit student body," Zarrick joked.

Once the students get used to their new parking assignments, things should run pretty smoothly. However, there are a couple of problem dates on which the Science Center needs their south parking lot.

The first date is Monday, March 7. The Berthold lot will still be intact then, so some cars will be able to squeeze onto that lot, but the gravel lot will most likely not be available yet.

The second date is the week after Easter, from March 29 to April 1, when the public schools are on spring break and the Science Center needs their lot because they will have a lot of visitors during that week. Zarrick said, "We'll have to plead with the SLUH community to carpool as much as possible and minimize driving because those are going to be difficult days."

Looking ahead, Zarrick foresees that "the inconvenience will last for about a year, including the spring, fall, and winter of 2005, and about half of the spring of 2006," before the new parking lot will be ready.

Finally, Zarrick said, "We certainly apologize for the inconvenience. It is part of the growing pains of this expansion program and we've really spent a significant amount of hours trying to accommodate our students and our guests to the school."

## Key Parking Points

1. **Sophomores will be required to park on south Science Center Lot starting within the next couple of weeks (Date is pending).**
2. **Berthold lot excavation starts March 14.**
3. **Seniors will park in the marked-off area on the Berthold Lot with blue mirror tags.**
4. **Juniors will park on either the Berthold lot, gravel lot, south Science Center Lot, or East Avenue.**
5. **Visitors and Cashbah volunteers will park on the Berthold lot and on the 40 reserved spaces on the north Science Center lot.**
6. **SLUH will not have access to the south Science Center Lot on March 7 and March 29-April 1. Carpooling as well as parent drop-off/pick-up will be needed on these dates.**

(will be) used as a shuttle for moms and visitors or any handicapped person or somebody with an injury that needs to be transported up to campus," according to Zarrick. It will not be used to shuttle all of the students up from the Science Center lot to the school building because it only

# Riflebills place high at Murray State Invite

**Joel Schmidt**  
Reporter

For each of the past two weekends, the St. Louis U. High rifle team has met at SLUH at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday. The reason: to go to out-of-state rifle matches.

The last weekend of January, the Riflebills attended an invitational match at English teacher Chuck Hussung's alma mater, Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. SLUH was one of a few select high schools to be invited to this match, composed mostly of college teams. The WaltherPPKbills participated in a sixty-shot smallbore .22 rifle match as well as a sixty-shot air rifle match. In both of the events, SLUH entered two teams of four.

Senior Kevin Witbrodt, who plans on attending Murray State next year, did

## SLIPNSLIDE

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last the Jr. Bills had found their revenge, toppling the Cadets 76-63.

Said Goettermann about the game, "It really meant a lot to us that all the fans were there for us. We couldn't thank you guys enough. You were amazing!"

After an emotionally draining experience in the previous weekend's game, the Jr. Billikens freshened up and entered the hallowed streets of Winchester (yes, that's a combination of Ballwin and Manchester) to play the Parkway South Patriots. Although a much more subdued atmosphere awaited the Jr. Bills, excitement was in the air again, as unbeknownst to the crowd, a SLUH record would fall. SLUH would in fact rout the Patriots in an 87-59 victory.

The offensive barrage started early. Goettermann picked up right where he had left off on Friday. The sharp shooter extraordinaire made four threes in a row in the first four minutes of play. The previous record for most threes in a game was six, held by Jason LaFlore (2003) and

exceptionally well, placing 12th out of 89 shooters with a score of 578 out of 600 in smallbore. The rest of the team had a good day, and the varsity team, comprised of Witbrodt, senior Brian Nienhaus, junior Brian Carlin, and junior Joe Reinders, ended up finishing 12th out of 18 teams, beating all other high schools and several college-level rifle teams.

Then, last weekend, the Scopebills traveled to Quincy, Ill. to compete against the Quincy High School rifle team. The team was without Witbrodt, who was recovering from the flu and was also missing senior manager extraordinaire Matt Winkeler. Without Witbrodt, junior Pat Zelaya took the fourth spot on varsity.

After another early departure, the team arrived with plenty of time to set up all their gear and prepare for the match.

Troy Lindbeck (2001) among others, and Goettermann was almost there already.

Parkway South hung tough in the first half, however, mainly in part to a staunch offense that made shots. But the first half belonged to the Jr. Billikens' three pointer.

Goettermann added two more in the

second quarter, along with Henry and juniors Pete Cooney and Eric Hunt. SLUH definitely lived by the bomb as the first half ended with the Jr. Bills on top 40-33.

Goettermann, who was the game's leading scorer with 25 points, was

standing on the threshold of the school's three point record at halftime, and with 7:03 remaining in the third quarter he got the roll he wanted, etching his name into the record books. He would later add another, finishing the night 8 of 15 from behind the arch.

The JV team, composed of sophomores Zach Brooks, Nathan Komorowski, Rob Perkins and Joel Schmidt, easily defeated the JV team of Quincy High by 206 points (2107 - 1910). Fellow sophomore Anthony Sigillito, the team's ninth member, did quite well as an individual competitor.

The varsity team, however, was unable to triumph over Quincy's varsity and fell by a score of 2159 - 2197. Disappointed by the loss, the SLUH team remains confident that they will defeat Quincy when they face them in a Midwest Sectional match in Highland, Ill. next weekend.

Rifle coach Will Bresnahan said, "Quincy is a hot team right now, but they'll have their hands full with our team at full strength next week."

But until late in the third quarter, Parkway South fought its way back to the Jr. Bills like a scrappy junkyard dog. This lasted until a technical foul gave the Jr. Bills four free throws and possession of the ball. After capitalizing on the five-point play, SLUH rested secure in the hands of junior forward Nick Riganti. Riganti, who arguably had the best game of the night with 18 tough points in the paint and 12 rebounds, controlled the low post when SLUH needed it most.

As a team, SLUH looked incredible. They shot 12 for 21 from three-point range, made 15 free throws, and controlled the boards the entire game.

"A game like this is a great stepping-stone for districts. And it's nice that everyone gets a chance to play," assistant coach Brock Kesterson said. Flashing a grin, he quickly added, "But it's always nice to see a record fall."

SLUH is here to stay, folks. This kind of stellar play is just what SLUH needs in the upcoming district tournament, in which they are matched up against tough opponents Webster Groves and Kirkwood. But the season isn't over yet. DeSmet is eagerly awaiting the Jr. Billikens arrival tonight to the "palace on Ballas," as head coach John Ross would say. Game time is 7 p.m.; don't be late!



Junior Pete Cooney shoots a jumper on Wednesday against Parkway South. SLUH won, 87-59.

PHOTO BY KYLE KLOSTER

## LAUGHLIN

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faith, and a person who was in the tradition of Jesuit education,” someone from within the Jesuit circles.

Chairman of the Board of Directors John Wunderlich explained the criteria, saying that it was “a list of values the committee agreed on from the start as values that we would want any candidate to possess.”

“That was done very quietly because we had to announce that (Sheridan) was leaving,” explained Digman.

SLUH’s next step in the process was to form a Search Committee to recommend a candidate to the Board of Trustees for approval. Chaired by an ex-Chairman of the Board and including another ex-Chairman, Joseph Castellano, current Chairman Wunderlich, and eight others, the Search Committee sent a formal announcement to every Jesuit house in the United States.

Sheridan played what he calls a “background role” in the search for his successor.

In addition to the announcement, which went to Jesuit superiors and schools across the country, Sheridan spoke to the president of every Jesuit high school at the annual conference of presidents of Jesuit high schools. SLUH also went to the Jesuit Secondary Education Association (JSEA), “just to see if there was an interest” in the position, Sheridan said. Laughlin is the former National Chairman of the JSEA Principal’s Association.

Although all past presidents of SLUH have been ordained Jesuits, SLUH’s search included both lay and ordained candidates in the Jesuit circle.

Both Sheridan and Digman said that Laughlin’s name came up very early in the search. “From the very beginning,” explained Digman, “Laughlin’s name kept coming up from very respected sources.”

Sheridan considered Laughlin “by far the most qualified, energized, and experienced” candidate the committee evaluated.

Laughlin was contacted about the

opening in October 2004, and visited with the chairman of the search committee after the initial contact. After a formal interview in December, Laughlin was interviewed once more last Saturday and was informed of the Board’s decision that night.

“It was a thorough and very ordered process,” Wunderlich said of Laughlin’s selection.

Laughlin has extensive experience at multiple levels of Jesuit education. The son of a Creighton University graduate, Laughlin studied at Creighton for undergraduate and graduate degrees and has filled numerous positions from teacher, pastoral director, assistant principal, and dean of students at Creighton Prep before assuming his most recent position as principal of Rockhurst, which he has held for five years. Laughlin will resign from that position at the end of the school year and prepare to take his new job in July.

Laughlin feels that his current job as principal has best prepared him to take up the presidency at SLUH. “I’ve had the experience of not only being a principal but being involved in a number of things our president’s office has done,” explained Laughlin. “I worked with presidents who were very collaborative, so I have a sense for the types of things that are needed.”

In addition to experience in Jesuit teaching, Laughlin has also witnessed four transitions of presidents in his time in Jesuit high schools.

“There has always been an overlap” in the tenures of two presidents, Laughlin said, “and I think it’s very wise.”

This will be the case for SLUH, as Laughlin and Sheridan will both be president from July until Sheridan leaves in October.

“There is a momentum at SLUH that the whole community has been engaged in,” Laughlin said, “and Sheridan ... will help educate me to make sure I understand that in some detail.

“There’s an extended (SLUH) community in the city of St. Louis that (Sheridan) knows, and he will be able to introduce me to it,” Laughlin said.

Finally, Laughlin hopes to work with and get to know the Board of Directors, students, and faculty before he assumes the presidency on his own.

Although Laughlin will be taking over the presidency months before Sheridan leaves, Sheridan has assured the SLUH community that his “full time is at St. Louis U. High.”

As the first lay president of SLUH, Laughlin will be in the unique position of performing only the presidential and not the sacramental duties that his Jesuit predecessors have. As a result, Houlihan will assist Laughlin in his role of Assistant to the President for Mission and Identity.

Laughlin described the Jesuit mission as “starting with the spirituality of St. Ignatius. Jesuit education at its heart is helping (students) discover God’s love for them (and using) ... their gifts to the service of the world.

“The role (of Jesuit education) is to identify gifts and help develop them,” Laughlin said.

Neither administrators nor Laughlin are worried about a loss of Jesuit identity. “I don’t worry about resistance,” said Laughlin, who went on to say the question of resistance to change is “a healthy question.”

Laughlin’s presidency has been endorsed by the Jesuit Provincial as well. Jim Burshek, S.J., the treasurer of the Missouri province, said that “the provincial must be asked for his approval for any candidate” for the job of president. In a letter sent out to SLUH families on Wednesday, Provincial Timothy McMahon (’73) “enthusiastically endorsed Laughlin’s ... selection.”

Both Laughlin and Sheridan pointed out the Jesuits’ tradition, especially in the last 20 years, of handing over administrative jobs to the laity. “I never saw that as a negative,” said Sheridan. Laughlin echoed Sheridan’s statement, saying that his position as a lay president is “not much of a surprise for people involved with Jesuits” and that it will “free a Jesuit to do the sacramental ministry for which he was ordained.”

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## SAC

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various athletic events during the weekdays, (or) even on the weekends. Of course, homework does not just mean written homework, (but) some freshmen parents say that (their children) are doing five hours of homework.”

Clark then opened the floor for discussion. Senior Tim Heafner commented, “I think a lot of it is getting used to (the SLUH schedule). The more you go through school, you realize not all of your homework has to be done (the night before). You can do some homework at activity period; you can do some homework during your free period. You find ways to get things in (the schedule) so you have more time to do everything else.”

Other students agreed with Heafner, saying that completing homework depends on how one manages time and study habits. Senior Tim Lonergan said, “I’ve played a sport every season since freshman year, and even with a sport you always have time to get your homework done. You figure out what needs to be done, and do it. There’s not an overwhelming amount (of homework).”

Senior Jimmy Chassaing then suggested that many freshmen do not have good enough study habits to complete homework efficiently. In grade school, most SLUH students did not have to develop thorough study habits to do well in school, so when they start SLUH they cannot deal with more difficult coursework. However, students agreed on the value of the freshman learning experience, and that they attended SLUH precisely for the academic difficulty.

“You need to learn to sacrifice some things. If you want to make straight A’s and you want to go to all the sporting events and you want to be everywhere, you can’t do both. You have to decide what is more important. ... All of life is going to be difficult. You are not going to be able to do everything you want,” senior Dustin Sump said.

Sheila Simmons then questioned the given that freshmen will always encounter trouble during their first year at SLUH,

wondering what can be done to prepare them for the workload. “Saying that they have three and a half hours of homework, is that homework where you can watch TV?” she asked. “It’s not that there isn’t a lot of homework, but how can we prepare the incoming freshmen so that we don’t have at the end of the first month a stressed-out freshman that just feels like they can’t go any further?”

Clark added, “When (freshmen) get to SLUH, they come in here running and they are going to run right into a brick wall. Some of them are going to go straight through that brick wall. Some of them are going to hit that brick wall, fall down, and climb over it. Some of them are going to hit that brick wall and struggle to climb over it. ... Some way, somehow, we need to help that transition”.

Some students pointed out that they went over basic study skills in classes such as history or teacher Matt Sciuto’s theology class. Principal Mary Schenkenberg added that counselors went over different learning styles and personality types with freshmen to find what kind of study environment would suit them best.

In addition, senior Jack Horgan said that, as a senior advisor, many of the problems his advisees had with studying stemmed from trying to do homework while watching TV, listening to the radio, or chatting with friends on the internet.

Many parents offered techniques that they found helped their children. Leslie Hendricks said that keeping an e-mail correspondence with her son’s teachers about his schoolwork allowed her to help him study. Mrs. Jennifer Fisher thought that since some parents already seek resources outside of school to help their sons, a program at SLUH which helped students specifically with study skills would prevent much of the stress and pressure in SLUH’s competitive environment. She felt that a summer class which focused on both study skills and class material would help incoming freshmen ease into SLUH.

However, students generally felt that study skills are so individual that they

cannot be taught like an academic discipline. Senior Pat Felling said, “I don’t think that (study habits) are something that other people can help you with. I don’t think you can be told how to study or how to work on something, so you can understand it. It’s something you have to work a lot on on your own, because you are the person who knows yourself best.”

Heafner added, “Everyone has to realize their own study skills, and when you hit that wall, that is when you do realize (your own study habits). Pushing that hard freshman year, you hit that wall and that forces you to study and it forces you to find out what you need to get done.”

Study skills aside, James Junker brought up SLUH’s prestige and that whatever the result, as long as students have tried their best, they should feel pride in their accomplishment. “GPA is not everything, and parents need to realize that too. They need to focus on their sons. How much have (the students) been working and how much have they given? That is what really is important,” Junker said.

Clark then moved the discussion into an exchange about self esteem issues at SLUH. He said, “I felt that SLUH was harder than college. Hitting that wall is okay, but the unfortunate part is that (there are) young men who do not make it over that wall, when they hit that wall and they don’t get through it. They get burnt out on studying and they can’t do any co-curriculars, because they are doing the best they can to get the grades they are getting.”

Clark commented that many freshmen feel uneasy when they enter SLUH because their class size at SLUH is so much bigger than that of their grade schools. Students do not know how they stand in relation to their peers, so in trying to find where they fit in, freshmen sometimes marginalize those they can in an effort to avoid finding themselves on the bottom.

Felling said, “Freshmen come in with the misconception that (popularity) is (an issue), and they want to see if they can get  
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## BURKE

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Burke's homily reflected this message. He stressed that, like any passion from sports to theater, the spiritual life requires hard work and discipline. "If training and discipline is important to us in our human endeavors of any kind, and surely they are, it is even more important to us in our spiritual life, our life in Christ, our following of Christ as his disciples," Burke said in his homily.

Burke did not just emphasize the need for discipline, he also provided Jesus's forty days in the desert as a model for Lent's forty days. "(Lent is) a time not for showing off your beliefs, but a time ... to deepen our knowledge and love of Christ." He stressed that prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, fasting, and alms giving are key actions in this training.

If Lent is a time for personal training, then that training is to meet the "difficult challenge of everyday Christian living," as Burke said, quoting Pope John Paul II. In his homily Burke said that Lent needs to be a time "to take a look at the use of material goods in our lives. ... We are not to show an attachment to material things that instead of serving us, we are their slaves."

When confronted with everyday living, Burke hoped that SLUH students and all adolescents would choose a Christian path for two reasons. First, he described how society leaves people with a sense of emptiness. "I think most of the young people who are giving themselves completely to a hedonistic approach are not happy," Burke said in the interview.

His second reason was the joy that Lent could bring. "You'll discover something really deep within yourself that brings you joy and peace that you don't have," Burke said.

Much preparation went into the Mass and Burke's visit. On Monday, two days before Mass, during homeroom, pastoral director Tim Chik announced the visit to the school. While some believed the announcement's main purpose was to warn possible protestors, Director of Liturgy Matt Stewart said, "The announcement

was to announce the celebrant."

Rumors abounded for a protest of the Mass, none of which, obviously, occurred. The Monday announcement sparked much discussion within the school, with many students expressing concern regarding Burke's actions regarding St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and disagreeing with Burke's pastoral letter which put homosexual marriage on a level with abortion and euthanasia as non-negotiable views when voting. Some students wore small pins showing black letters spelling "ODIE" against a rainbow background while others chose not to receive communion. ODIE is an acronym for "objectively disordered, intrinsically evil." The Catholic Church teaches that homosexuality is objectively disordered and believes that homosexual acts are intrinsically evil.

As for some students' plans for protest, Burke said after the Mass that he felt that the Mass was not the ideal forum for protest, saying, "When we come to Mass, we come to one with Christ, and to receive our Lord in Holy Communion." Burke believed that young people should voice their reservations and problems with Church teaching and actions and search out knowledgeable sources to help them come to the truth.

As for St. Stanislaus and homosexuality, Burke said that as head of the St. Louis archdiocese, he has the obligation to instruct and lead Catholics in St. Louis. "It would be a lot easier for me simply to let everything go. I wasn't sent here to just let everything go. I was sent here to shepherd a flock," he said in the interview.

In both complaints, Burke believed he acted in full accord with the gospels and universal Church. "With something as serious as elections, I have to instruct the faithful about what they need to consider in voting. I never once told anyone to vote for this candidate or that candidate, and I won't. But I did provide for them in a very carefully articulated pastoral letter what they needed to consider, the various important questions," Burke said.

Regarding St. Stanislaus Kostka,

Burke said that having a lay board overseeing the entire parish, including the priest, was not compatible with the gospels or church doctrine. "It's not a question of power, it's a question of doing what Christ does and making sure Christ, as the shepherd in that community, can act in the way that he needs to through his priest," Burke said.

According to Stewart, student participation impressed Burke. Burke was especially impressed with the musicians and singers, both students and choir. "(The students) were singing and responding," Stewart said. Overall, both Stewart and Chik were pleased with how the morning unfolded.

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## SACING

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in with the “in” crowd. ... You do have to find your niche, (but) if you are feeling pressured to do something you are uncomfortable with, that might not be the right group of friends.”

Sump added that by senior year, while popularity is not an issue, there are still cliques, and that some students feel isolated because they switch between the various cliques each year.

Senior Joe Eggleston said that freshmen need to get involved in what they really like, and not do what the cool or popular people like, because then you know that the people in the same activities share an enthusiasm for that interest.

Senior Jim Krings said, “To a degree, there is not a lot you can do. When you go into a whole new environment, you have to find people, and the first year is just going to be hard like that. I think a way you really get to know people are the clubs, the sports teams, and I think we need to get people more involved with that. We have got to be careful that nobody slips through the cracks.”

Other students suggested that the pressure was not so much a peer pressure but an inner pressure and desire to fit in perfectly. However, these students also said that they still meet new friends even as they become upperclassmen.

However, Sump cautioned that students sometimes lose hope, saying, “People begin to decide that (meeting other classmates) is not worth it, and what happens then? For people in our age group, the third highest rate of death is caused by suicide. I don’t think it is an issue here, but ... it tends to happen to people who can put it on the surface that they are perfectly happy, but inside, at some point, people just break down and are tired of trying.”

Senior Alex Sciuto added, “Behind all this talk of peer pressure, immediately lurks drugs and alcohol. That is all unsupervised; we have no control over it. It seems to me that where these standards are set on what is acceptable and what is

unacceptable within a group outside of school is activity period, where you are relatively unsupervised. You are in the no-man’s-land between (where) there are teachers around, but they aren’t really paying attention to you. Is activity period going to be used as a time to waste and slack off or is it a time to be used constructively to get homework done and to attend clubs?”

Teacher Brock Kesterson said, “I think the school provides plenty of opportunities for you guys to get involved (in clubs, intramurals, and activities). You have to make your classmates accountable. You guys really need to step up.”

Clark reiterated that “the ball is in (the students’) court,” and then ended the meeting promptly at 8:30.

## PRESIDENT

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Houlihan’s role will be to chair the Ignatian Identity Committee, which Sheridan says “needed to be re-energized.” Houlihan, who was not available for comment after school Thursday, will take up his position immediately.

Sheridan said that, even if the next president had been a Jesuit, Houlihan’s position would have been created anyway. The position was created when the Board amended SLUH’s by-laws in January. The letter sent to families said that Houlihan will assist Laughlin in “maintaining the distinctly Jesuit nature of the school.”

Although the position has already been created, Digman assured that Laughlin has a great command of the Jesuit mission, saying “the Jesuit paradigm is something he lives in his daily life ... he is a man of high integrity.”



Because of Psyche’s great beauty, Venus grew jealous of the mortal and sent her son Cupid to make no man love her. Cupid accomplished his task but fell in love with her. Because no man would love her, Cupid took her to his palace, where they made love every night, but she was never allowed to know his true identity. This statue of the myth sits on Latin teacher MaryLee McConaghy’s desk in M216.

by Andrew Mueth

## Calendar

Feb. 4 - Feb. 11

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

Schedule R  
Fast Friday  
IM BB Juniors vs. Faculty  
NHS Meeting  
V/B BB @ DeSmet, 5:30/7 p.m.  
V SW @ State Mix, Rec Plex  
V WR Sectionals  
Bosco Sticks, Cheese Papa John's

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

ACT Exam

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

Mother/Son Mass & Brunch 9 a.m.  
Lenten Recollection all Week

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

Schedule R  
IM Bombardment  
Jr. Retreat Meeting  
Football Meeting  
Fortune Cookie Sale  
B BB @ Ladue 4 p.m.  
Pizza Sticks, Taco Sticks, Club Wraps

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

Schedule H  
Faculty Meeting 1 p.m.  
V/B BB vs. Chaminade 4/6 p.m.  
Pretzel, Toasted, Baked Ravioli

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

Schedule R  
Fr. Eng Tutorial

Soph. Class Liturgy  
National Math Competition  
CSP Celebrate/Reflect  
Tater Tots, Mostaccioli with Garlic Bread

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

Schedule R  
IM Movie Trivia All vs. Faculty  
Rosary in Chapel  
Dauphin Players Production thru Sunday  
V WR State Tournament @ Hearnese  
Center thru 19th  
Bosco Sticks, Crispito Burritos

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

No Classes  
Faculty In-Service

**MCCARTHY**

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mers. He remains active in scouting even today as cub master for his son's cub scout pack.

Nominations for the award are completed without the candidate's knowing about it. McCarthy did not even know he was to receive the award until he arrived at the New Cathedral this past Sunday. McCarthy said, "I was completely left in

the dark about it. I was told by Fr. Weber, the pastor, that I was going to be there (the Cathedral). A few minutes before it started they escorted me to a roped off area and I looked over to my wife and kids. They were over there sitting down, just laughing, saying 'We can't tell you. It's a secret.'"

Said McCarthy, "It's very humbling to receive. I am truly very honored."

**Tutoring Announcement**

The National Honors Society tutoring program has undergone a major revamping. Instead of tutors meeting one-on-one with tutees, there will now be tutors available every Activity Period in room M215. One-on-one tutoring during the morning and after school may take place as before.

Math and English tutors will be available every day, science will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and Spanish and French tutors will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Any student seeking other languages or another subject should notify the committee.

Any student who is not currently being tutored but would like to be should see their counselor. NHS members should also be sure to attend the NHS meeting at activity period today. If you have any questions concerning the NHS tutoring program, please contact seniors Andrew Schaeperkoetter and Brian Nienhaus.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**

Archbishop Raymond Burke administers ashes to senior Eric Appelbaum during the all school Ash Wednesday Mass.