

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

# Prep News

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## Police arrest four in alley

**Timo Kim**  
Core Staff

Sirens and flashing red and blue lights punctured the usual St. Louis U. High classroom calm late yesterday morning as police cruisers pulled into the alley along the east side of the building. There, police pursued and arrested four teenagers who had trespassed on SLUH campus grounds.

The incident began yesterday morning during fourth period, when security guards in the back parking lot noticed several young people loitering between the student lot and the P.E. fields behind the lot. Director of Security Charlie Clark

then came out, asked the teenagers to leave, and notified them that if they stayed they would be arrested. After escorting them off the campus, he checked for possible broken-into vehicles. Soon after, Clark saw them again in the alley and called the police.

"(Security) thought that they were planning on breaking into cars," Clark said. "(The trespassers) were acting suspiciously, and they were on our property. They were up to no good."

When the police arrived, the trespassers congregated in the alley near Oakland Ave., went down the alley, and then see **BREAK-IN**, 12

## Houlihan named Assistant to President

**Tim Huether and Alex Sciuto**  
Sports Editor, Features/Photography Editor

When current Rockhurst High School principal David Laughlin begins his tenure as the first lay president at St. Louis U. High next July, Ralph Houlihan, S.J. will serve in the newly-created position of Assistant to the President for Identity and Mission. Acting in this capacity, Houlihan will assist Laughlin to maintain the Jesuit character of the school, performing the sacramental duties of the post of president, and keeping the board informed of sacramental activities within the school.

"With a lay president, to have a Jesuit who assists the school in terms of sacramental presence and also being very aware and evaluating all the things that we do pastorally and spiritually for our students (is very valuable)," said president Paul Sheridan, S.J.

This past January, SLUH's Board of Trustees amended SLUH's by-laws, first allowing for a lay president and creating the new position. While Laughlin will become the president in July, Houlihan will assume his new position immediately.

According to Sheridan, Houlihan is well-situated for the tasks of the assistant. see **HOULI-HOOP**, 10

## The Music Man debuts tonight

PHOTO BY ALEX SCIUTO



A shot from the opening scene of the Dauphin Players' *The Music Man* with Harold Hill, played by senior Kevin Boehm, amidst the people in the small town of River City. (See page 3 for full article.)

# Counseling proposes dropping class rank

**Seth Clampett and Kyle Kloster**  
Core Staff

The counseling department has drawn up a proposal to drop the class rank system, which would take effect at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year. Class rank is the position a student holds in his class based on his cumulative grade point average, and appears on a student transcript. The department created the proposal because it appeared to them that some students' rank actually hurt them when applying to some universities and for academic scholarships.

According to counselor Dave Mouldon, who wrote the proposal, "We got this whole discussion going a number of years ago. Since we don't weight grades for honors and AP classes, there were clear examples every year of students who could actually rank higher by taking

fewer of those courses. It's some concern for admissions, but most colleges that are highly selective are going to look and scrutinize the transcript, and they're going to see that this student took more AP and honors classes."

Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski agreed, saying, "When (students are) being assessed by the admissions department of a college, it's very easy for the admissions people at colleges to look at the class rank without looking closely at their full applications and just make decisions based strictly on that number. That's how it can hurt a student."

Mouldon added, "Another issue is scholarship. Schools like the University of Missouri at Columbia for a number of years (have) given a full tuition scholarship to students who are only in the top 5 percent of their class. They don't look at anything else; they don't care what the

curriculum looks like. One other thing (is that), at a Jesuit school, where we try to talk about community and that we should be respectful, (we have a) kind of petty competition that sometimes goes along with class rank."

The proposal was put together by Mouldon, who included opinions from several highly selective colleges and a number of contemporary Jesuit high schools. It was then pushed forward by the counseling department to the administrative team, which presented the proposal to the instructional council, composed of all of the department heads and the academic administration. According to Michalski, "The feedback from the (instructional council) was pretty positive." The proposal was then taken to the Academic Affairs Committee, a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees, given

see RANK, 4

# Project Peanut Butter set for next week

**Andrew Schroeder**  
Staff

Dr. Mark J. Manary, M.D., a pediatrician at Washington University and the father of sophomore Micah Manary, will be coming to Saint Louis U. High next Thursday to talk about his revolutionary discovery in the struggle against hunger around the world, Project Peanut Butter. Manary will speak during activity period in the theater about the project as well as to several classes whose teachers have requested that he give a presentation.

Manary created Project Peanut Butter after he and his wife worked as medical missionaries in Malawi, a small country in southeast Africa, in 1994.

"I could see one of the greatest needs (in Malawi) was good therapeutic and preventive nutrition," Manary said.

This realization led Manary to discover peanut butter as a product that could provide this nutrition.

In addition, the peanut butter can be produced entirely in Malawi, except for

the vitamins and minerals which are imported to fortify the peanut butter. The production of the peanut butter in Malawi keeps the cost down, and as a result, only \$12 is needed to help one child recover from malnourishment; that \$12 can feed the child for an entire year.

Project Peanut Butter was introduced to SLUH by math teacher and National Honor Society moderator Beth Kissel, who read about it in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and had Manary's son, Micah, in her class last year. Said Kissel, "I thought (Project Peanut Butter) maybe could be a service project for NHS." From there, she was able to correspond with Manary, and he agreed to come to SLUH to talk about his work with the project.

Manary said, "The presentation during activity period will be about the technical aspects of the project, (such as) why the peanut butter food (works) in the context of Malawi."

In addition, "(Manary) is talking to classes every period during the day, especially the senior theology classes," Kissel said.

Manary said that these presentations will focus on "making the world a better place, being a man for others, and personal and spiritual motivations."

SLUH's NHS has become involved in Project Peanut Butter through Kissel and has decided to hold a peanut butter bake sale during activity period and the lunch periods of next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Although most items will be made with peanuts or peanut butter to keep with the theme, "We will have non-peanut butter items for those who are allergic to peanuts," Kissel said. The goodies will be sold for 50 cents each.

In addition, there will be a jar full of Reese's Pieces candy for students to try to guess the number of pieces inside. Each guess costs 25 cents and the student who guesses closest to the actual number will win the jar of candy. The winner will be announced on Friday.

Finally, there will be a collection during homeroom next Friday to benefit Project Peanut Butter. According to Manary, all of the proceeds from the bake

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Moran addresses SAC issue of student stress

To the editors:

Last week's discussion of homework and stress during the Student Affairs Committee, as reported in the *PN*, got me thinking about why the academic experience at SLUH is hard. Here are some thoughts that come to mind:

(1) For most students, it's not so hard. When I speak with students off the record, many admit that most nights, they do about an hour's or hour and a half's worth of homework, maybe not that much actually at home. Most of these fellows are not complaining about the work load, but a few may complain, probably in the hope that their complaints will change the school so that an hour becomes sufficient not just to get by but to prosper.

(2) For whom, then, are academics at SLUH very hard? For students who choose the most demanding courses, for students who want only A's and A+'s, for students who have a hard time concentrating, and for students whose skills and talents were a little weak when they entered. It is hardest, then, for less talented students who have trouble concentrating and who seek the highest grades in honors courses. But just a couple of those conditions are enough to make the challenges pretty stiff. Turmoil at home or addictions can, of course, make it hard to do even a half hour of homework.

(3) To the extent that SLUH is a stern test of diligence, it may serve the same function that initiation rites served in primal societies: it gets boys ready to endure the rigors of the life ahead. If it's working, students will learn what boys in those ancient societies learned: that whining won't give them a free pass around the difficulties that life presents, and they will earn a remarkable confidence in their ability to handle the life ahead with all its adversity.

In the old days, the rigors ahead may have focused on the physical challenges that hunting and self-defense required (and highly competitive sports programs still fulfill that need), but now the challenges are mostly demands on our capacity for problem-solving, insight, patience, and responsibility. The stress may be less dramatic—no harrowing encounters with mamba snakes (except in Kuensting's classroom)—but more persistent.

(4) Many SLUH students want to graduate from a school known for its challenges, but, being human beings, they prefer not to submit to those challenges. But even if they were handed that phony passport, they would go to adulthood without the equipment they most need: the confidence they can handle adversity.

(5) What do we faculty members owe our students? We owe  
see MORAN, 11

## *The Music Man* debuts tonight at 7 p.m.

**Mike Moramarco**  
Reporter

The Dauphin Players will present this year's spring musical this weekend as *The Music Man* opens tonight at 7 p.m. and continues through the weekend.

*The Music Man* tosses its audience into Iowa during the late 1910s, an era during which most Iowans would ignore you as soon as tell you what time it was. To this stubborn group the play adds a smooth operator named Harold Hill (senior Kevin Boehm) who drops into the little town of River City to stir up trouble.

After convincing the town that all of their troubles would melt away if the town had a boys' band, he has the whole town throwing money at him, except the mayor (senior Marty Wilhelm), who repeatedly sends the school board to retrieve Hill's credentials. Each time though, Hill distracts the would-be deputies (senior Dave King, sophomore Alex Indelicato, junior Nick Dennis, and junor Mike Moramarco) to make a clean getaway.

During his stay, he falls in love with the music teacher and librarian, Marian (Julie Kavanaugh). When another traveling salesman (Erik Sardiña) plots to thwart

The nonstop action of the show will keep everyone ready for more. The all-star cast and wonderful soundtrack make for quite a show that the whole family can enjoy.



Harold Hill (Kevin Boehm) looks down his nose at an irate mayor (Marty Wilhelm) during rehearsal Tuesday night.

Hill's plan, Hill has to decide between running away from the woman he loves and telling the truth about himself.

boost the show."

King said, "This is my dream role. I  
see MOOSE, 11

## RANK

(from 2)

approval, and was left in the hands of Principal Dr. Mary Schenkenberg and President Paul Sheridan, S.J.

Schenkenberg said, "I think the biggest reason (to drop class rank) is that it forces the admissions people at the colleges and universities to look at the entire profile of the student's four years of study, rather than just using numbers like rank and GPA. (At) a very competitive school like this, even though we do allow multiple ranks, some of our students are being hurt by schools that do have a policy of just taking rank and GPA and ranking formulas and giving scholarships based on that."

The proposal to drop class rank stated, "The most compelling reasons for the Counseling Department to recommend the dropping of class rank is that it often hurts our students in the college admissions process and in consideration for academic scholarships. ... It is possible in our current system for a student who has taken no honors or advanced courses to rank higher than a student who has taken most or all of our most rigorous courses. This, in our opinion, is not equitable."

Weighting grades was raised as a possible solution to the problem, but Mouldon said, "In the past we tried to get the school to look at a weighted grade system to get around (the class rank problem), and we've presented it to two different administrations over the last 10 or 15 years, and it's never really flown. They've said 'No, we really don't want to go to weighted grades.' So as we thought more about this, we thought the next best thing would be to get rid of class rank. Since we're not weighting these grades, the rank doesn't seem to be a true indicator of a student's ability and potential to do well in college."

Schenkenberg explained why weighted grades are not fit for the school, saying, "My understanding is at St. Louis University High school they feel very strongly that an A is an A and the teacher defines at the beginning of the class exactly what the requirements are to achieve an A, and if students achieve that, then

they have achieved the highest standard and nothing should be added to that. I think there's also a concern that fine arts classes or some classes that wouldn't be rated might lose students. Some students might want to take courses just because they are weighted rather than because they took the appropriate class for them. "

Michalski added, "The dropping (of) class rank is less a mechanical solution (than having weighted grades), and it's more saying to the college 'look, if you're going to make good admissions decisions, you're going to have to look closely at these applications. We're not going to provide you with some statistic that can hurt our students.'"

Mouldon sees no potential harm in dropping class rank. He asked the opinions of the deans of admissions of several universities and was mostly given positive feedback. SLUH has no valedictorian award, so class rank does not affect any decisions within the school. Mouldon added, "We also polled a number of Jesuit high schools around the country that have already dropped rank and asked them if it has impacted them in any way negatively, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive."

Mouldon and Michalski are now forming a committee to look at possible solutions for what the counseling department would send to colleges along with the student's application. One potential plan is to send the colleges grade distribution charts. A grade distribution is a list of the number of A+'s, A's, B+'s, and so on in a particular course.

Mouldon said, "Some very, very selective colleges find (grade distribution) very helpful because it lets them see 'Well this teacher only gave one A+, two A's, (and) everybody else got B+'s and B's.' That (grade information) would be something just for colleges' eyes. It would be helpful to those highly selective colleges."

Some raised the concern that dropping class ranks could lose healthy competition between the students, but Mouldon said, "I don't think so. Everybody is still going to have a GPA. If students are that

competitive, they're still going to be comparing GPA's."

Michalski added, "If you drop class rank, you do it responsibly. You do have to provide colleges with some information so that they can make some comparisons because that's a natural part of the admissions process, but what we provide to the colleges should be designed to meet their needs and do it in a way that puts our students in the best light possible to the colleges."

Math department chair Tom Becvar said of the possibility of dropping class rank, "I think it's a good idea. ... I don't see any downside for it. I think we (also) have to be very cautious as to what we send to the colleges. When we send a profile, we have to make sure that the profile isn't another way to let the colleges know rank. Do we say that we have this number of people, that have this number of averages or so? Then, that's another way they can rank, so you have to be really careful the way you send your profile out."

English department chair Bill George said of the proposal, "I thought it was a good idea. We don't rank students anyway, we rank grades, so it's not as if we're giving up precious information. There's no good reason for ranking students. It's just something colleges use to eliminate (applicants). So why allow it? On the committee, there was a general consensus to (drop the ranking system)."

Sophomore Kevin Gier commented, "I feel that it would be good to drop the idea of class rank because all it does is benefit the people who realized that 'Hey, I can pad my GPA by taking easy classes and therefore make myself more attractive to colleges.' Also, I feel it's a lot more meritorious to look at grades in context of what classes you're taking, like AP classes."

Freshman Kevin Michniok also supports dropping class rank. He explained, "If you take all honors and you don't do as well as someone who took all easy (classes), I don't think that's fair. It's harder for him."

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# Belugabills end season third at State

## *Four school records broken; SLUH best St. Louis team*

**Kevin O'Neill**  
Reporter

After winning the MCC championship, the St. Louis U. High swimming and diving team had a week to prepare for the upcoming State meet. During this time, referred to as the taper period, practices are much shorter and less intense. Swimmers are able to get much-needed rest while still maintaining their feel for the water. "Taper time is my favorite time of the year," said senior Denny Bosslet.

The Speedobills had more than enough energy because of their week-long taper. Last Friday, every SLUH state swimmer and alternate left school early to celebrate Mass and rest for the competition later that day. The state swim meet, held at the Rec-Plex in St. Peters,

consists of two days of competition. On the first day of competition, all swimmers with State qualifying times compete in the preliminary round, and then the top sixteen swimmers from the preliminary round advance to the finals.

Senior captain Adam Trafton performed exceptionally well in the preliminary round. Originally seeded with a time of 1:49.36 in the 200-yard freestyle, Trafton dropped nearly four seconds off his best time and finished with a time of 1:45.90. With this time, Trafton captured the No. 6 seed for the finals round and also broke the twenty-year-old school record time of 1:46:87, held by Jim Rhyne.

Another record-breaking swim came from freshman David Miller, who finished the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:57.74. The previous SLUH record was a time of 4:59.07, set by Kevin O'Sullivan

in the 1994 state meet. This time was fast enough for Miller to advance as the No. 14 seed.

Senior Tim Heafner also swam very fast during the preliminary round of competition, posting the fastest 50 freestyle time and capturing the first seed for the next day. Heafner also swam a time of 48.01 in the 100 freestyle, securing the No. 3 seed for the finals.

Other swimmers that had very good swims in the preliminary round included junior Wes Going and seniors Tim Szewczyk, Chris Mehan, and Dave Schwarz. Going advanced to the finals as the No. 12 seed in the 200-yard individual medley and the No. 5 seed in the 100-yard backstroke. Szewczyk also advanced as the No. 11 seed in the 100 backstroke.

Senior Dave Schwarz placed No. 11 in the  
**see 123, 9**

# Grapplebills take ninth in sectionals

## *Caldwell, Whalen, Gass, Holden to wrestle in State*

**Jesse Zacher**  
Reporter

The varsity wrestling team saw playoff competition last Friday and Saturday in the Sectional tournament at Hazelwood East High School. The sectional tournament would be the culmination of the season for some and the way to the state meet for others. All the wrestlers faced their best competition of the season, and everyone had his eyes on winning three matches in order to advance to the big show in Columbia the following week.

St. Louis U. High came into the tournament a little slow, with only four wins in the first two rounds of wrestling. Senior Ronnie Gentile (125 lbs.) manhandled Jamison Glose of Francis Howell North in his first match of the tournament. Gentile executed several takedowns to rack up some quick points. He turned Glose several times for near pins but couldn't keep him on his back for the pin. Gentile took the match with ferocity as he creamed Glose by a score of 15-0 and a tech fall

victory in round one.

SLUH's next win came from junior Devin Austermann (152 lbs.), who pinned Jake Sloan of Pattonville. Austermann was quickly taken down by Sloan in the

Sloan only to take him down again. This time, Austermann was able to turn Sloan over and glue him to the mat for a win by pin in the second period.

After five consecutive losses following Austermann's match, junior Jon Holden (140 lbs.) started his run for the state tournament with a victory in his first match of the night, against Steve Layton of DeSmet.

Theirs was a very close match. Holden worked several great takedowns, but Layton did his best by reversing Jon twice.

Holden stayed down throughout the second period and started on top in the third. Holden cut Layton and the two were

neutral right away, so Holden took the first move and took Layton down with ease. Holden would cut Layton again and  
**see MIZZOURAH, 11**



**Junior Jon Holden (140 lbs.) pulls a successful switch at sectionals last Saturday at Hazelwood East. Holden qualified to wrestle this weekend at State.**

first period but just as quickly escaped and returned the favor.

The same thing happened in the second period, as Austermann escaped

# Pop'n' dropbills fall to DeSmet, beat Chaminade

**Henry Samson**  
Reporter

With 22 games written in the history books, the St. Louis U. High basketball team found itself in West County last Friday. Standing in their way was a determined DeSmet squad with nothing but home court pride left after a lackluster season. Eager to show their strength at home, the Spartans stymied the Junior Bills, 57-54.

"We have to hand it to them," commented head coach John Ross. "They played one heck of a game."

Momentum in the first quarter swung both ways (as it would continue to do for the entire game), and SLUH trailed at the buzzer, 15-10. The quickness in the Jr. Bills' offensive attack was lulled by DeSmet's strong defense.

"They came out with a new defense that kind of screwed us up," said Ross.

But a back door lay-up and two quick threes from senior Dave Goettelmann placed the Jr. Bills on top midway through the second quarter. Even though the extra effort gave SLUH a 31-26 lead at half-time, it was the last time SLUH's offense would make much noise until the final minute of the game.

The second half took a horrendous turn for the Jr. Bills as the Spartans' defense took control of the game. Slowly, the Jr. Billikens' lead turned into a deficit and the bucketless Jr. Bills were looking at a 9-point deficit with one minute left in the game. DeSmet had held SLUH to a mere 12 points in 13 minutes of second half play.

A three-pointer from junior Pete Cooney with one minute remaining pulled the Jr. Bills to within six points and rekindled the team's fire. But there

was little they could do as the game turned into a free-throw contest. SLUH watched in shock as the clock ticked away the final seconds of a 57-54 point loss.

After making its last pit stop at DeSmet, SLUH's basketball bus returned home to battle one last conference foe. The Chaminade Red Devils, who hadn't lost a single game to SLUH in the past six years, were in for quite a surprise as the Jr. Bills proceeded to trounce them 65-43. SLUH also capped its first regular season over

.500 in years, an achievement the team should be proud of.

The Jr. Bills came out gunning right from the opening tip. The ball touched three SLUH players in the first four seconds and dove through the hoop to begin an explosive game. Using a quick pass offense that allowed openings from behind the three point line and a tight, hustling defense, SLUH grabbed the quarter lead, 19-11.

The defense was kicked up a notch with a little sophomore essence from Gino McNeal in the second quarter. Even though SLUH's shots weren't altogether on the mark, the Jr. Bills led at half time 30-23, with the Devils still in striking distance.

Something must have happened in the locker room at halftime, because after the initial back and forth play at the beginning of the third quarter, SLUH hopped in the driver's seat and never let go of the steering wheel.

After the Red Devils pulled the score to within four points, SLUH opened up a 15-0 run on the shoulders of Goettelmann and junior Joe Phillips to end the third quarter. Goettelmann provided the long

ball while Phillips hand-crafted some fancy moves in the paint.

Business was booming on the other side of the court too, as SLUH drew three charges in the third quarter alone.

Senior Bill Winfrey, sitting one step below the illustrious coaching position as head manager, provided his explanation for the Jr. Bills' success: "We kept our turnovers down tonight and played some really good 'D' in the second half."

Resting on a lofty 49-30 lead at the start of the fourth quarter, SLUH coasted home on the power of its bench players and finished ahead 65-43. Special credit should be given to junior Mike Bannister, who sent the crowd into a frenzy after swishing a three with a minute remaining.

In the oddly obvious words of Ross, "The season's over. It's time for the playoffs."

Uncle Billiken wants YOU to come to the opening game of the district tournament next Wednesday. Uncle Billiken wants YOU to show up on time for the 7:30 p.m. game against Kirkwood. The game is at Webster Groves High School.

"This is huge!" said STUCO sports commissioner Dan Iovaldi. "Seriously, everyone has to come." So crunch some homework during activity period next Thursday and come out to support your basketball team.

## Demitrabilis start playoffs 2-1

### Last Friday:

SLUH 4, Howell Central 3

Goal leader: Eddie Effinger (2)

Goaltender: John Pecher, 24 saves, 3 GA

SLUH: 52 shots

### Last Saturday:

SLUH 9, Howell Central 2

Goal leader: Tangaro (3)

Assist leaders: Howe (3), Dan Steck (2),

Effinger (2)

Goaltender: Pecher, 11 saves, 2 GA

### Monday:

DeSmet 7, SLUH 2

Goals: Effinger, Chris Place

Assists: Effinger, Place, Tangaro

Goaltender: Pecher, 39 saves, 7 GA

**Next game:** Saturday at Affton at 8:15 p.m.



Senior John Warner (42) makes a lay-up during SLUH's 65-43 victory over Chaminade on Tuesday at SLUH.

PHOTO BY ALEX SCIUTO

# St. Louis U. High V-Day Answer Key

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?

**Matt Sciuto**

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

**Four**

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

**Jim Linhares and Allen Boedeker**

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

**10 years**

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

**Becky Berger**

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

**Tom Becvar**

7. Who got engaged in Paris?

**Kate Thaman**

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

**Tom Flanagan**

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

**Jim Raterman**

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

**Joe Schulte**

11. Who met his wife at a Chaminade

Basketball tournament? At the time, he was teaching her brother.

**Craig Hannick**

## 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.*

**Steve Missey and Frank Kovarik**

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

**Craig Hannick**

15. Who was walking across the campus of Haverford College with her soon-to-be fiance on the day that JFK was assassinated?

**Mary Lee McConaghy**

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

**Dan Shelburne**

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

**Joan Bugnitz**

18. Who danced to the song "Bad Case of Lovin' You" by Robert Palmer at her wedding reception in her parents' basement?

**Janet Strzelec**

19. Who lost her antique wedding ring

while playing pool volleyball in Boca Raton, Florida?

**Kathryn Whitaker**

20. Whose original wedding ring is at the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea in the south of France?

**Frank Kovarik**

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

**Paul Baudendistel**

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

**Tim O'Keefe**

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

**Kate Thaman and Mary Beckemeier**

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

**Paul Sheridan, S.J.**

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 grandson 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).

**Steve Missey**

## Winners

**1. Daniel Hrdlicka (17 correct)**

**2. Tom Junker (10)**

**3. Tony Ayala (7)**

# Racquetbills take top seed, look to State

**Eric Durban**  
Reporter

Preparing for the state tournament on Feb. 19, the Racquetbills ended their season with a win in the annual Top Seed tournament and a victory against Kirkwood.

On Feb. 5, the top three varsity seeds and the doubles team competed in the Top Seed tournament and prevailed with a score of 245, with CBC finishing a distant second with 155 points.

This is the first year that this tournament has included the doubles seed, giving teams another chance to face each other before the state tournament. The Megablastbills' top three seeds proved their skill, winning two of the three seeds.

In the semifinals, senior No. 1 seed

Ryan Franklin avenged two earlier losses to CBC's Mike Wyland by handily defeating him. Franklin played extremely well in that match, but fatigue set in during the final, and he couldn't hit enough shots to take the title.

Senior No. 2 seed Pat Corcoran breezed through his bracket to the title, throwing in a 15-0, 15-2 pounding.

Junior No. 3 seed Justin "Spicy" Langan also won his bracket, but he faced some stiffer competition in the finals before finally defeating his DeSmet opponent 15-7, 12-15, 11-2.

The large margin of victory, however, is a little deceiving. For the second time this year in a tournament, the JPKbills were not facing some of their top competition. DeSmet's No. 1 seed and the best player in the league awoke the morning of

the tournament unable to move. A freak injury the night before impaired his movements and kept him out of action. Also, CBC's No. 3 seed, perhaps Langan's toughest competition, couldn't make the tournament.

"We got cheated out of better preparing ourselves for the state tournament," commented head coach Joe Koestner on the absence of tough opponents.

The doubles team of senior Pat Sheehan and junior Jason Rusch looked to make a statement heading into the state tournament, but too many errors lead to their demise in the semifinals against DeSmet.

On Feb. 9, the Hamstreetbills took on the Kirkwood Pioneers and came away with a convincing 7-0 victory. Six of the  
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## Underclassmen Winter Sports Wrap-Up

### JV HOCKEY

Record: 5-8-1

JV Hockey finished the season in ninth place in the North Division, one place out of the playoffs. The team benefited from excellent play from juniors Clint Mohs and Josh Englebrecht, sophomores Chris Place and Scott Chesnek, and from freshman goaltending phenom Alex Effinger, who proved himself worthy to carry the heavy torch passed to him by his older brother Charlie, who is currently playing at Miami of Ohio.

Head coach Charlie Busenhardt described the season as "starting out slow, but we picked up well towards the end of the season. It was too bad that we missed out on the playoffs."

### C BASKETBALL WHITE

Record: 16-2

Head coach Tim Rittenhouse's Whitebills had an excellent season, finishing 16-2, including first-place trophies at both the Westminster and Chaminade Freshman Tournaments. Other key wins for the team were victories over Jennings and CBC and a season sweep of DeSmet.

Asked about his thoughts on the year, Rittenhouse replied, "As the great Napoleon Dynamite would say, '(It was) sweet!'"

### C BASKETBALL BLUE

Record: 16-5

The Bluebills compiled a productive season this year, finishing second in the MCC behind DeSmet. Highlights included a double-overtime thriller against Riverview and a 7-1 conference record. The team also fared well in tournament play, winning the Jennings competition and placing fourth at the Oakville Freshman Tournament.

Commenting on the season and his players, head coach Spencer McCall said, "Not counting (Eric Devlin and Andy Hill, who were promoted to the B team during the season's second half), everybody was balanced and had their own role with the team."

### C WRESTLING

The freshman edition of the Wrastlebills finished third in the MCC this year, with 11 of the 13 wrestlers receiving medals in the conference tournament for their efforts. MCC golds went to Matt Self at 125 pounds, James Barton at 145, and Josh Ritchie in the 215-pound weight class.

"They won because of their long hair. I had a team of Samsons," commented head coach Don Steingrubby.

### B BASKETBALL

Record: 19-6

The Sophomorebills finished off the season this Tuesday with a win over Chaminade, capping off a season that saw two second place tournament finishes, at Fort Zumwalt South and CBC. The team was led by guard Geno McNeil, who was rewarded for his performance with a call-up to the varsity. The team also benefited from a backcourt-frontcourt duo that could rival Rashad McCants and Sean May in guard Jack Kelly and forward Murphy Troy.

Head coach Brock Kesterson said, "At the beginning of the year I set out a goal to improve every day, and I think these guys have stepped up and gotten better."

### JV SWIMMING

The JV Swimming team won second place at MCC.

Sophomore Paul Merrill led the skilled bunch, breaking the JV 100-yard breaststroke record, previously held by current senior Andrew Schaeperkoetter.

"I think every single person dropped times," head coach Fritz Long said. "So many swam so well...it was impressive,"

—Compiled by Kevin Gier

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50-yard freestyle and No. 14 in the 100 freestyle during the preliminary rounds. Not originally expected to advance, Mehan dropped a substantial amount of time in the 50 freestyle to finish with a time of 22.71 and advance as the No. 12 seed in the finals.

The Speedobills swam very well during the preliminary round, but so did State contenders Rockhurst and Blue Springs. For every U. High swimmer that advanced into the finals round, almost three or four Rockhurst or Blue Springs swimmers advanced. Using the individual seeds after the preliminary round, the projected final outcome was for Rockhurst to win with 300 points, Blue Springs in a close second with 290 points, and St. Louis U. High in third with 199 points. The Lafayette Lancers were projected to come in fourth with 184 points.

The Speedobills were hurt by their lack of state qualifiers in the 100-yard breaststroke. Furthermore, neither of the two SLUH swimmers in the 100-yard butterfly could advance to the finals.

Before Saturday's swimming finals, the diving part of the competition took place that morning. Junior Zack Berndsen was the sole diving representative for the Speedobills, and he advanced to the semi-finals of the diving competition with a total score of 221.05. On his last dive, though, while twisting in the air, he hit his heel on the edge of the diving board, and lost points as a result. Berndsen would have advanced to the next round of diving, but this painful error prevented him from advancing.

Knowing that it was highly improbable that they would be able to move up to the first or second spots, the Speedobills concentrated on maintaining their current positions in the finals so they could keep their team standing in third place. "There truly is a defensive side to swimming," said head coach Fritz Long. Not only did the Speedobills maintain their preliminary seeds in the finals, many swimmers posted best times and moved up in the standings.

The 200-yard medley relay team, consisting of Going, senior Eric

Appelbaum, sophomore Jake Roeckle, and Mehan, was initially seeded No. 8 after the preliminary round, but captured sixth place in the final heat. Also moving up in the standings was Going, who won his heat in the 200-yard individual medley, dropping two seconds from his preliminary time to move from twelfth to ninth place. During the butterfly and backstroke legs of the individual medley, Going built a commanding lead and then maintained his lead through the breaststroke and freestyle legs of the race to win his heat.

Going also finished fifth in the finals heat of the 100-yard backstroke, while Szweczyk moved up one spot to finish in tenth. Going not only finished fifth with a time of 53.44, he broke a fifteen year-old school record held by Jeff Commings.

"Wes Going just keeps going. He is like a machine," said Mehan.

The Speedobills performed exceptionally well in the freestyle sprint events. In the 50-yard freestyle, Schwarz moved up to finish tenth in the finals heat, while Mehan finished twelfth. Trafton won the 100 freestyle, finishing with a time of 48.04. Heafner, originally seeded third, finished in second place with a time of 48.16. Heafner also finished second in the 50 freestyle with a time of 21.46.

In addition, Heafner played a critical role in the most exciting race of the meet, the 200-yard freestyle relay.

After the preliminary round, this Speedobill relay team consisting of Mehan, Schwarz, Trafton, and Heafner had the third fastest time behind Blue Springs and Rockhurst. In the finals heat, the Speedobills slightly trailed these two teams after the first three legs of the relay. But Heafner, swimming the final leg of the relay, caught up to the Rockhurst and Blue Springs swimmers in the last length of the race. The Speedobills relay finished in a time of 1:27.35, also a new school record. Heafner's 50-yard freestyle split time was 20.62.

At the conclusion of the finals portion of the meet, the Speedobills had successfully maintained their third-place position with 217 points. Rockhurst won

the meet with 298 points, while Blue Springs finished a close second with 286 points.

"We did not win State," said Heafner, "but I think this is one of the fastest teams SLUH has ever had."

Considering the incredibly fast swims and many new records, the Speedobills had a strong finish to a great season. Still, many Speedobills are thinking about the future. "I can't wait for next season," concluded Going.

## TOPSOIL

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seven matches were won in straight games, including a 15-4, 15-5 throwdown by senior No. 5 seed Eric Durban on his helpless opponent. With a win against Kirkwood, the Pinchbills finished the season with a 9-1 record and the second place title in the league.

The Kirkwood match was just a minor obstacle for the Splatbills, who are solely focused on the quickly-approaching state tournament.

"Our team is so focused that we can definitely bring home a championship," said Koestner. "Our commitment and spirit separate us from the other teams."

"We have got the best group of guys out there and a lot of spirit," commented Franklin. "Our skill and spirit are a tough combination."

After a successful 9-1 season, many of the Racquetbills are going to be seeded high in their respective brackets. Quick, early wins will be a necessity as the state tournament runs the entire day. Unlike past years, when the Racquetbills have been favorites leading into state, this year's squad may be underdogs after losing badly to the CBC Cadets during the season.

"After losing to CBC during the season, I think we became the underdogs, and we all have a chip on our shoulder because of that loss," said senior No. 6 seed Joe Hejlek. "We are going to come out fired up."

Come support your neighborhood racquetball team as they go for another state title this Saturday, Feb. 19 at Vetta Sports-Concord in South County.

## HOULI-HOOP

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Houlihan, already a board member, teaches theology, is involved with planning retreats, especially Kairos, and helps with CSP.

"He touches all the bases in terms of assessing where we are and how we should continue to develop these different resources," Sheridan said.

Houlihan will reenergize the four-year-old Ignatian Committee, a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees. According to Sheridan, the committee will combine all aspects of SLUH life from the Jesuit life, pastoral work, theology, and student life. The committee will shepherd the "day to day ... mission we have," according to Sheridan.

"My purpose is not to help Dave Laughlin understand the Jesuit mission," said Houlihan. "My purpose is ... to keep the board informed as to what has been done and is being done in (the spiritual) area. And there's a lot that's being done."

Houlihan, along with the committee, will focus on the spiritual development of the school, students, and parents.

Another important job of the Assistant to the President for Identity and Mission includes providing sacramental leadership.

"A lot that we do here ... is the sharing of the sacraments," said Vice President for Advancement Thom Digman in an interview last week. A significant task for SLUH's presidents has been ministering to the sacramental needs of the school community, a task only an ordained priest can fill.

"The sacramental outreach of a Jesuit in the president's office is something that is very important to the school," Laughlin said.

One benefit of a lay president, according to Laughlin, is that one more priest is freed from the non-sacramental presidential tasks that a lay person could perform. Freed from these tasks, Houlihan will be able to dedicate more of his time to his sacramental ministry.

"(Houlihan) is ordained to do the sacramental ministry and I am not," said

Laughlin, "but that does not mean that I can't work alongside him and other Jesuits (at SLUH) to insure that the school is run well."

Laughlin used the example of a funeral for an alumnus. "When you have an alumnus who has a death and they want someone to be able to say funeral mass, I can't do that." Whereas before, the president could both celebrate the ceremony and minister to the family, now Laughlin can minister to the needs of the family, and Houlihan can minister to the sacramental needs of the family.

"I can be present to the family. I will minister to the family in the ways that I am able to. It's working alongside a Jesuit to free that Jesuit to do the sacramental ministry for which he was ordained," Laughlin said.

The other main task for Houlihan will be to maintain the school's Jesuit tradition. Though there are no worries about an immediate change, Laughlin believes that Houlihan will ensure the continuation of Jesuit ideals for those further from the situation.

"(An alumnus) assumes that Father Houlihan knows (the mission and identity of SLUH)," said Laughlin.

The number of Jesuits will continue to grow smaller in the future in all high schools in the U.S. Even though there will be fewer Jesuits, Sheridan has no worries that the schools will stray from their Jesuit traditions, but the diminished presence requires more collaboration between Jesuits and lay teachers and administrators.

"The Society of Jesus has been talking about (ordained-lay) collaboration for a long, long time," Laughlin said, and then referenced other SLUH teachers who have worked closely and collaborated with Jesuits.

Sheridan said, "I never saw (the increased importance of lay people) as a threat to this institution because I'm convinced that the good work that has gone on in terms of our hirings of lay teachers embraces the spiritual (mission) of the Jesuit education."

Digman reiterated Sheridan's confi-

dence in the lay faculty in Jesuit schools, saying, "One thing the Jesuits have done well is to infuse (the Jesuit) belief system ... into lay people."

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## MIZZOURAH

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rack up two more points with an additional takedown, taking the victory and advancing to the state meet.

The team's fourth victory came from senior Dave Caldwell (275 lbs.) as he destroyed Nick Bloom of McCluer North with a fifteen-second pin in the second round match.

The team picked things up from there, winning seven of its next nine matches. Sophomore Andrew Mueth (112 lbs.) and Gentile each pinned their opponents, Erik Thompson of McCluer and Kenneth Porter of Hazelwood East, in the second period keeping them in contention.

The third round also held victories for Austermann, junior Bryan Edmundson (130 lbs.), senior Shaun Whalen (160 lbs.), junior Eric Gass (189 lbs.), and senior David Franklin (215 lbs.) as well.

Senior Andrew Poulin (119 lbs.) managed to send Michael Genetti of CBC to his seat with a dominating 11-4 victory in their fourth round match. Poulin kept Genetti at bay with four strong takedowns, nearly pinning him in the third, and held on for the "W" and an opportunity to make it to state for the second year in a row.

However, Poulin fell short in the fifth round to Ademasme Asmare of McCluer North in a rough 19-6 loss, taking him out of contention.

Holden couldn't manage to defeat Ryan Otto of CBC in their fourth round match. Holden had faced Otto several times this year, falling barely short of winning each time. Holden was pinned by Otto in the third period but remained in contention, defeating Dominique Thornton of Hazelwood East in the next round, 10-4. Holden's tournament concluded with a loss to Caleb Yarborough of McCluer, but Holden was able to place in the tournament, securing a berth at State.

Joining fellow junior Holden, Gass will also be wrestling at state this weekend. Gass was able to shut Brandon Johnson of CBC out in their fourth round match, 7-0. Gass next annihilated Billy Hinds of DeSmet for the second time this year with a third period pin. In the finals, Gass faced David Nicholas of Francis

Howell North in a defensive match; only five points were scored by the two wrestlers. Fortunately, Gass' clutch takedown in the third period put him on top 3-1. Nicholas desperately escaped for one point, but could not score again, as Gass stayed up and won 3-2, earning his spot on the podium as well as in the State tournament this weekend.

Whalen's match in round five was equally defensive as each wrestler was only able to score escape points from starting out on bottom. After a tight match in regulation, Whalen used the down of position in the second time against Jourdan Lamear of CBC and escaped for the win.

When he then wrestled in the finals and fell short by only one point to Donald Woods of McCluer, but still managed to qualify for the tournament this weekend.

Caldwell suffered his third loss of the season in round four of the tournament, to Travis Burks of Ritenour by only one point as Burks took the match 3-2. Caldwell let that slide and easily pinned Bryant Stokes of Hazelwood Central in their fifth round match.

In the finals, Caldwell met wrestler Neil Boehle of Francis Howell North. Boehle showed him a good fight, keeping him off his back in the first and escaping

## MORAN

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them an admissions process that matches the students we accept with the challenges they will face. We owe these students stern tests, but the tests ought to be stepped up incrementally so that rather than hitting a wall (as Mr. Clark said), they hit a steepening hill. (Nonetheless, there's no getting around it: hills can be heartbreaking.) We also owe students our good-humored assistance—not to show them the secret passage around the rigorous tests but to teach them helpful skills and to foster a supportive community that recognizes their hardships, cheers them on as they slog through the trials, celebrates their progress, and assures them that neither God's love nor ours depends on their grades or their diploma from SLUH.

Rich Moran

Caldwell's holds in both the second and the third periods. However, Caldwell didn't wait long into the third to take Boehle back down to where he belonged and keep him there for the pin. Caldwell was the fourth member of the team to make it to the podium.

All four wrestlers—Holden, Whalen, Gass, and Caldwell—will see their first state tournament in their careers this weekend. They head to the Hearn Center with hungry eyes and look to do their best. First round wrestling starts for them this afternoon at 4 p.m. at the Hearn Center in Columbia. Wish the four the best of luck.

## MOOSE

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get to sing barbershop, and be the comic relief all at once."

Meanwhile, the enthusiastic Janet Strzelec, whose favorite musical is *The Music Man*, is "totally psyched" and ready for the show. Strzelec commented that since last year's production of *Man of La Mancha* required almost no choreography, she was thrilled this spring to be able to have a full dancing chorus with which to have fun. Normally, she choreographs for people outside of the age range she is working with, but in *The Music Man*, she choreographs teenagers having fun while dancing, which is exactly what she has to work with.

Technical Director Eric Elz said that, since there will be no major scenery piece for the show, he will enjoy making plenty of lighting effects. With the exception of a giant steel flag, there are no completely stationary objects on stage. All of the sets, such as the library and town square, will be represented by a statue or the bookshelves, which will be moved onstage by different cast and crew members. Elz has been working around the clock to make the stage ready for action, and hopes the audience will enjoy this particular style of scenery.

Tickets are six dollars at the door, or five dollars if bought during today's activity period. There are shows tonight at 7:30, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night at 7:30, and an additional Sunday afternoon matinee at 2:00.

by Andrew Mueth

## Calendar

Feb. 17-Feb. 24

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

No Classes  
Faculty In-Service

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

Science Club backpacks thru Sunday

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Lenten Recollection all Week

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

No Classes  
Presidents' Day Holiday  
Father/Son Rec Bowl

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

Schedule R  
Young Reps  
IM BB So. vs. Faculty  
Cheese Garlic Bread, King Ramah Casse-  
role

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

Schedule R  
Fr. Eng. Tutorial  
Project Peanut Butter Bake Sale  
V BB District Tournament vs. Kirkwood  
@ Webster High School, 7:30 pm  
Cookies, Papa Johns

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

Schedule R  
IM Bombardment  
Faculty/Staff Mix-it-Up Luncheon  
Rosary in Chapel  
Project Peanut Butter Speaker  
Season Fries, Chicken Rings

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Schedule R  
Fast Friday  
Project Peanut Butter Collection  
IM BB Sr. vs. Faculty  
Bosco Sticks, Fettucini Alfredo

**BREAK-IN**

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turned onto one of the sidewalks at the southern end of the alley. One policeman followed them, and they circled back, running back into the alley, where the policemen apprehended the trespassers. Although the police had drawn stun guns, no weapons were fired.

Senior Tom Junker, who was in Jennifer Crespin's French class as the police caught the teenagers, said, "People were pretty excited. They certainly made a mention that it was like the TV show, and we saw it right there. It was pretty cool to see."

"What first attracted our attention was the sound of the siren. It was not the traditional siren, but it was a sort of shriek," said English teacher Jim Raterman, who was teaching in M208 during the events. "The police were very professional and handled everything suprisingly quickly." He added, "It was sad, to see four individuals caught."

During the incident, senior John Castelli, a member of the Broadcast Club, had retrieved a video camera from the

KUHI studio to tape the end of the arrest for a possible broadcast. He returned to the classroom and was positioning himself to begin taping when a classmate opened a window, drawing the attention of the policemen, Clark, and Dean of Students Eric Clark. Eric Clark then confiscated the camera to check for footage, but returned the camera before the end of the period.

"We could all see. (The alleyway) was in clear view, and I was surprised to see (the arrest), so I said, 'Hey, I should get the news camera'," said Castelli. "I didn't want to disturb them, though, because some people are more camera shy."

Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick believes the trespassers may have entered through a weakness in the fence near the recently demolished warehouses. He added, "Although we have some site security, until those demo(lition) guys are done and the construction manager comes in, there's going to be a little gap. But our guards will be pretty vigilant and keep an eye on that corner."

**NUTS**

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sale and the homeroom collection will be given to Project Peanut Butter and will be used to buy peanuts and oil to make the peanut butter.

To learn more about Project Peanut Butter from its founder, come to Manary's presentation next Thursday during activity period in the theater, and don't forget to buy your peanut butter snacks next week to help the starving and malnourished children of Malawi.

**Announcements****Foosball Results**

1st	Dan Meagher & Max Hogan
2nd	Mike Mannhard & Mike Santangelo
3rd	Mike Gramke & Mark Zurline
4th	Sean Kelleher & Niall Kelleher

**Father-Son Rec Night**

**Monday, February 21**  
**6:30-9:00 p.m. in the gym,**  
**Danis Lobby, and pool**  
**room.**

**Don't miss a guys-only**  
**night of sports with Dad**  
**and friends!**

**Family Mass****9:30 a.m., Sunday Feb. 27**

**In the Chapel with a reception to follow in**  
**the Danis Lobby**