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Racquetbills take State, again *Team's fourth straight state title*

Eric Durban
Staff

After a successful 9-1 league season, the Racquetbills knew how to win and did just that by capturing their fourth straight Missouri State racquetball title last Saturday.

Utilizing skill, determination, and team spirit, the JPKbills headed to South County looking for a title, and left with a very impressive victory. The Jr. Bills won five out of the seven seeds, including doubles, good for 620 points—well over 200 points ahead of the second

place CBC Cadets at 390. DeSmet, who surprised many with their good play, finished a close third with 345 points.

"The fact that so many guys reached the top level bespeaks the mental toughness that is a hallmark of our team," commented head coach Joe Koestner.

Senior No. 6 seed Joe Hejlek got the fun started as he was the first to win his division, starting a run of five straight seed victories. Hejlek turned his game up at the right time and ran through his bracket on the way to a convincing victory in the finals over a tough CBC opponent.

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Westwood scores 36 on ACT

Tim Huether
Sports Editor

Junior Joel Westwood walked sheepishly into the ACT test center at Oakville High School on Feb. 12. Westwood had just returned from a journey back to his house to gather the test-taking materials that he had initially forgotten, including his calculator, pencils, and forms.

"I was almost late for the test, and (other students) were filling in the bubbles already (when I arrived)," Westwood said.

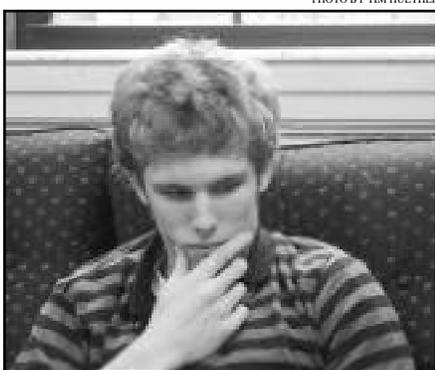
Westwood rallied from this early

setback to score a perfect 36 on the test. "I actually only thought that I was going to get a 32 or 33. I was pretty excited when I saw (the result). I didn't really think I was going to do that well," said Westwood. "I didn't guess on any of (the questions), but I didn't have as much extra time at the end as I did the first time, so I figured I might have made a mistake here or there."

Westwood had taken the test earlier in December at SLUH, scoring a 32.

Others' scores from the Feb. 12 test date are not yet known, because Westwood requested early

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Westwood ponders something difficult to understand.

North Central committees defined, formed

Timo Kim
Core Staff

St. Louis U. High's North Central Steering Committee formed three committees of faculty members last Thursday as part of the ongoing North Central Accreditation process. The three areas to be studied will be student presentation skills, multiculturalism, and negative cultural influences on students.

Committees discuss ways to address problems and augment strengths, and present a statement of their findings to the Steering Committee sometime during the second semester of the 2005-2006 school year.

A survey at the end of the 2003-2004 school year drew together ideas and themes from the SLUH Grad at Grad and the Jesuit Secondary Education Association's 2020 Vision, which discusses the challenges and goals of Jesuit educators in the 21st century, and asked students, parents, alumni, and faculty to evaluate both how well SLUH teaches the ideals of Jesuit education and how well SLUH prepares its students for the future. From the results of this survey, the Steering Committee proposed several areas of self-study to the faculty, who then chose the three committee topics.

"(North Central) asks you to be very specific about student learning or student attitudes that you want to work on," Prince says.

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Flu epidemic begins to fade

Kyle Kloster
Core Staff

According to a CNN internet report last week, influenza kills 36,000 Americans every year, and worse, the flu season is on the rise. The flu has registered "widespread activity" in 27 states according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the percentage of doctors' patients with flu has increased from 2.5 to 4.6 percent.

Over the past two weeks, beginning with Feb. 7, a flu bug has ravaged St. Louis U. High, nearly tripling the average number of sick students missing school per day. From Jan. 18, the beginning of the second semester, to Feb. 4, the Friday before the week of the flu rampage, an average of 13.4 students missed each school day because of sickness. Since then, on average, 34.5 students have missed each school day. On Feb. 4, only 16 students stayed home, but 47 took a sick day on Feb. 7.

According to SLUH's nurse Scott Gilbert, R.N., a much larger number of

students have gone home from school sick over the past two weeks as well. Gilbert said, "In the first couple weeks of February, a big flow of students was coming down to my office, mostly with the flu—(approximately) 30 kids left school sick (during that time)."

Gilbert guessed the bug hit SLUH because, "Probably somebody picked it up somewhere, and brought it in to school. We have students here who knowingly come to school sick, and it's infectious."

Students attend, even when aware of their sickness, because "they have a test, or they have a quiz, or they have to turn in a paper," Gilbert suggested.

Although many students come to school sick to avoid missing work, according to Gilbert, teachers always allow make-up time for missed work. "I can't imagine (that) a teacher wouldn't let a student take a test a day late," Gilbert explained.

Gilbert warned that stubborn students who come to school while sick are only spreading the problem, and probably out of unnecessary concerns. He said, "I think it's
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Metro mates Kingbills

Matt Angeli
Reporter

Despite having only four players, the Metro High School chess team still managed to defeat the Rookbills in a match that was close until the final minute.

Senior Luke Dang finished his season with a disappointing anticlimax as he won by forfeit at board five.

Dang acknowledged his weakness in dropping pieces throughout the season, but his attitude was one of someone who had clearly enjoyed himself in his chess career at SLUH and someone who recognized not only the mistakes but also the lessons that came from them.

Another senior, Isaac Dripps, fell behind at board four and was checkmated. Dripps lost a couple close matches this season, but one can be sure that his

knowledge of chess will never deteriorate.

Junior Matt Angeli, likewise, nearly won at board three but went down in flames after failing to defend his king effectively.

Fellow junior Ben Geisman came through with a stunning win as he led his opponent throughout most of the match. His win tied the match at 11.

Only board one was still playing and a tie would mean a draw, forcing the Rookbills and Metro to a rematch within a week. The pressure mounted as everyone stared at the final board while both opponents' clocks ticked down to one minute. Departing senior and chess team president Brian Nienhaus fought valiantly against an enemy he has faced several times in his chess career. Unfortunately for him and the Rookbills, his defense collapsed, and before his nemesis could checkmate him, Nienhaus resigned and declared it a "good
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STUCO to purchase sand for volleyball courts

Jim Santel
Reporter

Sometime in the near future, the eastern portion of St. Louis U. High's P.E. field will be covered with 210 tons of sand to be used as sand volleyball courts for the upcoming Student Council Fall Festival.

According to STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson, the idea for the sand volleyball courts dates back to October, when Fall Festival was originally supposed to take place. It was postponed due to bad weather and has been tentatively rescheduled for March 18.

"This is something we had planned originally, and the weather didn't cooperate ... it just didn't work out, but we still wanted to have (the volleyball courts)," Kesterson said.

The sand was supposed to be delivered over this past weekend by Bussin Rock Quarry, "but the field wasn't bone dry like (Bussin) suggested," said STUCO president Joe Eggleston.

"It's just a waiting process now," Eggleston added. "We have to wait for the parking lot to be cleared so that the sand trucks can get to the field, and (the field) has to be dry."

Eggleston was hopeful that the sand would arrive this weekend, but neither he nor Kesterson had a sound estimate for when the delivery would occur. "It's really not up to us," Kesterson said. "It's dependent on the field ... we have to have the right conditions."

Once in place, the sand will comprise two courts, each eight inches deep, which will be in place until the Vision 2000 campaign efforts plow over the area. Until that time, the fields will be used for much more than just Fall Festival.

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SENIOR PROJECT REFLECTION

Learning to serve: Holy Trinity Grade School

Paul Barker

Special to the *Prep News*

At the foot of my bed is an old cabinet painted white and grey-green, the top drawer of which holds, literally, the scraps of my high school experience: photos of school dances and of my family in Colorado, a stuffed folder from a summer program after sophomore year, mostly empty journals with fragments of poetry and recorded insecurities, guitar tabs, letters, Christmas ornaments, birthday cards, copies of *Sisyphus*, coins.

The drawer is nearly too full to close, and throughout the year I've tucked a few things in edgewise, afraid of filling it too early. There is one thing missing, sitting somewhat precariously in a stack on the top of my computer on the opposite side of the room: construction-paper cards and photographs which my Senior Project presented to me on the last day.

That day, one of the kindergarteners asked me where I was going to put all of the cards. Her name was Kierra, and every other day she drew me a picture of a heart or a butterfly with a strange number written beside it. She told me it was her address—no street name, just a number, that I was supposed to use to come visit her house after school. When she asked about the cards, I told her that I was going to put them in a special drawer in my room.

That was my intention then, and it is my intention now, but for whatever reason, I've hesitated. For one thing, I don't know how in the world I'm going to make a tall stack of farewell cards fit in an already bulging drawer. More importantly, though, I don't feel like my Senior Project is quite ready to be tucked away with all my other experiences. I haven't quite comprehended it yet—it still needs to sit there in the open for me to see.

My Project differed in nearly every imaginable way from my expectations. I worked with Joey Mooney at Holy Trinity School in North County, and we had signed up primarily because we were told we'd be working closely with a few Latino students who were having trouble learning English and adapting to the community.

By the time we arrived in January, though, they didn't need much help with English—they'd learned it well enough on their own. Instead, we taught Spanish to the English-speaking students, in small doses to the kindergarteners and with surprising success to the first grade. Throughout Project, I experienced similar reversals of what I'd planned and what I ended up having to do.

The problem in my case was that I'd unintentionally entered Project with the attitude that it was all about me. I wanted to improve my Spanish, so I'd signed up expecting to be in the presence of a native speaker each day. I hoped to tutor the upper classes in math and science with the vague hope that I'd astound

the school with my teaching ability. And most of all, although I didn't realize it until I was well into my Project, I wanted an experience that would make me more well-rounded, more developed, more understanding. I was preparing for Project so that it fit *my* life, so that it filled in the holes that I needed to be filled.

Fortunately, there was no room for this attitude once I was in the midst of all those kids. First of all, I was humbled by my own failures to control the children at times or to give them my full attention. One day, when I was particularly tired, I recall hovering lamely in the back of the room for the entire first half of the day, too lazy to sit down beside a student because I knew I might get stuck helping her for half an hour without making any progress. Secondly, I gradually became so attached to the kids that I started to care about their success—I stopped watching myself serve and started working with them because I genuinely wanted them to do well.

As I mentioned, though, I'm still not quite sure of the whole experience—I'm a little overwhelmed by the details. The kids, exhausting as they could be, were ridiculously fun to be around. At recess we invented a game where I threw the ball high up in the air and they ran around squinting upwards, trying to catch it to bring it back to me. Every time I threw it up, they squealed, even though it was the same thing every time. They told incomplete stories that revealed so much about them—what strange things they thought about (one boy pointed absent-mindedly to a hole in the ceiling one day and said, "That's where the robbers come in") and what mattered to them most.

I learned how to communicate with children, how to understand what they were trying to say, to some degree (though I wasn't very good at it), how to keep them from getting out of hand. I learned how to teach them, when to move on from a question that wasn't making any sense, when to wait patiently for an answer and when to ask another student to help.

Most importantly, I came to understand that Project was about learning how to serve. I did not go to Holy Trinity to change the school radically, to improve it with whatever exceptional skills I imagined that I had. I went to fill a small role where I was needed: I helped Juan feel more comfortable with his classmates, I helped Kevin sound out words, I helped Emily focus on her studies. These were small marks of my time at Holy Trinity that didn't have to happen—everyone I helped could have gotten along fine without me. The point is that I was there, and in the process of making a few things a little bit better I learned lessons simply about people that I hadn't expected to learn.

In a few months, perhaps, I'll relocate that stack of farewell cards to my top drawer and let them settle with all the other things I've found so significant in the past four years. For now, I'm going to keep the experiences of Project at the front of my mind.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Malone, '94, responds to Moran's letter on schoolwork

To the Editors:

What I like about the on-line version of the *Prep News* is that it allows teachers to continue to inspire us, even if it has been 10 years since we were in their classroom and no longer frequent Oakland Avenue.

I am writing in response to Mr. Moran's Letter to the Editor in the Volume 69 (21) edition of the *Prep News* in which he addressed the "SAC Issue of Student Stress." This leads me to relive my greatest regret from my years at SLUH: not studying more.

I got by at SLUH with rarely studying and I always have a burning sensation in my mouth when I think I could have performed better had I worked harder. I think I allowed myself to be intimidated by other students: the Matt Hasiks, the Ray Griners. You know who I'm talking about. The guys at the top of the class, against whom you think you could never compete. Instead of believing in myself and putting in the time needed for study, I accepted mediocrity. In retrospect, I think the single factor that separated those guys from me were our work ethics.

Honestly, at the time, I probably allowed myself to believe that the reason they did better than me was because they were more gifted; not that I didn't work hard. Because if I told myself I wasn't working hard enough, there would be no way I could

waste time and watch as much trash on TV as I did. I say that somewhat facetiously, but ... not really. I would have had to have made an uncomfortable change in my life. A change that would have improved my life dramatically and made me much happier, but an uncomfortable change nonetheless.

I would give myself excuses: work study was taking up time, I had a long commute, a show I liked was on, I need a nap, etc... However, when I'm honest, I remember that Ray did work study, too. Ray had a commute. Yet, I remember him studying calculus on an old, discarded, brown pew from the old Chapel set up on the second floor across from the the *Prep News* office ... after spending a full day at school ... and after track practice. That's what separated us.

My only solace is that later in life, I adopted those values demonstrated by guys like him.

I look back at my time at SLUH as one of the most fortunate blessings in my life and hope I can embody what teachers such as Mr. Moran strove to have taught me. At the same time, I regret not having tried harder while I was there.

In gratitude and regret,

Tom Malone
Class of 1994

Winkeler, '05, asks for help recovering drive

Dear SLUH Students,

I am writing to petition the help of my fellow students. Last Friday I was down in the computer lab during my free period, working on a programming project. I accidentally left my Jump Drive in one of the computers when the bell rang. Realizing this, I rushed back down to the computer lab to recover my portable storage device. I went directly to the computer I had been using and found that my drive was gone. I searched the computer lab and asked around for clues or leads.

The drive contains important documents pertaining to SLUH

assignments, college, and personal life. It is not so much the drive but the documents that I need.

The drive is a black and red LexarMedia JumpDrive Sport about an inch wide and three inches long. I know that someone in SLUH has or knows where my drive is located. Please see me in homeroom 12 with any information. Please help me, for it is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Matt Winkeler '05

Announcements

We are looking for six to eight students to help us set up Cashbah. Pay is \$6.00 an hour and we need you to work for 20 hours. Four hours on Friday, March 4th, Saturday, March 5th and Sunday, March 6th. If you can not work all three days, we prefer you not sign up. Please sign up in the Maintenance Office in the basement. Room J2 by the garage.

Please pray for Tom Brandy and the Brandy family, whose son passed away earlier this week. Visitation will be this Sunday from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Austin Lane Funeral Home. The funeral will be Monday at 12:00 p.m.

The Wellness Club will host a Trivia Night today after school from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Students can sign up in tables of six for \$15.00 per table or individually for \$3.00 per person. Prizes will be awarded for the top three tables, and there will be attendance prizes as well. There is still time to sign up for this afternoon of good, clean fun!

STUCO's junior and senior dance, The Melting Snocial, will be held next Friday at the Sheraton-Westport. Tickets go on sale next week and are \$25 per couple.

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Goetzelmann shoots Jr. Bills past Pioneers, 40-38

Last second 3-pointer sets up tonight's Webster final

Henry Samson
Reporter

The Rumble in the Jungle. The Miracle on Ice. The Drive. Each of these historic sports achievements is no less than epic. Last Tuesday night, the St. Louis U. High Jr. Billikens etched their own names into the history books in near-mythic fashion in a game that could very well turn into a legend that haunts the walls downstairs by the athletic offices.

Joe Carlson, a senior basketball fanatic who has missed only one game all season long, said, "I don't think I've ever seen a better game."

The Jr. Bills met the Kirkwood Pioneers, a foe that had beaten them by 15 points earlier in the season. Before the game, the Webster Groves gym was humming with an energetic buzz. The walls themselves seemed to be pulsing with deep breaths of excitement, an omen of the action to come. All 32 minutes of

playing time were of the sit-on-the-edge-of-your-seat-and-look-at-the-scoreboard-every-15-seconds variety.

Interestingly enough, it would not be the high-powered offense that would lead SLUH to victory, but a defense that seemed to come alive every time Kirkwood passed mid-court.

"We've never done anything like this defensively," remarked head coach John Ross. "This is the first time we've scored 40 points and won."

Kirkwood came out with a quick strike, and for a while it looked like it would be a repeat performance of their last meeting. After the Pioneers made a bucket to go up 6-0, SLUH collected itself with a timeout. When play resumed, defense became the name of the game. A pair of treys from senior Dave Goetzelmann and junior Tim Garvey with 2:30 and then one minute left in the first quarter tied the game at six apiece.

No one saw what was coming next.

With about 30 seconds remaining in the quarter, senior Curtis Hoette brought the ball down court and stopped behind the three point line. He then connected on an air mail alley-ooop to senior dunkmaster John Warner that sent the crowd into a frenzy. Kirkwood added a bucket at the buzzer to go up 9-8, but SLUH was still in awe of the dunk.

"I didn't know my brother could get up like that," said freshman Dan Warner.

The scoring slowed way down in the second quarter, but the game certainly did not. SLUH's defense turned rabid as they held the Pioneers to a mere three points during the quarter, not allowing a single point until there was just 1:07 left in the half. Goetzelmann added a three halfway through the period, but Kirkwood's big men were controlling the boards, leaving SLUH with no second chances. The Jr. Bills managed to turn in five points and lead at half, 13-12.

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Caldwell wrestles to fourth at State

Jesse Zacher
Reporter

Last weekend, the Missouri State High School Wrestling Championships invaded the Hearnes Center at Mizzou in Columbia, providing for the best matches of the year. Dozens of Missouri teams showed up Thursday afternoon with qualifiers looking for the state title. SLUH sent four qualifying wrestlers: juniors Jon Holden (140 lbs) and Eric Gass (189 lbs), and seniors Shaun Whalen (160 lbs) and David Caldwell (275 lbs). This was the second year in a row the team has sent four to the tournament, but the team has not sent anyone to the podium since Rob Nahlik took fourth two years ago.

To be modest, you could say, "David Caldwell took fourth at the state tournament." However, his season was much bigger than that, and it only culminated last weekend at the Hearnes.

Caldwell entered the championships

ranked in the top ten in the state, but many people did not know what to expect in a competition with several undefeated heavyweights as well as some ranked tops in the nation. However, the team knew Caldwell was at the tournament to do one thing and that was to place, no exceptions.

According to assistant coach Don Steingruby, "No one ever beats Caldwell, they merely survive him and escape him." The tournament proved the truth of that statement.

Caldwell was paired up with the No. 1 heavyweight in the state for his first match of the weekend. And by all accounts, Caldwell beat him. Mark Hertzog of Lee's Summit was the overall favorite but was stopped dead

once he was put against Caldwell's strength. Caldwell held Hertzog to abso-



David Caldwell (275 lbs.) greets head coach Tim Curdt (left) and Todd Clemons after a victory on Friday in Columbia.

lutely no action in the first two periods, and scored first as he escaped to his feet in

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AHLbills fall out of playoffs to DeSmet

John Pecher
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High Icebills wrapped up their season last Saturday in their playoff series against DeSmet. Coming off a 7-2 loss on Monday, they needed a win to advance.

However, things did not go the Icebills' way. The Spartans scored on a

A goal in the second by senior captain Mike Tangaro pulled the Icebills to within two, but the Spartans' shots kept coming. They added their fourth, fifth, and sixth goals in the second period, giving them a comfortable lead.

The Jr. Bills seemed to slow the game down in the third, creating more offensive chances, but they failed to capitalize on them. DeSmet then added two more goals to seal the victory, 8-1.

However, the intensity did not stop. With only three seconds to go, senior Steve Fedchak was hit from behind, and members of both teams began to fight.

The referees separated the two teams, and disallowed the



PHOTO BY KYLE KLOSTER

A SLUH defender looks on as a DeSmet player shoots wide during the second period of last Saturday's 8-1 loss.

shot from the blue line just minutes into the game, putting the Jr. Bills down 1-0. DeSmet added two to their lead, and entered the second period up by three.

Belugabills end season third in state

Kevin O'Neil
Reporter

Last week, the St. Louis U. High swimming and diving team concluded its season with a third-place finish in the state meet. For the third time in three years, the Speedobills finished in the top three teams at state. They also defended their three-year streak as the highest scoring team from the St. Louis area.

"The state meet was an excellent way to finish an exciting year," commented senior Matt Odenwald. "Everyone swam well."

In regular season dual meets, the Speedobills finished with a record of 9-3. The Aquabills lost to Lafayette, Park-

traditional handshake at the end of the game.

Nevertheless, Tangaro and the Jr. Bills proceeded to line up outside of the locker

way Central, and Cape Central. The Jr. Bills finished second and third in their two tri-meets of the year. In their only quad-meet of the year, the Speedobills placed first, ahead of Rockhurst, MICDS, and Parkway South.

Many of the losses during the season can be attributed to the large number of swimmers on the U. High team. To ensure that every swimmer had a chance to compete, lineups would not always be made with the goal of winning the meet in mind. Even with junior varsity swimmers participating at the varsity level, the Freestylebills were still able to compete with every team in the St. Louis area.

Besides placing third in the state meet, highlights of the season included winning

SEASON STATS

RECORD:

6-10-4 Regular Season (2-2 in playoffs)

4th in Metro Conference

TEAM LEADERS:

John Pecher:

446 saves (3rd in league)

Alex Effinger:

.867 Goals Against Average

Eddie Effinger:

13 Goals, 12 Assists, 25 Points

Larry Howe:

7 Goals, 17 Assists, 25 Points

Chris Place:

14 Goals, 10 Assists, 24 Points

Mike Tangaro:

11 Goals, 12 Assists, 23 Points

rooms, shaking hands with the Spartan players.

Despite the disappointing series against DeSmet, the Jr. Bills finished the regular season with a 6-10-4 record, and a 2-2-0 record in the playoffs.

the Marquette Relays and capturing the MCC conference title for the third year in a row. The Marquette Relays provided the Jr. Bills with confidence and energy at the beginning of the season, while the MCC conference meet victory capped off a season of hard work in the pool.

After a great year, the Speedobills look forward to a continuation of their successes next year. They will lose state qualifying swimmers Adam Trafton, Dave Schwarz, and Tim Heafner but will remain state contenders with talented underclassmen such as junior Wes Going and freshman David Miller.

"Next year should be even more exciting," promised sophomore Jake Roeckle.

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GO CRAZY

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Jim Knapp, S.J., graced with the sarcastic wit of the Society of Jesus, excitedly visited the cheering section during halftime and joked, "Someone has to stop this offensive madness." Both teams must have subconsciously heard his joke, as both Kirkwood and SLUH doubled their halftime scores by the end of the third quarter.

Goetzelmann greeted the new half with a three pointer right off the bat, but Kirkwood battled right back to tie the game at 16.

At that point, Garvey took over; he seemed to be all over the place, handling the ball extremely well and nabbing a few loose balls to spark an 8-0 SLUH run. And right when Kirkwood began to climb back, Garvey squared up and dropped a three to put the Jr. Bills up by six.

Senior Dan Henry would add another from the top of the key to end the quarter with SLUH leading 30-27. SLUH was fighting fiercely, but Kirkwood was lurking in its shadow, waiting to pounce and come back in round four.

The fourth quarter turned into a game of its own. The nervous excitement enveloped the court as the intense level of play reached a high. After a minute of defense, the Pioneers took their first lead since the first quarter with two quick baskets, making the score 31-30. Goetzelmann responded with an in-your-face three pointer against a double team to give the lead back to the Jr. Bills.

Then the game turned hectic and physical. The two teams traded desperate baskets until a Jr. Bill foul with 1:25 left put Kirkwood center Billy Brandenburg on the line for a one-and-one. He made one free throw to give Kirkwood a one-point lead.

A missed rebound opportunity for the Jr. Bills after Brandenburg missed his second free throw gave Kirkwood the ball

back, but the U. High defense held strong and gave Hoette the ball. He drove, stopped, popped, and dropped with 44 seconds left in the game to put SLUH ahead by one point, 37-36.

By now the noise in the gym was deafening. Fans were standing up and



PHOTO BY ALEX SCIUTO
Junior Nick Riganti powers to the hole during Tuesday's 40-38 win over Kirkwood. The Basketbills advanced to play Webster Groves tonight at 7 p.m.

clapping, having watched a hardwood masterpiece unravel before their eyes. Kirkwood fans and cheerleaders were being drowned out by the combined noise of SLUH's fans and, oddly enough, Webster Groves fans, who wanted to see Kirkwood lose just as much as SLUH wanted to win.

Kirkwood inbounded the ball at half court and waited for a shot. After a tip-in off a missed field goal fell in, all hope for a SLUH comeback seemed to vanish as the Jr. Bills trailed 38-37 with 22 seconds left. SLUH called a timeout with 10.5 seconds remaining, and the entire gym rose to its feet in unison and braced itself for a big finish.

SLUH inbounded to Garvey, but there was little movement. Goetzelmann swung around the outside of a two-man screen and received the ball. He darted right but was met by his defender. With two sec-

onds left he changed direction and released an off-balance three pointer with a hand in his face. The buzzer sounded in mid-flight and heralded the arrival of the ball as it bounced off the backboard and straight through the net. The Jr. Bills emerged on top, 40-38.

In the ensuing chaos, the two most poignant images of competition existed. SLUH exulted in jubilation joined by their crowd above, as Kirkwood stood stunned, motionless on the court in disbelief. Goetzelmann had pulled off the childhood dream of every backyard player.

Flashing an ear-to-ear grin and with a twinkle in his eye, Goetzelmann said, "It was just so awesome," when asked about his game-ending heroics.

"This kind of game is great for the team because we really grinded this one out. But in the long run, it just means we practice on Thursday and stay alive," remarked Ross.

It was no walk in the park, but the Jr. Bills advanced to the final round of their district tournament. They face No. 2-ranked Webster Groves tonight at 7:00 p.m. The season isn't over yet. If you missed the first round of playoff action, don't get down; come and cheer for the Jr. Bills as they try to grab their first playoff birth in the Ross era. Henry said in all seriousness on Wednesday, "Fans are really going to make the difference." The doors open at 5:30 p.m. Plan on getting there early as SLUH goes after the district title, five as one.

Parking Reminder:

As of Monday, sophomores must park on the south Science Center parking lot west of the student lot on Berthold. The Monday after Cashbah weekend, excavation will begin on the Berthold Lot, and overflow juniors must also park on the south Science Center lot.

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the second period. But a third period escape by Hertzog tied the score.

The match ended shortly after a highly controversial call when the referee awarded one penalty point to Hertzog after calling Caldwell for stalling. The call was questionable to say the least, but it gave Hertzog a practically unearned victory as he escaped Caldwell for the minor victory.

Caldwell went on to make meat of opponent Matt McKinney of Fox in the first wrestleback round, pinning him at 1:15.

Caldwell wrestled Jason Highfill of Glendale High next. This match was not for those with a nailbiting problem. A penalty point awarded to Highfill in the third tied the score before Highfill escaped to take the lead by one.

The two heavyweights were sent back to the sparring position, waiting for the other to break first. In a sudden and clutch burst of ferocity, Caldwell executed the slickest takedown you'll see from a heavy-weight to seal the 3-2 victory.

Caldwell next wrestled Tom Huer of Fort Zumwalt West. Huer entered the match against his coach's concern for the terrible damage done to his right shoulder the night before. Huer took Caldwell into the third period, although Caldwell was winning by two points and dominating the match. Just when Caldwell was executing his powerful bar arm to turn Huer, Huer's shoulder gave way and he tapped out.

Caldwell's next match against Addison Meyers of Lafayette involved no takedowns or points awarded; the two giants fought mainly for control for the first two periods. Then, in the third, Caldwell turned Meyers right to his back for the pin with one minute left in the match to secure a top four placement in the tournament.

Caldwell's final match of the season was against Hertzog again and had a strikingly similar outcome. Hertzog escaped the match, up only by one penalty point after four periods of wrestling. Caldwell did a number on Hertzog, trying to make the best of his advantage as Hertzog had an injured left arm. But Hertzog proved

down by Caldwell and finished the match up by one point.

Caldwell had no regrets from either of the two losses to Hertzog and took to the podium with pride, knowing he ended his high school wrestling career as the fourth best heavyweight wrestler in the entire state of Missouri.

Nor did head coach Tim Curdt have regrets, saying, "(Caldwell) didn't have a bad match, he was phenomenal ... (He is) the best senior heavyweight in the metro area (and) that's exciting. It's a special experience."

Holden was paired up in the first round with Brian Sanguinet of Lafayette. Sanguinet entered the tournament ranked nearly the best in the state and with a nearly undefeated record.

Holden saw Sanguinet come at him early and often. Sanguinet shot on Holden four times in the first period and three more in the second. Sanguinet's excellent takedowns did a number on Holden but he wrestled very well. He did the best that a wrestler could do against such a good offensive competitor. Holden never gave up without sprawling and keeping wizzers with every shot.

Holden was turned to his back only twice for short intervals and stayed off his back for the rest of the match. Sanguinet did rack up 21 points compared to Holden's six points to win the match by tech fall.

Holden won by injury default in his first wrestleback round, sending him to the second round of wrestlebacks to face Brian Patrick of Pattonville. This match was not nearly as explosive and ferocious as his previous match. Patrick only pulled one takedown in the first, as Holden was able to keep him at bay.

Patrick took Holden down and turned him again in the second but could not get the pin.

Patrick chose top position in the third period and turned Holden once for three points, but could take only a major decision as Holden ended his excellent season strong in his last match of the state tournament.

Whalen might not have known it at the time, but he would wrestle his first round match against the future state champ

at the 160 lb. class. Bobby Conn, from Marquette high school, came into the tournament with an incredible 38-1 record. Conn worked three takedowns in the first period, and in the third, put Whalen to his back for the pin at 1:39.

Whalen went on to wrestle Mike Tracy of Francis Howell Central. Whalen put up a fight, but was pinned in the second period, eliminating him from title contention.

Thus ended Whalen's best season of his high school career. Qualifying for state is what he's wanted all along and to make it is nothing less than a victory for him. He'll be looking to achieve more in the sport at the collegiate level starting next year.

Gass stayed off his back in his first round match against Tom Humphrey of Troy. Gass fought Humphrey well, keeping him to only a two-point lead after one period. Gass went right back at Humphrey in the second for a good takedown, but Humphrey quickly escaped to return the favor and turn Gass for two more points. Humphrey scored two more in the third and won 11-3, sending Gass to the wrestleback round to face Troy Parks of Liberty.

Gass was highly defensive in his match against Parks, preventing him from getting even a single takedown. Gass scored the only takedown of the match in the second period, but it would only be enough to tie the score before Parks turned him for two points in the third to win 4-2.

Gass was eliminated, but had a wonderful state-qualifying season. Earlier in the year, he was good enough to pin the future state champ to win the Vianney Tournament as well as ending with a more than winning record.

Of the tournament, Curdt concluded, "Sean wrestled very well, Jon and Eric gained valuable experience; (they) wrestled in a way that honored their seasons ... Caldwell didn't have a bad match ... he was a force to be reckoned with."

The SLUH varsity wrestling team ended the 2004-2005 season proudly, with four state wrestlers and one state placer, and look forward to continue the tradition next year.

SANDMAN

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Eggleston said that the track team will be using the sand for long jump practice and that students are welcome to use the courts for volleyball games after school.

In addition, the courts will also be used for sand volleyball at the Spring Fling carnival in April. "We want to try and use (the sand) as much as we can while it's here," Kesterson said.

Eggleston said that between the cost of the sand itself and the delivery of the sand, STUCO would be paying a total of about \$1,000, which will be covered by funds largely from STUCO's back-to-school mixer which was held in August. Kesterson said that STUCO will pay for the sand upon its delivery, but it has paid for several railroad ties, already delivered, which will form the boundaries of the courts.

Both Kesterson and Eggleston were confident that the sand would be in place in plenty of time for Fall Festival. "It's been tough to squeeze in with Spring Fling coming up," Kesterson said. "We just had to wait for the right time."

BIRD FLU

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selfish reasons, at times." Students who come to school while sick are putting other students at risk, said Gilbert.

Gilbert continued, "And it's not just you and me—if students come to school and they know they're sick, clubs and sports teams, the cast in the play, the basketball team could come down with the flu, and the district tournament is right around the corner. The kids that knowingly come ... that's a problem. Those guys come to school, and that's what spreads it."

Common symptoms of the virus Gilbert has observed include severe chills, body aches, sore throat, headaches, and dry coughing. "If you're not feeling well in the morning, you're running a fever, (or) you're vomiting, those are good guidelines to stay home," Gilbert asserted. He explained that the flu is viral, so there is no

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game."

Nienhaus always was respectful to his opponents and his dedication and leadership of the team will be hard to replace next year.

While the team was disappointed, there are multiple season highlights. Under Nienhaus, this is the second straight year in which the chess team has made it to the playoffs. Last year Metro slaughtered the chess team in the playoffs, 30-0. This year, the score was a bitterly close 19-11, with the match coming down to the final board.

Also, almost all the strong teams in the division are composed of seniors, and the SLUH chess team has two strong juniors and several developing players returning next year. With a strong team returning, SLUH chess is looking to be a formidable opponent next year.

Next year will also be Frank Kovarik's second year as moderator as he continues to enhance his knowledge of chess.

As for this season, Kovarik said, "I'm really proud of all the guys on the team, and especially of Brian Nienhaus, who was instrumental in getting chess started back up at SLUH when he was a freshman and has been a tremendous leader for the team. We'll miss him."

cure and those afflicted must wait for the body to expel the virus on its own. Gilbert emphasized, "If you know you're sick, stay home and recoup—the best thing to do is rest and recover."

English teacher Rich Moran offered his observations of the flu's effects on student body saying, "(There haven't been) a lot of students missing (from my classes), but a lot of snot—it's hard to keep kleenex in the room."

Math teacher Tom Flanagan noticed that "Not a big number of guys are missing, but a few guys are sick for a number of days." Despite the flu's effects, Flanagan said that "make-up work is not an issue, probably because (the students have) got class notes and homework on the internet now. That helps."

Although no one can know for sure

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notification.

The ACT is divided up into four sections: math, English, reading, and science. Each test is scored from 1-36, and from these four tests, the ACT comes up with a composite score. Westwood's four scores included two 36's in reading and science and two 35's in math and English. Although Westwood missed one question in both math and English, his composite score ended up a 36.

The test on Feb. 12 was the first ACT to offer an optional writing component. Westwood chose to take the writing test, which is required by many colleges.

Westwood said, "They just give you an open-ended question. The question I had was they gave you two different types of classroom settings, group discussion or individual work, and you had to pick one and argue which one is better for learning and why."

Westwood has not yet received the score results from the writing test, but the writing score will have no effect on his composite 36.

Westwood hopes the 36 will help his chances of getting into a competitive college. "Stanford is the college that I really want to go to. ... It's always been my dream. I was looking at Stanford and they've got a wide range (of studies), so I can get my engineering (degree) but I can still get (a) business (degree) as well." Westwood is also considering Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Notre Dame, and Vanderbilt.

Westwood is not the first Jr. Bill to score a 36 on the ACT. Earlier this year senior Paul Barker earned a perfect score on his exam, which he took in September.

when the sickness will pass, the epidemic seems to be declining this week. Only nineteen students reported an absence due to sickness this past Monday, the lowest in over two weeks. Ultimately, "The virus just needs to run its course," according to Gilbert.

NORTHSIDE

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principal Mary Schenkenberg said. "(The committees) will have to do baseline surveys to see where we are right now (in each target area). What the committees will be invited to do now as part of the North Central study is to try to decide, 'OK where are we now? What are we going to do to improve behavior?' And then ... (we will) set some goals."

The Oral Performance committee, chaired by choral director Joe Koestner and history teacher Tim O'Neil, will look at how SLUH students prepare for and give public presentations, whether in the classroom or as part of an extracurricular activity, such as Student Council Forum meetings or Senior Project reflections. They plan to evaluate the presentation skills of next year's junior class to gather data and establish a common base for discussion. In this area, the SLUH community felt that although the SLUH curriculum did incorporate oral presentations and projects into classroom activity, it did not include the skills necessary to prepare and give the presentations.

"When you get to college and when you get into the outside professional world, you are often called on to do (speeches and presentations)," Koestner said. "To take a research paper and make it into an oral presentation, that is a different project. Most kids do not know what the difference is between writing a research paper, which you could read in class, and making an interesting and informative oral performance of the same material."

The Multiculturalism Committee, chaired by counselor Nina See and theology teacher Rob Garavaglia, will focus on developing the cultural perspectives of SLUH students, especially their knowledge and awareness of different religious backgrounds. The common thread in this target area is that many felt SLUH students lacked exposure to both non-Christian religions and non-Catholic Christian traditions. Students also felt that they needed to confront their personal prejudices and stereotypes.

"We realize in the events of the world,

students (ask), 'Why are there wars? And how do religions fit into this?' All of the world events are making us aware of all these (other) religious traditions," See said.

The Negative Influences Committee, chaired by English teacher Tim Curdt and ceramics teacher Mary Whealon, is looking at information and attitudes in society that objectify people and draws students away from the goal of "life-affirming habits and virtues," as stated in the new Mission Statement. This study area came out of a prevailing sentiment that students are becoming less and less able to extract themselves from the advertising culture which surrounds them.

"Where do we see these kinds of forces in our society working against these stated (ideals)? There is a lot of discussion about addressing areas in terms of sexuality (and) study habits and skill, in terms of instant gratifications," Curdt said. "Right now we are in the process of (asking), 'What do we mean?' and once we get to that point, I imagine it will be dividing into specific areas which we can investigate and talk about ways in which we can evaluate what student attitudes are towards the culture itself and these influences."

Throughout the next year, each committee will develop approaches to improve SLUH's performance in the target area. The Steering Committee and a visiting North Central committee will then determine the usefulness and viability of each committee's plan and decide whether to implement the plan or send it back for further discussion.

Currently, each committee is carefully defining what the deficiency or problem within their target area exactly is. When the Steering Committee reviewed the survey results, they noticed recurring trends and ideas which they then refined into the possible areas of study. However, neither the committee nor those surveyed necessarily had a standard definition of what each topic entailed.

Steering Committee Chariman Chuck Hussung said, "In theory, by studying the school, that is what we have found out,

that (parents, students, alumni, and faculty) see (the target areas) as needing some attention, and faculty selected them as they would like to look into. ... (But) we have asked the co-chairs (of each committee) to pick five or six people within the pool of people who expressed interest in their area to be a sort of 'Steering Committee' for that committee."

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MUSICOLOGY

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"It was like a domino effect. One person won and then we just kept winning," said senior No. 4 seed Joe Lorenz.

The doubles team of senior Pat Sheehan and junior Jason Rusch continued the roll and accomplished something they hadn't done all year—defeat CBC. Despite losing in their previous three meetings this year, the team was oddly confident heading into the finals against CBC. Using teamwork that had not been seen during the year, they played strong throughout the match on the way to victory.

"We got a fourth shot at them and were able to capitalize on their weaknesses," commented Rusch.

Not to be outdone, seniors Eric Durban and Lorenz, seeds 5 and 4 respectively, ended their SLUH racquetball careers with individual state championships. After going undefeated during league play, Durban swept through his bracket and won handily in the finals, playing with a very loose, calm style.

Like many of the other JPKbills, Lorenz elevated his game at the right time and played confidently throughout his bracket romp. Lorenz easily turned aside his DeSmet opponent 15-6, 15-7 to win

his first individual championship. Lorenz too, was able to play his game by staying loose and having fun, something which can often be lost in the back and forth game of racquetball, where singles players rely on only themselves on the court.

Junior No. 3 seed Justin "Spicy" Langan finished up the run of first place finishes by taking out a feisty Brett Bronenkamp from DeSmet, who had played Langan close in previous matchups. The 15-11, 15-9 victory was well-earned and capped off a terrific season for the junior. Langan went 9-1 and also captured first place at the Top Seed Tournament.

Senior No. 1 seed Ryan Franklin finished off a tumultuous season by taking third over Brad Ballam of Kirkwood, getting revenge for a league loss two weeks prior. Unfortunately, Franklin had to take on eventual champion Charlie Hostmann in the semifinals, losing in straight games. However, Franklin felt he played his best racquetball in the third place match.

"I was absolutely on fire and I can't say that I have played that well all year," commented Franklin on his third place match.

After completing an undefeated 10-0 league season that included a first place victory at the Top Seed Tournament, se-

nior No. 2 seed Pat Corcoran advanced to the finals, but was not up to his best in that match and had to settle for a second place finish to his CBC opponent. Corcoran, however, did not go quietly in the finals, a match that drew a large crowd and provided lots of drama.

Each match against CBC this year turned heated as both teams felt the pressure of tough competition. Many words were exchanged and a passionate rivalry has developed. Corcoran's match was no different as both schools' crowds were loud throughout the game and both players jawed at each other during the game. However, after Corcoran's loss, the Hbills rallied around the developing passion and turned it into a spirit capable of winning, which they did handily.

Throughout the year the Jr. Bills have thoroughly supported each other and Saturday was no different. Constant cheering and high fives elevated the team beyond its competition.

"Our guys went into every match with the whole team behind them and that was a huge factor (in the victory)," commented Koestner.

Past state championship teams have often ended their celebration with the
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PHOTO BY TIM HUETHER

Father-Son Rec Night

SLUH held its annual Father-Son Rec Night in the gym, Danis Lobby and pool hall Monday night. Students and their fathers enjoyed a night of basketball, pool and other frivolities. At right, junior Dan Finucane shoots while his father looks on.

Calendar

by Andrew Mueth

Feb. 17-Feb. 24

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Schedule R
Fast Friday
Project Peanut Butter Collection
IM BB Sr. vs. Faculty
Bosco Sticks, Fettucini Alfredo
V BB @ Webster, District final, @ 7p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Schedule R
Lenten Recollection all Week
Andrew Mueth's 16th
Tater Tots, Pizza

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Schedule B1: Homeroom at 8:00
Young Reps
Cookies, Crispito Burrito

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Schedule B2: Homeroom at 9:15
Fr. Eng Tutorial
Season Fries, Mostacolli & Bread Sticks
V BB State Sectional

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Schedule R
IM Bombardment
Faculty/Staff Mix-it-Up Luncheon
Junior Class Liturgy
Fiestada, Ring Ranch Casserole, Chicken Rings

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Schedule R
STUCO Melting Snocial
Bosco Sticks, Fish & Fries, Meatless Spaghetti

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chant of "Ole," and this year's victory ended the same way, as the chants could be heard from Court 2.

"Doc and JV1 coach Matt Stewart did a great job this season turning this squad into a championship caliber team," said Corcoran.

Unfortunately for head coach Koestner, his duties at the production of *The Music Man* kept him away from the club towards the end of the day.

"I called at intermission and I was just on cloud nine the rest of the show," commented Koestner.

In town to help the team towards victory was former assistant coach and SLUH graduate Geoff Miller, '95. Miller commented on the Gamedaybills' victory, saying, "It was such a pleasure to see these boys become young men. I was proud to say that I coached them."

Not to be outdone by the varsity team, however, the JV I and JV II teams turned in state championship victories of their own.

"Everyone worked hard to pull out a victory in the end," commented Stewart, whose team was propelled by a No. 4 seed victory from sophomore Ben Brooks.

Senior Kevin O'Connell finished his racquetball career with a victory at the No. 2 seed in the JV II division. Many young players also turned in impressive performances at the state tournament.

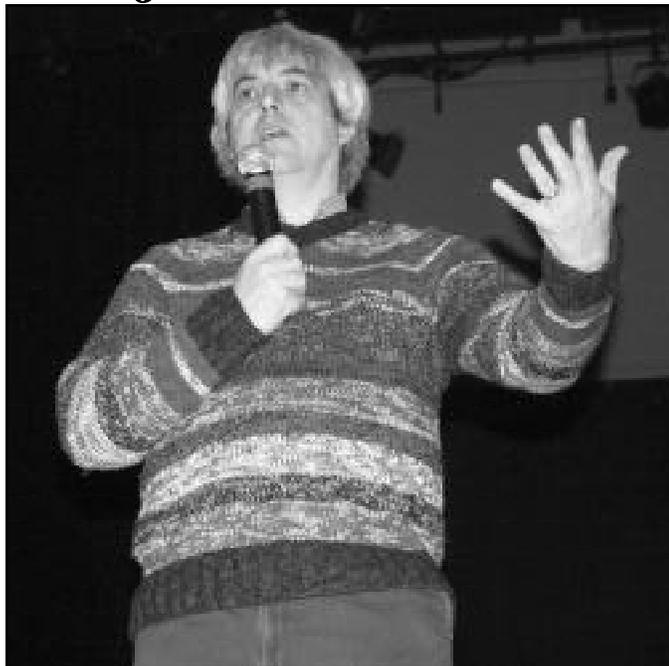
Freshmen Joe Hoffman and Pat Probst finished first and third, respectively, in the JV III division, and sophomore Jake Mueller won the JV II seed No. 4 bracket.

The Racquetbills would like to thank those who came out to support the team over the weekend and welcome anyone to catch the fever that is St. Louis U. High

racquetball.

The Splatbills now look towards defending their national boys' title on March 3-6. A record 44 Pinchbills will be competing in what is sure to be an exciting event. Come out and support your racquetball team at Vetta Sports-Concord in South County.

Project Peanut Butter



Dr. Mark Manary, a pediatrician from Washington University, spoke yesterday to the school on Project Peanut Butter. PPB is Manary's initiative to fight malnourishment in Malawi, a country in southern Africa. After the activity period speech, Manary spoke to a number of classes throughout the day.