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Becvar named Assistant Principal

Greg Fox
Editor in Chief

With the departure of Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinselmeyer fast approaching, the administrative team (made up of the four administrators) met to discuss their responsibilities and how they would change once Zinselmeyer departed.

Out of these meetings comes the newly-formed position of Assistant Principal for Administrative and Technology Services, which current math department chair Tom Becvar will staff beginning in July. Becvar's hiring was

announced to the faculty in a letter distributed yesterday morning.

According to Becvar, the administrative team decided to "reconfigure the jobs" at the administrative level. The Principal and Assistant Principal for Student Affairs positions, currently staffed by Mary Schenkenberg and Eric Clark, respectively, will not change in any major ways as a result of the reconfiguration.

One of Becvar's chief responsibilities will be coordinating scheduling for all students at SLUH. Becvar will "deal specifically with students" in this capacity, and, according to a description of his new du

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Cashbah 2005 ready to go

Jim Santel
Reporter

St. Louis U. High will kick off its 35th annual Cashbah auction this Saturday night at 5:00 following mass in the school chapel. This year's incarnation of the auction, themed "SLUH with a View: Past, Present, Future," is being chaired by Mary Jo O'Connell, Diane Conway, Ray Steitz, and Jo Bannister.

The gym and the Danis Lobby have been decorated according to the theme with pictures of alumni and Jesuits to represent SLUH's past, current students to represent the school's present,

and plans of the Vision 2000 project to show the school's direction in the future.

"(The theme) ties in with Vision 2000, but it's about recognizing the past ... but we also have pictures of the future of the school," said O'Connell.

According to Conway, planning and organization of the auction falls largely upon about 30 subcommittees, many comprised of members of SLUH's Mother's Club. "We contact (the committees) in early spring, and

get all of our committee heads in place and whenever (the heads) feel they need to start

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Volunteers amidst Cashbah set-up yesterday.

Koestner named National Coach of Year

Kyle Kloster
Core Staff

Dr. Joseph Koestner has coached Racquetball at St. Louis University High School since 1985, netting nine state championships and three national championships, including a state title and second place at nationals this past season. This year, Koestner's twentieth year coaching at SLUH, he will receive the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) USA Racquetball (USAR) 2005 high school racquetball coach of the year award for his extraordinary ability to raise a team and foster skill as well as his achievements as a coach.

Dan Whitley, the president of the Missouri Racquetball Association, said of Koestner, "I've been the league director for three years, and all three years I've run the league (Koestner) has won the state title."

Whitley attributed Koestner's receiving the award not only to Koestner's great accomplishments with the SLUH racquetball team, but the consistency of those achievements. "It's outstanding how he continues to develop great teams at SLUH," said Whitley.

Along with his recent award, nine state championships, and three national championships, Koestner coaches the larg

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Class rank replaced with grade distribution

Timo Kim
Core Staff

Principal Mary Schenkenberg presented a proposal to the St. Louis U. High school Board of Trustees Wednesday to drop the current class rank system. The measure advocates replacing rank with a sheet showing the distribution of grade point averages (GPA) for each class.

After consultation with the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board, the Instructional Council, and other administrators, Schenkenberg had considered the proposal over the last week before approving and presenting it to the board.

This new proposal will only change the information given to colleges for the admissions process.

Beginning with next year's senior class, instead of a transcript with a student's GPA and class rank, colleges will receive a transcript without the class rank but in its place a sheet with a distribution of GPA's in the class and distribu-

tions of grades for each junior academic course.

Colleges can then take a student's transcript and see how he compares GPA-wise to other students in his class and how he compares grade-wise to other classmates in each of his courses. However, unlike class rank, students will not have access to these sheets.

Schenkenberg said, "(The distribution sheet) is a little more precise. ... It forces the colleges and universities to look a little closer at the student."

Over the past fifteen years, the Counseling Department has discussed methods that reflect SLUH students' abilities more accurately than the current system of class rank does. Before this proposal, SLUH had flirted with weighting grades for honors and AP classes. However, that idea was defeated resoundingly when put to a faculty vote.

Because of SLUH's selective admissions process and difficulty of classes, SLUH students often do not compare in rank to similar students in less competitive

schools.

"Every college can look at the data whatever way they want, but the fact that we don't weigh (grades in honors or AP courses) and we rank is a double whammy for our students," counselor Dave Mouldon said. Mouldon first brought up the idea for the change and compiled the necessary data for presentation to the Academic Affairs Committee and Instructional Council.

Counseling department chairman Ken McKenna added, "The rank subjected (the student) to a common measure that was not appropriate for him. Class rank shouldn't distract a school that is highly selective, but even schools like (Washington University) are distracted."

Because of class rank, students faced a particular disadvantage when applying to competitive colleges or for scholarships because of the inequity in the ranking system. Often, students from less competitive high schools could boast both a higher class rank and GPA, which often
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Sheridan declares April 1 day off

Brian Krebs
Core Staff

Sugar in the salt shaker. Saran wrap on the toilet seat. Changing time on clocks. A day off of school? Such rumors have been circulating about what many skeptical students believe to be St. Louis U. High's idea of a very cruel April Fool's prank, but President Paul Sheridan S.J.'s announcement on Wednesday has given the gossip legitimacy: there will be no classes on Friday, April 1.

Therefore, after returning to school on Tuesday after Spring/Easter Break, students only need to brave another day and a half before taking a three-day weekend.

The main reason for calling off school is "to thank people," Sheridan said simply. "I just wanted to give a gift to the school ... to thank the students

(and) to thank the faculty for all they've done."

Sheridan also pointed out what many have seen as a flaw in the usual schedule. For most years, students have a week off for Spring Break and then a five day weekend over Easter. This year the two breaks have been combined. Said Sheridan, "I felt bad that our Spring Break is the Holy Week, and in a way we got less time off."

Sheridan also sympathizes with students: "Generally, most students push themselves, and take on outside responsibilities to help others and also take on (extracurricular activities)."

Sheridan saw the best solution as giving students a day without classes "to take some time off and rest."

Sheridan reminisced about his own school days, saying, "I remember as a boy, (once when) we had a speaker come and turned to the administrator right after the

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Halloran, S.J. dies March 1

Seth Clampett
Core Staff

Exorcizo, te, immundissime spiritus, Omnis incursion adversarii, omne phantasma, omnis legio. These words, translated, "I cast thee out, thou unclean spirit, along with the least encroachment of the wicked enemy, and every phantom and diabolical legion," are said as part of the prayers during an exorcism. On March 1, 2005, the last surviving participant in the exorcism that occurred in St. Louis in 1949, Fr. Walter H. Halloran, S.J., died at a Jesuit infirmary in Wisconsin at the age of 83.

Halloran, who was 27 at the time of the exorcism, was studying history at St. Louis University as a Jesuit scholastic

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Winker, '06 calls on spiritual warriors

To the Editor:

“Si vis pacem, para bellum”: “If you want peace, prepare for war.” The Romans took this saying to the letter in that the Pax Romana did not begin until after a century of civil wars and two previous centuries of wars with Carthage. They sought peace, peace in the sense of no wars, and they saw that the only way to have that was to take over the world, which they did. Before you stop reading this and crucify me on the upper field for trying to justify war in the name of peace, I want to say that I am not justifying war, that is earthly war. I believe that there is more than one meaning to this phrase; I testify that it can mean if you want peace, prepare to fight evil for it.

We are called the “Church Militant” because we are down here fighting for eternal life with God against Satan and his minions. You might be asking where I get this strange notion of us as warriors, soldiers, even for Christ. Well, let’s see, St. Ignatius was a soldier and fought in the Spanish army against France, no they are not the “evil” I speak of, but when he was injured, he was forced into recovery and spent time reading and praying. As a result, he discovered that he was fighting the wrong war. He founded the Jesuits who have been called the Marines of the Church and sent them out to lead the way into battle. As the “militants” of the Church, we are called to put on the “armor of God” (Eph. 6:13) with “faith as a shield” (Eph. 6:16) as “sheep among wolves (Mat. 10:16), but the glory of the Lord is with us always. This is not Operation Overlord or Desert Storm but rather Operation Salvation and we are on the front lines.

If we cannot use tanks, M16s, and ICBMs how, then, can we fight this war? Christ said to His disciples, “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my Father in

heaven. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my Father in heaven” (Mat. 10:32-33), calling them to not be afraid and stand up for their faith, to fight. What better way is there to acknowledge Christ than to live as He did? The four Cardinal Virtues: prudence, fortitude, justice, and temperance are what we ought to aspire for. Prudence, as right judgement, allows us to make moral choices so that we might avoid giving into temptations sent at us by Satan through society and our everyday life. Fortitude helps us to stand up for those choices and acknowledge that we believe in Christ. The phrase “If you want peace, work for justice” is appropriate in that by working for justice and being just in our decisions, we are contributing to the protection of dignity and human life, which is what Satan wants to destroy. Temperance is self control. With self control we are able to possess our bodies instead of our bodies possessing us. We are better able to fight physical temptations that are sent at us by the corrupt world we live in. The temptation to allow ourselves to be temporarily satisfied can be defeated by temperance with the help of prudence as a guide and fortitude as a shield from the reactions of our peers. With these and the gifts of the Holy Spirit as our weapons, we can charge the enemy knowing that God is on our side.

Therefore, I challenge all of you, my friends, my peers, teachers, and alumni, to aspire for spiritual excellence through the four Cardinal Virtues and the commandments of Jesus. If we as a community follow in the Ignatian tradition and rise up in a revolution against evil, then I testify that we will be victorious with God and peace will come again.

Thaddeus Winker, '06

Hennelly, '03, praises mock trial

To the Jr. Bills Mock Trial Team,

I want to congratulate you guys on making it to regionals for Mock Trial. I joined the mock trial team at SLU this year and it has been a great experience! It really does help prepare you for learning the rules of evidence, among other things for law school. I only wish I had been on the team at SLU High to have a little more experience, so keep with it. We just had our regional

tournament at Wash U. and lost to them, our arch-rival. I hope you guys have better luck than us, but I’m sure you will. Also, job well done to the *Prep News* for giving mock trial the attention it deserves. Good luck at regionals!

Sincerely,
Mark Hennelly, '03

Brandy thanks community for prayers

To the SLUH family,

My wife Fannie and I would like to take the time to thank all of you for your prayers and gestures of kindness and generosity during and after the death of our son Desmond. So we pray that God’s blessings will be with you all always.

Thomas and Fannie Brandy and Family

Parking Reminder
SLUH will not have access to the
south Science Center Lot on
March 29-31. Carpooling as well
as parent drop-off/pick-up will be
needed on these dates.

Krings receives Archbishop May Service Award

Sean Powers
Core Staff

After hundreds of hours of service in the community, senior Jim Krings has been selected to represent St. Louis U. High in receiving the Archbishop May Service Award. Each year, SLUH chooses one senior nominee to receive the award, given by the Archdiocese of St. Louis for his dedication and commitment to community service.

Krings said about receiving the award, "I'm not positive that I'm the most deserving, but it feels good to be recognized for doing service. All the others were really deserving and it just doesn't seem fair that only one can get it."

Krings has been involved in the Community Service Program (CSP) throughout his career at SLUH. Through CSP, Krings has served at International Institute, South Side Day Care, Midtown Catholic Charities, and Loyola Academy, serving two years at each site.

Outside of CSP, Krings spent this

past fall volunteering his time with the Des Peres Parks District. He worked one-on-one with an autistic child once a week during a soccer camp for children. This helped disabled campers fit in more comfortably with the other kids.

Each Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of St. Louis selects one student to receive the award.

CSP director Colleen Rockers and pastoral director Tim Chik reviewed the applications of the twelve seniors who applied for the award in mid-December. The counseling department, principal Mary Schenkenberg, and dean of students Eric Clark also reviewed the applications. In each evaluation, however, Krings kept coming out at or near the top.

"Any one of the candidates would

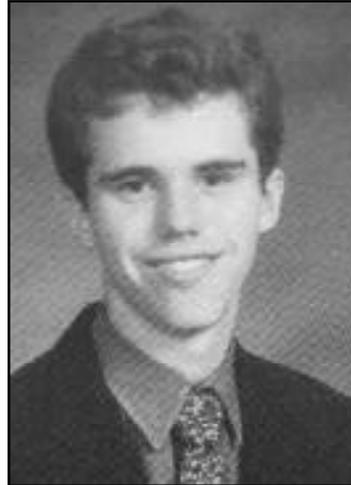
have made amazing representatives. Many of them are good, quiet servants," said Rockers.

About this year's particularly close selection process, Rockers added, "There was quite a lot of strong competition here. I want to give credit to the other fine gentlemen who applied."

The four other top finalists to the award were seniors Tom Cambell, Dan Burghoff, Alex Plurad, and Dustin Sump.

As the SLUH representative,

Krings attended a day of service with fellow winners from other schools this past Thursday and will receive the award at a banquet.



Krings in his sophomore yearbook picture. A more recent photo was unavailable.

Diversity Mass celebrated in chapel on Tuesday

Andrew Schroeder/Andrew Mueth
Staff/Core Staff

The Association for Cultural Enrichment at SLUH (ACES) hosted the second annual interschool Diversity Mass in the chapel at activity period this past Tuesday. CBC, Cardinal Ritter, Incarnate Word Academy, Nerinx Hall, Rosati-Kain, Ursuline Academy, Villa Duchesne, and Visitation Academy all sent representatives to the Mass, which was the final event of the year for Project Harmony.

Project Harmony is a series of diversity events throughout the year, each hosted by a different school. Nerinx had an overnight lock-in earlier this year, Ursuline sponsored a diversity day, and Rosati-Kain and CBC had the Black Repertory Theatre come to perform a play.

SLUH has had a Diversity Mass for years, but in the past, it was a mandatory

all-school Mass. The Mass was made optional three or four years ago and made open to other schools last year after the schools decided to "(incorporate) it into Project Harmony," said ACES moderator Spencer McCall.

Fr. Art Cavitt, a Dominican who works at an African-American Outreach center in North St. Louis called the St. Charles Lwanga Center, came to SLUH to celebrate the Mass. His homily included a theme of community and several issues pertaining to diversity and acceptance of people's differences.

ACES Public Affairs Officer Sam Cummings commented that the Mass was "more energetic than regular masses" and that he liked the mix of songs.

The Mass's energy carried it through all of activity period, as scheduled, and into third period as well. According to McCall, more schools showed up than

they originally planned for, and the Mass got off to a late start. In addition to starting late, the "Mass ran a little long," said McCall.

After Mass, the students stayed in the chapel for a large discussion about some of the diversity issues they face every day. They talked about different minorities in school and the differences between going to same-sex or co-ed schools and how that affects people's views of the opposite sex. The group then talked about how to continue what was discussed during and after Mass and even did some planning for next year.

Overall, Cummings said that the Diversity Mass was a "good chance to meet with friends and meet some new people." As a reminder for future ACES events, the ACES mixer is coming up on March 19, and the ACES retreat will be from March 28-30.

Racquetbills take second in Nationals

Eric Durban
Staff

Last weekend, raquetball players from around the country gathered in St. Louis for the 2005 National High School Racquetball Championships. Looking for a third straight national title, the Racquetbills fought valiantly, but had to settle for a second place finish behind a strong squad from Beaverton High School, located in Beaverton, Oregon.

With 39 players competing, the Jr. Bills boasted one of the biggest squads in the largest national high school racquetball field in history. Four hundred twenty-six athletes from 54 high schools represented 22 states.

A by-product of the large field meant that more schools had quality depth which they lacked in past years; the Jr. Bills' depth had been an advantage in past tournaments.

Two years ago, the United States Racquetball Association changed the scoring system for the tournament. Rather than weight all the points towards the top seeds, the new system spread the points out more evenly among the six seeds.

The new points system required teams to have depth in order to win a team title, and depth is something the JPKbills pride themselves on having.

Each of the six singles divisions in the tournament included four brackets: Gold, Red, Blue, and White. After each loss, a player would drop down a division in that respective order. In each lower division, points for a victory also decreased.

Depth was once again a major component for victory. The Racquetbills came away with two division wins and a plethora of other victories to accumulate 907 points. This year, however, Beaverton accumulated more quality wins and edged the Jr.

Bills with a score of 973 points to take the boy's team title.

"You have got to hand it to the Beaverton team because they had incredible depth and really had their entire team playing great," commented head coach Joe Koestner.

"I was really impressed with the way the Oregon kids came out to play this year," said senior No. 2 seed Pat Corcoran.

Coming into nationals after a hot season, junior No. 3 seed Justin "Spicy" Langan was looking to spice things up a little more. As world-renowned chef Emeril would say, he "kicked it up a notch." Langan rode three convincing victories into the finals, where it seemed he had met his match. After dropping the first game 14-15, Langan turned up his intensity, thanks in large part to the overwhelming support from the team, parents, and other spectators.

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Heafner receives Dunn-Martel award

Tim Huether
Sports Editor

Senior water polo player and swimmer Tim Heafner was announced as the recipient of the Dunn-Martel Scholar Athlete award last Friday.

Coaches and administrators vote on the recipient of the award, who must have played at least one varsity sport and be in the top 25 percent of his class. The Dunn-Martel award winner then becomes SLUH's nominee for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* scholar athlete award, which is given to seven area seniors in May.

Last year's Dunn-Martel award winner was soccer standout Joe Germanese, while Heafner's brother, swimmer and water polo player Tom Heafner, grabbed the award in 2003.

According to the plaque in the first floor corridor, the Dunn-Martel Scholar Athlete is a senior who has maintained a "high level of scholarship as well as the discipline and commitment of athletic participation."

Heafner has most certainly done just

that. As a captain of the SLUH water polo team which placed third in state, Heafner led the St. Louis area in goals, scoring 84.

Heafner also ranked high in points, with 189, second in the area only to senior David Zenk of MICDS, who posted 226.

Heafner did not confine his aquatic abilities only to the water polo matches. Heafner also excelled in swimming, leading the team to a third place finish at state. He placed second in both the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle. Heafner also anchored the first-place 200-yard freestyle relay, single-handedly pulling the team from third to first. In addition, Heafner was named to the swimming all-metro first team by the *Post-Dispatch*.

Although the vote for Heafner was

not unanimous, it was "pretty close," according to Athletic Director Dick Wehner.

Water polo coach Paul Baudendistel

said, "I'm biased, but I think he's one of the best athletes in this school. ... I've said this before, I think he could have played any varsity sport here and done well. And scholastically, academically, he pushes himself. He's got a lot on his plate as all seniors do, but he manages to find time to get his homework done."

Heafner said, "I thought it was a great honor. I'm really happy to receive it. I think that it's definitely an honor because it's not just athletic. It shows that

I'm not just an athletic person. It shows that I do study hard, I do work, and I don't know if a lot of people know that."

Baudendistel concluded, "He's a stud. I mean look at the guy. He's impressive."



Heafner in his sophomore yearbook picture. A more recent photo was unavailable.

Rossbills end first winning season since '98-99

Team completes 15-11 year, takes third in MCC

Henry Samson
Reporter

It was a season that will stand out in memory as a thriller from start to finish. "Looking back, we were definitely successful to a certain extent," stated head coach John Ross. "It's nice to know we reached some of our goals, like scoring more points and beating each conference team, but there were some things we didn't accomplish as well."

Any way you look at the season, it certainly was captivating every time the Jr. Billikens set foot on the court. The team remained steady early in the season, balancing hard losses to Webster Groves and Chaminade with blowout wins against Pacific and Lindbergh.

Sprinters, distance runners look to lead '05 track

Henry Samson
Reporter

The emergence of spring brings peaceful beauty to the natural world. Flowers bloom, temperatures warm, and young lovers turn their fancy to Cupid's whims. But for track athletes, spring is anything but this. Icy rain and 40 degree temperature fluxes provide the scene for the beginning of the harsh reality of March for track and field athletes.

Though about 11 percent of the school, or 115 kids, came out for the first week of practice—an almost unmanageable number—head coach Jim Linhares is excited about prospects this year.

To his credit, Linhares hopes to spread out the competition and give everyone on the team chances to race. The schedule looks more like a legal document than a list of meets because the Jr. Bills will enter 30 meets, ranging from varsity and JV to sophomore and freshmen divisions.

Varsity speedsters Stephon Simmons, who finished third at state in the 200-meter dash, and Paul Cheney,

As usual, the Metro Catholic Conference was its own beast this year as SLUH defeated and fell to each of the teams once. The Bills finished with a 4-4 conference record behind Vianey and CBC, who were both 6-2.

Probably the most significant of these games was the one against CBC at home on senior night, when the Jr. Bills routed the 18-9 Cadets by thirteen points. "I'd have to say that was the best game for these guys, especially the seniors," said Ross.

Ross touched on how well the team got along. Fans could definitely see that the team had meshed together into a family during the games, even on the bench. That is one of the essentials to building a great team and a successful season.

But let's face it: when it came to size,

who finished 6th in the 100 and 400 last year, will lead the sprinters under the guidance of coach Chuck McCall.

Of the sprinters, McCall thinks, "We're doing good so far this early. We're actually a little better off right now than last year." He added, "I'm glad and kind of surprised that they're all in pretty good shape too."

Coach John Diffley, whom you may know as an assistant football coach, is in charge of the throwers once again this year. Junior Cliff Leek and sophomore Niko Mafuli are just two of the bruisers that plan on throwing some points onto the board for the Jr. Bills this season. Linhares stressed the importance of scoring points in the weights division and is confident they will come through.

The distance squad, an annual power, is hoping to add the second part of SLUH's sprint distance one-two punch this year. Coach Tim Chik and long time cross country coach Tom Flanagan are handling the group of about 50 runners. Senior Charlie Samson is returning with a 1:58 800-meter to his credit.

When asked to describe Samson's 800, Chik described it as "powerful and fierce."

SLUH's lineup didn't cut it sometimes. It's hard to play against a team whose biggest player outweighs your biggest player by 100 pounds, which was the case against more than one team. So, at the beginning of the year, SLUH opened the floodgates to a transition style of play. In the end, it turned out fairly effectively. SLUH made up for what they were lacking in size with fast breaks and high scores.

The only problem was that defense was a little shaky sometimes; the Jr. Bills allowed the most points in the MCC.

If the shots weren't falling, SLUH did; but if the shots were, SLUH gave the scoreboard operators something to do in their spare time. SLUH outscored its opponents 1,612-1,474, averaging a star—
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State qualifying junior Ben Murphy-Baum returns with a 9:40 2-mile and will be helped by senior oxygen machines Alex Muntges and Dan Meier. Chik seriously thinks "all three will be at 9:30 by districts."

The last component is a question mark. Junior Jason Esslinger will lead a slew of underclassmen in the jumping division. Newcomer coach Joe Nyugen will also be in charge of the long and triple jump sections and has many eager freshmen and sophomores.

"We're really gearing up for an outstanding year!" exclaimed Linhares at the team's meeting on Friday. And what better year to do it than this, the last year of the existing track. "I'm going to miss that 364-meter, four-cornered track," said senior Charlie Samson.

The varsity and JV divisions jump start their seasons on Holy Saturday at Washington U. The meet should start around 10 and events will run throughout the day. If you're in town and aching to get out of the house, feel free to drop by and watch some good old-fashioned competition.

Laxbills look to improve on 9-12 mark

Mike Eilers
Reporter

Like other lacrosse teams across the country, SLUH lacrosse has swelled, reaching a record 90 players and 13 coaches this year. Despite being a club sport, there are three teams, and a number of new coaches have been brought in to make SLUH a contender.

After weeks of practice and preparation, the Laxbills are ready to test their mettle against some of the area's toughest teams. Head coach Ron Kelam said, "We typically load our schedule with competitive opponents. Each year, we try to play the area's best ten teams, and this season is no exception."

The varsity squad opens the season this Saturday at the Lacrosse Jamboree at

Soccer Park. The team will play a number of running clock games against some of their best area competition.

Despite losing 18 seniors last year, the team expects to have an impressive year. The varsity roster boasts a number of excellent returning seniors, including attackmen Joe Hof and Larry Howe and returning senior D-poles Bryan Glaenger and Pat Milford.

But Kelam believes, "This year our team will only go as far as our middies can carry us." Returning senior mid-fielders Phil Hof, Mike Sargent, and Chris Mehan will carry the brunt of the load for the team. As an impenetrable wall, junior Matt Yoon will lead the team from in front of the cage.

The Warriorbills hope to improve

upon last year's 9-12 record, including tournaments that challenged the team with tough competition, and many of the newcomers to varsity are ready to fill the gaps left by last year's senior class. Last year's JV squad, lead by former SLUH ASC teacher Steve Casey, finished an impressive second in an end-of-the-season tournament. They hope to bring that success to the varsity level.

After the Jamboree, the Laxbills begin a series of home games beginning Monday against Lindbergh. Over the next month, the team will play seven home games in a row at both the stadium and at Compton-Drew. Stop by one of these games to show your support, and maybe learn a thing or two about the fastest growing sport in the country.

Baseball looks to follow up district championship

Justin Rottger
Reporter

Does the road to Columbia go through Forest Park? The diamond dwellers of Aviation Field anticipate that happening. With a core group of seniors returning to the varsity squad in 2005, the Jr. Bills certainly have a formidable shot at a state championship.

Key seniors include Brandon Beal, Ryan Morgan, and Matt Ikemeier, who will be an integral part of this team's run at Columbia.

In a conference whose race could be a shootout this spring, the Jr. Bills feel that their chances are just as good as anybody else's. DeSmet won the Metro Catholic Conference last year, but they lost the ace of their pitching staff to the University of Arkansas. Vianney also graduated their ace. So why shouldn't the Jr. Bills be highly considered in the MCC this season? With an intimidating lineup that should turn heads again after scoring over ten runs numerous times last year, there could be no stopping them.

The pitching must hold up, however, and there are two solid pitchers in Ikemeier and Morgan, with depth in fellow seniors Jason Kertz and Ryan Johnson. Johnson

looked impressive on the mound in early spring practices and will be a dependable arm if needed.

There are also several juniors that should contribute, namely Mike Beal at second, Alex Primo in the outfield, returning from a broken finger, and Nick Riganti in the outfield and first base. The

Jr. Bills are always anticipated to have a great season. After a 20-7 season in 2004, and with what the lineup and pitching SLUH has to offer in 2005, the golden road to Columbia could go right through Aviation Field. Come out to the first game of the season on Mar. 22 against Cleveland at Aviation Field in Forest Park.

PIC OF THE WEEK

PHOTO BY ALEX SCUTO



Sr. Ebo of the Sisters of St. Mary spoke Monday in the theater on her experiences of the Civil Rights movement. Ebo participated in the 1965 voting rights protests in Selma, Alabama, 40 years ago.

Wiebills hope to climb up MCC rankings

Michael Doherty
Reporter

After last year's disappointing 5th place finish in the MCC tournament without qualifying any golfers for the state tournament, the 2005 Jr. Bill golf team looks to impress a lot of people this year. Led by returning seniors Kyle Ortman, Matt Bartch, Steve Lestmann, Tom Junker, and juniors Alex Luebbert, Mike Doherty, and Steve Azar, the Jr. Bills expect to be much more competitive this year with the area's top teams.

Competing at a new home course, Forest Park, the team will have a slight advantage in home matches because they will know the brand new course better than the competition. It should be a good season and head coach Greg Bantle thinks that they will probably send three to four golfers to state this year with the new district rules in effect.

With the new rules, one team and ten individuals qualify at districts rather than two teams and five individuals. This new rule helps out stronger golfers who are on less competitive teams.

The first match for the Jr. Bills will be on March 29 at Glen Echo Country Club. It should be a great year for this highly underrated golf team, so come out to North County to support the Teebills.

Rollerbills anticipate encouraging season

After a disappointing season last year, the SLUH inline hockey team looks toward a more promising year. The Rollerbills enter the season with a record of 0-2-1, as the result of a preseason tournament.

Despite the record, they anticipate a more competitive Division II regular season. Having graduated the number one scorer from last year, sophomore Chris Place and junior Clint Mohs, as well as freshmen Carl Fasnacht and Nick Helfrich

Killbills hope to make up for lost seniors, retake MCC

Sam Stragand
Reporter

The Volleybills' first match on March 30 will open the team's quest to regain the state title after a disappointing finish in districts last year. Two years ago, the St. Louis U. High Jr. Bills won the state title by defeating Vianney in straight matches on the last day of final exams.

The Volleybills are now under the direction of coach Paul Scovill and new coach Charlie Clark, since English teacher and volleyball coach Terry Quinn is on sabbatical at Boston University. Even though Clark is new to the game, the team has much to learn from his vast sports knowledge and coaching abilities.

Along with the change in coaching, the team will have many new faces after losing many seniors to college.

Having lost eight players last year, the team will have a very different look this year with only three current seniors: Bob Schuster, Joe Guntli, and Steve Baker. Only four varsity players returned from last year, so five new faces will appear on the varsity court this year. The team also includes five freshmen who will look to carry on the strong SLUH volleyball tradition for the next four years.

While the team lost its three varsity setters from last year, junior Joel Westwood will take on the challenging position in an offense where he will set the

entire time. Most of the power hitting core still remains in Schuster, Guntli, and junior Kevin Heine.

While coaches Scovill and Clark had to make many changes, they still expect great results from the very talented lineup.

Like any year, the (formerly)TQ Bills aim to win the MCC conference, where most of the state's best teams reside. SLUH will face their old MCC enemies, Vianney, DeSmet, and CBC, as well as the best public schools such as Oakville and Lafayette. If the Volleybills can win the MCC, they will most likely be the top seed in the state tournament at the end of the year where the state champion will be crowned.

Their first three matches are at home on Wednesday, March 30 at 5:30 against Pattonville, Thursday, March 31 at 5:00 against Mehlville, and Friday, April 1 at 5:00 against Oakville. The Volleybills hope to start their season right with three strong victories.

BASKET

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ting 62 points a game. Senior Dave Goettlemann led the team both in scoring, with 390 points, and in assists, with 114.

Out of those 390 points, Goettlemann beat his own single season record for three pointers, draining 81 out of 211 bombs.

Juniors Nick Riganti and Peter Cooney will return next year as the team's leading scorers, averaging 6.6 and 6.2 points per game, respectively.

As a whirlwind of a season closes the door on four seniors' basketball careers, the 2005-2006 season now rests in the hands of the nine returning juniors as SLUH thanks seniors Dave Goettlemann, Dan Henry, Curtis Hoette, and John Warner for four years of hard work and leadership.

March 11, 2005

NEARLY

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"I think we got into the guy's head after a while," commented senior No. 6 seed Joe Hejlek on the constant cheering and support.

Langan proceeded to take the next two games handily and clinch a Gold division win. One reward for his efforts proved to be a spot on Channel 5's Sports Plus late night sports show. Being the only boys' division winner at the time, Langan was chosen to answer a few questions from Rene Knott and was filmed playing a mock game.

"I was really happy to get some crucial wins in for the team, and it was a rush to see myself on T.V.," commented Langan.

After an undefeated regular season and a state championship, senior No. 5 seed Eric Durban looked to put the exclamation point on a great year by taking a national championship. Playing some of his best racquetball at the right time, Durban cruised to the finals after three wins, including a 15-0, 15-0 shellacking of his Arkansas opponent.

In the finals, Durban met a Beaverton opponent eager to add to his team's point total. Durban was the one, however, to take the points and a Gold division win after a 15-10, 15-10 victory.

Durban also teamed up with senior No. 4 seed Joe Lorenz to compete in the No. 2 seed doubles division. The duo provided some thrilling matches that included a heart-stopping 13-15, 15-12, 11-10 semifinal victory against a pair of Oregonian opponents that had the crowd hanging on every point.

After a long tiring weekend, the doubles team unfortunately did not play their best in the finals match. An inability to pass their opponents led to an 11-15, 14-15 loss. The team, however, finished second and picked up some major points for the Jr. Bills.

In his singles play, Lorenz took fourth in the Gold division after losing a closely contested third place match 8-15, 15-6, 9-11 to Tony Chan of Parkway West. However, that was not before Lorenz took home quality points by winning two

matches in the Gold division.

"I thought the competition was a lot tougher this year and the team really pulled it together to make a good showing," commented Lorenz.

Senior No. 1 seed Ryan Franklin had tough shoes to fill this year as he replaced Phil Mathews at the No. 1 spot in the tournament. Franklin preformed admirably in winning a Gold match before bowing out in the Blue division to a tough Oregon opponent, 11-9, 11-6.

Senior No. 2 seed Pat "Pete" Corcoran also played well throughout the weekend. After losing his first match, Corcoran dropped to the Red division, where he proceeded to clean house. Two ensuing victories, including a 15-1, 15-2 drubbing, placed him in the Red finals against a Beaverton opponent. Not intimidated by the "Beaver Fever," Corcoran took care of business in a 15-12, 15-9 victory.

Historically, the No. 6 seed bracket contains the most players, as teams can throw as many players not varsity seeds 1-5 in the division as they want. For a team with lots of depth, like the Teachbills and eventual champion Beaverton, this division can provide some crucial points. This year the Rolloutbills showed their depth, placing four players in the quarterfinal round of eight.

Unfortunately, three of those players were on the same side of the bracket and Hejlek knocked out sophomore Ben Brooks and junior Mike Laurentius to make it to the finals. There he was pitted against the No. 1 seed in the division from Beaverton. After a long tournament that included seven matches, Hejlek didn't have his best game in the finals and fell 14-15, 5-15.

"I think everything from the weekend took its toll, and by the final on Sunday night I didn't have much left," said Hejlek.

Senior JV star Ryan Shortal also played excellent racquetball throughout the weekend and placed third in the White division at the No.6 seed.

The varsity doubles team of senior Pat Sheehan and junior Jason Rusch also played well in the No. 3 seed doubles

division of the tournament. After winning five matches, including a win over the fellow doubles team of juniors Mike Guilfooy and Laurentius, the duo faced a team from eventual champion Beaverton. This doubles final mirrored much of the weekend, as the team fell 14-15, 15-12, 11-7 to finish in an admirable second place.

Leading the way throughout the year and at the national tournament were the seniors on this year's varsity squad. They stepped up their play when they needed to and helped others do the same.

"I think the seniors this year were my real assistant coaches," commented Koestner. "The seniors were phenomenal in giving to the rest of the players on the entire team. They really helped prepare the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to take their places."

In addition to a second place finish, the Pinchbills also received some exposure in the local news media. For the first time in Koestner's twenty years of coaching the Racquetbills, *the St. Louis Post-Dispatch* printed an article about high school racquetball. One article highlighted the Jr. Bills' quest for a third consecutive national title, while the other provided a summary of the team's performance after the tournament.

The national tournament provided a good showcase for St. Louis racquetball talent and also highlighted the success of the league.

"The guys in our league are intensely competitive on the court, but friends off the court, something that I didn't see from the Oregon schools," commented Koestner.

"Once you've been in first place, second place seems like a loss, but a lot of teams would have liked to be in our position," said assistant coach Matt Stewart.

Putting a perspective on the entire year, Koestner said, "This was a team that had challenges this year both physically and mentally, and came back from the CBC loss to take the state title and came within a hair's breadth of taking another national championship."

Students rejuvenate Environmental Club

Tim Malecek
Staff

Although it claims only 5 percent of the world's population, America generates about 40 percent of the world's waste. According to Yahoo (<http://ask.yahoo.com/ask/20020606.html>), the average American generates four pounds of trash a day, meaning nearly, per capita, 1,500 pounds of trash each year. Yet only a quarter of America's waste is recycled.

At St. Louis U. High, the waste is no different. Everyday, thousands of paper plates, hundreds of brown paper bags, and reams of paper are wasted. The stream of waste exiting SLUH everyday spurred the SLUH Environmental Club to form last year and renew its determination and leadership this year.

"We never had a club strictly for environmental awareness," explained sophomore Micah Manary. "We want to make sure people are aware of the environmental issues right here around us. It isn't just a global problem."

The Environmental Club was formed last year with art teacher Joan Bugnitz acting as moderator, but the club had no formal positions and suffered from a lack

of organization.

This year, the club elected sophomore Paul Robbins as president because of his devotion to the club last year. In addition, the club has asked science teacher Steve Kuensting to be their moderator, because of Bugnitz's busy schedule. Robbins, however, stressed, "We try to be a student-run organization."

"Our main goal is that we hope to get some education about the environment out at SLUH," said Robbins.

Manary cited the enormous waste at lunch as SLUH's biggest problem, particularly the brown paper bags brought by students. The club held a "lunchbox giveaway" earlier in the year. Jeff Harrison, S.J., bought lunchboxes from area thrift stores and distributed them to students to deter the paper waste.

Robbins also plans on starting a plastic bottling recycling program, similar to the aluminum recycling system. "I collect plastic bottles at my table and take them home to recycle, but I would like to start a program like that at SLUH," explained Robbins.

The Environmental Club plans to celebrate Earth Day, April 22, by selling t-shirts. They plan to use any money they

make on the t-shirts to sponsor clean-ups and other activities.

In the future, the Environmental Club wants to start a Stream Team program through the Missouri Department of Conservation. The program, similar to Adopt-A-Highway, allows students to clean up their section of a Missouri stream. In addition, the program will allow them to check the water quality and plan for storm drains.

Only ten devoted members are in the Environmental Club, many of them sophomores. Most of the club members also belong to the Democratic Socialists, although the Environmental Club has no political connection.

"One of our problems has been reaching out to people because people view us as liberal," explained Robbins. The Environmental Club stressed that everyone is welcome to join.

Manary stated, "The environment is not a political issue, it's a moral and an ethical (issue) that everyone needs to deal with."

Robbins expressed his hope for the club, saying, "A lot of people have a 'Who cares?' attitude. We want to change those attitudes."

Seniors skip to attend Books Not Bombs *Ivers instrumental in organizing protest*

Jack Dryden
Reporter

Last Monday marked the third annual Books not Bombs protest against the war in Iraq. The program, held at the First Unitarian Church, went from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and included a free lunch and child care.

Books not Bombs began three years ago as a nationwide awareness program to protest the war of Iraq and to enforce peaceful solutions to resolve conflicts. Because of the continuing struggle in Iraq, the program has moved away from protest and towards awareness of struggles throughout the world.

Senior Pat Ivers helped to organize the event. Books not Bombs allowed attendees the opportunity to attend four out of 12 or 13 different workshops. Among the workshops taught at the event were the history of collectives, an informative workshop about the problems in the Sudan taught by Fr. Jeff Harrison, S.J., and a workshop taught by Ivers and senior David Gregg about the Black Mesa Indians, with whom the two spent their Senior Project working in New Mexico.

For the first two years, Books not Bombs was nationwide. This year, a few seniors organized the event and it was limited to St. Louis. Sixty to eighty active

participants attended this year, five of whom were SLUH seniors.

Books not Bombs is presented as an alternative day of learning, and students were encouraged to come and approach topics not part of their school curriculum. Students who attended the program were already politically involved and informed. Ivers said that the intent of the program was not to force-feed new ideas into the minds of participants, but instead, "to get people who are already thinking to think more."

For any questions regarding Books not Bombs, e-mail Ivers at stlbnb@graffiti.net

PROMOTION

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ties, will “publish grade reports” and “coordinate the integration of new technologies into the academic program.”

Mark Michalski’s Assistant Principal for Academics position will, however, change dramatically. Schenkenberg said that Michalski’s “scheduling responsibility was ... keeping him from doing some of the things he needed to be doing in terms of curriculum and getting into classes.” With Becvar’s position implemented, Michalski will pick up a number of Zinselmeyer’s old responsibilities, chief among them staff development responsibilities.

According to a handout describing Michalski’s updated duties, he will be responsible for “coordinat(ing) the ongoing professional development of the staff” along with his responsibility for the curriculum.

This shift in responsibility created a need for the administrative position, which was announced to faculty and staff in January. Shortly after hearing about the position, Becvar decided to apply for it, despite knowing that it would reduce his

teaching responsibilities.

Becvar has been teaching at SLUH for 32 years and has been involved in many other activities around the campus. During his tenure, Becvar has directed Senior Follies as well as led the Quiz Bowl squad and the bowling team while being involved with the theater and athletic programs.

His current job as Senior Class moderator will be especially hard to surrender. “It has always been very special,” Becvar said of the moderator position. “I will miss working closely with (the seniors. ... It will be) a real void for me.”

Becvar’s biggest impact, however, has been in the classroom. He said that he applied for the position “with the condition that I can teach one section of calculus,” a program he has been instrumental in developing during his time at SLUH.

Though he will be leaving behind the majority of his teaching responsibilities, Becvar will by no means lose contact with the student body. “There will be a lot more advising and counseling” involved with his new position, Becvar said.

Being in charge of scheduling, Becvar

will have to deal with students and their counselors in determining which classes to take and drop as the year progresses.

Becvar has extensive experience with the scheduling system. As a new teacher, Becvar helped create the schedule by hand and has lately worked with the current scheduling system.

Becvar was also influential in bringing the graphing calculator into the SLUH math department shortly after its release. He plans to be a “liaison between the technology committee and the principal” next year.

Schenkenberg said in her letter to the faculty that Becvar will “join the Administrative Team meetings on an as-available/as-helpful basis to assure a smooth transition” into his new job. Becvar will work with Michalski during the next two grading periods to help familiarize himself with the job. “I have to learn what I’m doing first,” he explained.

Though there will be a learning curve involved, Becvar said he is “looking forward to it. It’s a great group of people, and it will be a real team effort.”

DOC

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est high school racquetball program in the country with 62 team members.

Koestner feels “It was a kick to get this award.” However, despite his immense achievements and impressive award, Koestner said, “It’s almost a little embarrassing to get an award for something like this. ... It’s something that you just do and that everybody else does ... I keep thinking of the Tom Wilsons and Tim Chiks and John Rosses that go everyday and do exactly the same thing that I’m doing, but don’t get the kind of recognition that they deserve.”

Koestner did not view the award as a personal achievement, however. He explained that, “(The award) is a recognition of the way we do things (in all our programs at SLUH). It’s something the school has engendered and I’m really

proud to do. (The award is) a reflection of what we do here at SLUH.”

Theology teacher and assistant racquetball coach Matt Stewart said, “I think that if anyone in the country is deserving of this award it’s Doc. He’s worked so hard and tirelessly for the school and the racquetball team, and what we have and have had for the past twenty years would not be nearly what it is without Doc. ... The countless hours and the meetings and the parents and the forms and the money and everything that he does—he is so deserving of this award and it’s really a pleasure to work with him.”

The USAR, while looking for eligible coaches to receive the award, discovered Koestner when Whitley gave them his name. Whitley then contacted Stewart for information on Koestner’s career. After Stewart had compiled information on

Koestner’s career and written a letter of recommendation, Whitley passed all of the information to the USAR during their search around the country for candidates.

According to Whitley, the USOC gives out three awards every year: best volunteer coach, best coach based on excellence, and best overall coach. Koestner, Whitley explained, won the award for best coach based on excellence.

However, by winning the award, Koestner has also become a candidate for the best overall coach award, which the USOC gives to a coach selected from the pool of all the coaches that won an award based on excellence that year.

Whitley commented, “The coaches who win these awards are the coaches you’ll see in the Olympics. (It will be) really cool to be in the same pool as coaches you see on ESPN.”

HAMBURGLAR

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work, they do. Some of them even begin during (the) summer,” Conway said.

Also helping to bear the workload are SLUH students themselves. During the auction, freshmen will handle their typical duty of washing dishes; sophomores will put food on plates, which the juniors will then deliver, and seniors will act as spotters. Other duties handled by students include helping to stock the bars with ice and manning the auction’s bank.

The showcase item to be auctioned off is a brand new 2005 Scion xB, valued at \$14,965. Other items sure to attract a large amount of attention are numerous Cardinal ticket packages, an A.E. Schmidt pool table, tickets to the 2005 MLB All-

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assembly, and said ‘Why not give the lads the day off?’” Sheridan added, “I felt very good about that.”

Although SLUH hasn’t needed to take any snow days, according to Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski, “There is no relationship between this and the fact that we haven’t had any snow days this year.” Instead, Michalski explained that the idea to not have school on April 1 “came directly from Father Sheridan, and I think as he’s preparing to move to a different school, (this was) his tangible way of thanking students, faculty, and staff for their hard work and kindness to him over the years.”

In addition, exams remain set at the early time, before Memorial Day, as no snow days have been used, as long as SLUH has no “freak snow storms that come up between now and the end of school,” said Michalski.

Besides giving everyone a break after a longer break, the day off also helps to alleviate SLUH’s parking-related difficulties. Since the week after Easter marks Spring Break for public schools, the Science Center, expecting an increase in visitors, will need full use of their lot, which sophomores presently use for parking during the demolition and grading processes of the warehouses. As a result,

Star Game in Houston, a ride to prom for seniors in a Hummer stretch limo, and the usual (and ever-popular) puppy.

Tickets to Cashbah sold out ten days before the auction, “faster than it ever has before,” Vice Principal for Advancement Thom Digman said.

Conway expects about 800 attendees, as opposed to the usual attendance of about 750. A waiting list has been formed to accommodate the extra number of people, and Conway was certain that some people on this list would not obtain tickets. “Unless some people call in advance and cancel, some people will not get in (to Cashbah),” she stated.

Despite the especially large crowd, Digman had no projections for a greater cash return than usual from this year’s

students will need to carpool to reduce car overflow.

Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick, who spoke with Sheridan in determining the day off, said, “One of the reasons (April 1) was chosen was because we knew that would be a bad parking day.”

One downside of the day off pertains to teachers, especially those teaching AP courses, losing time to fit in their material before school’s end.

Michalski said, “Granting any kind of time off from school after the calendar is in place can certainly always impact a teacher in terms of his or her ability to get through material in a course. At the same time, if there’s good reason for (the time off), which I think this situation is, teachers should be able to be flexible and work with those changes, just like (if there were a snow day).”

AP BC Calculus teacher Tom Becvar echoed Michalski’s words, insisting that “you have to be flexible when you’re teaching anytime. Sure it’s gonna take a little bit of reorganizing, but it can be done.” He concluded, “Who doesn’t like time off?”

AP U.S. History teacher Dan Monahan has a yearly struggle to fit in his subject’s vast material. Said Monahan, “Every year I fight this battle that we don’t have enough time. I keep telling

auction. “It fluctuates too much from year to year to tell,” he said. However, since the 2001 Cashbah, SLUH has enjoyed a four-year average increase of 6.08 percent in returns. If this trend continues, Saturday’s Cashbah is slated to finish with earnings of over \$400,000.

As the auction draws near, neither O’Connell nor Conway anticipated any major setbacks in preparation for Saturday. “The auction just kind of runs itself by this point,” Conway said.

“The Scion’s been delivered, the nametags are ready...everything is in its place,” O’Connell added.

Concluded Digman, “(Cashbah) is such a well-worn tradition ... everyone brings their own nuances to it. We’re well ahead of the game and highly organized.”

myself, I have to hit certain parts’ (but this year I may be (actually hitting all the parts) finally. ... We always need more time not less. From my standpoint, I’d rather be here doing what I’m supposed to be doing.”

To clear up any confusion, Michalski added, “This is not an April Fool’s prank!”

LIGHTBULB

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serve as criteria for preliminary elimination.

“We want what we sent to colleges to reflect (the students) accurately and to put our students in the best light,” Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski said. “What (the new system) does for us is that ... (admissions officers) will have to take a closer look at every step of the admissions process to make their decision.”

Currently, Michalski and Mouldon are compiling examples of the grade distribution sheets so the administration can decide on a standard format. Using data from the current senior class, they plan to have several versions ready for approval and feedback within a week.

Mouldon said, “(The dropping of
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when he was summoned to help perform the exorcism on a 14-year-old boy believed to have been possessed by demonic spirits. He assisted Fr. William Bowdern, S.J., who was the head priest performing the rite, because Bowdern needed a strong person to hold the boy down, and Halloran had been known for his strength and athleticism.

The boy, whose name is not known, lived in Mount Rainier, Maryland, when his family noticed strange things happening around him. His parents suspected demonic possession, which led them to St. Louis and the resulting exorcism.

The exorcism was performed each night, and the boy was known to react violently to the prayers the priests said. In one instance, Halloran's nose was broken in an attempt to restrain the boy.

Halloran sometimes cared for the boy. One particular time he took him to the White House Retreat Center, where they thought he would enjoy the fresh air. As they were walking the Stations of the Cross, the boy reached the final station and suddenly bolted toward a cliff. Halloran tackled the boy to prevent him from jumping off the cliff.

The exorcism ended in the spring of 1949, when a voice came from the boy saying, "I am Michael and in the name of Dominus leave this boy." Later that year, Halloran then decided to begin his first year of teaching at St. Louis University High School.

Fr. Ralph Houlihan, S.J., who was a student in Halloran's history class when he was a junior, said of Halloran, "He was a very laid-back guy. We all liked his teaching. He (was) a very good athlete. That's why he was picked for that role in the exorcism, because he was strong (and

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class rank for grade distribution sheets) has been a trend for a long while. I think we are a little bit behind."

The counselors overwhelmingly see the new system benefiting students' college admission process, but students and

because he was a very virtuous person. He rolled with the punches; nothing ever really ever rattled Walt. He was very cool."

Fr. Michael Marchlewski, S.J., had Halloran as a homeroom teacher when he was a freshman. Marchlewski said of Halloran, "I think of him sitting in homeroom with his hand holding up his head like he was just trying to get some extra sleep. He was not a morning person. He would impress me (when I was) a little kid because his forearms were so big. He was a very sturdy man."

Halloran left SLUH a few years later to continue his studies. Later, he became a chaplain in the U.S Army, serving as a paratrooper during the Vietnam War. Halloran was 48 at the time, the oldest airborne chaplain. Halloran earned two bronze stars for his service in the war.

When released from the army, Halloran returned to SLUH to continue teaching and dedicate his time to coaching. Halloran volunteered to assist the basketball coaching staff and subsequently became the head coach of the freshman basketball team.

Houlihan remembered, "He had a very good team and they were playing some close game. He was up three points with only a minute and fifteen seconds to go. He clears the bench and puts in all the kids who never played. Well we won the game. That night, somebody said, 'That was a pretty gutsy move, Walt.' And he looked at him and said, 'I didn't have my glasses on. I looked up at the clock and I thought there were fifteen seconds to go in the game and it was a minute and fifteen seconds.'"

Physical education teacher Joe Mimlitz knew Halloran while Mimlitz was attending the University of Marquette. Halloran used to play basketball while he was a teacher there. Mimlitz then worked

parents also welcome the change.

Junior Ben Schlote said, "(High school) is not just grades or the kinds of classes you take. It's how you challenge yourself. I think (the new system) makes relevant info more readily available."

Junior Tony Bertucci, who serves on the Academic Affairs committee, added,

with Halloran when he volunteered to coach basketball at SLUH, both as a freshman team coach and then as an assistant B team coach. Mimlitz said of Halloran, "He had a great sense of humor. He was real fun to be around ... but he was kind of a private guy."

Theater teacher Joe Schulte also remembered Halloran from when he taught at SLUH. Schulte said, "(Halloran) was a very personable person. Fun to be around. He was well liked by the faculty and students. My striking memory (of him) is when he would laugh, sit around, and be himself."

Halloran left SLUH in the early '80's for San Diego, where he spent several years of his life. He finally moved to the Jesuit retirement home in Wisconsin when he was diagnosed with cancer. He died last Tuesday at the age of 83.

Marchlewski praised Halloran, saying, "He was very personable, very sunny disposition. I know the kids who had him would hang around him. He was a good athlete. He had one of those attractive personalities: he was warm, he was sharp, he was engaging, he was a good coach. He was a very impressive young man. He was a role model. He stood out among the scholastics as a leader type. He coached kids and they followed him. He knew how to motivate young men. A most engaging, warm and loving kind of guy."

Mimlitz added, "I think he epitomizes what the Jesuits stand for. I think he's the kind of guy that would stand out that if you look back over it, I think when people send their sons to a school like this, he's the kind of guy they're looking for. He's kind of a model type guy. He was very much into education. He liked athletics. I think he epitomizes what the Society (of Jesus) stands for. They can be proud to have a guy like that in their order."

"When you go on college visits, they say, 'If you are in the top five of your class, you will be a good fit here.' Our school is different in that there are a lot of intelligent kids, and there is no real way to grade that. So, I think that it is good to take the focus off of class rank."

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Big Ol' Calendar

Mar. 11-Apr. 1

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Schedule R
Fast Friday
Cashbah Preview Party
Bosco Sticks, Fish & Fries, Meatless Spaghetti

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Cashbah
Placement Test for class of 2009

MONDAY, MARCH 14

IM Bombardment
Hockey Banquet
National Pi Day
STUCO Pie Eating Contest on the Upper Field @ AP
Pizza Sticks, Taco Sticks, Pizza

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Schedule H
Meeting for Class of 2009 & Parents
Funnel Cake, Taco Salad

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Exams: History and Math
Burgers & Pizza

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Exams: Theology and Science
Faculty Study Group, 8 a.m.
Burgers & Pizza

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Exams: Foreign Language and English
Muny Auditions through Sunday
Burgers & Pizza

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Make-Up Placement Test for Class of 2009
ACES Mixer

MONDAY, MARCH 21

No Classes through 28th

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

V BB vs. Cleveland @ Home (Forest Park), 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

B BB vs. St. Mary's @ Affton Ath., 4:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Easter Sunday

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

V/JV TR @ Washington Univ. Invitational @ Wash. U. 9:00 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 28

No Classes
V BB @ Belleville West, 4:15 p.m.
B BB @ Belleville West, 4:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Schedule R
Grades Due
Senior Class Meeting
Young Republicans
V BB Ritenour Tournament @ McCluer North, 4:15 p.m.
V Golf vs. Chaminade @ Glen Echo, 3:30

p.m.

V/JV/C Track @ MCC Relays @ Chaminade, 4:00 p.m.
JV Golf vs. Chaminade @ Forest Park, 3:30 p.m.
Pizza Sticks, Taco Sticks, Papa John's

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Schedule R
Faculty/Staff Mix-it-Up Luncheon
IM Bombardment
English Tutorial
College Visits:
Missouri, University of- Columbia
AP Registration Deadline
V Golf vs. CBC @ Forest Park, 3:30 p.m.
V/JV VB vs. Pattonville, 4:30/5:30 p.m.
JV Golf vs CBC @ Norwood, 3:30 p.m.
B/C TR @ Northwest Relays @ North west, 3:30 p.m.
C BB vs. St. Mary's @ Forest Park #2, 4:15 p.m.
Bosco Sticks, Spaghetti with Meatballs, Bread Sticks

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Schedule H
V/JV VB vs. Mehlville, 4:00/5:00
Tater Tots, Burgers, Pizza

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

No Classes (No Joke)
V BB vs. St. Xavier, 4:15 p.m.
V/JV VB vs. Oakville, 4:00/5:00 p.m.
C TR vs. Chaminade, CBC, DeSmet @ Home, 4:00 p.m.

QUATRO

(from 13)

Parent Debbie Klug agreed, "When you are in the academic setting that SLUH is, ranking doesn't really make any sense because everybody is already in the top 20 percent. Even though you are applying yourself, when you compare yourself to others, you may not be doing well."

On the other hand, senior Luke Dang feels that the the new system will better fulfill the aim of ranking. "The people who take the hardest courses know the other guys who take the hardest courses and work their butts off to do well, and they respect that " said Dang. "(But the

distribution sheets) do show your performance relative to your classmates, which is what class rank is supposed to do."

Senior Skip Young also welcomed the change. "In my opinion, class rank doesn't always reflect the work students put in. ... We don't need another system where you can make yourself feel superior or inferior just because of a number."

STUCO Announcement

The STUCO-sponsored volleyball tournament originally scheduled for March 18 will be postponed again. The sand will be delivered at a later date and the tournament will still take place, but

Swimming All-Metro Members*1st team:*

Tim Heafner (Sr.)
Adam Trafton (Sr.)

2nd team:

Wes Going (Jr.)

Honorable Mention:

David Miller (Fr.) Tim Szewczyk (Sr.)