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PHOTO BY ALEX SCIUTO

Junior Matt Meiners at yesterday's lacrosse match-up against New Trier. See reverse side for the LAXbills' results and more sports highlights.

Cashbah 2005 net exceeds \$423,000, up over 8%

Brian Krebs
Core Staff

St. Louis U. High's thirty-five year tradition of Cashbah remains a shining exception to the law of entropy. Saturday, March 12, over 800 alumni, parents, and friends of SLUH, along with over 300 student volunteers, gathered in the gym to celebrate SLUH's past, present, and future accomplishments in Cashbah 2005: SLUH with a View.

Although Vice President for Advancement Thom Digman and his colleagues are still in the process of tabulating, Digman estimated the net of Cashbah 2005 to exceed \$423,000. Continuing its trend, this year's Cashbah total increased from last year's net of \$390,000, good for an 8.46% increase on the 2004 tally.

As in every other year, the oral auction made up the biggest contribution to the auction's success, grabbing \$166,700. However, the big surprise of the night, according to Digman, was the overwhelming support shown during Fund-A-Need, strictly a donation-only fundraiser. In the end, Fund-A-Need added a staggering \$100,000 plus to the gross, including a \$15,000 donation from a single contributor.

Digman said, "It's awe-inspiring. It brought tears to my eyes."

As for the big ticket items of the night, the 2005 Scion xB went for a cool \$16,000, while the always-popular prom Hummer limo ride was sold for \$1,000.

A pair of puppies were also a hot commodity of the evening. A golden retriever sold at \$1,300, while a Maltese puppy went for \$2,700.

An A.E. Schmidt pool table brought in a surprising amount, going for a hefty \$4,100.

However, one of the biggest surprises in the oral auction centered around the highly-coveted pair of parking spaces on the faculty lot. The present owners, the

According to Sheridan, the students, in addition to financial support, gain important lessons by observing both the generosity and skills of the volunteers that make Cashbah possible.

Sheridan said, "I think it's very good for our students to understand that a very complex organization like Cashbah is basically administered by very capable women. It shows that women are many times much more gifted than we (men) are, and it gives a concrete example of their professionalism and dedication."

Sheridan concluded with his own final grasp of the meaning of Cashbah. Calling it "a grand party for a grand reason with a grand result."

Digman credits first and foremost the auction's chairs, Mary Jo O'Connell, Diane Conway, Ray Steitz, and Joe Banister for the huge success of the evening. Said Digman, "They ran a great, tremendous year. They were phenomenal."

Co-chair Conway was very pleased with how the night unfolded. She said, "Everything went off without a hitch. It just was the perfect evening."

Specifically, Conway received a great deal of positive feedback from guests about the senior picture each SLUH alum had at his table. Said Conway, "(the alumni) loved the pictures and the red carnations. That was really special to them."

Digman concluded, "I just want the students here to understand how important people view their education. The commitment that they made that night should make them very proud, and make them understand the responsibility to use their education wisely."



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An overhead view of the Cashbah festivities.

Gleason and Vitale families, fought to hold onto their spots, reclaiming them for a whopping \$6,000 apiece.

Though popular every year, items this year that included time with President Paul Sheridan, S.J., pulled down especially substantial amounts. A Cardinals game with the departing president went for \$4,500, and dinner for eight with him went for \$3,400.

Sheridan, who has observed Cashbah since 1976, sees Cashbah as "a very healthy thing ... that brings the whole school together."

Tennisbills ready to roll

**Killian Hagen
Reporter**

The 2005 St. Louis U. High tennis team hopes for a successful, exciting season from both varsity (13-2 in 2004) and JV (11-3-0) squads.

The Jr. Bills will battle strong area teams including Kirkwood, O'Fallon, and Chaminade for the number one position in Missouri. Since the Jr. Bills lost no key players from last year's squad, head coach Dennis Dougan hopes "to repeat as last year's MCC champions, and district winners."

Returning key players for this year's varsity include sophomore No. 1 Abe

Souza and junior No. 2 Steve Hipkiss.

Dougan is most pleased that this year's varsity is "a cohesive group that works well to promote each other and encourage each other continuously."

As well as a solid varsity team, this year's tennis team boasts a powerful JV squad that includes key returning sophomore A.J. Koehler. When asked what his goals were for this year, JV coach David Callon said, "We're going to win if not all, almost all matches on JV, but most importantly give varsity the best tennis players they can get for next year."

The Tennisbills first match is at Belleville Althoff on April 4 at 4:30 p.m.

Baseball

March 22 vs. Cleveland: Cancelled because of rain
March 28 at Belleville West: Cancelled because of rain
March 29 at McCluer North:

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SLUH	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	7	11	5	1
McCluer North	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	11	3

W- Ryan Morgan (1-0)

April 1st vs. St. Xavier @ 4:15 p.m.

Track and Field

Saturday March 26: Gateway Invitational, 1st place team finish:

Shot put	4th place: Cliff Leek
1600-meter run	4th place: Dan Meier (4:35)
400 dash	2nd place: Paul Chaney (51.03)
300 hurdles	1st place: Stephen Simmons (42.73)
800 run	3rd place: Charlie Samson (2:04)
200 dash	1st place: Chaney (21.9)—2nd place: Simmons (22.4)
100 dash	1st place: Chaney (10.97)—2nd place: Simmons (11.04)
4x400 relay	1st place: Henry Samson, C. Samson, Chaney, Simmons (3:32)
4x800 relay	1st place: H. Samson, C. Samson, Pat Mannhard, John Kelly (8:25)

Tuesday March 29: MCC Relays, 3rd place team finish:

Distance medley	1st place: Meier, Joe Carlson, Tom Vortriede, Ben Murphy-Baum (11:21)
4x400 relay	1st place: Simmons, C. Samson, H. Samson, Chaney (3:34)
4x1600 relay	1st place: C. Samson, Kelly, Murphy-Baum, Meier (9:03)

Next Meet:

Thursday 4/7 @ Webster Invitational @ 4 p.m.

Golf

Tuesday at Glen Echo vs. Chaminade:

Kyle Ortmann: 40

Evan Boff: 42

Lost by 20 strokes

Yesterday at Norwood vs. CBC:

Matt Bartch: 38

Won by 4 strokes

Volleyball

Record: 1-0

25-18, 25-13 Win over Pattonville (yesterday)

Team Leaders:

Joe Guntli: 8 kills

Joel Westwood: 27 assists

Lacrosse

Record: 2-2

4-3 Win over Linbergh (Monday, 3/5)

8-3 Win over Ladue (Monday, 3/21)

6-4 Loss to Hazelwood Central (Tuesday)

19-3 Loss to New Trier (yesterday)

Team Leaders:

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Alex Brescia	3	0
Larry Howe	1	1
Joe Hof	6	4
Phil Hof	5	4

Goalie Matt Yoon: 2-2 record

Next Game:

Tonight vs Chaminade @ Stadium @ 6:45 p.m.

Roller Hockey

Record: 3-1-0 (tied with Vianney for 1st in division)

Most Recent Game:

5-4 Win over Vianney (Saturday, 3/26)

Team Leaders:

Goals - Chris Place (6)

Assists - Matt Spaeth (3)

Points - Clint Mohs (7) (4-game point streak)

Wins - John Pecher (3) GAA: 2.37

Saves: 84

Next Game:

Friday, 4/1 8 PM vs. Parkway North @ Omni (St. Charles)