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Russia trip to count for credit Schoolwide

Tim Huether
Sports Editor

Cossackbills will once again venture to the land of Russia and the halls of the St. Petersburg Physical Technical School this summer, this time receiving not only a culturally enriching once-in-a-lifetime experience. For the first time, the 12 or 13 students who will participate in St. Louis U. High's Russian exchange will also receive .2 units of a foreign language course credit for their trouble.

"I'd played around with the idea (of the trip counting for credit) for a couple of years, trying to figure out what would it involve, and how to package it right," said Russian teacher Rob Chura; "I felt like there was a lot of work being done (by our students), and that the people doing it need some type of tangible reward for

their work."

Russian students between their junior and senior years have ventured to the St. Petersburg Physical Technical for three weeks in June and July since 1999, when the exchange first began. While in St. Petersburg, students stay with a host family and attend three 45-minute classes daily, five days a week for two and a half weeks. Students are expected to do a small amount of homework each night after school. During the second half of the last week, students travel to Moscow to see the sights the over 750-year-old city has to offer.

Chura initially brought up the plan for the trip to count for credit to Foreign Language Department Chair Mark Tychonievich. The two then presented the idea to Assistant Principal for Academic **DIMITRI, 4**

summer reading inaugurated

Brian Krebs
Core Staff

Members of St. Louis U. High's Instructional Council, which includes administrators and department heads, have chosen Stephen Pressfield's *Gates of Fire* as SLUH's first school-wide summer reading book.

The idea for an all-school summer reading book originated from a combined effort by Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski and English department chairman Bill George, each crediting the other with the idea.

Other area schools have experimented with a schoolwide summer book, including CBC, MICDS, and John Burroughs.

SLUH's departments submitted suggestions for this coming year's book. The Social Studies department suggested *Gates of Fire*, a popular historical novel that several teachers had read, which went on to win the Instructional Council's vote. The council also considered *Into Thin Air* and *Seabiscuit*.

The historical novel recounts the epic Battle of Thermopylae through the eyes of Xeones, the lone Spartan survivor of the battle, dating back to 480 B.C.

"We thought this book would be a very good book that would interest all levels, freshmen through seniors," said Social Studies department chair Tom Wilson. "It's a book we feel everybody

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John Paul II (1920-2005)

PHOTO BY ALEX SCUITO



The memorial to Pope John Paul II in the entrance to the library. He was honored in a special all-school prayer service Monday morning and masses at AP Wednesday and Thursday. For other SLUH connections, turn to pages 2 and 8.

Silence of the Labs: computer lab rules update

Seth Clampett
Core Staff

Silence has always been golden in movie theaters and libraries. Now SLUH's computer lab joins their ranks. Recently, a committee discussed several issues concerning the rules of the computer lab, including the total ban on all games during free periods, the future elimination of first-person shooter games, and the newest rule, the elimination of sound. Students will be allowed to turn on the volume only if they use headphones. Otherwise, the computers will be muted.

This new limitation adds to the existing list of computer rules that math teacher George Mills proposed to the committee in late January. According to Mills, the rules have made "the room this year... a better place. I think the behavior is better and I think the room is appreciated by the

students who use (the room) on a regular basis."

This week, the problem of music piracy was brought to computer technician Jon Dickmann's attention. Five students this week were locked out of their accounts for downloading and sharing music, which took up a large amount of hard drive space. Dickmann saw the problem and investigated. When he learned that the music had been stolen, he froze the accounts and asked them to clear their hard drives, telling some of the students what they did wrong and why they were locked out.

Dickmann said, "We try to monitor loosely student use. We have (a) limited amount of space for student use, and we chose more or less to not impose a strict limit but a theoretical limit, and it hasn't been a problem to this point. We check every now and then where the heaviest use is, and one kid by himself had used more

than the entire senior class or the entire junior class had used, and he had shared the same files with other students. Part of it was disk space, but more of it was music piracy. We locked them out not because of punishment but to get them to talk to us about it."

Although there is not a rule that bans downloading and sharing music in the lab, it is covered by the Parent-Student Handbook by the technology code of conduct.

Dickmann said, "We're trying to put the rules down that aren't necessarily in the Parent-Student Handbook, because there are certain things that apply here as opposed to the library, and there are certain things that are school-wide. Theft in general is covered in the handbook. It's a school-wide policy. The rules are more for the use of the lab and the use of the classroom."

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Viox wins state math contest

Andrew Mueth
Reporter

Sophomore Dan Viox placed first among Missouri freshmen and sophomores who took the American Mathematics Contest-10, an optional test that is part of the American Mathematics Competition (AMC).

On February 16, 110 students in their respective grade's advanced math classes and selected by their math teachers took the AMC test at activity period. Freshmen and sophomores took the AMC-10 examination, while juniors and seniors took the AMC-12 test,

designed for students with more mathematical knowledge.

Viox, although only a sophomore, takes Calculus BC with Tom Becvar. He

answered 24 of 25 problems correctly and left one blank for lack of time. This result earned him 146.5 points out of a possible 150, the best score for this year's AMC-10 test in Missouri. He scored high enough to advance to the next round of the competition, the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME).

Of the 40 freshmen and sophomore test-takers, only two students advanced to the next round, while 17 of the 70 students who took the AMC-12 advanced to the AIME.

On March 8, the 19 students who had advanced took the 3-hour long AIME in the North American Martyrs Conference Room. The test

consisted of 15 problems to be completed without a calculator, and was the same test for all grade levels.

On the AIME, Viox scored an eight
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Viox, sophomore calculus genius.

Ex-scholastic is spokesman for church

Sean Powers
Core Staff

News of Pope John Paul II's death has dominated the media in St. Louis as well as the entire world for the past week. So much in-depth coverage of the pope, his funeral, and the pending papal election has created a high demand for spokesmen from the St. Louis Archdiocese to answer the media's questions. The Archdiocese usually has two official full-time spokesmen in the Office of Communication, but the Archdiocese has temporarily appointed a larger number of priests to deal with the media.

A few people in the St. Louis U. High community might recognize one of them: Rev. Fr. Eugene Morris. Morris roamed the halls of SLUH for four years, from

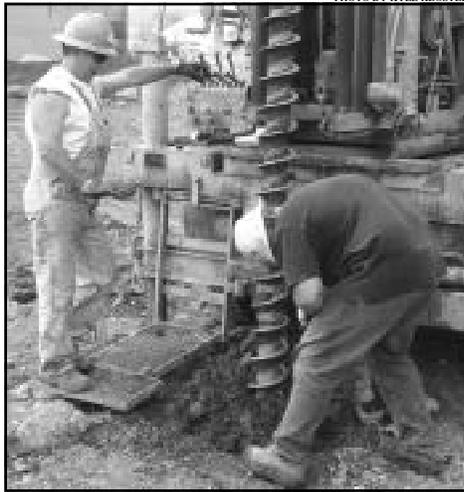
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Sinkholes inhibit construction site

**Kyle Kloster
Core Staff**

While the warehouse demolition crews have mildly inconvenienced driving students, they have run into a few small subterranean setbacks themselves. The several sinkholes and patches of unsettled earth approximately twenty feet deep will hinder the workers' progress until Geotechnology proposes some solutions, hopefully at a meeting next Tuesday.

Workers discovered the phenomena when they tore up the warehouse floors during the demolition. Jeff



Construction workers investigate the sinkhole on Tuesday.

warehouse floors. These holes turned out to be three classroom-sized sinkholes—empty unstable pockets in the ground. The sinkholes themselves were easy to fill, but their unknown source and possible side effects pose concerns for the

crew's and SLUH's plans.

The sinkholes lay open only two days before the crew stuffed them full of rock and fill—dirt, gravel, brick and cinder left over from the warehouses, according to

unknown causes may prove troublesome, according to Kline.

After the discovery of the voids, Geotechnology ran a dipole to dipole resistivity test, a process that involves running current through the ground to map out its geological makeup and expose any unwanted obstacles. The test's data, according to Kline, could help eliminate possible sources of the holes such as abandoned sewer pipes or an old coal or clay mine—which, at first, were a primary concern due to the area's history of coal and clay mines.

The test revealed two anomalies, or "hot spots," that could pose a problem to the construction.

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Snack bar expands to offer ice cream

**Andrew Schroeder
Staff**

Do you have a rumble in your tumbly every day after school? Then, rejoice! This Monday, April 11, the SLUH Sundae Shop will have its grand opening in the rec room.

The Sundae Shop (formerly known as the snack bar) will include chilled novelties such as milk shakes, waffle cones and bowls, ice cream floats, and ice cream sundaes. All of these items will be \$1.25 or less, except for the sundae in a waffle bowl, which will be sold for \$2.

In addition to the new items, the old items will still be available, including popcorn, nachos, hot dogs, candy, chips, and fountain sodas. SLUH souvenir cups will be sold for \$1.25 along with the regular sodas for 85 cents. The souvenir cups will include unlimited refills for 50 cents.

A snack bar raffle will also start Monday with the opening of the new Sundae Shop. For each dollar you spend at the Sundae Shop, you will get one ticket, for the weekly raffle of a \$4 gift certificate to the cafeteria.

Students can get yummys for their tummys every day after school until 4 p.m.

Kline of Geotech explained, "When (the workers) took the slab off, they found what appeared to be holes," under the

Science Club hikes twice over spring break

**Dustin Sump
Reporter**

The Science Club Backpackers raced home after the last day of exams to finish packing their gear, some for two separate trips. The Science Club had a trip March 18-20 to the Taum Sauk trail at the Johnson Shut-ins and a trip March 22-24 to Hercules Glades Wilderness near Branson.

The weekend group consisted of freshman Mike Baumer, sophomore Joel Schmidt, juniors Jack Kearney and Dan Marincel, senior Dustin Sump, Science Club moderator Steve Kuensting and Kuensting's friend Mr. Birtley.

The backpackers hiked nearly three miles over Prophet Mountain's high saddle, a climb of over 600 feet, until they set up a camp along Taum Sauk creek. The next morning, the crew walked through the valley northward to Devil's Toll Gate and Mina Sauk Falls.

The club completed its day trip to the

Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick.

The sinkholes themselves no longer obstructed construction, but their still-

falls and took the tough hike up Prophet Mountain for their second night. The next morning, the whole crew hiked over seven onerous miles of the Taum Sauk trail before reaching the van.

On a rainy March 22, Schmidt, Sump, Marincel and Kuensting, joined by freshmen Jon Tylka and Ben Clark and sophomores Nathaniel Hogrebe and Kyle Nesslien, went on a second trip. By 3:00 p.m. the club had arrived at Hercules Glades Wilderness outside Branson, MO.

After about five minutes down the trail, despite raingear, everyone was soaked. Long Creek had risen several feet before they crossed, and things got worse as the trail crossed the creek further downstream. The usually torpid trickle of water had become dangerously swift rapids up to six feet deep.

After the rain subsided, the club hiked to Upper Pilot Knob in hopes of drier high ground. With their headlamps on, everybody quickly made it to the peak of the

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demics Mark Michalski.

Michalski thought the plan would work out well. Michalski said, "The questions that you always ask about any new class that's proposed, and in a sense I looked at this as a new class that was being proposed, are: Are there specific and appropriate educational objectives there? Do they fit into our curriculum? Is there quality instruction that's taking place? Is there an adequate amount of instruction that's taking place? Is there appropriate assessment that's taking place? And in terms of whether or not we offer credit and allow it to affect a student's grade point average, is one of our instructors in charge of the instruction and assessment that's taking place in that class? It met all of those requirements."

Although teachers from the St. Petersburg Physical Technical School do teach some classes, Michalski said that Chura, "is ultimately in charge of their instruction and ultimately will assess the students as well on how well they've met

the objectives," thus meeting a requirement for it as a class.

Once he approved it, Michalski then presented the idea to the Instructional Council, composed of administrators and department chairs. Following the approval by the Instructional Council, principal Dr. Mary Schenkenberg approved the plan early in the second semester, making the credit official.

Students will be evaluated through one or two small quizzes on classwork during the first two weeks, in addition to a larger quiz the students will take during the train ride from St. Petersburg to Moscow after their classroom curriculum is totally finished. Thirdly, there will be an out-of-class evaluation in which students are required to do a certain task alone in the city.

"It's a real-live situation where I say, 'You have to be able to do this, this, this, and this.' You can't fake it. You have to go some place in a real situation and find something or buy something," said Chura.

Although students' performances on

the trip will be graded, this will not change the nature of the trip in any major way. Chura said, "The curriculum hasn't changed. From the very beginning in 1999, the first year of the exchange, it's always been set up where there are three 45-minute Russian classes a day, five days a week."

On an average day, students work on reading and translating a text during one class, work on conversational material during another, and learn about Russian songs, poetry, and culture in the third.

The trip, said Chura, is "just one more thing that we can add to the curriculum. It adds a unique opportunity to Russian where you can go and do this type of work over the summer in the most rewarding and optimal situation. You're over there in the country and there should be some accountability and some type of record that shows up on transcripts."

Chura enjoys working with the St. Petersburg Physical Technical School mainly because it has a focus on physics and math, rather than the focus on English most Russian high schools have. "For a lot of Russian schools, English is the number one priority for them, so it's really difficult to do exchanges with them because they're not as interested in reciprocating on the Russian (language) end. These guys, their English is good, but that's not their big thing. They hang their hats on physics and math. They're more willing to help (our students) with (their) Russian."

In summation, Chura said of the trip, "It certainly is interesting and enjoyable, but it also is educational."

Announcement

The SLUH Fashion Show, "Steppin' Out..." will be Monday, April 18th at the Chase Park Plaza. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. with the show beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40. It is not too late to save your seat. To make reservations, contact Patti Beck at (314)849-5921.

Senior Ivers shows *Pickaxe*

Jim Santel
Reporter

Deforestation is a large problem in our world, occurring at a rate of about 53,000 square miles per year, according to the NASA Earth Observatory. In an effort to increase awareness about such deforestation in the United States, senior Pat Ivers showed the documentary *Pickaxe* at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon in room J127.

According to Ivers, the film is about a group of people in the Pacific Northwest who prevented logging companies from cutting down some of the oldest forests in the United States for lumber in the early 1990s through protests and demonstrations.

"The people (in the movie) really have no legal way to prevent the logging, so they rip up the roads leading to the forests with pickaxes so that the lumber

company's machinery can't get into (the forests)," said Ivers.

The activists eventually reach former President Bill Clinton, who ordered a halt to the removal of the forests.

"Usually campaigns like this aren't successful at all," Ivers said. "But the people in *Pickaxe* are successful, so it makes you say, 'I wish I could do that.'"

Ivers said that he showed the film because this summer he will be going to Indiana to help protest the extension of Interstate 69, a proposal which would ruin many forests and farms that have been in families for generations.

He hopes that the film would inspire other students to help combat deforestation in Indiana: "*Pickaxe* is a good example of people coming together to fight off an unfair government action," Ivers said. "Hopefully, (the film) will make people say, 'Hey, that's really cool. I want to help.'"

Bigleaguechewbills place third in Jesuit tourney

Justin Rottger
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High baseball team participated in a Jesuit high school tournament this past weekend. Head coach Steve Nicollerat invited St. Xavier High School of Cincinnati, Loyola Academy of Chicago, and St. Mary's to the tournament. DeSmet was invited but declined because they did not want to play SLUH three times in the regular season.

The first game of the tourney pitted SLUH against St. Xavier on Friday. SLUH pulled ahead 2-1 in the first inning after sophomore Mike Quinlan led off with a double, later scoring on a wild pitch. Senior Ryan Morgan walked and scored on a single by senior Dave Venker.

Xavier regained the lead in the top of the second, but the Jr. Bills pulled ahead on an inside-the-park grand slam after

Morgan got hold of a pitch and sent it to deep center field. Unfortunately, Xavier tacked on six runs in the top of the fourth and five more runs in the last two innings to put away the Jr. Bills, 15-8.

Morgan finished the game with four RBIs, and Quinlan, Venker, and senior Mike Deelo each had one. The Jr. Bills committed six errors in the game; however, in the next two games, SLUH made the statement that they were not a six-error team.

On Saturday morning, the Jr. Bills faced Loyola and again put up runs in the first inning: three total, with Quinlan (2 for 4), senior Ryan Johnson (2 for 3), and Morgan all coming across the plate. Deelo drove in two runs on a long double to center field.

The three runs would be all the scoring on the home side, as Loyola's feisty righthander pitched a decent game to close

out the Jr. Bills, 4-3. However, this game should not be overlooked, as the Jr. Bills dramatically improved their play from the night before.

SLUH really came alive in the third and final game of the tournament against St. Mary's. In what has become almost routine in their games, SLUH scored again in the first inning. This time, the Jr. Bills brought four men home. Senior shortstop Brandon Beal tripled over the center fielder's head to drive in Johnson. Morgan added one run, and Deelo laced a pitch down the right field line for a double, bringing in one run. Junior Jared Saeger also had an RBI groundout in the inning.

SLUH's offense came alive, scoring three in the second inning and five more in the third. Johnson was 2 for 2 with a walk, 2 RBIs, and three runs scored; B. Beal also was 2 for 2 with three runs scored.

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Brinebills rattle off three wins

Mike Eilers
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High lacrosse team turned in three impressive performances this past week, starting last Thursday against Chaminade.

Coming out with something to prove after dropping two games in a row, the Warriorbills' offense went to work early against a weak Chaminade defense. A number of SLUH players got in on the goal frenzy, with 11 different players scoring. By the end of the game, SLUH had netted 16 and had only given up one goal to the outplayed Chaminade team.

The Jr. Bills then took on Libertyville, Illinois at Compton Drew on Saturday. Libertyville proved to be a tougher opponent than Chaminade, although the Illinois squad came out somewhat flat in the first half as SLUH went up 4-2 by half.

With renewed energy after halftime, Libertyville tied the game at six early in the fourth quarter, surprising SLUH with their quick comeback.

However, the Warriorbills soon recovered their composure and took the lead when junior Matt Meiners won a face-off and quickly passed the ball to

senior Joe Hof, who immediately jammed it in the cage. The Jr. Bills added one more insurance goal before the game's conclusion and win 8-6.

Tuesday, the lacrosse team played against Vianney in an important contest. The Jr. Bills scored early and never looked back when senior attackman Larry Howe put two in the net only three minutes into the game. Howe, a team captain, had an impressive night, scoring a team high four goals in the game.

Junior goalie Matt Yoon turned in a spectacular performance, protecting the net with cat-like action and reflexes. Yoon played three scoreless quarters with a number of jaw-dropping saves, including one early in the first quarter in which he came out of the cage and stuffed a Vianney shooter one-on-one.

Yoon's performance, coupled with an outstanding defensive effort, prevented Vianney from scoring until halfway through the fourth quarter, after SLUH had taken a commanding 9-0 lead. A number of SLUH penalties gave Vianney ample opportunity to rally in the second half, but the Jr. Bills' defense held strong, preventing any attempt at a comeback. Late in the game, the Griffins added two

more goals, but the game had already been decided. SLUH went on to win 10-3.

This win against the Griffins confirmed the Laxbills' streak. Captain Joe Hof said, "Losing to Hazelwood last week really hurt team morale, and we knew that we had to come out strong against Chaminade. In that game, we finally started playing as a team, and these last three games are a result of that teamwork."

The Laxbills look to continue their successful season by continuing their teamwork and more impressive performances by key players. The loss to Hazelwood Central was definitely an early setback, but the team seems to have overcome this obstacle and looks to the future.

Hof added, "I'm really excited about this season. We're coming off some wins and we have a great shot at making the playoffs and state. We just need to keep up the good teamwork and win some of these games coming up next week."

Next week, the lacrosse team plays Clayton and Parkway Central. They will also be travelling to Indianapolis to compete in the Brebuf Jesuit Tournament against other Midwest Jesuit schools.

Bladebills continue success

John Pecher
Reporter

After an impressive start to their season, the St. Louis U. High inline hockey team looked to extend its winning streak last weekend. With a 4-0-1 record tied for first in their division, the Puckbills took on the Parkway North Vikings last Friday.

Early in the game, the Jr. Bills capitalized on a Parkway North penalty with a goal by sophomore Chris Place. Freshmen Matt Beezley and Carl Fasnacht notched two more goals within 46 seconds. Their momentum continued as the Tourbills added five more goals by the end of the first half.

The Ballbearingbills soon extended their eight goal lead with a snipe from the

Killbills suffer upset to Oakville

Sam Stragand
Reporter

The Volleybills had a busy opening week, winning five matches and losing one. After starting the season last Wednesday with an impressive win over Pattonville, the Jr. Bills took little time trouncing Mehlville in two games.

However, the Spikebills could not overcome a fired-up Oakville team last Friday in a three game upset, 20-25, 25-15, 23-25.

While the loss will set the team back in the rankings, it may have been a much-needed early season wake-up call that could help them in the quest for the state championship.

Bouncing back from the defeat, the Jr. Bills overpowered all three of their opponents this week: St. Mary's on Monday, Parkway West on Tuesday, and Chaminade on Wednesday.

After six matches, many players have garnered impressive stats. Senior Bob Schuster leads four other Jr. Bills in the top twenty area hitters with 35 kills.

point by junior Josh Englebrecht. Senior Ronnie Gentile added his first of the night, and the game ended because of the ten goal mercy rule. The 10-0 victory provided a chance for many younger players to exhibit their ability, as Beezley finished with a hat trick and Fasnacht scored two goals.

However, Saturday's game against Marquette proved to be tougher than the Jr. Bills expected. The T.O.bills jumped out to an early lead on a goal by Place fed from Gentile through the slot. Fasnacht would add another goal less than two minutes later to increase the lead to two.

Marquette battled back, slapping a one-timer over the shoulder of senior netminder John Pecher just a minute later. Despite another goal by Fasnacht, the Mustangs battled back to tie the game at three by the

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Also on the list are senior Joe Guntli, sophomore Murphy Troy, and junior Kevin Heine.

Guntli has also served eight aces, placing him fourth in the area; junior setter Joel Westwood has the second most assists with



Senior Joe Guntli serves on Tuesday against Parkway West. This picture shows Guntli before (right) and after (left) consecutive serves.

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Heine, Schuster, and junior Brian Schneier made the top 20 in blocks with 13, nine, and seven, respectively. The Volleybills look to add to these stats in the upcoming four games next week.

The next obstacle for the Asicsbills comes today when they make the trek across

Pennbills defeat Red Devils, 6-1

Steve Hipkiss and Killian Hagen
Reporters

The St. Louis U. High tennis team travelled deep into the heartland of Illinois on Monday to take on Belleville-Althoff. For the second straight year, the varsity swept Althoff 9-0 because of the strong play of the entire varsity squad. Dominating performances by sophomore No. 1 singles Abe Souza and juniors No. 2 doubles David Lesko and Stephen Hipkiss contributed to the win. The JV team also blanked the Althoff squad 6-0.

Next, the Pennbills played their first home match against conference rival and perennial powerhouse Chaminade. After losing to Chaminade three years in a row at Sectionals, the Crosscourtbills finally got their revenge on the Red Devils, dominating the match 6-1. The lone loss by the Jr. Bills came at No. 1 singles, where Souza lost a heartbreaking third set tiebreaker to defending MCC champion No. 1 Taylor St. Eve. Jack Horgan also turned in an impressive performance at No. 3 singles, while the doubles teams of junior Kevin Howenstein and senior Andrew Casperson, seniors Jimmy Chassaing and Andrew Kriegshauser, and junior Steve Kainz and sophomore A.J. Koller all won convincingly.

The JV finished up well with a crisp 8-3 win by junior Si Kincaid and sophomore Nate Hogrebe, as well as an 8-7 win in a tiebreaker by juniors Killian Hagen and freshman Mike Ferrell.

The Federerbills continue their season today against O'Fallon at 4:15 p.m. at Dwight Davis.

the Mississippi to play Althoff at 6 p.m. Althoff is the first Illinois team the Jr. Bills have played in their history. Next week, the Jr. Bills face a tough matchup against last year's state finalists DeSmet on Thursday at the West County campus. There, the Jr. Bills will look to re-establish their role as top area team after the Oakville upset.

Golfbills fall to DeSmet, Borgia

Michael Doherty
Reporter

The TigerBills teed it up at Forest Park on Tuesday hoping to upset MCC rival DeSmet.

The weather, however, would not cooperate, as strong wind gusts that made approach shots nearly impossible.

One bright moment was the excellent play of freshman Michael Ferris. Ferris played consistently all day with one birdie and one bogey, and his even-par 35 gave him the medalist honors. However, the

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Morgan got the call for the start on the mound for this game, and went four strong innings, giving up only two runs on one hit and striking out five men. Junior Nick Wingbermuehle added strong, hitless relief, pitching the final inning and striking out two. SLUH came away victorious, 12-2.

If twelve runs is not enough, then fans should certainly be pleased with what the Indiansbills did on Tuesday. The Jr. Bills scored 30—yes that’s three-zero—runs against Normandy. The team batted around the nine-man lineup twice in the first inning and three times in the second. One might wonder why these two teams were on the same field together, but a game is a game, and this one was part of the Ritenour tournament.

SLUH looks to continue this barrage

rest of the team played poorly and DeSmet won by 13 strokes.

On Wednesday the Jr. Bills hoped to bring their record back to .500, but a tough Borgia team thought otherwise. On another windy day, the Jr. Bills lost to Borgia by one stroke. Senior team leaders Kyle Ortmann and Matt Bartch could not play, and the team could not pull away with the win. Junior Evan Boff was the low man for the Jr. Bills with a 2-over 37.

The Jr. Bills look to the MCC Tournament on Monday at Forest Park. The 18-hole, all day event will include the top six golfers from all five MCC schools.

of offense as their conference season commences, with three games on the road in the next twelve days—April 7 at DeSmet, April 12 at Chaminade, and April 19 at Vianney, along with several non-conference games sprinkled in with those aforementioned matchups.

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knob and quickly set up camp.

Again going off trail the next day, the group followed glades at the tops of Upper and Lower Pilot Knobs, where they discovered a cave, flowers beginning to bloom, and elephant tracks, geological formation where a sheet of limestone has large holes in it, before departing for SLUH.

HIT-SUNK

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After the resistivity test had highlighted the hot spots, Geotechnology brought in a huge drill to bore down fifty feet into the earth and carve out a sample to determine the nature of the anomalies and paint a general picture of the nature of the earth on the site.

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, Geotech determined from its borings that both anomalies were solid bedrock, good news for the construction.

Although the sinkholes had been partly resolved, the borings done on the ground that the warehouse previously occupied revealed that the site had a twenty foot thick layer of fill over most of it.

Although nothing is yet certain, two possible solutions for the unsettled fill are dynamic compaction—using a big crane with a big slab of concrete to pack in the ground and settle it—and over excavation—peeling back a level of the ground, filling in with solid, stable rock, then brushing the earth back over the site.

Kline said that the fill and the sinkhole problems will only delay the project a little.

BLADE II

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end of the half.

The Jr. Bills were able to slow down Marquette’s momentum until the final five minutes. A defensive miscommunication caused a clearing pass to be gloved down by a Marquette player, who shot it past the Pecher’s blocker. Another defensive breakdown just moments later allowed for the Mustangs to seal the game with their final goal, winning 5-3.

The Tourbills look to regain first place in the division as they take on Homeschool on Sunday. The puck drops at 4 p.m. at the Matteson Square Garden Tri-Plex in St. Peters.

Lacrosse Nightbeat

Last night, the Laxbills (6-2) defeated the Kirkwood Pioneers 10-3. Senior Larry Howe led the team with three goals and one assist, as the Brinebills extended their winning streak to four.

Prep News Nightbeat: Baseball

PHOTO BY TIM HUETHER

Yesterday the

Shannonbills defeated DeSmet, 9-6. Senior Ryan Johnson went deep in the sixth and senior Tony Molina went 3-3 with 2 RBIs. SLUH took their first lead of the game, 6-4, when junior Nick Rigante doubled home two runners in the fifth. Senior Matt Ikemeier (left) picked up the win for the Jr. Bills, who were down 4-1 before battling back.



Three SLUH memories of '99 papal Mass

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It was his soft hands. Even though freshman Kristopher Holmes does not remember what Pope John Paul II said to him as the pope hugged and blessed him, Holmes still remembers his hands.

"I can remember feeling his soft hands, and his peaceful, calm look on his face," Holmes said.

Holmes, along with his sister and parents, had the honor to serve in the offertory procession at the January 27, 1999 Mass celebrated by the late pope in the then-TWA Dome.

Arriving at the Dome at 4 a.m., Holmes and his family, after receiving their security badges, were escorted to their seats near the side of the altar. As the huge space began to fill up to its full 100,000 capacity, his parents became nervous because "of so many people and because (the Mass) would be televised." They knew all eyes would be on them.

When John Paul II appeared in the Dome, well after the doors had closed, all eyes fell on him as he came to the altar. Once at the altar, Holmes realized how close he was to the pope.

"All these people (were) so far away, and yet I was so close to the pope," Holmes said.

Even though Holmes was in the third grade and his sister was in preschool at St. Roch's grade school and the Mass was longer than normal, the pope's presence held his attention.

After Holmes' parents gave the offertory gifts, the pope called for the two children to come over. They came, and he gave each of them a small rosary. He then lay his hands on their heads and blessed them. Holmes can't remember the words the pope said, but he remembers that the pope prayed over them.

"Just to see the pope, and how much he has done for everybody and the world, and I finally got to meet him. That was very inspiring for me," Holmes summed up.

Serving at that Mass was Joe Laramie, '96, currently a seminarian at the Bellarmine House at SLU. Because he and another seminary student at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary were the same height, six feet and two inches, they were paired together to hold the candles.

What Laramie remembers most about the pope was that, even though he gave his homily sitting down, he performed the entire Eucharistic prayer standing and genuflecting.

Laramie said that the greatest inspiration was "seeing (the pope) take his physical pains and disabilities, and use those to create life."

While Laramie held his candle, praying he wouldn't drop it, Pastoral Director Tim Chik sat near the altar participating in the mass with the thousands of other people.

"For me, (the Mass) was a moving experience, to be a physical part of the consecration of the host at a papal Mass. The

bread and wine transubstantiated, mediated by the power of the Holy Father, and I was there and a part of that," Chik said.

While Chik didn't have the chance to come as close to Pope John Paul II as Holmes, Chik felt the pope's peaceful presence.

"(The mass) was a very powerful experience," Chik said.

Chik had also attended the Youth Rally at the Kiel Center the day before. The main difference between the youth rally and the Mass was the form of respect shown to the pope. While the mass highlighted his priestly greatness, the youth rally celebrated his connection to young people.

Before the pope came out onto the floor of Kiel, in an event shown on the Jumbotron of Savvis, he met Mark McGwire.

"To see (McGwire) meet the pope just kind of put people over the edge in a euphoric moment to some extent, just like this cool sports star meeting this cool religious star," Chik said.

And then the pope came out onto the floor in his pope mobile. Where just a day later in the Dome the pope's arrival would bring to a climax hushed excitement, Savvis Center ruptured into a deafening roar while teenagers whipped white and yellow hankchiefs with "John Paul II" written on them.

"The youth rally was a really great experience for a lot of people," Chik said.

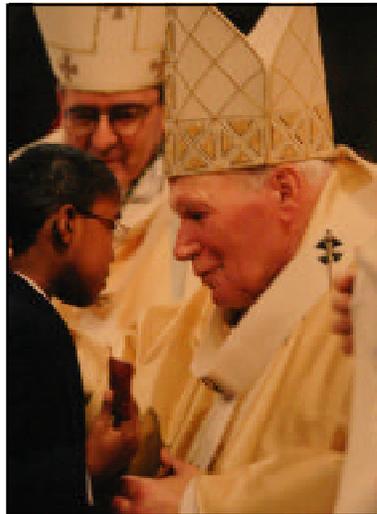
Being at both events, Chik saw the two biggest similarities between the two were the anticipation, when "everybody knew he was on the way, or he was almost there. There was just this build up and build

up of excitement. ... You could just sense it, like a buzz of electricity."

Chik saw the great emotional response to the pope connected to the intimate link between faith and the official Church embodied by the pope. For the Catholic faithful, the experience of celebrating Mass with the pope is so important to ordinary people's personal religious lives, "especially with this pope because he was so charismatic and outgoing," said Chik.

Certainly, the blessing of the pope was meaningful for Holmes. "Just to see the pope, and how much he has done for everybody and the world, and I finally got to meet him," Holmes reflected.

For Chik, the experience of seeing the Holy Father strengthened his faith, especially in the Catholic Church: "I think getting to be in the same room as the pope made the papacy and hierarchy of the church more real to me. It made it concrete; I got to see the guy. Perhaps that is what has strengthened my appreciation for the leaders of the Church. ... I suppose I became more thoroughly convinced of my beliefs as a Catholic, just in the simple act of getting to see the leader of the church."



The pope gives Holmes a rosary while Archbishop Justin Rigali looks on.

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MUTE

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With new software, Dickmann has the capability to regulate student disk space and will watch for suspicious use, but he will not always check into everything. Dickmann compared the computers to student lockers, saying there is a certain amount of privacy, but if Dean of Students Eric Clark needed to get into lockers, he could.

Mills and the subcommittee of the Technology Committee discussed several issues before updating the current list of rules. Mills concluded that the argument could be made about other games. Mills decided that “the answer in the end was no. There (will be) no games whatsoever.”

Another issue brought to Mills’ attention was some of the vulgar language that could be heard coming from the games.

Mills proposed bringing back the old

GOVERNEUR

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1988-1991. He arrived at SLUH as a Jesuit in residence in 1988 and served as a scholastic for the next three years. Today, he remains loyal to SLUH and can be seen a few times a year when he comes to visit.

The past week Morris has spoken on KSDK channel 5, “Vic and Trish in the Morning” on 101.1 FM, and nationally last night on MSNBC.

Because the Archdiocese appointed eight spokesmen, Morris is not overloaded with interviews. This extra assignment, though it is prominent, is still not his full-time job. Morris keeps his first priorities and responsibility in the seminary. He expects he and the other temporary spokesmen’s duties to last “for about a month, up until the installation of the next pope,” said Morris.

sound rule after that episode. Students can have the volume on only if they have headphones plugged into the computer. Students without headphones are required to mute the game they are playing. The school may possibly provide headphones for student use. Dickmann has asked some

Computer Lab Rules

- 1) Gaming is **only allowed** before school, during Activity Period and after school.
- 2) **No moving equipment.** If your keyboard or mouse doesn’t work, find a proctor or move to another machine.
- 3) **No food or drink.**
- 4) When you’re done, log out, **put your chair back** and clean up your area.
- 5) **No** using the TV in the Computer Lab for something other than announcements without special permission.
- 6) Computer sound **should be muted** unless using headphones.
- 7) **Schoolwork always supersedes** other computer use.

students what type of headphone would work well and considered how much it would cost to purchase a set for the lab and computer classroom.

Mills allowed the use of headphones because “sound is important in a lot of the things that you do with the computers, so it would be foolish to say, ‘You can never

listen to the computer.’”

Another advantage for headphone use is that it eliminates events like the one Mills witnessed, where the viewing was communal and used as comedy for multiple people. “There were a whole bunch of guys laughing and playing with it. They were in on it together. With earphones on, they are not going to be in on it together anymore. It’s like locker room talk. If you’re in a locker room by yourself, you’re not going to engage in locker room talk.”

Dickmann and Mills are still trying to find a concrete set of rules that would govern the lab and help out proctors for next year. They are still experimenting with and debating other issues as they come up.

Junior Matt

Wilmsmeyer praised the new headphones rule, saying, “It’s pretty awesome. I’ve been down here during a free period and some music is jamming or you can be in the computer lab in class and you can hear explosions. I’ve seen the headphones and they (will) work, so I think it’s good.”

None of the temporary spokesmen are given statements or press releases from the Archdiocese to share with the media, and all that they share is firsthand knowledge of history and procedure in the church. Because of Morris’ education and career at the seminary and even in Rome for a short while, he has a certain confidence in explaining the current situation.

Morris commented on the Church’s support, saying, “The Archdiocese doesn’t issue any documents for us to share, assuming that we would be prudent on the issue.”

Before the pope’s death, but Morris would share personal experiences, since his death, Morris has now been giving “information based on past history in the Church.”

He was chosen to be one of the spokesmen to share insight on the pope’s funeral

and the next papal election because of his strong involvement in Church administration and teaching.

After his career at SLUH, Morris left the Jesuit order to be an Archdiocesan priest. He currently serves as Director of Worship and as a teacher of sacramental theology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in Shrewsbury.

Since his time out of SLUH, Morris has been involved in the politics, education, and events of the Archdiocese. He served on the Planning Committee for the 1999 Papal Visit, an experience which Morris feels gave him experience dealing with the media.

His current title at the seminary makes him “basically in charge of Mass and morning prayer at the seminary,” said Morris.

Calendar

by Andrew Mueth

Apr. 8-Apr. 15

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Schedule L
Senior Mom Prom
V BB vs. University City, 4:15 p.m.
V/JV TN O'Fallon, 4:00 p.m.
V/JV VB @ Belleville Althoff, 5:00/6:00 p.m.
C BB vs. Bishop DuBourg, 4:15 p.m.
Pizza and Taco Sticks, Mostaccioli with Bread Sticks

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Freshman Class Dance
ACT Exam
Soph. Day of Service
V/JV T&F @ University City Invitational @ U. City High, 10:00 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

Schedule R
Tornado Drill
IM Mental Meltdown
STUCO Spring Fundraiser through 4/22
Academic Orientation for Class of '09 & Parents
V/JV Golf @ MCC Tournament @ Forest Park, 9:00 a.m.
C BB vs. DeSmet, 4:15 p.m.
Funnel Cake, Pizza

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Schedule R
IM Mental Meltdown
Fr. English Tutorial
So. Bonus Reading
College Visits:
"Making Mizzou Count"
Jr. MAP Exam-Comm. Arts
Young Reps. Meeting
V BB @ Chaminade, 4:15 p.m.
V T&F @ All-Catholic Meet @ CBC, 4:00 p.m. through 4/13
V LAX @ Clayton, 6:00 p.m.
V/JV VB vs. Ft. Zumwalt South, 4:30/5:30 p.m.
V/JV TN vs. DeSmet, 4:00 p.m.
B BB vs. Chaminade, 4:15 p.m.
B T&F @ Hazelwood West Relays, 4:00 p.m.
Season Fries, Taco Salad

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

Schedule E
Fire Drill
So. MAP Exam-Math
NHS New Members Induction
President-Elect's Reception
V/JV TN @ CBC, 4:00 p.m.
B BB vs. St. Mary's, 4:15 p.m.
Cookies, Pasta Primavera

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Schedule R
Fr. Class Meeting
Jr. Class Liturgy
STUCO Blood Drive
Faculty/Staff Mix-it-Up Luncheon
V BB vs. Mehlville, 4:15 p.m.
B BB @ Mehlville, 4:15 p.m.
V T&F @ Rockwood Invitational, 4:00 p.m. through 4/15
V Golf @ CBC @ Glen Echo, 3:30 p.m.
V LAX vs. Parkway Central, 6:45 p.m.
V/JV VB @ DeSmet, 5:00/6:00 p.m.
JV Golf vs. CBC, 4:00 p.m.
Bosco Sticks, Burrito Crispito

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Schedule R
Lock-Down Drill
IM Mental Meltdown vs. Faculty All-Stars
V BB SLUH Tournament thru 16th @ Forest Park
V LAX Brebuf Jesuit Tournament @ Indianapolis
V/JV VB @ Marquette, 4:30/5:30 p.m.
V/JV TN vs. Marquette, 4:00 p.m.
Pizza Sticks, Taco Sticks, Meatball Sandwich

VIOXX

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out of 15, one point below qualifying for the next round, the USA Mathematical Olympiad, USAMO.

The only SLUH student at any grade level to advance past the AIME this year was Richard Yi, the Chinese foreign-exchange student.

For earning the top score in the state for the AMC-10 test, Viox will officially receive an award from the governor on May 11 with his parents and Becvar.

Viox plans to take the AMC-12 next year as a junior, which he expects to be harder than this year's test. "I wouldn't be surprised if I got a lower score on the first round," he said, though he believes he has a "better chance of scoring high on next year's (AIME)."

BOOK

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will enjoy reading."

History teacher Peggy Pride said, "It's a book about how the Spartans are trained and their attitude about life." She added, "It's about friendship, loyalty, morality, and justification of war."

Outside of selecting the book, few details have been finalized. When students return in August, they will take a test on the novel. However, the department responsible for creating, administering, and counting the test for a grade has not yet been determined.

In addition to the test, the Instructional Council hopes to include a number of "follow-up activities," according to English department chair Bill George. One possibility includes having a guest

speaker come to the school to speak about the book. However, George added, "that's the part we're still working on."

Instead of reading two books over the summer for English courses, students will now only read only one. Said Wilson, "(The school summer book) will replace one book."

Besides English and Social Studies departments, Michalski said, the book "might provide more opportunity for interdisciplinary study." However, according to the other department heads, including the book in different subjects' curriculum if applicable will be discussed at a later date.

George concluded, "It's something that's going to evolve in the next few years and we'll get better at it as we go."