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Laughlin visits school, meets faculty

Timo Kim
Core Staff

St. Louis U. High president-designate David Laughlin met with administrators and faculty members Wednesday in his first formal visit to SLUH since his selection as current president Paul Sheridan's, S.J., successor. Currently the principal of Rockhurst Jesuit High School in Kansas City, Laughlin will assume the presidency next school year when Sheridan leaves for Bellarmine College Preparatory in California.

"(The day's focus) was getting to meet new people, introduce myself to them, and start to listen to the community of SLUH about who they are,"

Laughlin said. "(Sheridan), I, and the Board (of Trustees) have been in communication ... to make sure I feel like I have the information I need to continue working with the school and the direction it's headed."

During his visit, Laughlin toured the school campus and discussed the day's agenda with Sheridan, Vice President of Advancement Thom Digman, and other administrators. After a break for lunch and a meeting with Principal Mary

Schenkenberg, he spoke at a formal introduction to the faculty in the Currihan room after school.

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Laughlin chats with theology teacher Jim Linhares at the reception Wednesday.

Physics teacher Paul Baudendistel, '90, who attended the meeting, said of Laughlin's visit, "Laughlin repeated several times that he views the forming of young men, of young intellects, as holy work. I really appreciated that, because

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How I Got That Story

PHOTO BY ALEX SCIUTO



Kevin Boehm (right) and Paul Barker in *How I Got That Story*. The play debuts tonight at 7:30 and continues Saturday and Sunday nights. For the full story, see page 2.

Parking demolition continues

Andrew Schroeder
Staff

Most students have noticed the construction on the Berthold parking lot behind the Backer Memorial—not only because of the dust and dirt surrounding the area, but because of the walk to school from the Science Center lot or the temporary gravel parking lot, during which they have plenty of time to take in the sights and sounds of the construction zone. Most students have had this opportunity except for the seniors, who have all managed to squeeze onto the remaining spots on the Berthold lot and street.

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Dauphin Players' *How I Got That Story* debuts tonight

Eric Durban
Staff

Capping off their '04-'05 theatrical season, the St. Louis U. High Dauphin Players will present Amlin Gray's *How I Got That Story*, a dark comedy based on experiences in the Vietnam War, Friday through Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Theater teacher Kathryn Whitaker will direct the production, which follows a war reporter (senior Paul Barker). The other seven members of the production, all seniors, play 21 different characters; each senior has multiple responsibilities. Considering the intensity of the subject, the production has been a challenge.

"It's a great show to watch, but it has been tricky to pull off," Barker said.

In fifteen different scenes, the play touches on topics ranging from teenage prostitution to foul-mouthed GI's, making the production not suitable for a younger audience.

Because of the small cast and the 82-chair studio seating on the stage, Whitaker hopes to take advantage of "our most precious theatrical asset ... the imagination."

Whitaker has added images of the war in the background to give the set "a little more depth." Since the Vietnam War was the first televised war, the slides give the play a "stronger historical context," she says.

Because of the current conflict in Iraq, Whitaker believes the production will have a different feel. "I think the play is timely, considering war is something that has been

on everyone's mind," Whitaker commented.

For the first time in her SLUH career, Whitaker is putting on a production with a cast of all seniors.

Besides Barker, the other seniors are Kevin Becvar, Joey Mooney, Marty Wilhelm, Jack Buthod, Kevin Boehm, Dave King, and Joe Locastro.

"It just kind of worked out that way, but it is nice to have a final senior production," said Whitaker.

Barker likes having classmates by his side. "The trust is already there, and it makes it a little more fun," Barker said.

How I Got That Story opens tonight and runs through Sunday with a showtime of 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

STUCO sponsors Friends of Kids with Cancer

Jim Santel
Reporter

Students could be seen wearing hats or stickers throughout the school on Tuesday as part of this year's Student Council's Spring Fling fundraiser, which is supporting the charity Friends of Kids With Cancer.

According to its official brochure, Friends of Kids With Cancer seeks to "raise money to improve the quality of life for children with cancer." This is the third year that the proceeds from the Spring fundraiser have gone to Friends of Kids With Cancer.

Students were encouraged to pay the two dollars necessary to buy a Hats On sticker to be allowed to wear a hat during school. Collection began on Monday, with a largely lackluster student response.

"(STUCO) decided that this year, we would charge two dollars as opposed to the one dollar (charged) in the past. We didn't think it would be a problem," STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson stated. "But for some reason, the response of the students was one of, 'Oh, we have to give two dollars.' We had to remind (the students) that (the money)

was going to a good cause."

An announcement made over the PA system by Vice Principal for Student Affairs H. Eric Clark on Monday reprimanding the student body for the low support of the fundraiser seemed to have the desired motivational effects on students. "I'm glad (Clark made the announcement), because the response (this week) was great," Kesterson said.

Both Kesterson and STUCO president Joe Eggleston emphasized the fact that the hat day's main purpose was to raise awareness among the student body about the fundraiser, which continues until the Spring Fling carnival on April 23.

"Wearing a hat is not the important thing. The important thing is wearing the hat to realize where the money is going to, that it's going to a good cause," said Kesterson.

According to Kesterson, the total amount raised as of Wednesday was about \$1,200, a sum which will be bolstered by funds from the Spring Fling carnival.

However, the donation stemming from the carnival funds may be less than in years past. Eggleston said, "We didn't have the winter mixer, and so we need the money because right now (STUCO) is in a bit of debt. But we're going to give what we can

from the carnival to Hats On."

"We thought (Friends of Kids With Cancer) was a worthy (charity) because so many people have family members or friends who have cancer, so people are generally really enthusiastic about it," Eggleston concluded.

Quote o' the Week

"The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of communism is the equal sharing of miseries."

—Winston Churchill

Announcement

Junior Steve Beck's red Ford Explorer was hit last week in the parking lot. Anyone with information pertaining to the unidentified driver should call Steve

Mothers' Club and Jazz Band team up for fashion show

Tim Malecek
Staff

For most students, the transformation from winter to spring marks the beginning of spring sports, the baseball season, and the final rigor of AP coursework. However, for St. Louis U. High mothers, spring brings SLUH's annual fashion show, chaired this year by Kim Bosch and Ann Rice.

This year's fashion show, themed "Steppin' Out..." is an "evening of fashion and musical theater," said Rice. The fashion show is not a fundraiser, but instead, is designed to be a "fun evening for the moms of SLUH and a big 'thank you' to all the senior moms who did anything for SLUH and their sons," explained Rice.

The SLUH Jazz Band and the *Music Man* quartet—consisting of sophomore Alex Indelicato, juniors Mike Moramarco and Nick Dennis, and senior Dave King—will entertain guests during cocktails and dinner. Junior Jim Schaeffer will provide piano accompaniment during the fashion show, while mother Julie Probst will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

SLUH seniors and their mothers will model most of the clothes, which come from Talbot's men's, women's, and children's departments. The fashion show

has seen a decided increase in senior participants and has some mothers and sons even wearing costumes donated by STAGES, a theater in Kirkwood.

In addition, SLUH faculty will join the models and strut their stuff, to the delight of seniors. Rice said, "We have some infamous SLUH faces, including Dr. (Mary) Schenkenberg, Mr. (Eric) Clark, Mr. (Tom) Becvar, Mrs. (Rosemary) Queathem, and Mr. (Craig) Hannick and his four daughters."

The fashion show will include cocktails, dinner, a Pot O' Gold, and raffles. "Roses With Rewards" will give attendees the opportunity to purchase a rose and possibly win different prize baskets if a basket's number matches the number on the rose.

"Everyone's doing a great job, and it's coming together great," said Bosch.

Rice added, "We have had an awful lot of fun, and an enormous number of moms have helped us through it."

Both Rice and Bosch emphasize that people can still make reservations for the fashion show on Monday, April 18 at the Chase Park Plaza. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each. To make reservations, contact Patti Beck at (314)849-5921.

Sophomores participate in day of service

Tim Nesmith
Reporter

Sixty-two St. Louis U. High sophomores donated their morning last Saturday to their community.

"I don't have time to do normal community service, so (the day of service) is an opportunity I am very excited to take advantage of," said sophomore Andrew Mueth, who volunteered at St. Matthew's Parish in the city.

Mueth and his fellow sophomores congregated at 8:30 a.m. in SLUH's chapel for a brief meeting and Bible reading from Pastoral Director Tim Chik. After the meeting the students divided into two groups. Twenty students remained at SLUH to package and deliver excess SLUH computers to a nonprofit organization that refurbishes old computers and gives them to people who need them, such as hospitalized children.

The second group of students boarded buses and headed to St. Matthew's Parish. When the students arrived at St. Matthew's, they were greeted and directed by Steve Hutchinson, who broke the students into four groups and directed each to a specific location in order to do a certain job.

Mueth and the group he was in were directed to the parish parking lot, which was covered with glass and mulch. Their job was to sweep and rake the lot.

The overall feeling from those who attended was that the day was a success, and that people will attend the day of service next year as well.

There were, however, 197 sophomores who did not attend. Many students felt that the day of service was not well advertised and that they didn't know about it far enough ahead of time. Others knew, but, like the track team, had prior commitments. Tom Nagel, who did not attend the day of service, said, "I heard it was a lot of fun, and I will probably attend next year."

Math department celebrates National Math Awareness week

John Taaffe
Reporter

The math department organized a new contest this week in honor of National Math Awareness week.

To honor the math department and students' efforts towards math, department teachers have created a five-problem contest for this week.

Math teacher Jean Elliott, who organized the contest, described it as, "A problem a day for the students to complete." Students at all four levels are in-

vited to participate, and can do up to all five problems. According to Elliott, the contest materialized when, "A bunch of us (math teachers) were sitting around last Friday."

The prize for the correct entries, you may ask? "Girl Scout cookies," said Elliott, adding, "but the math department already ate all the Thin Mints."

Once all the entries are turned in today, the winners will be announced. You can find the problems for Friday in the math department window.

PARK

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The Berthold parking lot actually lost 60 more spaces than originally planned, which “made things a bit tighter than we would have liked,” Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick said. “But we were able to get all of the seniors inside the fenced area,” he added.

The juniors have been affected the most by last week’s loss of 180 spaces. They have been moved to the temporary gravel parking lot directly across from the Science Center Boulevard, which holds about 70 cars. The overflow juniors have joined the sophomores, parking on the south Science Center lot.

“The demolition process took about a month longer than we thought, which was probably a good thing from a parking standpoint, because the longer that went, the more we were able to maintain the size of the old lot,” Zarrick said. The month-long delay has also allowed the St. Louis weather to warm up so that students can now walk to and from school quite comfortably.

So far, the parking predicament has been working out well, except for a few minor glitches.

According to Zarrick, one problem is that “there have been numerous SLUH cars parking on Berthold in front of the Valley Farms building. We’re asking that students let the Science Center Staff park there,” he said.

Zarrick wants to avoid problems with the Science Center that may result if students continue to park there, and said that “(they) just feel it’s safer and more secure to have the students on the lot than on the street.”

The other hitch in the new parking strategy is that “the juniors are having a difficult time pulling out with the senior flow coming down Berthold,” Zarrick said.

To combat this problem, Zarrick and Director of Security Charlie Clark ask that the seniors turn right onto the Science Center Boulevard when exiting the parking lot and then go right or left on Oakland from there. This will allow the juniors to turn left out of the gravel lot onto Berthold

without delay and then go to Macklind to turn right or left. Finally, the juniors and sophomores on the Science Center lot will exit through the back of that parking lot toward Manchester and Wise Ave. Zarrick endorsed this solution and said, “We’ll be able to get three lines of traffic that don’t intersect and hopefully expedite the flow out.”

The current construction site will eventually be part of the new soccer and baseball fields provided by this phase of Vision 2000.

After all of the demolition is complete, “we’ll be working on (grading) for the next month and a half.” All of that dirt (from the parking lot) is going to be moved down throughout the (future soccer and baseball) fields,” Zarrick said. Then, according to Zarrick, they will be “starting the installation process of storm sewers underground.”

The baseball field and the track that will circle the soccer field will be done in plenty of time for next season. However, the soccer field will not be ready for the fall, but this is not certain.

“We may make up some time in the concrete work,” Zarrick said, which would allow the field to be ready for the first game.

“Our goal is to get some soccer play on the new field (this fall),” he finished.

Aside from the playing fields, the current phase of Vision 2000 will turn the temporary gravel parking lot into a sort of “plaza turnaround” according to Zarrick. It will serve as a pick-up and drop-off place for students. The new student parking lot will be located where the south Science Center lot is now, but it will be much larger to accommodate all SLUH drivers.

Zarrick continues to stress the importance of carpooling, not only for school every day, but also for special events. “Senior Follies and Spring Fling traditionally bring very, very large crowds, and any kind of carpooling that can be done for those events would be helpful. We are going to have a parking issue with those kinds of events,” Zarrick said.

PREZ

(from 1)

(teachers) don’t spend (their) days here thinking of grading lab reports as holy work. ... The face of the school has changed a lot over the last ten or 15 years, but I don’t think the mission has changed. I think the president’s job, ultimately, is to foster Jesuit education, and it sounds like (Laughlin) is the right man for the job.”

Laughlin’s discussions with SLUH administrators throughout the day also touched on the schedule for the transition period for his new job.

Digman said, “Nothing has been finalized yet, but the broad outline is first and foremost (Laughlin) wants to complete and close down his relationship with Rockhurst ... and then about the first week of August, he will start to really work into next year.”

After a break in the afternoon, Laughlin returned to SLUH to finish his visit with a reception for board members and notable donors to the school.

Although the brevity of his visit did not allow for an introduction to students, Laughlin did meet informally with several students during his talks to administrators around the school.

Freshman Rob Amerson, who met briefly with Laughlin in the main office shortly before Laughlin’s meeting in the Currihan room, said, “At first, I did not know (Laughlin) was the president. I thought he was just some guy waiting in the office because he was so young. Then (Schenkenberg) introduced me to him. I was shocked, but he was very funny ... and just comfortable to be around.”

On the visit and his impression of SLUH, Laughlin said, “Every school has a different culture, but I saw right away ... just watching the students walk the hallways, talk with one another, and interact with their teachers, there’s a kind of maturity (at SLUH) that you would expect to see from people who are motivated to learn.”

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Track and Field takes first at U. City Invite

Henry Samson
Reporter

You could call it a coming out party. You could call it a legendary day in the Saint Louis U. High track history books. But for the blazing Jr. Bill tracksters, you might just want to call it a routine day, as the Sprintjogthrowbills took the U. City Invitational with 86 points, 5.5 ahead of second place finisher Marquette, who scored 80.5.

"U. City is definitely a major meet," said head coach Jim Linhares. "It's a meet that everyone in the area looks at to see who's tough."

Still riding on the wings of its Gateway Invitational victory, SLUH's goal was to "go in and win the meet," according to coach Tim Chik. A victory would be a vast improvement from the team's sixth place finish last year. However, a

number of top notch runners from Ladue and two area powerhouses, Marquette and Eureka, made that goal as challenging as it was tantalizing.

As usual for SLUH athletic teams, the meet was a thriller from the 10 a.m. start to the 7 p.m. finish. The varsity 4x800-meter relay team of seniors Pat Mannhard, John Kelly, and the Samson twin tandem of Charlie and Henry started out the day with a tough second place finish to Marquette with a season-best time of 8:16.22.

Charlie Samson ran a solid 1:59 anchor leg but could not hold off a surging Garret Jefferies from Marquette, who ran a 1:55 split and edged out Samson in the final stretch.

Immediately after the 4x800, junior rockets Paul Chaney and Stephen Simmons blistered down the home stretch in the 100-meter dash in 10.91 and 11.02

for first and second place respectively. After Chaney added a second place finish in the 400 and Simmons a third place finish in the 300 hurdles, the duo repeated their one-two punch in the 200, finishing first and second again. They provided a huge chunk of the team's much-needed points.

"This is truly a remarkable thing for two sprinters from the same team to go 1-2 in the big sprint events," stated Linhares. He added, "I've never seen it, even at schools who have a long tradition of sprinting excellence."

But you can't just win meets with sprints. Sophomore Niko Mafuli did not throw the discus to his potential, but heaved it 124-9 nonetheless for a seventh place finish. And junior big man Cliff Leek, who continues to throw the shot put better and better, pushed it out 45-9 to nab a third

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Doubleplaybills defeat DeSmet, 9-6 *MCC win snaps eight-game losing streak to Spartans*

Justin Rottger
Reporter

Ecstasy. Head coach Steve Nicollerat must have felt exhilarating joy last Thursday as his Jr. Bills defeated the DeSmet Spartans for the first time in four years. The Jr. Bills had lost eight straight previous matchups between the two teams.

The game was certainly a test for SLUH (5-2, 2-0 MCC), because its first conference game was played at DeSmet on a rather cold and windy April afternoon.

After the team managed only one hit in the first two innings, senior catcher Tony Molina singled in the top of the third; senior Dave Venker followed with a double to drive in Molina and cut the DeSmet lead in half, 2-1.

The SLUH bats then woke up in the fourth. Back-to-back singles by junior Jared Saeger and senior Mike Deelo and a walk by junior Nick Riganti set up Molina, who singled sharply to left field, plating two runs and bringing SLUH to within one run, 4-3.

Scoring continued in the fifth when SLUH took the lead for good. Senior Ryan Morgan reached base on a one-out walk and then stole second. Saeger then knocked Morgan in with an RBI single, making the score 4-4.

After Deelo smoked a ball to deep center field for a ground rule double, Riganti singled in two more runs, extending the SLUH lead to 6-3. DeSmet scored another run in the bottom of the fifth, but senior Ryan Morgan delivered a virtual knockout punch, blasting a pitch over the center field fence for a solo home run.

SLUH still had more coming, as Morgan slammed a stand-up triple and Saeger followed with his second RBI of the game on a single through the right side. The Jr. Bills added one more run in the top of the seventh on a sacrifice fly by Molina.

Molina finished the afternoon 3 for 3 with 3 RBIs, and SLUH cruised to a 9-5 victory and their first conference win of the season. Senior ace Matt Ikemeier pitched five innings and struck out two men, and Johnson nailed down the victory

with a save, throwing two scoreless innings of relief.

This is certainly a good start for SLUH, since they will try to prove to the rest of the MCC that they are a force to be reckoned with. As shown in this game, SLUH's bats will not go quietly.

The Jr. Bills justified this statement by showing no mercy whatsoever to visiting University City last Friday, winning 11-0. In what turned into a blowout early, SLUH scored one run in the first on a wild pitch, bringing home Venker, who had led off the inning with a dribbling single through the left side. Five more runs came home in the second, with RBI hits coming from sophomore catcher Josh Cole, Venker, senior Brandon Beal, and Morgan.

Junior Alex Primo had three hits batting in the seven slot, and junior Dom Palumbo scorched a bases-clearing double in the bottom of the fourth inning.

This game was not the biggest test for the Jr. Bills, but good practice anyway. The true test came this past Tuesday

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Killbills spike two more

**Sam Stragand
Reporter**

With the beginning of MCC play yesterday, the St. Louis U. High volleyball team is coming off wins against a surprising Althoff team and a strong Fort Zumwalt South team.

On Friday, the team made the trek across the Mississippi into the Land of Lincoln to play the new Althoff volleyball squad. Since Mom Prom was that night, the varsity squad played first so that seniors Joe Guntli, Bob Schuster, and Steve Baker could accompany their mothers to the dance.

In the first game, the Schneierbills quickly dispatched the smaller Illinois team, 25-13.

In the second game, the Volleybills encountered more resistance from the suprisingly well-rounded Althoff squad. However, after a series of great defensive plays led by junior Dave Bosch, the team regained its confidence to win 25-17 and take the match, 2-0.

Pennbills improve to 3-0 in the MCC

**Killian Hagen
Reporter**

The Tennisbills continued their dominance in the St. Louis area this week with sweeping wins on both the varsity and JV levels against DeSmet on Tuesday night at the Dwight Davis courts in Forest Park, and against CBC on Wednesday night at CBC.

Sophomore No. 1 Abe Souza outmatched his DeSmet opponent Drew Brightfield to come out on top with a 6-1, 6-1 win.

Junior No. 2 Steve Hipkiss endured against Mike Blossar for final set scores of 6-3, 6-3. Senior Paul Eschen and junior Kevin Howenstein defeated their Spartan opponents at No. 1 doubles with set scores of 6-3, 6-1 to clinch the varsity sweep of DeSmet.

The JV team proved SLUH's depth with an 8-3 victory by No. 1 sophomore Eric Fiedler and a 10-3 win by A.J. Koller and Andrew Nelson at No. 1

Happy to return home, the Guntlibills won a scrappy match on Tuesday against a talented Zumwalt South team. In the first game, the Killbills had trouble from the start when they could not control their serves. However, a combination of crushing kills by junior Kevin Heine, sophomore Murphy Troy, and Schuster put the Schneierbills ahead for good, winning the first game 25-17.

In the second game, a string of serves including three aces from junior Brian Schneier gave the Jumpbills a strong lead. They kept the lead to win the game 25-14 and the match 2-0.

With a games record of 15-2, the Acebills look for a strong showing in the MCC, where Vianney is again favored to win and a strong DeSmet team looks to avenge their loss in the title game to the Griffins last year.

The Killbills play today at Marquette at 5:30 p.m. Next Wednesday at home at 6:00 p.m., the Jr. Bills face the defending state champ Vianney Golden Griffins in a matchup that promises to thrill.

doubles. While the JVbills did suffer some losses, they came out on top, 6-2.

Junior Si Kincaid reflected on the Jr. Bills' win, and "hopes to continue doing well but is surprised that the matches haven't been more competitive."

Wednesday night the Federerbills traveled into West County to face the CBC Cadets. The Jr. Bills furthered their winning streak by crushing CBC on both varsity (7-0) and JV (6-0) levels.

Varsity highlights included Jack Horgan's 6-0, 6-0 victory against CBC sophomore Welkner, junior David Lesko's 6-1, 6-1 overpowering of CBC junior Tom Cramer, and seniors Jimmy Chassaing and Andrew Casperson's 6-0, 6-0 triumph at No. 2 doubles.

JV followed suit with clear-cut victories from every doubles team, including freshman Andrew Nelson and junior Jason Rusch's 8-1 success at No.1 doubles.

The Roddickbills hope to continue their success tonight versus Marquette at Dwight Davis in Forest Park at 4:00 p.m.

Golfbills take third in MCC

**Tom Junker
Reporter**

The Golfbills were excused from class on Monday and headed over to Forest Park for the MCC Tournament. The day was a mixture of the expected and unexpected, beginning with the expected rain that fell on the players towards the middle of the day.

The Jr. Bills took third place as expected with a total score of 396, falling to Chaminade and DeSmet while defeating Vianney and CBC. Some of the highlights included low scores from seniors Steve Lestmann and Matt Bartch, junior Evan Boff, and freshman Michael Ferris.

Ferris shot the lowest score for the Jr. Bills along with Bartch, a 77, which was good for eighth place in the tourney. Head coach Greg Bantle said this of Ferris' performance; "We needed a young gun this year and Ferris certainly gives us that. His small stature provides us with an opportunity to use his talent as a sneak attack on the other team. I think with a lot of experience and some key coaching tips, Ferris can reach even higher levels."

Of the match, Lestmann said, "You know, you just go out there and you give 110 percent and you hope you play good and you want to play good, (and) I think I played pretty good today."

The Birdiebills hope to dominate their next tournament, the Webster Cup, on Monday at 9 a.m.

Golf Nightbeat

The St. Louis U. High Wood(s)bills tied the CBC Cadets yesterday, 244-244, at Glen Echo. Junior Alex Luebbert took home a 38, the lowest score for the Mastersbills, who also received scores of 39 from freshman Michael Ferris and 40 from junior Mike Doherty.

Warriorbills make it five in a row

Mike Eilers
Reporter

Last Thursday, the lacrosse team traveled to Greentree Park to face off against Kirkwood for its first away game of the season.

After a two-hour delay because of late referees, the game finally began at about 7:30, and the Jr. Bills were in for a surprise. Kirkwood scored first in the contest, but that's not what caught the Jr. Bills off guard.

From the very first faceoff of the game, it became apparent that Kirkwood was more concerned with hitting SLUH players as hard and often as possible than with concentrating on the ball. The Laxbills were not expecting such a physical game, but Kirkwood had become riled up after a minor scuffle at the conclusion of the JV game. Nothing major occurred, but the incident served to fire up the Kirkwood squad.

Kirkwood took the early lead, but their own physical play eventually led to

their downfall. At first, the Pioneers remained under control, delivering forceful but legal hits. Soon, however, as SLUH put in two quick goals, the Kirkwood team began to fall apart. Penalty after penalty was called on the Pioneers, who dug themselves into a deep hole by allowing SLUH to capitalize on a number of man-up situations.

By halftime, the Brinebills held a satisfactory lead of 4-1, but the team could see that Kirkwood was self-destructing.

In the second half, the referees decided to equal out the penalties, giving SLUH just as many as Kirkwood. However, the Jr. Bills' man-down squad held firm, allowing only one goal in over ten minutes of short-handed play.

On the other hand, SLUH took advantage of its opportunities, increasing their lead throughout the second half. Kirkwood netted a third and final goal late in the game, but it was too little too late as the Streakbills added another win to the record, 10-3.

With a total of 32 minutes of short-

handed play for both teams, it was obvious the referees were in a bad mood after arriving two hours late and missing their favorite show: Survivor.

Junior Dan Pickering commented, "I was a little afraid to go in there. Coach told me that (the Pioneers) would break me in half if they got the chance."

The Laxbills journeyed to Gay Field on Tuesday to compete against the Clayton Greyhounds. In another delayed game (this time due to weather), SLUH came out hot. Under the fear that the game might be rescheduled because of lightning, the Attackbills scored twice early, hoping to finish off Clayton quickly. However, a light drizzle soon developed into a steady shower by halftime. After the quick start, SLUH cooled off a bit with the rain and allowed the Greyhounds to hang around. At halftime the score was 3-1.

The second half continued as the first had finished, with sloppy weather and some sloppy play. The Jr. Bills snuck a few more by the Clayton goalie, but the team owed the win to their own goalie, see RELAX, 8

Lacrosse Nightbeat

PHOTO BY KYLE KLOSTER



Last night, the Laxbills's win streak was broken by Parkway Central, as they fell 8-7 in overtime in the SLUH Stadium. The teams were tied going into half, and SLUH tied the game again in the second half after falling behind by two. Seniors Larry Howe and Joe Hof scored three and two goals in the game, respectively. Above, junior Mike Eilers strips a Parkway Central player of the ball in the second half.

Volleyball Nightbeat

PHOTO BY KYLE KLOSTER



Last night, the St. Louis U. High Volleybills defeated No. 2 DeSmet Spartans, 22-25, 25-22, 25-20. After losing the first game the Jr. Bills battled back, receiving big kills from sophomore Murphy Troy in the second game and senior Bobby Shuster in the third game. Above, Shuster kills a ball through two DeSmet blockers in the second game.

RUNAROUND

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place finish and a few vital points.

The distance squad added some of its own flavor to the day. Senior Dan Meier and junior Ben Murphy-Baum both ran 4:31 in the mile, capturing sixth- and seventh-place finishes, respectively. Senior Charlie Samson gutted out a fifth-place effort in the 800, which he considered "disappointing."

Murphy-Baum also added a 9:48 two mile later in the day for a second place effort.

According to Chik, the most impressive race had to be senior Alex Muntges' two mile in the JV division of the two mile. Muntges essentially ran all by himself and cranked home a 9:44, weaving in and out of the multitudes of runners.

"Muntges and Murhpy-Baum, and Meier for that matter, are going to be a great 1-2-3 for us later on," said Chik as he scuffled through the halls to class.

The real drama of the day unfolded before the last race, the 4x400 meter relay. The sprint and distance squads combined as Chaney, Simmons, and the two Samsons came together for the last event. Just minutes before the event, the coaches learned that SLUH was ahead of Marquette by just 1.5 points.

Simmons smoked through in a 51.5 split that gave SLUH the early lead over Marquette. The two Samsons held position and handed off to Chaney in fifth place. Chaney proceeded to fly around the track to help the team finish in 3:26, good for fourth place. Even though it was no victory, SLUH placed several places ahead of Marquette to seal their victory.

"This is what it's all about," said sprint coach Chuck McCall.

A man of many words, too few which are understandable, said at lunch on Wednesday, "Against the sage wisdom of the critics, SLUH track did in fact win the U. City Invitational." That man was Muntges.

Linhares closed with, "It's great that we won. It really is. But now we've been marked, and have to go into every meet twice as hard because we are the team to beat." The next meet for the tracksters is today at Rockwood High School at 4 p.m.

BIG BATS

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against conference rival Chaminade.

With ominous storm clouds pressing into the area, SLUH's offense seemed to come alive. Bats had been silent for the first four innings, but almost in a flash of lightning, SLUH's offense lit up the field. The Jr. Bills batted around in the fifth with a key hit coming from Johnson, who nearly hit the ball right out of the park but came up just short, bouncing it off the wall; he would end up with a triple on the play. Riganti also drove a pitch deep over the center fielder's head for two more RBIs.

SLUH scored six times in the top of the fifth, and Morgan came in to shut the door on Chaminade. In the top of the seventh, Morgan hit the leadoff man but induced a 5-4-3 double play on nice glove work from third baseman Johnson, sec-

RELAX

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junior Matt Yoon, and attackman senior Joe Hof. Hof led the team with an impressive four goals on Tuesday, while Yoon came up with numerous saves to keep the Greyhounds to only two goals in the game. Even as the sun set, Yoon kept the cage protected despite poor vision, as Gay Field had no lights. The Fivestraightbills kept the streak alive, finishing off Clayton 6-2.

ond baseman Mike Beal, and first baseman Mike Deelo. Morgan then got the final batter of the game out on a pop fly to left field. SLUH notched its second MCC victory of the season by the score of 6-4.

The Jr. Bills have now won five games in a row and have posted two straight wins in the MCC, a definite confidence booster. SLUH will head into the weekend with a 5-2 record.

They look ahead to a crucial game next Tuesday against Vianney, where MCC supremacy will be on the line. But as the Jr. Bills have shown their fans, they can certainly produce a plethora of runs at once, even to the tune of six in one inning against a very tough pitcher.

SLUH will look to continue their success in a tournament this weekend at Forest Park.

The Jr. Bills' record now stands at 7-2 as they prepare to depart today for the Brebeuf Jesuit Tournament in Indianapolis this weekend.

Concluded Pickering, "At the tournament, we will have a chance to meet and play against a number of other midwest Jesuit teams. It should be a lot of fun, and the team is really looking forward to a weekend of good lacrosse."

BASEBALL NIGHTBEAT

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The Diamondbills suffered their first loss to an in-state team last night, falling 9-7 to Mehlville. Although the Jr. Bills started out with a 5-0 lead, they were eclipsed by Mehlville in the fourth, and Mehlville didn't look back from there. Senior Dave Venker provided one highlight in the loss, going 2 for 3 and scoring three runs. Senior Ryan Johnson (above) is seen sliding into third.

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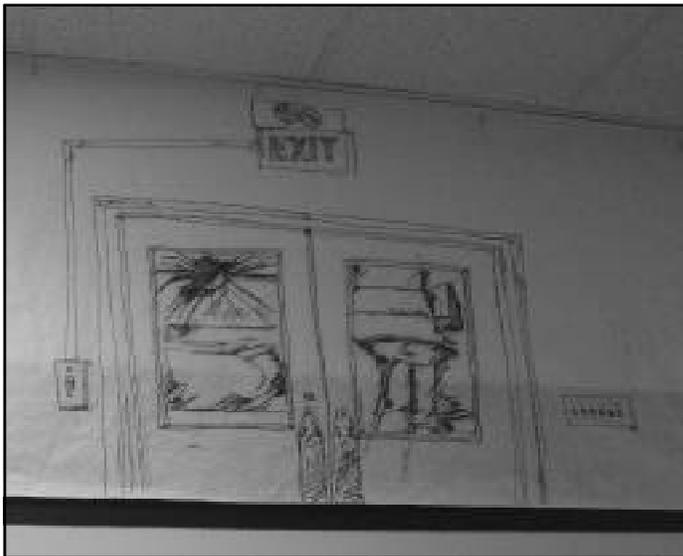
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Junior Hallway Art

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Pictured above is art teacher John Mueller's drawing of the exit of the Ignatian Conference Room. The drawing is part of a project drawn by juniors in Mueller's Drawing 2 class during Senior Project. The project, which is hung in the junior hallway, features 360 degrees of drawings of the Ignatian Conference Room.

by Andrew Mueth

Calendar

Apr. 15 - Apr. 22

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Schedule R
 Fire Drill
 IM Mental Meltdown vs. Faculty
 Dauphin Players' *How I Got That Story*
 thru Sunday @ 7:30pm
 V BB SLUH Tournament thru 16th @
 Forest Park
 V T&F @ Rockwood Invitational, 4:00pm
 V LAX Brebeuf Jesuit Tournament @
 Indianapolis
 V/JV VB @ Marquette, 4:30/5:30pm
 V/JV TN vs. Marquette, 4:00pm
 Pizza Sticks, Taco Sticks, Meatball Sand-
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SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Junior Day of Service
 V BB SLUH Tournament @ Forest Park
 C BB @ Vianney Double Header, 10:00
 am/12:00pm
 District Academic Team Competition

MONDAY, APRIL 18

Schedule R
Sisyphus Manuscripts Due
 IM Bombardment
 Mothers' Club Fashion Show and Dinner
 College Visits:
 Benedictine College

V Golf Webster Cup @ Players Club,
 9:00am
 V/JV TN vs. Whitfield @ Forest Lake,
 4:00pm
 JV T&F vs. Kirkwood & Parkway Cen-
 tral @ Kirkwood, 4:00pm
 Fiestada, Pizza

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Schedule R
 Fr. English Tutorial
 IM Bombardment
 Young Republicans Club Mtg.
 President's Ambassadors Appreciation
 Dinner
 V BB @ Vianney, 4:15pm
 V Golf vs. St. Mary's, 2:45pm
 JV/B/C T&F @ Hazelwood West Tri-
 Meet, 4:00pm
 B BB vs. Vianney, 4:15pm
 C BB vs. Chaminade, 4:15pm
 Pretzel, Chicken Club Wrap

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Schedule R
 Fr. Class Liturgy
 Mother's Club Prayer Group
 V/JV VB vs. Vianney, 5:00/6:00pm
 V/JV TN vs. Vianney, 4:00pm
 JV T&F @ Webster Invitational @ Hixson
 Middle, 4:00pm

JV Golf vs. MICDS @ Creve Coeur,
 3:30pm
 Bosco Sticks, Beef Stroganoff

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Schedule R
 So. Map Exam-Science
 IM Bombardment
 Rosary in Chapel
 ACSA Dinner, 6:00pm
 V T&F @ Fred Lyon Invitational @ Park-
 way North, 4:00pm
 V Golf vs. Vianney @ Riverside, 3:30 pm
 JV Golf vs. Vianney @ Forest Park,
 2:45pm
 V/JV TN vs. Parkway North, 4:00pm
 JV T&F @ Ladue Invitational @ U. City
 High, 4:00pm
 C T&F vs. DeSmet and Hazelwood Cen-
 tral @ DeSmet, 4:00pm
 C BB vs. St. Mary's, 4:15pm
 Pizza Sticks, Taco Sticks, Lasagna

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Schedule M
 Formal Attire
 Awards Assembly
 V/JV VB @ Francis Howell, 5:00/6:00pm
 V T&F @ Fred Lyon Invitational @ Park-
 way North, 4:00pm
 Cheese Garlic Bread, Taco Casserole

ATTENTION: CURRENT AND PROBATIONARY SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR NHS MEMBERS

All non-senior NHS members must sign up to buy an item for senior trunks. The list of needed items is on the bulletin board across from the math office. We don't expect you to pay more than \$5 for the item you sign up to buy, and the more expensive items have notes next to them specifying how many people we would like to collaborate for that item. If you sign up to purchase one of these more expensive items, you must either get a group together to buy the item or you must check with the other people who signed up.

If you have any questions, contact Timo Kim in homeroom 216c or Killian Hagen in M216 ASAP.

We are trying to get all items in by next week. On Monday, we will contact students who have not signed up for an item by the end of school on Friday. If you will not have the time to buy the item, you can donate \$5 to the Senior Trunk Committee to buy the items. Money and items can be dropped off at the Math office with Mrs. Elliott or can be given to Killian Hagen or Timo Kim. Thank you for your cooperation.

Track starts Rockwood Invite strong

SLUH track had a strong showing in the first day of the Rockwood Invitational. Paul Chaney advanced to the finals in the 100, 200, and 400, while fellow junior sprinter Stephen Simmons qualified in the 100, 200, and 300 hurdles. The 4x800 relay team took first place over Marquette with a time of 8:19. Sophomore monster Niko Mafuli finished third in the discus throw. And lung machines Ben Murphy Baum and Alex Muntges finished 2-3 in the two mile with times of 9:37 and 9:38.