

# Class of '06 elects officers, commissioners

## *Rice, Magee elected president, vice president*

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This past week, members of the class of 2006 decided who the members of the 2005-2006 Student Council would be, voting in Scott Rice as president, Max "Lars" Magee for vice president, and Nick Arb as secretary/treasurer, and Dave Steitz for social/publicity commissioner, Connor Cole as the sports commissioner, and Dan Finucane for pastoral commissioner.

STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson said of next year's Student Council mem-

bers, "The good thing is that we've got guys who have experience. Scott (Rice), Max (Magee) and Dan (Finucane) have been around and know what it takes to be successful. With the guys who were newcomers, (they) will be good because they'll give us a breath of fresh air. It's good to have that combination of experience and new guys."

On Monday, a special election issue of the *Prep*

*News*, which contained the candidates' reasons for running and ideas concerning

next year, was distributed to junior homerooms. During lunch that day, students voted to narrow down those running for the three officer positions. The field was narrowed to Rice and Pat Tresslar for president, Magee and Darryl "Woody" Jones for vice president, and  
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Rice, president-elect of STUCO.

## 2004 *Dauphin* publication date still unknown, book unfinished

**Brian Krebs**  
Core Staff

The release of the long-awaited 2004 *Dauphin* yearbook has once again been delayed. Now, students won't have their hands on the yearbook until the approaching summer.

"We'll have the books sometime this summer," stated yearbook moderator Tim Rittenhouse. "As far as how they'll be distributed and the exact date, I can't tell you because that hasn't been set with our (printing representative yet)."

Last December, the staff expected to have the yearbook finished in March. Obviously past this date, questions have been raised as to why the yearbook has been delayed. Rittenhouse said, "(It) has

largely been my fault, in terms of my time commitment."

Rittenhouse explained that the process of compiling the yearbook is divided into three different parts. The first phase centers on producing the page with pictures and text on the computers in the yearbook office. After these pages are finished, they are sent to Herff Jones to be made into proofs. Phase two centers around reviewing the proofs and making any final changes. Phase three is printing and collating the book.

According to Rittenhouse, at this point in time one third of the book is in phase one, another third in phase two, and the final third remains in pre-phase one production.

Rittenhouse mentioned that work on the yearbook now seems to be coming together quickly. Rittenhouse said, "It's

## Pilot program will explore online grades

**Timo Kim**  
Core Staff

Several St. Louis U. High teachers will be participating in a pilot program of the K12Planet online grade system. During the pilot program, parents of students in these teachers' classes will have password-protected access to grades via the Internet. The pilot program is scheduled to begin within the next week and run until the end of the year.

The K12Planet system is a website linked to a server to which the school uploads the students' grades. During the test period, only math teachers John Ross  
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## STUCO wraps up Forum meetings for school year

**Greg Fox**  
Editor in Chief

St. Louis U. High's Student Council held its fourth and final Open Forum meeting of the year last Friday. At the meeting, which was sparsely attended by STUCO homeroom reps and other students, STUCO discussed a number of administrative issues.

The first issue concerned their upcoming blood drive, which was covered at length by Christine Culligan, a volunteer with the Red Cross. Culligan originally suggested a goal of 60 useable pints, but STUCO president Joe Eggleston stepped in and raised the goal to 70 pints, saying "We can do more than (60 pints)."

Culligan brought good tidings to the few tattooed Jr. Bills out there, as she revealed that students with recent tattoos can now donate blood.

## 70 Juniors volunteer day of service

**Tim Nesmith**  
Reporter

Seventy members of the junior class attended the voluntary day of service last Saturday, enjoying the flawless weather at Father Dickson Cemetery.

"When I heard that we were going to a cemetery for our service day, I didn't really know what to expect," said junior Ben Favier. "But when I saw what the cemetery was, I understood."

In order to understand why Father Dickson Cemetery was an appropriate place to do a service project, one must first understand what it was. This neglected cemetery, located on south Sappington road, stands as a tribute to Father Moses Dickson and his belief that every individual has the potential to make a difference. The cemetery was one of the first in St. Louis for African Americans.

In the 1970's, Father Dickson Cemetery closed and was subsequently the

After Culligan finished, Eggleston wrapped up the meeting by briefly covering last Sunday's field hockey game against state champions Cor Jesu Academy (SLUH won) and tomorrow's Spring Fling basketball tournament.

No issues were raised or discussed during the Open Forum segment.

Eggleston commented on the lack of issues brought up, saying, "It's good in a way ... but I wonder how productive (forum meetings) are being."

The final forum of the year did include a sour note, as a number of senior homeroom representatives were missing from the meeting.

On the whole, Eggleston feels that this year's meetings have been a success, noting that teachers and administrators were present at each forum.

Eggleston added that the meetings may be "more useful with a new president" next year.

victim of neglect and abuse. The cemetery, which is still the final resting place of over 12,000 people, is currently being threatened by abandonment and urban sprawl. This threat, along with an opportunity to work with the national service program, Americorps, prompted the decision to have the junior day of service take place at Father Dickson Cemetery.

During the planning stages, junior class moderator Mary Beckemeier received a call from Americorps and was presented with the opportunity to work with a group of volunteers at the cemetery.

"It was an excellent opportunity, and it would be exciting to do something different," Beckemeier said. According to Beckemeier, other highlights of the day included "everyone being in one group, working with professionals, an archeological-like discovery of a buried headstone, and the certificates that Americorps rewarded SLUH students at the end of the day."

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## Quiz Bowl places fourth in districts

**Charlie Landis**  
Reporter

Last Saturday, the SLUH quiz bowl team hosted the district finals at SLUH. Eleven area teams competed in the tournament, with Eureka taking the championship in the finals with a victory over Lutheran South.

The SLUH quiz bowl team lost in the semifinals, with their season-ending defeat coming to the eventual champions. Quiz Bowl moderator Tom Becvar said that Eureka "was just a better team" and that they "deserved to win."

Becvar also noted that the Eureka team had two very fast "buzzer-inners" that frequently beat the SLUH team to the punch on toss up questions.

Junior team leader Timo Kim also noted the faster buzzers of Eureka. As another reason for the defeat, Kim cited Eureka's strategy of using players with general, broad-based knowledge instead of having specialized players to answer questions in specific categories.

Becvar commented that SLUH "had a great team this year," and he also expressed gratitude to all of the helpers and volunteers that helped SLUH's district tournament run smoothly.

With regards to next season, Kim stresses that more participation from the underclassmen is needed for the SLUH team to have another stellar year.

### Quote o' the Week

"The Pope! How many divisions has *he* got?"  
—Josef Stalin

## COMMENTARY

### Big issues face students. Why isn't anyone talking?

**Greg Fox**  
Editor in Chief

It's nice to go to a school where the students have no problems that they need a voice greater than their own to address. Judging by the complete lack of issues brought to the Student Council's attention, that would seem to be true.

Not a single sophomore or junior went to last week's meeting to complain about their parking situation. No one had anything to say about the incoming president. No one brought a single issue to STUCO's attention.

So that must mean that there are no pressing issues, right?

I couldn't be more wrong. The campus has changed so much in only the last two weeks and is set to change even more in the coming months. Come September, all students will be parking even farther away than where the juniors are currently parking, and in January, that won't be a pleasant walk. No one cared enough to ask why the general student body was never consulted. The long walk is not the issue here, but rather the fact that the student body was never surveyed or consulted en masse. This is a problem because the student body is obviously concerned with how their campus will look in the future and how that new look

will affect them.

For the first time in its nearly 200-year history, a lay person will be the president of St. Louis U. High. No student had an opinion, or at least no one cared enough to share it with STUCO. Our school has operated, and will continue to operate, under a guiding Jesuit philosophy. Now, however, the president of our school will be a man who has not dedicated his full adult life to living as a Jesuit. Students have not engaged in any sort of formal debate about whether this will help or hurt our school.

The poor showing at the Forum has more to do with the apathy of the student body than anything else. Obviously, no student with any sort of problem was willing to give up fifteen precious minutes of Activity Period to let STUCO know where they need representation with the administration or even where STUCO could be doing a better job (or just to tell them that they're doing a good job).

Why should we care? More importantly, why don't we?

This is our school. Our families sacrifice a great deal to send us here to earn one of the best educations in the city. We ourselves sacrifice just as much to get that education. We have a lot invested in this community, and we ought to care about our community for

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## Seniors Barker and Gregg win poetry awards

**Sean Powers**  
Core Staff

Senior star writers Paul Barker and David Gregg have both recently received awards from organizations in the St. Louis community for their excellent works in poetry.

Gregg was among the almost dozen winners in the St. Louis-wide poetry contest for youths sponsored by the Wednesday Club. The Wednesday Club is an organization that supports involvement in many different types of arts. Gregg submitted his poetry to the contest after English teacher Eric Meyer told his class about it late last semester. Any student wishing to apply in his class had to submit their work through Meyer and Gregg was the only one to do so.

Gregg found out about winning a few weeks ago and was invited to a banquet lunch for winners; he was, however, unable to attend. He received a plaque and certificate for winning along with copies of the other winning poems.

Gregg's winning poem, of the two he submitted, is titled "Whose Existence Still

Escapes Us Today." Gregg said it was "about finding racism in yourself and taking the steps to fighting it."

Meyer said, "He has a unique voice. He worked hard at honing it and made it sharp and precise. He earned the award."

Of winning, Gregg said, "I thought it was a pretty neat thing. I enjoyed receiving the plaque and reading the other poems. There was some really good stuff in (the other poems)."

Barker also received recognition for his poetry, winning the grand prize of the *River Styx*'s annual written works competition. According to English teacher Rich Moran, *River Styx* is a prominent magazine both in St. Louis and in the nation.

Following the rules of the competition, SLUH was allowed to submit one author's work. Moran, whom *River Styx* contacted about the contest, chose to submit Barker's work because, according to Moran, "Paul is as good of a poet as we have ever had here at SLUH. He's a terrific poet and story writer."

Barker picked three poems for Moran to submit to the contest: "Dead Cat,"

"Looking Over My Shoulder Waving Good-bye," and "Death of a Small Town." Barker had previously published all three poems in SLUH's literary magazine *Sisyphus*.

Barker found out about the award's existence in mid-March; he found out he was the grand-prize winner this Wednesday.

With winning the contest comes a \$100 prize, T-shirt, mug, and a spot at the *River Styx* Feast on May 2. The Feast is a banquet where award winners, magazine editors, writers, and interested readers share a meal and literary works.

Of Barker's poetry, Moran said, "What I really like about Paul's poems is that they are musical; the words themselves are attractive to the ear. He's also talking about experiences he's had and it seems to me there is a wisdom in his writing."

Barker said, "It is a nice compliment to be recognized for something beyond the school in the community and to have a professional magazine and professional poets say 'Your stuff is good.'"

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and Kate Thaman, theology teacher Tim Chik, English teacher Steve Missey, biology teacher Steve Kuensting, Spanish teacher Kevin Moore, and economics teacher Peggy Pride will upload grades to the online system. Each student in those classes will be issued a student ID and password with which they can see their grades.

Although the administration first informed parents of this program in a letter sent out with third quarter report cards, they have been preparing for the program since the beginning of the school year.

"At (an archdiocesan) principals meeting last year, the whole topic of online grades came up, and we had a conversation about what they had perceived as the strengths and the concerns of such a system," principal Mary Schenkenberg said. "I came back and talked with the Instructional Council and my administrative team, and ... what we decided was that we wanted to do a testing time."

The administration had intended to have the beginning of the trial run coincide with the beginning of the fourth quarter. However, problems between the recently installed MacSchool software used to upload the grades and the software teachers use to input grades delayed the set-up until this week.

"What we are doing this year is giving it a little bit of a test run to see how it works and get some people really using it, with the idea that we will open it up and it will be more broadly used next year," Assistant Principal of Academics Mark Michalski said. "We still don't expect it to be fully used next year, because some of it does involve switching from an older gradebook (program) that we still use, but that we will phase out next year."

In adopting a system of online grades, the administration hopes to facilitate communication between teachers, parents, and students. Instead of having to wait for report cards or progress reports, parents can log on at any time and check on their son's grade. With the availability of this

information, the administration hopes to keep parents informed about and engaged in their son's academic performance.

Currently, with the exception of progress reports and report cards, parents are not officially told how their sons are doing in school.

Kuensting, who has kept his own system of online grades throughout this year, said, "The big benefit (of online grades is that), especially for the underclassmen, parents can see their sons' grades. Parents have access to their sons' grades and instead of getting phone calls about, 'I'm so surprised that my son's not doing well,' they already know that and they are saying, 'What can my son do?'"

Although some faculty expressed interest in the program, other teachers raised concerns about how calculating student grades will reduce student accountability for their own academics.

Said Latin teacher Mary Lee McConaghy, "My feeling (about online grades) is that it removes responsibility from students. At this point, students should be taking responsibility for their own work. If we don't give them this chance in high school to become responsible for themselves, they will not be able to deal with the unlimited free time they will have in college."

Other concerns include possibly fostering an inordinate focus on making a grade instead of concentrating on learning, or students and parents misconstruing single grades instead of looking at the aggregate.

In general, freshmen in Kuensting's class like the online grades. Freshman Jack Dryden said, "He gets stuff back pretty quick, but he updates stuff online even faster than he gets it back (in class)."

Senior Andrew Schaeperkoetter said of the possibility of online grades, "I know that students would appreciate it, because it's really easy to lose track (of grades), especially in English with small daily quizzes, and with some classes you only have letter grades, so you don't always

## YEARBOOK

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been happy with the way (this point of production) is going."

In an attempt to get the 2005 *Dauphin* yearbook out on schedule, Rittenhouse contacted his editorial staff on Tuesday in order to organize a meeting this week or next. According to Rittenhouse, background work such as taking pictures at various events is already taking place, but "in terms of theme and what the book will look like ... we're literally starting that this week."

As for his reasons for deciding to take on the work of two yearbooks simultaneously, Rittenhouse said, "I don't want it to be this time next year working on the '05 book." He added, "I also want the seniors on my staff to be heavily involved in the design of their book."

Principal Mary Schenkenberg sympathizes with the yearbook staff and the trouble they seem to have been having recently. She said, "Yearbook is a big job. It has a lot of deadlines that need to be met. It is a job, a responsibility that many schools struggle with."

As for the release date of the book, specifically this year's especially late date, Schenkenberg said, "Getting your book out early the following year is always difficult. It's something that we need to have happening, obviously, but I have faith in the fact that this yearbook staff is going to finish this yearbook that is presently due."

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know where you stand."

After the end of the quarter, the administration will evaluate the program and open it to other teachers.

"There are multiple web services that you can use to do the same thing. And 'Is K12Planet the best one for us to use?' will be a question," said Michalski. "(But) I don't think we'll move away from sharing information using the web."

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# Bigstickbills defeat area No. 1 Vianney, 6-3

**Justin Rottger**  
Reporter

After a disappointing loss to Mehlville last Thursday, the St. Louis U. High Sunflowerseedbills rebounded in a big way, highlighted by a 6-3 win against Vianney.

Traveling westbound on Interstate 44, the Jr. Bills (10-3, 3-0) faced their toughest competition by far this season, meeting up with area No. 1 Vianney on Tuesday.

The game started out favorably for SLUH, as leadoff man senior Dave Venker reached base on an infield hit. Senior Ryan Johnson followed with a slicing single to right field, allowing Venker to make his way to third. This set up senior Ryan Morgan for a sacrifice fly to give the Jr. Bills the early lead, 1-0.

SLUH looked to get as many runs as possible off the Griffins' left-handed starter Josh Syberg, and they continued to knock him around in the second inning. With one out in SLUH's half of the second, junior Nick Riganti reached base and junior Mike Beal came up and snuck a

single through the left side.

Then, in one of the key plays of the game, head coach Steve Nicollerat called for a double steal, and the Vianney catcher botched the throw to try and nab Riganti at third. Riganti scored the second run of the game and Mike Beal moved up to third base.

After Nicollerat's aggressive call, he decided to go back at it. This time, senior catcher Tony Molina laid down a squeeze bunt perfectly to bring in Mike Beal, who would finish the game with three hits.

The Jr. Bills looked to be cruising right along, up three runs and with senior ace Matt Ikemeier on the mound pitching

like it was a playoff game.

In the third, Morgan got hold of a Syberg pitch to deep left field, and what looked to be a home run fell just short up against the left center field fence. A brisk breeze had been blowing during the game, and this wind snatched the home run away. Unfortunately, Morgan, who ended up with a triple on the play, did not score.

Nicollerat

had made a point about a week before the Vianney game: the team must play better defense. Defense had been a rather weak point early in the season, but the Jr. Bills stepped up in their glove work and made some key plays in the game. The brotherly  
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Junior Mike Beal gets a hit during Tuesday's 6-3 win over area No. 1 Vianney. Mike Beal had three hits in the game.

## 4x800bills take second at Rockwood Invite

**Henry Samson**  
Reporter

"We didn't have a bad day by any means," began head coach Jim Linhares on the track team's second place team finish at the Rockwood Invitational last weekend, behind only Marquette. "But (Marquette was) gunning for us from U. City."

Every now and then in life, there must come an explanation for things. If it is too long, it will lose its audience; if too short, it will be ineffective. So here is the track and field breakdown: You need one of two things to win a track meet (preferably both). You need either a super strong specialized group, or a deep and well-rounded team that scores hit and miss points in every event. SLUH leans to the former, whereas Marquette is definitely the latter.

At a slightly smaller meet, a more spread out scoring base will boost a team's overall chances for victory. At a very large meet, more competition is present, so a very specialized strong team has a better chance. At the Rockwood Invitational, Marquette scored points in 17 of the possible 18 events while SLUH scored in just 12.

Explanations aside, SLUH managed to score 128 points. The 4x800-relay team picked up right where it left off last weekend, winning with a time of 8:19.

While this race was taking place, sophomore Niko Mafuli and junior Nick Dennis were busy throwing their way into third and fourth place in the discus. Junior Cliff Leek, who, according to Linhares has become very dependable in the shot put, added a little more weights flavor by finishing second in the event with a 45-plus foot heave.

Junior juggernaut Paul Chaney once again swept the sprints. He placed first in the 100, 200, and 400-meter races, much to the dismay of other schools' coaches.

(Author's note: I was personally confronted by more than one coach asking if Chaney and counterpart Simmons would be running at the meet. After telling them yes, I watched them identically shake their heads and walk away.)

Simmons would follow right behind Chaney, finishing second in the 100 and fourth in the 200. Unfortunately, he would not be counted in the finals of the 300-meter hurdles because of a disqualification call.

Senior beast Charlie Samson huffed and puffed his way into a second place 800 run. A few more points were cashed in by milers Dan Meier and Ben Murphy-Baum, who waltzed in for a second and  
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# Laxbills take Parkway South to two OTs

**Mike Eilers  
Reporter**

The Laxbills' five-game winning streak came to an unexpected halt last Thursday with a surprising loss to Parkway Central in overtime. Central arrived at SLUH ready to play, while the Jr. Bills took a long time to get into gear. The Jr. Bills hoped to continue cruising through their competition heading into the weekend tournament in Indianapolis, Ind. However, the Colts would not go down without a fight, as SLUH allowed them to hang around, a dangerous thing to do with an underdog. Central made SLUH pay for it when they tied the game up at 7, sending it into sudden-death overtime. Less than a minute into the overtime, the Colts rifled a shot past goalkeeper Matt Yoon, completing the 8-7 upset.

Still stunned from the loss, the

Brinebills left for Indianapolis immediately after school on Friday.

Father Marco, S.J., accompanied the team, providing emotional support as well as counseling for the distressed players. Father Marco also celebrated the Eucharist Sunday morning beside Jesuit priests from the respective schools.

Junior Brandon Verhoff commented, "Going to Mass with the other teams was really special, especially with all the Jesuits from all over the Midwest celebrating it. The hosts (Brebeuf) were really great too. They served the meals to the other teams and we felt welcomed all around."

The tournament at Indianapolis consisted of five midwest Jesuit teams; SLUH, DeSmet, Brebeuf, St. Xavier, and St. Ignatius Prep, arriving from Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis, respectively. The Jr. Bills played St. Xavier first on Saturday. They soon found out how lacrosse is played over in Cincinnati, giving up seven goals in

the first quarter. After the initial shock, SLUH recouped, only allowing five goals over the next two quarters. However, the Jr. Bills only managed two points over that period. The STLbills lost their steam in the final quarter, allowing four more goals while scoring none. St. Xavier demonstrated their skill, winning 16-3.

The LAXbills then ate lunch and watched Xavier pound DeSmet while they waited for their next game, later that afternoon against St. Ignatius. This time the Jr. Bills came out ready to play. Wanting to prove to the other Jesuit teams that St. Louis teams could play as well, SLUH set their sights on the Chicago team. By half-time the STLbills had gone up 5-2. They refused to let St. Ignatius fight back in the second half, closing out the game 10-3. Tired from a long day of lacrosse, the team headed back to the hotel, which they shared with DeSmet, and prepared for  
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# Killbills lose to Vianney, beat Marquette

*The week's four games decided by a total of 11 points*

**Sam Stragand  
Reporter**

The Volleybills won one match and lost another in two well-played matches last week. After a thrilling three-game victory last Thursday over archrival DeSmet, the Killbills beat Marquette in two close games on Friday before losing two well-played games to Vianney on Wednesday. While they may have only gone 1-1 over the last week, the team showed great teamwork and talent that should help them later in the year.

Following their upset victory over previously undefeated DeSmet, the Volleybills came together as a team to defeat a very talented Marquette team in two games.

After the JV team won two quick games, the Guntlibills started slowly against the hard-hitting Broncos. Down 8-11, junior Joel Westwood went on a serving streak that included two aces to

put the Killbills up 13-11.

After again falling behind, 16-17, the Volleybills rallied behind sophomore Murphy Troy, who tied the game with a kill and then took the lead with three serves and the team held on to win 25-23.

While the first game was close, it only led to a closer second game in which the lead changed more than ten times.

The Spikebills again started slowly as they fell behind, 11-16. However, the Asicsbills fell into place behind the leadership of seniors Joe Guntli and Bobby Schuster, who had several kills to tie the game at 20-20.

For the next 14 points, neither team led by more than one point until the Jr. Bills won 28-26 on an ace by Troy. Two kills by junior Kevin Heine and a kill by Schuster kept the Guntlibills close for the victory.

The Jr. Bills' setter Westwood had a

great game with 26 assists while Guntli led the team with 11 kills. The hard-fought victory forced the team to grow closer, improving to 9-1.

On Wednesday, the Killbills went down in two well-played games against a good Vianney team. After the JV lost its match in three games, the varsity quickly fell behind 10-4. SLUH fought back, pulling to 15-11; however, throughout the game, the Jr. Bills could not consistently block the hitters of Vianney or put a string of serves together. After a short comeback, the Killbills lost 21-25.

In the second game, the Shooterbills came out slowly but gained the lead 14-13 on a Guntli-Heine block.



Senior Joe Guntli unleashes his jump serve during the first game of SLUH's loss to Vianney on Wednesday.

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## Rollerbills shut down Vianney

**John Pecher**  
Reporter

Last weekend, the St. Louis U. High Inline hockey team looked to bounce back from its loss to Marquette and regain its position in the standings as it took on the Golden Griffins of Vianney. Trailing by just one point in the rankings, this game was a must-win for the Jr. Bills.

Fortunately, the Tourbills were able to jump out to an early lead when senior Ronnie Gentile pounded in a rebound to put them up, 1-0.

As the period progressed, the Griffins showed their frustration, racking up eight penalties in the first half. Sophomore point leader Chris Place capitalized and picked up his first goal on the night, as did freshman Matt Beezley. By the end of the half, the Rollerbills had gained a comfortable 3-0 lead.

The momentum carried into the second half, as freshman Carl Fasnacht connected with a pass from fellow freshman Nick Helfrich to add to the lead. The Griffins fought back, scoring two goals within 1:30 to close the gap to just two goals. But another penalty allowed Place to add his second of the night and extend the lead to three.

No less than a minute later, a pass

## Servebills take MCC crown

**Killian Hagen and Stephen Hipkiss**  
Reporters

The St. Louis U. High Jr. Bills defeated a deep Vianney squad 4-0 on Wednesday in a rain-shortened match to move to 4-0 in conference play and clinch the regular season MCC crown.

All four wins for the Jr. Bills came at the singles spots, where the team managed to lose only one game in the four matches combined. The quick wins proved critical, for soon after the Jr. Bills won the match-clinching fourth victory, the rain started, cancelling the remaining matches and giving the Jr. Bills a dominating 4-0 victory over the rival Griffins.

In the two other matches since last Friday, the Pennbills defeated weak squads

from sophomore Ryan Pliske connected with Place, and he rifled a shot past the Vianney goaltender's glove, adding an insurance goal to complete his first hat trick of the season. Both teams would score another before the game was over, but the Jr. Bills came away with an impressive 7-3 victory.

Saturday, the scheduled game against Parkway North was not played because of a mysterious forfeit by the Vikings.

Nevertheless, the TObills had one more key game to focus on over the weekend as they faced the first place St. Mary's Dragons on Sunday. However, their momentum did not carry into the game as they had hoped.

St. Mary's was able to jump out to an early lead on a partial breakaway within the first three minutes of the game. But just minutes later, junior Clint Mohs netted his first of the game to tie it at one. Mohs added his second of the night on an ensuing power play, a key part of the Jr. Bills' offense. However, St. Mary's connected on a one-timer with five minutes left in the first to tie the game at two, and added another just seconds later to take the lead 3-2, which they carried into the second half.

The second half consisted mainly of  
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from Marquette and Whitfield. The Jr. Bills' 6-1 victory over Marquette last Friday was propelled by a brilliant performance at No. 1 doubles by junior Kevin Howenstein and senior Paul Eschen, who managed to pull out a 2-6, 7-6, 6-3 victory over their talented opponents.

On Monday, the Racquetbills took on a co-ed Whitfield squad and won easily 7-0 without the help of their two top players, sophomore Abe Souza and junior Stephen Hipkiss, who sat out the match to give two JV players some varsity experience. Next week the Tennisbills will face Parkway Central at Parkway at 4 p.m. on the 25th and battle Parkway South later in the week, hoping to continue their undefeated season.

## Wood(s)bills disappoint at Webster

**Alex Luebbert and Mike Doherty**  
Reporters

On Monday, the St. Louis U. High golf team competed against several area schools, including MCC powerhouses Chaminade, CBC and DeSmet, in the annual Webster Cup tournament held at the Players Club Golf Course in Eureka.

After a frustrating tie to MCC rival CBC last week and a poor performance at the Webster Cup last year, the Jr. Bills were ready to redeem themselves.

With senior leaders Kyle Ortmann and Matt Bartch, junior Alex Luebbert, sophomore newcomer Paul Scioneaux, and freshman-phenom Michael Ferris the Golfbills were confident and ready.

With the five-man lineup, head coach Greg Bantle had high hopes for his Jr. Bills, expecting to finish near the top of the leader board. However, the Jr. Bills struggled at the long and challenging 7,100-yard par 72 course, shooting a disappointing 340 as a team and finishing in 14th place out of the 24 teams.

Ortmann was low man, firing a respectable 81. However, his teammates were little help, all shooting in the upper 80's.

Parkway South won the tournament with a total score of 314, followed by CBC, at 316.

On Tuesday, the Jr. Bills continued their disappointing play with yet another tie, this time to the St. Mary's Dragons. In perfect conditions at Forest Park, the Jr. Bills played the worst golf they have played all season, with several scores over 45.

Low man for the Bantlebills was Alex Luebbert with a 37, followed by Doherty with a 40. Team captain Ortmann finished with two strong birdies and also shot a 40. But St. Mary's had a couple of low scores and was able to match the Jr. Bills score at 254.

The team hopes for success at districts coming up on May 6.

**UPSET**

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double play tandem of senior Brandon and junior Mike Beal at shortstop and second base respectively, turned two game-saving double plays in the third and fifth innings, keeping the Griffins off the baselines.

The Jr. Bills' defensive play climaxed with a catch that the "Baseball Tonight" crew of ESPN would call a Web Gem by Nick Riganti in center field. On a shallow fly to short left center field, both left fielder Dave Venker and Riganti headed in to make the catch. What appeared to be Venker's catch was nullified by the diving effort of Riganti, who took a faceplant into the ground.

In addition to the magnificent defense displayed by the Jr. Bills, the offense would not quit, and more heads-up play came in the top of the fifth inning.

With two outs, Brandon Beal singled to center field; Morgan then followed with an infield hit. With Brandon Beal at second and Morgan at first, junior Jared Saeger hit a hard ground ball to the Vianney shortstop. The shortstop elected to go for the fielder's choice and throw out Morgan at second. However, Morgan beat the throw, and while that was going on, Brandon Beal maintained his momentum around third base. The Vianney shortstop held on to the ball too long, allowing Brandon Beal to score from second; it was great heads-up baserunning on Beal's part

**BLADES**

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back-and-forth play between the teams. The Jr. Bills showed their determination in the last five minutes of play, when Fasnacht fired home a shot from the slot with 4:50 left, keeping them in the game.

But with only 3:34 left, Mohs, on an amazing dive across the floor, banged home a rebound from a shot by Gentile, giving the Ballbearingbills the lead, 4-3. With just two minutes in regulation, the Dragons fired a shot between the legs of senior netminder John Pecher, tying the game at four and forcing overtime.

Unfortunately, this time it was St. Mary's who kept the momentum. On a partial breakaway, a Dragons player roofed

as well as coaching by Nicollerat at third.

Vianney tried to mount a comeback in the sixth, and plated two runs off Ikemeier. In the top of the seventh, SLUH was looking for some insurance.

Johnson led off the frame by getting beamed in the elbow, and Brandon Beal reached on an error. After Morgan flied out to the catcher, Saeger came up again and hit a hard ground ball up the middle for a single.

Then, with the bases loaded and one out, Riganti sold the insurance SLUH had been looking for. Riganti sent a pitch to the left field fence for a ground rule double and two RBIs, extending the Jr. Bills' lead to 6-2.

These two runs proved to be important, as Vianney attempted another comeback in the bottom of the seventh, managing to load the bases against Ikemeier and closer Morgan. What had been the story all day for SLUH allowed them to come away victorious, as a line drive off a Griffin bat whistled sharply up the middle, but Mike Beal was there to make the semi-diving catch to end the game.

The Jr. Bills also had a good showing in the SLUH tournament at Forest Park, winning three games last Friday and Saturday against Parkway North, St. Mary's, and Bishop DuBourg.

After coming up short 9-7 to Mehlville last Thursday night, SLUH was poised to prove that the team out on the field against Mehlville was just a one-night deal.

a shot past the glove of Pecher, sealing the 5-4 victory. The Jr. Bills received one point for the tie at the end of regulation, enough to keep them tied with Vianney for second in the standings.

Despite the loss, the Tourbills found many positive elements of their overall performance. Senior captain Matt Spaeth commented, "I think that the game (against St. Mary's) shows how much we have matured as a team, and can compete with and beat anyone in this division."

The Jr. Bills look to do just that as they take on the Marquette Mustangs tonight. The puck drops at 9 p.m. at the Matteson Square Garden Tri-Plex in St. Peters.

The next evening against Parkway North, senior Jason Kertz gave the North offense a fit, scattering only three hits and shutting them out, 11-0. Saeger, Mike Beal, and Riganti each had two RBIs.

On Saturday morning, SLUH faced St. Mary's and received another marvelous pitching performance, this time by Morgan, who went the distance, giving up only four hits while striking out eight batters. Morgan had two RBIs in the game and Johnson scored two runs.

The Jr. Bills faced DuBourg in the second game of a doubleheader. Venker had a double with the bases loaded in the third, and Brandon Beal had two sacrifice flies for RBIs. Junior Nick Wingbermuehle made his second relief appearance of the season, striking out four batters. Junior Steve Gropler made his first varsity appearance, striking out three.

So, after an exhilarating win, SLUH will have a few days to rest and come back down to earth. They will next play tomorrow at Forest Park against Ritenour and Troy Buchanan in a doubleheader. This team is for real, and every single Jr. Bill should come out and see your classmates. They sure can play ball.

**A-C-E**

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Good hits by junior Brian Schneier and Guntli increased the lead for the Jr. Bills, but the Griffins charged back with great defense and tied the game at 22.

Three good serves for Vianney then overcame the quality defense of juniors Dave Bosch and Joe Holloran to win the game 25-22 and the match 2-0.

While the loss gave Vianney a first place standing in the MCC, the Jr. Bills left the game knowing that they could play with the defending state champions.

Head coach Paul Scovill agreed, saying that "we made some errors, and they hardly made any, so we know that if we play well we can beat them." The teams play again at Vianney on May 5.

The Volleybills now prepare for their game at Francis Howell today and the Parkway Central tournament, where they will face top teams DeSmet, Marquette, and Lafayette.

# Thomas '03 sits in and fasts to fight for living wages at WU

**Alex Sciuto**  
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Tuesday, April 19: Day 16. Outside on Washington University's quad, with protesting students hanging out the windows of the admissions office of Brookings Hall, approximately one hundred supporters cry out, "What do we want? A living wage! When do we want it? Now!" A sign taped to the heavy wooden door of Brookings hall reads, "You are now entering an occupation zone. Consider yourself a part of the movement."

Inside Brookings Hall, the first-floor hallway is a flurry of people. The leader of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists pops his head into the admissions office to offer words of encouragement as a cameraman from KPLR-WB11 looks for a good location for his tripod. The admissions office itself has been transformed from a pristine office to woo prospective students to a bedroom filled with many sleeping bags, a dining room with bags of chips and snacks strewn everywhere, and a command center with students discussing what goals can be compromised in negotiations and what has already been achieved by the sit-in.

A week before the Tuesday rally, Joe Thomas, who graduated from SLUH in 2003, sits at a table covered with bags of salty snacks and papers. Right now he is looking towards the bank of windows out to the crowd of people gathered for the rally. A faculty member pops in and asks how Joe's feeling almost a day into the hunger strike. He replies he's a little tired, but other than that, he's feeling fine.

Thomas and the other Wash. U. students who have made the admissions office their home began their sit-in on April 4 and are protesting on behalf of over 500 employees who work at Wash. U. but are employed by companies Wash. U. subcontracts with to provide janitorial, groundskeeping, and food services.

Thomas first became aware of the Student Worker Alliance, the group organizing the sit-in, in the fall of his freshman year in his history class, History of American Radicalism.

"I put my e-mail address (on the petition) and got on the mailing list, and I didn't do anything about it that fall, but that spring I started going to meetings."

The SWA has demanded from the university a number of improvements for workers. The two key points are that all subcontracted employees who work at Wash. U. should receive a living wage and that employees should have the right to form unions if they choose.

Thomas said, "(These contracted) employees, generally speaking, do not earn enough money to support themselves and two dependents while staying off of federal food stamps."

The first action the SWA attempted was in October 2003, when 36 Nicaraguan workers were fired from from the university when Wash. U. cancelled its contract with a subcontractor. Personal friends of the 36 quickly acted and attempted to stop the firing.

The isolated action quickly spread to activism on behalf of all Wash. U. employees. "People who go out of their way to make friends with the people who take care of the lawns are also the

people who care about workers' rights more generally," Thomas said.

But in early April in the beginning days of the sit-in, they found the Chancellor of Washington University, Mark Wrighton, uncooperative. Wrighton, according to Thomas, offered to allocate an extra \$500,000 for better pay, but offered little else. The students say that it would cost an additional \$2.4 million to raise all the employees to a living wage.

In late 2003, St. Louis City Ordinance 65597 went into effect, mandating that organizations

which have large contracts with the city of St. Louis or receive major tax breaks must pay their workers a "living wage." The Board of Aldermen set the living wage at 130 percent of the federal poverty income level including full benefits. As of April 1, for a person with two dependents a liveable wage is considered \$10.05 per hour with benefits or over \$12 per hour without benefits.

Speaking on the afternoon of April 12, Thomas said, "meetings with the chancellor have been wholly unproductive. ... They offered \$500,000 to improve the worker's condition, and to talk to contractors about working conditions. That was it."

The chancellor did not offer a system to enforce the working improvements.

After gaining no concessions from the initial sit-in, approximately a dozen students declared an indefinite hunger strike, both to draw attention to their cause and impress on Wash. U.'s administration their seriousness.

Beginning on Monday, April 11, the dozen students, including Thomas, ate nothing and drank only water and juice.

"You didn't mostly think about food except when you actually saw some, and then you wanted whatever it was that you were actually seeing. The hunger itself drops out," Thomas said.

By the sixth day when the strike ended, only one girl had become ill. "Other than, no one got ill. We all ended feeling really

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Thomas amidst a Fox 2 News interview.

## THOMAS

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weak. You get head rushes every time you try to stand up,” Thomas said.

The dozen students ended their hunger strike on Saturday because the chancellor agreed to meet with them over the next week to discuss improvements.

But because of misunderstandings, it was uncertain three days later (this past Tuesday) whether any meetings were going to take place or not. The student protesters believed that the two sides had come to an agreement on all the major points, including ending the sit-in, but the chancellor still had reservations about a key union organizing point.

In overcoming the challenges of a sit-in, and with misunderstandings between administration and students, Thomas has had the model of the Jesuits from SLUH as a guide. “If (the Jesuits) can spend their whole life working for others in a way frequently unacknowledged, then why can’t I spend two or three weeks of my life (at this sit-in)? ... (The Jesuits) are a very very real tangible example for me that has always made feel that I can do (the sit-in). I mean, hell, this is a few weeks, a few hours. That just doesn’t compare to dedicating your whole life.”

The specific problem the chancellor had with the students dealt with the right for workers to form unions: a card check neutrality agreement.

Card check neutrality concerns the election of unions with card checks. Using authorization cards, a union can gain bargaining power by having a majority of workers sign a card, instead of taking the traditional path through the National Labor Relations Board.

Robert A. Soutier, president of the Greater St. Louis Labor Council, the affiliate body of the AFL-CIO in St. Louis, who spoke at the rally this past Tuesday, said, “basically all (the card check neutrality agreement) says is: if the union signs up people with authorization cards, they have a neutral party check those cards, and if they have a majority, they can be certified as a bargaining agent for that group.”

“This is a free country as far as I know. ... It’s the employees who work here who cut the grass and haul the trash out. If they wish to have a union, they should be able to.”

Thomas summed up: “Washington U. and its subcontractors, ... bottom line, would be neutral to unions (and their formation),”

When no agreement was made, according to Thomas, the chancellor still expected the students to end the sit-in, but when they did not, the chancellor said that no negotiations could begin until the students had packed up and left the admissions office.

“(The rejection of the union issue) was a big problem

because at the ... meeting, he was willing to sign off on every bullet point except for that one,” Thomas said.

Thomas continued, “After the meeting he came down (to the admissions office), and said, ‘Well, I thought you guys were going to leave,’ and we were not because the document we took up to (the chancellor), that (he) refused to sign, was what said, ‘We’ll leave,’ and we didn’t sign it and (he) didn’t sign it ... and then he said that our meetings on Wednesday were contingent on us leaving, which we never understood that to be.”

While the negotiations may not be progressing as the students would like, the support shown by the Wash. U. community and the larger community has been encouraging.

Several politicians, including United States Representatives Russ Carnahan and William Clay, Jr., have voiced their support for the students, and organizations like the St. Louis Labor Council and Jobs with Justice have rallied their different member organizations and unions to support the students.

Within the Wash. U. community, Thomas has been happy with the student support, “especially concerning how apolitical (Wash. U.’s) campus tends to be.”

The Wash. U. faculty have shown their support. Next to the “occupation zone” sign on Brookings Hall’s entrance, an open letter from 124 Wash. U. faculty urges Chancellor Wrighton to “implement a living wage

standard now.”

The letter ends praising the Student Worker Alliance saying, “SWA has got it right. Now is the time to establish a living wage for all at Washington University.”

The open letter sets St. Louis University as an example of how a university can provide excellent benefits to its workers without using costly intermediary companies. The letter says, “Our richly endowed university can follow SLU’s example in this regard.”

In November 2001, the Service Employees International Union Local 50, began contract negotiations with SLU instead of an intermediary company. As a result of this, the janitors received a large pay increase and the new contract covered the tuition for them or their families to attend SLU. Today, SLU’s lowest paid employees earn an average of \$13.52 per hour, according to SLU’s student newspaper, *The University News*.

Lara Granich, director of the St. Louis area Jobs with Justice, said, “We think that (SLU’s model) is actually a very solid example of doing right for the service employees on your campus. I don’t know why Wash. U. feels that contracting out is the way to go.”

Soutier was most proud of the students for bringing attention to the issue not just in St. Louis but throughout the country. “People need to understand that workers in the country are under

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Thomas (above right) waves from admissions office as band plays in front of him.

## LAX

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their game the next day.

After a Mass held in the school's chapel, the tournament resumed. The game between Brebeuf and SLUH was an intense one, but Brebeuf gained an intimidating four-goal lead by the third quarter. However, determined to leave Indy on a win, the Warriorbills battled back to tie the game at 9 late in the final quarter. Junior midfielder Matt Meiners led the impressive comeback with four goals in the game. But, despite Meiners' and the Jr. Bills' best efforts, Brebeuf managed to sneak one more into the net, defeating SLUH 10-9.

The Bills left the tournament 1-2, but Verhoff explained, "We had a great time. It was a good bonding experience for the team and a chance to play teams from around the Midwest that we wouldn't normally have a chance to meet."

To add to the team's already bitter mood, the bus needed some repair work before they could leave, delaying the departure by three hours. But, to the relief of many, Father Marco remained with the team, providing more counseling and comfort for the emotionally strained players.

The STXBills had little time to waste once they returned, because Tuesday they had a meeting with Parkway South scheduled. Since SLUH knocked South out of the playoffs last year, the Patriots were looking for revenge.

However, the Jr. Bills came out super charged and ready to play. Early in the first, senior defensemen Pat Milford scooped up a ground ball and ran it the length of the field to South's goal, where he demonstrated his impressive shooting skills by launching the ball from his 6-foot pole past the surprised goalie.

However, South was not happy about the score, and they returned the favor to SLUH, scoring four unanswered goals.

South maintained took a two-goal lead into the fourth quarter, but SLUH was unwilling to go down without a fight. Junior attackmen Alex Brescia sniped the top right corner of the goal in the game's final minutes to tie the game at 7.

After a scoreless first overtime, a Patriot attackman snuck one by Yoon to win the game with less than a minute.

Yoon had an impressive game however, holding one of the state's best offensive units to only eight goals with a number of spectacular saves.

Of the South game, Verhoff concluded, "It was a heartbreaker. But that game proved we can play with the best teams in the area and we know we can come out over the next few weeks and win some more games."

The team looks to improve upon its record of 8-6 this weekend at CBC.

## TRACK

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third-place finish.

The final piece of the distance puzzle was a two mile for the record books. The two-man assassin crew of senior Alex Muntges and junior Ben Murphy-Baum set their sights on state cross country champion Garret Jeffries of Marquette. Unfortunately, Jeffries was a bit too much to handle, but Murphy-Baum passed Muntges with a few steps left and finished in second with a 9:37. Muntges followed with a 9:38. Those two times are the third and fourth fastest in SLUH history.

In the jumps, junior Jordan Bushong stepped up his game in the 110-meter high hurdles to finish fourth, and junior Jason Esslinger added a few more points with a high jump of 5-6, good enough for seventh place.

The team began competition at the Fred Lyons Invitational last night and hope to reclaim a first place team finish in this two-day meet at Parkway Central.

"It should be pretty intense from now on," said Samson.

### GOLF NIGHTBEAT

Last night, the Wiebills fell to Vianney at Riverside, 223-228. The Jr. Bills received low scores from freshman Michael Ferris (36), junior Alex Luebbert (37), and seniors Kyle Ortmann (37) and Steve Lestmann (38).

## T2

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attack. The lowest paid workers seem to be the ones that are forced out and are suffering the most."

Indeed, Wash. U.'s sit-in is just one of many that have taken place throughout the country, from Stanford in California to Georgetown Univeristy in Washington, D.C. The many actions performed by college students find their root in the Student Labor Action Project, an organization that helps coordinate and support student actions. The week of March 31 to April 6 was National Student Labor Week of Action, in honor of both Cesar Chavez and Martin Luther King.

At Georgetown, students held an eight day hunger strike. Because of that, by July of 2005, contracted employees will earn at least \$13 per hour increasing to \$14 per hour by 2007.

The sit-in requires more than just a sacrifice of time, but also a sacrifice of academics. The students have attempted to stay as on-top of their work as possible, but living at the admissions office does not allow them to attend all of their classes.

Even though many teachers sympathize and support the students, as Thomas says, "If you don't do the work, it doesn't matter how much the professors sympathize with you, you didn't do it."

For Thomas, St. Louis U. High provided the foundation that has allowed him to take part in the sit-in. "I would absolutely say (SLUH is important), especially the social justice education at SLUH and the spiritual education in general. I wouldn't be the kind of person who does this if it weren't for SLU High. ... In terms of social justice, I wouldn't care (about the workers). In terms of spirituality, I

### TENNIS NIGHTBEAT

Last night, the Pennbills trounced Parkway North at Dwight Davis, winning 7-0 on varsity and 6-0 on JV. Assistant coach David Callon said of the match, "We keep on sailing."

## FUTURE

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Arb, Anthony Liczkowski, and Jon-Paul Johnson for secretary/treasurer.

Tuesday morning, the final candidates appeared on a special broadcast of KUHI-39, re-stating why they chose to run and encouraging their classmates to vote. The politicians then performed short speeches during activity period, and, after a second round of voting, the STUCO officers were chosen.

Arb said of his victory, "I'm excited. I foresee great things for next year. I'm new at this. It's my first year, (and there's) not really a lot of prior experience, but I'm sure these guys will help me get the swing of things."

Arb believes he won because, as he said in his speech, "I just try to be a general all-around laid back easy guy and I think other people can see that." Arb asserted in his speech that he was a genuine person and wanted to expand the role of secretary/treasurer. Arb hopes to use his position to "boost participation in CSP, aside from senior project. I just want to get the word out that CSP is an easy, great way to get involved and help out your community."

The vice presidential race pitted two former STUCO members, Jones and Magee, against each other and proved to be a close race to the finish. During his speech, Jones stressed unity, promoting his idea for a SLUH Clubs' Picnic, which would bring together people from different groups and promote a greater sense of community. Magee, on the other hand, likened his role as vice president to a juggling act, in which he would watch everything so things would be carried out successfully and not end like a ball falling to the ground.

Magee said of his victory, "I'm happy

that I've had the chance to help lead our class to raise our school to a new level, on the spiritual side (and) social (side). It was tough beating friends, but I was running for a position. I wasn't running against anybody."

Magee did not know what helped him defeat Jones, but he said, "I just try to do what I can. If people like it, then that's fine; if people don't, it's fine. I try and do my best."

Rice, the incumbent, was largely favored to win the presidency for next year. During his speech, his opponent Tresslar called for change

and an end to the dominance of Rice, but he failed to change the minds of most juniors.

Rice said of his victory, "I am very happy to be president. I am humbled. I think it's great. I've enjoyed STUCO for three years, but this is I think a much bigger responsibility, being a president of the whole school, which is a larger responsibility than just being a representative for a class. I'm excited. I've got

some ideas. I know that we're going to have a good STUCO next year."

Rice attributed his victory to his experience with STUCO. Rice said, "I think that I've been in STUCO for three years, so people know I have experience. I know everyone in the class and I think people see that I generally do enjoy STUCO and generally do enjoy talking to people and helping everyone out."

The commissioners, like the officers,

were voted on during Wednesday lunch, and the field was narrowed down to Steitz and Mike Jonagan for social/publicity. All the candidates for sports commissioner—Matt Wacker, Dom Palumbo, and Cole—advanced to the final round of voting. Following another round of a KUHI-39 broadcast and speeches, the juniors selected their final STUCO representatives.

Steitz defeated Jonagan for the social/publicity position. Steitz promised outlandish activities during his speech, including a pillow fight, living chess game, and the SLUH Outdoor Games, with some "lumberjacking and pancakes, which would be pretty sweet."

In good humor, Steitz joked, "It feels pretty sweet (to be part of STUCO). Fourth time's a charm." Steitz believes next year's STUCO can accomplish a lot of great things. Speaking of the elected juniors, Steitz commented, "It's a great bunch of guys, and we'll unite every part of the

class," Steitz promised. Steitz hoped to establish "a bunch of new activities and revamp intramurals as well as make dances flippin' sweet."

Cole, whose speech consisted of a self-composed St. Nick's poem parody, may have won voters to defeat Palumbo and Wacker for sports commissioner.

Cole was excited about his election to STUCO and the group of guys he will work with in his senior year. Cole hopes to "bring out the fun side of STUCO" in his role as sports commissioner.

Cole stated his biggest goal: "I want to cover as many games as possible with as many people as possible. I mean everybody."

Finucane, who ran unopposed, the  
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Magee, vice president-elect.



Arb, secretary/treasurer-elect.

## FOX

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our own sake and for the sake of our fellow students, present and future.

So why didn't anyone care enough to bring some sort of issue to the Forum? Maybe the taco sticks in the cafeteria were more important. Perhaps no one did their homework Thursday night. The simple fact of the matter is that no one cared enough about the school to voice their opinions.

This is not the only occasion of apathy this year. Throughout the year, the Open Forums have been increasingly devoid of debate on truly serious issues. This newspaper's opinion page has been replaced by news most weeks. And finally, the editors of this newspaper have been largely silent this year.

STUCO's Forums were created with the intent to get the students' voices heard by the administration. This year, few students have brought up their own opinions in the open forums. Possibly, next year's STUCO could designate special issues that directly affect a majority of students to discuss at each meeting. Designating a serious issue that affects students is taking the idea of an open forum one step farther. It's a step that would not be hard to take.

In order to increase interest and decrease apathy, a few steps must be taken. The students most able to make their own voices and the voices of their classmates heard—STUCO and the editors of the *Prep News*—need to do a better job of

defining the issues that affect the student body. Once the issues affecting the students are defined, those leaders need to fully explain the issues and provide a forum for discussing them intelligently and productively. Both STUCO and the *Prep News* currently provide that forum. The leaders must be able to separate the small issues (distance of the parking lot) from the big ones (no consultation on the plan).

Bringing up an issue at the Forum isn't the only way to show that you care about SLUH. Participating in extracurriculars, diligently working on classes, or doing service are all ways that students show that they care week in and week out. But going out on a limb and trying to change something that you see is wrong shows that you care enough to risk something of your own.

Some would claim that one student's voice will be ignored, and if it is heard, nothing will be done. This may be true. But the voices of hundreds of passionate students who intelligently argue their case will most certainly not be ignored.

So far, STUCO has held up their end of the bargain. Each quarter, they provide each student with the ability to voice their opinions with STUCO and the administration. That's what STUCO has done for us, the bargain they have upheld. It's about time the students take STUCO up on their offer and be heard.

## COMMISSAR

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first time since Brian Heffernan ran for sports commissioner in 2003, automatically vaulted his way into STUCO. Finucane served as Pastoral Representative this year and will once again fill that role. Finucane, who was excited to be assured the spot, still "missed the competition."

As part of his goals, Finucane aims to get people "more involved in prayer services and active in masses." He also hoped to institute two days of service like the juniors did this year. Finucane summed up his philosophy: "I'm just trying to make the J.C. cool."

This year's election marked some changes in the voting process. Students were encouraged to step behind a table to vote to reduce candidates' badgering. The addition of KUH-39 this year also gave candidates an opportunity to address all juniors in homeroom.

Despite these improvements, few juniors attended the speeches on Tuesday and particularly Thursday, where only 42 were present, perhaps due to the large number of meetings during Thursday's activity period.

Current STUCO president Joe Eggleston said of the attendance, "I was really disappointed. We had like over a hundred (people) I think on Tuesday and (yesterday) there was a whole bunch of meetings. It's a really busy time of the year so it's hard to get mad that other clubs were having their meetings. Hopefully, everyone (knew) their classmates well enough that they can just get an accurate judgement for who they want from there. I was disappointed with the turnout."

Despite the low attendance at the speeches, the majority of juniors did actually vote. Approximately 82 percent voted in the final election of the officers and 72 percent voted in the commissioner elections.

Kesterson has high expectations for next year, saying, "The only thing I can hope for is that the guys will continue to try to be innovative and be good leaders for the school."

## YOU LATER

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The yearbook has been delayed at least this long once before. The 2000 *Dauphin* yearbook wasn't finished on time. To rectify the mistake, the staff worked in high gear to pump out the 2000 yearbook in the early part of the 2001-2002 school year and the 2001 yearbook on its heels later that school year.

Junior Jim Schaeffer expressed his aggravations: "Each year we get it later and later. I'm frustrated."

Sophomore David Auffmanburg: agreed with Schaeffer about the release of Auffmanburg's freshman yearbook: "I think that being a freshman, you want to remember everything from your freshman year. Getting it the summer after sophomore year, you just forget everything so fast and you're almost a junior and you're basically getting your freshman year memories. Whether they need more people ... I just think they should do whatever it takes to get it out faster to students."

by Andrew Mueth

## Calendar

Apr. 22-Apr. 29

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22**

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

STUCO Spring Fling  
 V BB vs. Rittenour, 10:00 am  
 V/JV VB Parkway Tournament @  
 Parkway Central, 9 am  
 V LAX @ CBC, 4 pm

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

Jazz Concert @ 1:30 pm

**MONDAY, APRIL 25**

Schedule R  
 NHS Elections  
 Sisyphus Artwork Deadline  
 IM Bombardment  
 College Visits:  
 Elon College  
 Ohio Wesleyan University

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 V T&F @ Vianney Relays, 4 pm  
 V/JV TN vs. Parkway Central, 4 pm  
 C BB @ CBC, 4:15 pm  
 Tater Tots, Pizza

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**

Schedule B1  
 Homeroom @ 8 am  
 Faculty/Staff Mix-Up Luncheon  
 V BB vs. CBC, 7:00 pm  
 V T&F @ Vianney Relays, 4 pm  
 V LAX vs. Columbia-Rockbridge, 6:45  
 pm  
 V Golf vs. Webster Groves, 2:45 pm  
 V/JV VB vs. CBC, 5/6 pm  
 V/JV TN @ Parkway South, 4 pm  
 B BB @ CBC, 4:15 pm  
 Cookies, Chicken Stuffing Casserole

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**

Schedule B2  
 Homeroom @ 9:15 am  
 Department Meetings  
 V/JV VB vs. Chaminade, 5/6 pm  
 V Golf vs. DeSmet @ Glen Echo, 3:30  
 pm

JV Golf vs. DeSmet @ Normandie, 3:30  
 pm

C BB @ DeSmet, 4:15 pm  
 Funnel Cake, Pork Fried Rice

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**

Schedule R  
 Fr. English Tutorial  
 Sr. Class Liturgy  
 Rosary in Chapel  
 College Visit:  
 Arizona State University  
 V BB @ Rockwood Summit, 4:15 pm  
 V T&F Clayton Invitational @ Wash U.  
 3:20 pm  
 V LAX @ Rockwood Summit, 5:30 pm  
 V/JV Golf vs. Chaminade, 2:45 pm  
 V/JV TN @ Kirkwood, 4 pm  
 JV/C T&F @ Vianney, 4 pm  
 Season Fries, Papa Johns

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**

Schedule R  
 AED/CPR Course 3:30-7 pm  
 V TN Belleville East Tournament  
 Bosco Sticks, Spaghetti with Garlic Bread

**JR-DOS**

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Junior Nick Appelbaum agreed with Beckemeier that the day was enjoyable and working with Americorps was definitely a privilege. "I never knew I could have so much fun shoveling mulch," Appelbaum said about his job at the cemetery.

Other jobs included weeding and pulling vines. Each group was led by an Americorps volunteer.

At the end of the day, after the juniors had been working for four hours, the students gathered with the Americorps volunteers for lunch and a special reflection. During lunch, each individual student participant was called by name by an Americorps volunteer and awarded a certificate of appreciation.

Appelbaum and Beckemeier agreed that this part of the day was really special for everyone.

Whose Existence Can Still Escape Us  
 Today

David Gregg

Having resigned myself to a corner of the hospital's toy room, I sat tinkering around with fire trucks, minding no one's business but mine own. He lurked towards me. The halogen lights paled his dark skin as he drew near. His gang-colors, an off white gown, reflected my personal pigment at his approach. So, with ambulance clutched in hand, the agitator suggested play. But the shakes of my head, having not developed the discretion of my forefathers who would wear smiling masks to lessen the sting of their excuses, banished him to his corner, his drinking fountain, his side of the restaurant. While leaving, I shot glances, afraid of the monster. I wonder, if he noticed it in my eyes, whose existence can still escape me today.

Looking Over My Shoulder,  
 Waving Goodbye

Paul Barker

The first time  
 the sun is setting  
 behind her head,  
 her hair in a forbidden kind of balance  
 like a feather lighting on a pond.  
 The second time  
 she turns her arm and smiles  
 in motions that seem  
 to travel slowly on a long road,  
 wading through honey,  
 before they reach my eyes.

If it's a matter of what I know  
 and what I will never know,  
 if that is all that will ever matter  
 and will never matter,  
 then there is nothing  
 except this perfect agreement  
 of light and skin  
 nestled within the infinite cavern  
 of space.