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Hellman, '66, wins Backer

Andrew Mueth
Core Staff

Of the numerous honorees at St. Louis U. High's annual awards assembly, only one addresses the entire SLUH community upon receiving an award. Ted Hellman received this year's Backer Award, the "highest honor that St. Louis University High School bestows upon its alumni," according to the SLUH website. The Backer Award is an award given each year to an alumnus who has distinguished himself as a leader in his community, profession, and church.

The award brought last Friday's award assembly to an end, and, after announcing the recipient, President Paul Sheridan, S.J. handed over the microphone to Hellman, who delivered a brief

speech to the student body and faculty. In his speech, Hellman focused on the ways SLUH had prepared him during his four years in high school.

"As I reflect over the past 40 years, it is obvious to me that my Saint Louis U. High experience ... prepared me for life," he said in the speech.

He mentioned the critical thinking skills that he gained at SLUH as one of the key elements of his education, calling them "incredibly powerful and valuable in making decisions and solving problems which are essential for professional success in any professional field."

He also said that he "came to appreciate the discipline, (and) the Ignatian values," which he learned at SLUH "that guide me both personally and professionally."
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Spring Fling '05 flung on Sat.

Jim Santel
Reporter

Some people celebrate the dawning of spring by carousing at England's Stonehenge overnight. Others choose to dance around a maypole. St. Louis U. High students, however, welcome spring with STUCO's annual Spring Fling, which took place last Saturday. The day-long celebration featured a barbeque, video games, an obstacle course, the traditional car-smash, live bands, the blockbuster 64-team 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and, of course, the enormous mixer.

Spring Fling began at 9 a.m. with the preliminary rounds of the 3-on-3 tournament, which had to be played indoors because of inclement weather. Despite the uncooperative weather, history teacher and tournament organizer Dave Barton

was quite pleased with this year's incarnation of the event.

"We had 64 teams, and all of the teams showed up. ... It looked like the teams had fun, and there were no major injuries," Barton said.

After a long day of difficult victories on the hardwood, the heavily favored team consisting of psychology teacher and STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson, chemistry teacher Eric Jefferson, and seniors Dave Goettelmann and Tim Heafner emerged with the championship. Despite complaints about stacked teams, Barton did not foresee any major rule changes to next year's tournament.

"People complain about the faculty teams, but we have yet to win," Barton remarked. "I think what's cool about Spring Fling is that there can be major

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Magistrata takes Faculty Appreciation

Brian Krebs
Core Staff

The senior class awarded the Faculty Appreciation Award to Latin teacher Mary Lee McConaghy, affectionately known as Magistra. McConaghy is the first foreign language teacher to receive the award in its 21 years of existence.

Since her arrival at SLUH in 1979, McConaghy has taught Latin to freshmen and juniors. This year, McConaghy teaches about 60 freshmen spread across two classes, and about 56 juniors, who make up two more classes.

In 1991, after being approached by some of her junior Latin students, McConaghy began to teach classical Greek which had taken a thirty-year hiatus from SLUH's curriculum. Since then, Greek has been offered to seniors of all language backgrounds. This year, McConaghy has 21 students in her Greek section.

In addition to teaching five sections, McConaghy also moderates the Latin Club. The club, made up of students from each class, includes nearly half of the 200 Latin students and meets year-round to prepare a myriad of activities, including official competitions and toga parties.

Foreign Language Chair Mark Tychonievich was delighted that his friend and colleague won last week. Tychonievich cited the great job McConaghy has done at getting freshman

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Students honored at awards assembly

Eric Durban
Staff

Recognizing seniors was the raison d'être of at last Friday's awards assembly, and six distinguished seniors were given major awards.

In addition to the annual Dunn-Martel, Hinck-Hereford, Jesuit Secondary Education Association (JSEA), Mac Boland, and Ed Hawk awards, this year's assembly also gave one senior the honor of being the first Raterman Award winner.

Awarded annually since 1988, the Dunn-Martel award represents the hard work and dedication of long time coaches Ebbie Dunn and Paul Martel. According to the plaque in the center corridor, the award is bestowed to the "Scholar-Athlete" of the graduating class. The years winner was senior Tim Heafner. Heafner has excelled in the classroom and played

an integral role in the 2003 State Championship Swimming squad. This school year, he was named the Missouri Water Polo Player of the Year.

Voted on by members of the senior class, the annual Hinck-Hereford award is given to the senior who, according to Dr. Schenkenberg, has excelled in "leadership, scholarship, and athletics." Combining leadership and athletics as a captain of the Varsity football team, senior Matt Herzberg was selected to receive the award. Herzberg will have the chance to develop his leadership next year at the Air Force Academy.

The JSEA award is an honor given to a student in each of the 47 Jesuit high school's in the nation. Tom Cummings, S.J., was on hand to present the award. As described by Cummings, the award is given to "a well-rounded person, who is intellectually competent, open to growth, reli-

gious, loving, and committed to doing justice in generous service to the people of God." Senior Charlie Samson was then announced as the winner. After he reached the stage, Cummings described him as "an inspiration to us all." A two-sport athlete, he holds a 4.0 GPA and is involved in CSP. As the JSEA winner, Samson will be one of the honorary student speakers at the graduation dinner.

Since 1960, the Mac Boland award has been bestowed upon a SLUH senior who has "most influenced his fellow students to a more united participation and spirit that is St. Louis U. High." The award was started in memory of Mac's untimely death of leukemia as a member of the class of 1958. Chosen by the faculty, senior STUCO president Joe Eggleston will speak at graduation and have his name placed on a plaque in the center corridor.

"My initial reaction was shock, and it

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ally, because a career without values, like a life without values, is empty."

He ended with the encouragement that "the critical thinking skills, the discipline, and the values that you are developing today will prepare you well for the journey of your life."

Hellman, who has known about the award since January, and remarked, "I was honored," when he learned that he was the recipient.

The process of choosing the Backer Award recipient begins with a board member or another person nominating someone whom they believe meets the requirements listed for the award, including one or more of the following: "service to their family, their church and their fellow man, contributions to their business or profession, leadership in civic or social work, or promotion of intellectual or cultural pursuits." Sheridan pointed out that the list of nominees grows constantly, but no candidate is ever removed from the list unless he is selected as the recipient.

In December and January, a committee composed of the superior of the Jesuit Community Tom Cummings, S.J., Chairman of the Board of Trustees John

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upsets as the day goes on. You need endurance. It's not necessarily (the team) who has the better overall talent that's going to win."

Proof was provided by the team consisting of freshmen Eric Devlin, Thomas Egan, Andy Hill, and Dan Niese, who became the first elite eight appearance by an all-freshman team in tournament history.

As the battle for basketball glory raged in the gymnasium, other students ate barbeque provided by the National Honor Society, smashed an old car on the upper lot, tackled an obstacle course in the theatre loge, or enjoyed the music of favorite SLUH bands such as "Bob" and the "Wee Beasties" in the Danis Lobby.

The festival, however, lacked the sand

Wunderlich, and Sheridan looked at possible candidates for the award.

Sheridan summarized that the committee looks for a candidate who is "the Grad at Grad: We're looking for a man who's spiritual. We're looking for a leader, for a man who's confident, who wants to learn ... who is compassionate, who cares

volleyball court that was supposed to be in place on the P.E. field behind Berthold Avenue for use during the festival. Kesterson said that the field had not had ample time to dry out enough for the sand to be delivered, and "once the weather started getting nice last week, it would have interfered with Spring Fling, so (STUCO) just decided to put a hold on (the sand)." Because the sand was never actually delivered, Kesterson said, STUCO did not have to pay for it.

Kesterson estimated that about 2,000 people were in attendance at the mixer, compared to 3,500 attendees at the Back-to-School mixer held in August, and that they did not have to turn anyone away because of space constraints.

Throughout last week, STUCO distributed tickets that all non-SLUH males would need to gain entrance to the

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about the poor."

Sheridan nominated Hellman this past winter, and stated that when he brought forward Hellman's name to the members of the selection committee, "everyone was delighted by the prospect." In addition,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Conway, '03, asks for rugby coverage

To whom it may concern,

I was always proud of the family atmosphere that was abundant at St. Louis U. High while I was a student there. SLUH is a school steeped in tradition and, even more so, pride in itself and its students for their tremendous accomplishments.

While I was at school, the *Prep News* not only covered the school lives of the U. High students, but also important events and achievements beyond the halls and playing fields of Backer Memorial. And as I read this past week's edition, I see that this tradition has continued, as you have printed a story regarding the sit-in/fast of a fellow member of the Class of '03, Joe Thomas.

This is why I am surprised, and a little disappointed, at the lack of coverage of the Druids Rugby team. I am aware that their status as a club sport at SLUH was basically revoked this year for several reasons, which I do not think are necessary to explain for the purpose of this letter. But whether it be policy not to cover athletic teams strictly aligned with the school or just complete apathy on the part of the sports beat staff of the *Prep News*, I implore you to reconsider your stance. In not covering the Druids

success this year, you are missing the story of one of the best athletic teams to go through our school in years. Last weekend, the Druids qualified for the regional rugby tournament down in Texas later this spring, and if they place in the top three they will qualify for the national tournament.

Now I do not believe they have any games left in St. Louis before they go, so you probably cannot witness firsthand how good they are unless you attend a practice. But, I would ask a few things of you, the student body: if they have any games left, go and cheer on your fellow Jr. Bills because they still deserve your support; wish these guys luck in regionals because whether the administration likes it or not, this team still represents St. Louis U. High on some level; and to the *Prep News*, be consistent in the writing of articles about the current achievements of SLUH's students outside the iron gates of the campus, because as a family, everyone should be able to enjoy the successes of their brothers.

Tim Conway, '03

Queathem, '05, critiques behavior at Spring Fling Mixer

To the Editors:

After attending the Spring Fling mixer, I felt disappointed for the first time to be a member of the St. Louis U. High community. While I appreciate the hard work and organization required to plan an event of this magnitude and commend those involved on their success, I see the need to examine the type of behavior that mixers promote. Without explicitly discussing the various rumors surrounding this specific event, I challenge the community to recognize the immoral, immodest, and discouraging conduct displayed last Saturday night.

I can only imagine how an outsider encountering SLUH students for the first time perceived our school and the values for which we stand. With little supervision in the gym, many people feel that anything goes. The insufficient number of faculty supervisors prevents them from effectively managing the crowd. However, is it really their responsibility to ensure that we are acting respectfully? If we are truly maturing into honorable young men, then we are to be held accountable for our actions. Our values must compel us to do what we know is right whether there are three chaperones or thirty. As a school, we should be forming men of virtue who are willing to stand up for the dignity of others. Sadly, our behavior fluctuates according to who is watching, and it is a reality that the mixers can get out of control. Even the D.J. noticed the insanity, threatening to turn the music off unless we settled down. The sexually suggestive dancing not only demonstrates complete disrespect for our guests and the chaperones, but also a lack of strong morals among the student

body. It may be easy to dismiss this argument, saying that the girls invite sexual advances by the way the dress and the way they act, which is precisely why our moral integrity is so crucial. We cannot allow others to define our values, but we must actively defend what we know is right. If we as Jesuit students are really concerned with becoming Men for Others, we must consistently live with this end in mind. I contend that not everyone participates in these explicit, offensive acts, but even so, it is crucial that we question why this behavior has become the norm at SLUH mixers.

The decisions we make before, during, and after our mixers greatly reflect the morals we hold, the education we receive, and the men we are becoming. Poor choices regarding drinking and drugs have a profound effect not only on the individuals, but also on the community as a whole. These decisions negatively impact the rest of the student body. What is most frightening is the indifference and complacency surrounding our conduct. Although these are not easy issues to confront and discuss, it is essential that we struggle with the implications that stem from alcohol and drug abuse. It is important not to downplay the consequences that these choices have on ourselves and others. We should know where we stand on such issues and be willing to support these beliefs.

SLU High students are proud that our mixers are well planned, well attended, and profitable. I agree that these events are encouraging signs of the spirit of brotherhood that exist in our

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Alumni authors will visit

Andrew Mueth
Core Staff

Author Mark Essig, '88, will visit SLUH on Monday, May 9 to speak about his book, *Edison and the Electric Chair*. Essig will be the first in a series of SLUH alumni authors to speak about their books at SLUH.

Before the beginning of school, a donor asked that his donation be used to promote reading in some way or another. Librarian Libby Moore, in charge of the guest author project, said, "(The donor) wanted for us to do something with the money that is kind of ongoing," as well as "something that we wanted to do for the school."

During the first semester, English department chair Bill George thought of the idea to host an author series. Moore and George discussed the idea and de-

cidated to have the speakers be SLUH grads.

Moore chose Essig, who published his book in 2003, as the first guest because several teachers heard him speak at his book promotion last summer at Left Bank Books in the Central West End.

Moore then wrote to Essig about possibly coming to speak in the library.

When he visits on May 9, he will talk about his book during activity period and will be available to visit English classes afterward. Moore hopes that many students "will come (to the talk) and have some good questions."

Moore is excited about the visit, saying, "I've always wanted to do something like book talks and we've never put anything together." George agreed, commenting simply, "(Essig) is just great." If all goes well, Moore plans on continuing the series by having two authors visit every year in the future.

Osburg collects novels for Red Cloud school

Tim Malecek
Staff

In February, English teacher Barbara Osburg attended the New Ignatian Educators' retreat. There, she met English teacher Susan Daniels from Red Cloud Jesuit High School, who spoke about not having enough books to teach her 85 students the same text. This encounter prompted English teacher Barbara Osburg to start a collection to try and help the undersupplied school.

Red Cloud School serves primarily Lakota Native Americans in South Dakota. However, Red Cloud, with an enrollment of only 200 students, has "very, very little resources of any sort," according to Osburg. The total budget for office materials for the entire year is only \$200.

Osburg asked her freshman classes to bring in *Tears of a Tiger* by Sharon M. Draper to donate to the English department at Red Cloud. *Tears of a Tiger* is the first book in a trilogy about Hazelwood High, a fictional high school.

According to Osburg, the book was selected because of its topic of high school alcoholism, a major problem at Red Cloud. The book would allow students to think about the topic and discuss it.

Osburg had hoped to donate enough books to Red Cloud so that "next fall, all the seniors could read the same book and start the year with a great thing." Osburg believed SLUH students would enjoy giving books to another Jesuit school in need. "I felt sure I could get freshmen to bring in books," commented Osburg. However, she has received only fifteen books from her 75 freshmen.

Osburg is still accepting *Tears of a Tiger*, which is available at any bookstore. If you wish to donate, please bring a copy of the book to the English office before the end of the year.

Keynesian bills place second in Chicago economics contest

Timo Kim
Core Staff

Economics teacher Peggy Pride accompanied seniors Byrne Hobart, Jared Luner, and Dustin Sump, and junior Timo Kim, to compete in the Midwest Economics Challenge in Chicago last Thursday. The Midwest Economics Challenge is an interstate competition which tests knowledge of microeconomics, macroeconomics, and international trade.

The contests began at a quarter before nine the following Friday with breakfast followed by three 15-question competition rounds. The first two rounds consisted of microeconomics and macroeconomics questions, respectively, administered to each team member individually.

Microeconomics focuses on questions about how individuals and businesses act in single industries and various market systems. Macroeconomics focuses on the behavior of buyers and sellers in entire economy and how the government affects economic transactions.

The top three scores from each team for each test were then added to form

preliminary team rankings. After the first two rounds, SLUH had ranked third behind the teams from Ohio and Iowa.

The third round, which the teams completed together, consisted of 15 questions on international trade and current events in business. In this round, however, SLUH scored poorly and was nudged out by two other teams to end in fifth.

Luner added, "One of the things that hurt us was that you were penalized for a wrong answer." The contest awarded ten points for each correct answer, and zero points for a blank answer. However, wrong answers subtracted five points from the total score, instead of merely deducting a guessing penalty.

The competition ended with lunch and a round between the top ranked teams from Iowa and Ohio. Since the team had several hours before their flight, they then decided to visit the Chicago Art Institute before going to the airport.

Overall, Pride commented, "It's a good contest, because it challenges us to apply what we learn, ... (but) next year, I'll get the team together earlier and get a little more preparation in."

LAXbills fall to CBC, smoke Rockbridge

Mike Eilers
Reporter

Coming off an impressive yet disappointing game against Parkway South last week, the LAXbills journeyed to face the CBC Cadets on Saturday. While many other St. Louis U. High students partied it up at Spring Fling, the lacrosse team suffered a double blow. Not only did the team miss out on hours of fun at Spring Fling, but the game didn't exactly go the way they had planned.

In typical SLUH lacrosse fashion, the Jr. Bills took a quick 2-0 lead. CBC then responded with a goal of their own before the end of the first quarter. The Brinebills dominated the second quarter as well, scoring three more and taking a 5-2 lead by halftime. The Jr. Bills defense stripped CBC attackmen at will, preventing any offensive possessions by the Cadets. The second goal came at the tail end of the half as a result of an unsettled defense.

Things looked good for the STXBills, but the Cadets slowly closed the three-goal gap. For some reason, SLUH could

not gain momentum on offense, and the Cadets exploited weakness in SLUH's defense for four goals, taking the lead.

The second half was the exact opposite of the first: SLUH was shut down on offense and CBC picked apart the Jr. Bills' defense. The Attackbills were shut out in the second half, losing the game 6-5.

Commented dejected midfielder, junior Zach Berndsen, "We should have beaten (CBC). We got up at halftime and started celebrating before the game was over. I think we were caught off guard by their intensity coming out of halftime."

Looking to redeem themselves, the LAXbills battled Rockbridge on Tuesday in the stadium. In a game that concluded minutes before rain soaked the field, the Jr. Bills proved that the loss to CBC was a fluke by pounding the team from Columbia.

Hungry for some wins, SLUH dominated the Bruins in all aspects of the game. While the SLUH team did not play to their full potential, the 9-2 victory over the Bruins was a vast improvement over the disappointing loss to CBC. Senior cap-

tains Larry Howe and Joe Hof led the team to victory, both scoring three goals apiece.

Although the loss to CBC hurt, it did teach the Jr. Bills a valuable lesson: never count your opponent out of a game until the final whistle blows. At halftime of the game on Tuesday, the score was 4-0 in favor of the Stickbills.

Unwilling to let another game slip out of their hands, the LAXbills made sure to stay focused throughout the remainder of the game. Consequently, the team scored two quick goals coming out of the half.

The defense did not let the Bruins get any points until more than halfway through the fourth quarter. To ensure a victory, the Jr. Bills netted three more and finished the game, 9-2.

Berndsen concluded, "We didn't get up early and coast like we sometimes do. We were tired of losing, and the captains stepped up big to help us win one. We didn't play perfect, but we did play as a team and it felt great to win."

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Rain hampers improvement on Wilsonbills' 9-0 season

Steve Hipkiss
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High tennis team had hoped to use this week to pump up their 9-0 record, but the persistent rain prevented any matches from taking place.

The squad headed down Highway 40 to matchup against Parkway Central on Monday and proceeded to warm up despite the continuing drizzle.

The start of the matches was preceded by an announcement from the Parkway Central coach saying that if anyone had trouble keeping their footing, the match would immediately be cancelled.

After a strong start by the Jr. Bills, Parkway Central's no. 1 singles player slipped while going for a forehand late in the second set, causing the two coaches to suspend play. After waiting fifteen min-

utes for the rain to stop, the match was officially called, and the team had to return to school without a victory, since the four matches required for a victory had not yet been completed.

The only completed match came at no. 2 singles, where junior Steve Hipkiss made quick work of his opponent with a 6-1, 6-0 victory. On Tuesday, the Jr. Bills again had a match cancelled because of the rain, this time against Parkway South.

The Belleville East Tournament is coming up for the Jr. Bills, where SLUH will face the best teams from across the river. This tournament might be the toughest test of the year for the team, because a strong Belleville West is also entered in the tournament. They will challenge the Jr. Bills for first place in the tournament, and the winner will probably be ranked the top high school team in the area.

Longballbills douse fires of top area pitchers

Justin Rottger
Reporter

Continuing their amazing run through the middle of the season, the St. Louis U. High baseball team traveled out west on Interstate 64 to play Troy Buchanan High. A team that many of the players had never even heard of, the Trojans sent out to the mound their ace, Aaron Shafer, a Lincoln County institution. As usual, however, the Basebills would not lay down without a battle.

The weather was miserable, with the temperature hovering at about forty-five degrees and a twenty-five mile-an-hour wind blowing in from the northwest. Regardless, there would be baseball on this sunny but very chilly Saturday morning.

With a flamethrower like Shafer on the mound, any hit was a good thing, and senior Dave Venker led off the game

with one. Senior Brandon Beal got hold of a fastball in the first as well, but what appeared to be a home run off the bat was just a long strike, as it sailed about five feet left of the foul pole down the line. What looked promising turned dire in a hurry, as the next four Jr. Bills went down by strikeout, the beginning of Shafer's fifteen.

In the top of the fourth, Brandon Beal led off with a double off the left field wall. Senior Ryan Morgan then bunted for a hit, moving Beal to third. Morgan stole second base, and Troy proceeded to intentionally walk senior Mike Deelo, loading the bases for junior Nick Riganti. Riganti would send a fly ball to center on the first pitch, bringing home Beal for the first run of the game.

Troy would get on the board in the bottom of the fifth, and the game remained tied 1-1 through the seventh, which meant extra innings.

The game was sent to extra innings thanks to a brilliant defensive play: with a

Troy runner on first, senior first baseman Mike Deelo charged in on the Morgan pitch and second baseman Mike Beal stealthily shifted over behind the runner towards first base. Head coach Steve Nicollerat called for a pitchout, and senior catcher Tony Molina threw a strike to first base, picking off the runner in a well-executed play.

Junior Tony Bertucci also added two excellent innings of relief. However, Shafer continued to pitch through extra innings, and was called on to pitch the ninth as well. Still throwing hard, he faced Morgan first in the top of the ninth.

The Troy head coach might have regretted his decision to leave his ace in the game, as Morgan doubled off the left center field wall. A groundout by junior Jared Saeger moved Morgan over to third, and Troy then put Deelo and Riganti on intentionally to load the bases for junior

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Killbills fall to Lafayette, overcome CBC

Sam Stragand
Reporter

After their close loss to Vianney last Wednesday, the St. Louis U. High volleyball team had mixed results this week. The Volleybills won all three of their regular season games. However, the Spikebills lost in the semifinals of the Parkway Central tournament to Lafayette after inconsistent play throughout the Saturday tournament. With only four games left in the regular season, the Guntlibills need to finish strong to strengthen their bid for the state tournament.

On Friday, the High-flyingbills journeyed across the Missouri River to beat Francis Howell in two games. After the hour-long drive and another dominant JV performance, the Killbills wasted no time in gaining a quick lead 9-2 behind three kills from senior Joe Guntli. The Blockbills kept their momentum with thirteen assists from junior Joel Westwood in a 25-9 win.

In the second game, the Francis Howell Vikings kept close until a kill from senior Bob Schuster started a streak for the Killbills at 13-10. Junior Joe Holloran increased the Blockbills' lead with six serves that led to a 25-14 victory. The Bills won the match 2-0 with little resistance from the Howell northerners.

The next day, the Jr. Bills could not overcome the loss of Guntli in a disappointing semifinal loss to a strong Lafayette team.

In their first game, the Killbills faced little challenge from Ritenour. However, the Jr. Bills ran into trouble in the second game of their match against Eureka when they barely won, 19-17.

The problems only worsened for the Spikebills when they split a pair of games with Parkway West, whom they had already beaten earlier in the year, 19-12 and 16-19. By that time, Guntli's illness became evident after uncharacteristic hitting errors.

Against Kirkwood in the quarterfinals, Schuster took the ailing Guntli's spot out-

side while sophomore Rory Faust replaced Schuster in the middle.

In the second game, after a 25-19 win, the Bills could not overcome a late serving streak by Kirkwood, losing 24-26. However, the Bills came together as a team to dominate the third game 25-11. In the semifinals, Guntli's absence and a hard-hitting Lafayette team kept the Killbills' defense off balance in a 18-25 lost. The Asicsbills never recovered their momentum and lost the second game 19-25 and match 0-2.

With an exit in the semifinals, the Junior Bills left the tournament disappointed but with more experience against talented teams.

On Tuesday, the Guntlibills erased any thoughts of a CBC upset with a strong win. Uncharacteristically, the Killbills started the game strong behind a block and kill by Schuster, going up 9-2.

Westwood led the team to a 25-13 victory with two aces in a string of serves along with nine assists.

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Trackbills have up and down week

Chaney receives Meet MVP honor

Henry Samson
Reporter

It was truly spring last weekend for the Saint Louis U. High track team at Parkway North. At the team's second two-day meet in a row, the St. Louis weather dominated the mood. A threat of severe thunderstorms on Thursday caused the temperature to shoot up to the mid 80s, which was accompanied by some serious humidity. Then, in a complete 180-degree turn, it became December again on Friday as the temperature hovered in the mid-forties with a biting wind.

"God must have some sick sense of humor," muttered senior Charlie Samson while huddling underneath a blanket.

Junior Stephen Simmons, after emerging from his car with the heater blasting added, "I guess it must be cold, because all the cross country runners have pants on."

However, this meet did not start in usual fashion. Instead of beginning competition with a 4x800 meter relay, the mostly preliminary events day on Thursday began with the always grueling 4x1600 meter relay. (Yes, a four-man relay runs one mile each.)

The field didn't stack up to much of a challenge as the distance gurus glided through this event for an easy win. Only a handful of races would be run because of inclement thunderstorms in the area, so the SLUH track team came back to Parkway North on a frigidly fresh Friday for day two action. The 4x800 team once again ran an 8:19, but fell to a rising DeSmet group for second place.

"That's one team we really don't like losing to," commented coach Tim Chik. "We have got to start getting faster because the postseason is right around the corner."

Juniors Paul Chaney and Simmons continued their area dominance with a brutal couple of races. Chaney posted a season best 10.6 in the 100 meter dash while Simmons was right on his tail at 10.8. They would repeat this performance, as usual, in the 200 meter dash later.

Simmons also claimed first place in the 300 meter hurdles—a race that many consider flat out "insane" according to an unnamed athlete under a mountain of blankets on Friday. Chaney, though sore, also went on to win the 400 meter dash, holding off a few late race surges.

For his achievement at the meet in sweeping the sprint events, Chaney was awarded the meet MVP award. He received a plaque commending his efforts late Friday night.

When offered a penny for his thoughts, he declined saying, "No comment," and later continued, "Serious, let me get back to you on that one." Sprint coach Spencer McCall was proud of Chaney's performance.

"It's good when someone can consistently win three events like that. I guess we're kind of immune to it now because we're so used to seeing it all the time. But I still haven't believed he's reached his true test yet. It'll be interesting to see if he can do that in prelims, semis, and the finals at Clayton. It'll be like running for state," McCall said.

The 3200 meter run was the final event of the day for the Jr. Bills. But SLUH this year has a special situation. "The qualifying time to get to run three two milers at districts is 9:34.5," said Chik. SLUH currently has three two milers at or below 9:40. So, with special permission, junior Ben Murphy-Baum, and seniors Dan Meier and Alex Muntges all entered the race. It was almost a three-man race from the gun.

Murphy-Baum in the end won the race in 9:34.4, hitting the elusive district qualifying mark. Muntges followed at 9:41 and Meier at 9:46. "This is an amazing year for us in this event," praised Chik. "You put our three two milers out against anyone, even Liberty, and we blow them away. Now we just need Alex and Danny to hit that mark."

This weekend is the Clayton Invitational. Always a big public citywide meet, it draws lots of skill, especially in the sprints. It is also the last meet for the Jr. Bills before the MCC conference champi-

onship marks their departure into the post season.

When asked about their chances on Saturday, Linhares responded, "We definitely think we can win, but we are the underdogs on paper to East St. Louis. It's going to take a great deal of focus and effort on our part."

Some prelims on Saturday start in the morning, but all the finals of the events are after noon. If you feel like dropping by the track at Wash U., be ready for some real excitement.

Titleistbills defeat Webster, fall to DeSmet

Michael Doherty
Reporter

The Golfbills teed it up against Webster Groves High School on their home course in Forest Park on Tuesday. On an extremely windy, cold, and rainy day, the Jr. Bills had their work cut out for them.

Most of the team struggled, and the average score for the Jr. Bills was a 43. Junior Alex Luebbert played decently and shot a 41. Once again, freshman phenom Michael Ferris shot the low score with a five over par, 40.

Despite such bad play by the Jr. Bills, they still defeated the young Webster team, which was led by two freshmen. The final score was SLUH 245, Webster 262.

The Jr. Bills played much better at Glen Echo Country Club on Wednesday when they battled DeSmet. However, they could not come away with a win against the extremely talented DeSmet team. Luebbert was low for the Jr. Bills with a three over par 39, but he still railed the top DeSmet golfer, Andrew Popov, by four strokes.

Overall, the Jr. Bills had an OK week pulling away with a victory against Webster but falling to DeSmet. They will look to districts next Friday at the Players Club as motivation to pick up their games.

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second baseman Mike Beal. On the first offering from Shafer, Beal got under a pitch, looped it over the head of the third baseman, who had played in on the pitch, and sent it into left field, scoring Morgan. The bases were still loaded for Venker, and he drew a walk to bring in the third run of the game, extending the lead to 3-1.

Senior Ryan Johnson, who was relieved in the eighth, went back out in the ninth to close out the game. Johnson ran into a bit of trouble after walking the leadoff man and then allowing a bunt hit and a run to score. Troy then had runners on first and third, and after seeing this, head coach Steve Nicollerat called on senior ace Matt Ikemeier to come in and close the game.

Ike, as he is called by teammates and fans, did exactly what Nicollerat wanted him to do—close out the game. Ikemeier did it in style, too, striking out all three men he faced to end the game in SLUH's favor, 3-2.

In retrospect, Shafer had not given up an earned run in Troy's season so far was 6-0 so far this season, and was 9-0 last season, putting him at 15-0 in his last fifteen decisions. Against SLUH, he gave up three runs, and received his first loss in nearly a season and a half against the Jr.

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mixer, a system which was put in place before the Back-to-School mixer. However, Kesterson said that the system needs to be revamped.

"There definitely needs to be some tweaking to our ticket system," said Kesterson. "I think (the ticket system) did eliminate some of the non-SLUH males...we're just trying to slow down some of the numbers (of people)."

Kesterson added that STUCO will be meeting with Vice Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark and Principal Mary Schenkenberg to "try to figure out what some of the changes we need to make are."

Student behavior at the mixer was a much-discussed topic afterwards. Kesterson said that he was not aware of any attendees having to be removed, but

Bills.

In two consecutive games, the Basebills defeated two of the best pitchers in the area, and put themselves back into the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* baseball rankings at No. 9. Also worth mentioning is the magnificent pitching performance by Morgan, who threw five efficient innings and gave up only four hits and one run, striking out five.

After this game, one might think that there was no stopping this squad from the U. High. But the SLUH steamroller hit a wall on Wednesday night. In a highly anticipated conference matchup against CBC, the Jr. Bills did not play so well, going down 10-1.

The Jr. Bills will get past this game, however, and are certainly good enough that they will learn from their mistakes and move on to play even better baseball. They have shown us their potential through the victories over Vianney and Troy, and will enter the stretch of May with an 11-4 record overall, 3-1 record in the MCC, and six out of nine games at Forest Park.

SLUH will face Ritenour and DeSoto in a doubleheader on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., and meets DeSmet for the second time this season on Tuesday in Forest Park.

"there were a few incidents where we had to talk to (attendees)."

STUCO secretary/treasurer Dave Venker said that "there were the usual issues that you find at mixers," including a group of non-SLUH students who tried to sneak into the mixer. STUCO president Joe Eggleston described student conduct as "bad isolated incidents, but I think general behavior was good."

History teacher Paul Michaelson, who was acting as a chaperone at the mixer, remarked that "the SLUH students' behavior, in general, was better than the rest of the crowd." However, Michaelson added that "there was some troubling behavior, especially with the young ladies. They seemed to show a lot of disrespect for themselves. There were things that happened at the mixer that were not good,

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In the second game the momentum quickly shifted to CBC with a first point ace. After an overpass kill by Schuster tied the game at 10-10, both teams played great in long rallies including a point-saving and game-changing dig by Westwood. However, the Jr. Bills could not put a string of serves together, and CBC tied the game at 20-20.

After coach Paul Scovill settled the team with a time-out, the Killbills finished the game strong for a 25-21 victory behind a perfect 4-4 kill performance by junior Brian Schneier.

On Wednesday, the Springbills easily defeated Chaminade 25-14 and 25-13 to finish the week with two victories that saw the Killbills again come together as a team.

With one game against both Vianney and DeSmet left, the CharlieClarkbills need to prove their worth for a host spot in districts and a spot in the state tournament. While the Killbills have come a long way during the season, they must continue to improve for the big match at Vianney on Thursday, May 5. Their next game is against Parkway Central at home next Tuesday at 5 p.m.

but most of the kids were there having a good time and enjoying themselves."

Eggleston said that STUCO counted the gross intake of Spring Fling, before deducting expenses, around \$12,000, of which about \$10,000 came from the mixer. Eggleston said that STUCO was planning to give "at least \$1,500" to Friends of Kids with Cancer, the recipients of STUCO's spring fundraising money, matching the amount raised in the two weeks leading up to Spring Fling itself, and that the exact amount to be given would be determined by STUCO later.

Overall, Eggleston was very happy with the way this year's Spring Fling turned out. "Running-wise, I thought all of the operations went very smoothly. I was happy that people were there. Everything was set up correctly. It went great."

Ivers, Stein plan collective in North City

Greg Fox
Editor in Chief

Bright green waist-high weeds obscure the pathway that leads to the backyard of an abandoned house on the 1400 block of Angelica Ave.

Behind, the backyard is overgrown with the same weeds and a few trees. The ground is littered with old mattresses, diapers, empty alcohol bottles, and broken glass.

Inside, a stairway shoots up to the third floor, which is covered with dirt and more glass. A window leads out to the roof. More broken glass, more alcohol bottles. The whirl of cars zipping past on Highway 70 is ever-present.

Who would want to live here?

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Many seniors have spent the last few months haggling with admissions officers over financial aid for college. Pat Ivers, however, has been haggling with the Land Reutilization Authority (LRA) over the price of his housing for next year and beyond.

On Tuesday afternoon, I visited that house with Ivers and Joe Stein, '04, two of the three chairmen of ArticleNoun Limited Liability Corporation. The two showed me around the neighborhood and gave me a tour of the house as they explained their plans for their collective ArticleNoun, plans which have evolved over the course of the year. Ivers described a collective as communal living where people share the same radical ideas.

"We originally planned an urban farm," Ivers explained as we drove past a group of abandoned lots centered around a dilapidated house in North City.

We finally arrived on Angelica and parked my car outside Ivers' and Stein's future house. My shiny SUV gleamed in the sun, and I carefully hid my watch, ring, and cell phone in the car. I glanced nervously up and down the street as I locked my car and turned away from it, following the pair down the path.

Ivers and Stein led me up to the third floor after I gingerly walked through the broken glass of the backyard in my sandals. "This is going to be our place," explained Ivers as Stein wandered around the two rooms. Stein explained their vision for the floor, saying that it would be a place of quiet.

"You'll need permission to get up here," Stein said.

We walked out on top of the roof and discussed the neighborhood and the city/county relationship.

Back on the second floor, the two explained their vision for

ArticleNoun in their main residential area. An old fireplace, ringed by dusty bricks, adorns one wall. Again, the floor is covered in old alcohol bottles, abandoned shoes, and an empty 40 oz. malt liquor container.

Eventually, Stein explained, there will be 50 bunk beds in here. "It's an open invitation," explained Ivers. Stein and Ivers explained their vision for ArticleNoun while I nervously glanced at my car out the window.

For now, ArticleNoun will house travelers and fellow anarchists, but not strangers. "We'll have to get comfortable with the situation and random people being in the house," before they let strangers into the house, Ivers said. "The third floor will be the only place that's off limits."

We walked down to the first floor and I knew my time there was running out—I wasn't exactly sad. Ivers took the lead, walking up onto the mountain of old tires that dominates their future kitchen. An overturned boxspring mattress covered the floor of a connected room, and I snapped a few pictures of Ivers on top of the mountain while they outlined their plans for the food aspect of ArticleNoun.

"We'll be dumpstering for (food)," Ivers said. Dumpstering, Ivers explained, is searching dumpsters outside eateries for discarded—but perfectly clean and sanitary—food. "If you go to Pasta House at the end of a night and ask for pasta, they'll give you a trashbag full of pasta," Ivers said. Bakeries are also a good source, as many are forced to throw away food at night.

The food bank, Ivers said, will be open to anyone. "I'd like it where, every night, you could give a free dinner to people," Ivers said.

The food to be made in their oversized kitchen will be available for free to all who stop by the collective.

From there, we exited the house back into the overgrown backyard. I was itching to leave but scared to show it. I didn't want Pat to know that I feared for my car, so I tried to make it look like I had something pulling me back. "I have to be back for Follies practice at 5, but the earlier the better," I lied. I didn't have to be back until at least 5:30; I just wanted to be back south.

"Let's show him the basement," Joe suggested, while Pat described far-off plans for a mine shaft and underground tunnel. Eventually, he later told me, ArticleNoun would like to expand across the street and into other houses.

"I'm scared of musty basements," I lied again, "and I really need to be heading off." I snapped a few pictures, but made it evident I wanted to leave. They may have picked up on it; we left

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Ivers and Stein enjoy a moment at their new home

PHOTO BY GREG FOX

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shortly after.

In the car on the way home and later, we talked about their anarchist philosophies and the practicality of what they are doing. Pat calls himself a “grab bag” anarchist and Stein calls himself a “buff@” anarchist. Both mix and match ideas from different anarchist ideologies.

As part of getting the house from the LRA, ArticleNoun LLC must repair the roof and install new plumbing and electrical systems. The total should be over \$10,000, and ArticleNoun will cover the cost. They plan on moving in by the end of the summer.

Rather than spending thousands on repairs, actually obtaining the house from the LRA is Ivers’ greatest challenge. “They put us through the run-around,” he explained.

I too experienced the old LRA run-around. I went through three contacts before talking to a supervisor, who had to obtain permission before talking to me. He never returned my calls.

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So, who would want to live here? Pat Ivers, ’05, and Joe Stein, ’04, do. On my drive home from Follies practice that night, I thought about what I had experienced. My first trip to North City was, thankfully, uneventful.

Why had I expected anything otherwise? I’ve lived in my Chesterfield shell for quite some time, driving past Angelica on Highway 70 at high speeds every once in a while. I finally had to confront the reality of the city I live outside of.

As for what Pat and Joe are doing, I see them as being men for others. I may be going off to a Jesuit university next year, but Pat is living out the Jesuit ideal more than I am. He and Joe are doing what Jesus told us to—feed the hungry, shelter the needy. It’s a mission I wanted to be a part of, and I found myself pledging a day of my time to help clean the house up someday.

I wasn’t lying.

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interested in Latin, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Tychonievich said, “It all starts at the top. She is somebody who creates an environment in which kids want to learn. ... She starts working with kids at an early age, and she really does care about what they do and what they learn.”

McConaghy attributed her winning the award this year to the overwhelming involvement of the class of 2005 in the Latin Club. Last year, the officers of the Latin Club consisted of seven juniors and one senior, whereas this year the officers are made up of one junior and seven seniors.

McConaghy said, “This year’s seniors were very instrumental (to the Latin Club).”

McConaghy said she feels “very honored” for receiving the award, but also “very surprised.” McConaghy elaborated, “I had pretty much given up on it. I figured that a foreign language teacher just wasn’t going to get it.”

As part of her award, McConaghy will speak at the graduation dinner. At this point, McConaghy plans to speak of her “perception of a SLUH student (and the values (SLUH) tries to foster.”

McConaghy also noted how the faculty has changed since she arrived at SLUH in 1979. That year, she was one of only three female faculty members, and the next year she was the only full-time female teacher. McConaghy said, “I sometimes wonder if students now realize how few women there were around this place.” She added that during her time at SLUH, “the whole face of the faculty has changed.”

McConaghy added, “The students are what make teaching here so much fun. I’m very impressed with this year’s class.”

Tychonievich concluded with nothing but praise for McConaghy, “She is more than worthy of this award. She’s a great person to talk to and to be around. She’s the real deal.”

Latin Club aedile, senior Henry

CONGRATULATORY

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is a great honor to be (chosen) by the faculty,” Eggleston commented.

Voted on by the senior class, the Ed Hawk award is given in memory of an alum who was killed in the beginning of his senior year of 1970. The class of ’71 created the award to be given to the senior who “has done most to keep his spirit of giving and working.” This year’s recipient was senior Kevin Becvar.

“It is definitely an honor, and something I will always cherish,” said Becvar.

New this year to the senior award lineup was the Raterman Award, given to senior Paul Barker. English teacher Rich Moran first proposed this award.

At the end of the third quarter Moran came up with the idea for an award given to “an exemplary senior who reads attentively, writes with conviction, speaks from the heart, and devotes himself to learning.”

He floated the idea around the English department, and it was warmly received.

Moran said that the award was named in Raterman’s honor because he is the “godfather” of the department and represents the “intensity and character” that the department is all about.

Raterman, however, had no idea that the award would be named after him.

“I was surprised and honored,” he said. “And Paul Barker—you can’t find a better person for the award.”

Barker himself was also surprised at being named the recipient.

“I had no idea about the award, and it is very flattering to receive an award based on writing,” commented Barker.

Barker’s named will be placed on a plaque outside the English office.

Samson said, “She’s the most welcoming teacher in the school, (and) doesn’t have a problem with anyone.” Samson, added, “For four years, I’ve wanted to go into that classroom. Her class is the one that I’ve really wanted to go to everyday.”

Interdisciplinary group reflects on landscape study

Seth Clampett
Core Staff

Rising Tide. Guns, Germs, and Steel. Savage Dreams. Landscapes of the Sacred. Seeking St. Louis. The story of a 1927 Mississippi flood and its relationship to southern civilization. A thesis about why some cultures dominate other cultures. These stories and books—among others—brought together members of St. Louis U. High’s faculty, creating unity, fellowship, and an experience that many consider one of the best of their careers here.

Over the span of the last two years, approximately twenty faculty members from many different disciplines, including math, theology, science, and English, met together to read and discuss books concerning one theme: landscapes. They met every other month for discussions, brought in university professors from SLU, Webster University, Washington Univeristy, and even Indiana University, to assist in discussions, and sometimes traveled to different locations around the city to explore the landscape. The group, which was headed by English Department chair Bill George, gathered every other month to share ideas, discuss themes, and learn new insights from each other.

George created the group by e-mailing interested faculty members, who met and, through discussion, decided on a focus for the group. He then applied for a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to fund the sessions. However, the application was turned down. Principal Mary Schenkenberg suggested finding the funds in-house. Assistant principal for staff development Art Zinselmeyer stepped in and proposed seeking a Title II grant, which grants government funds to private schools. The group received the funds, allowing them to pay for the books and the speakers for the session, and began meeting regularly.

George invited members from all of the departments because “we wanted to approach a topic from many disciplines rather than stay hidden in our own disciplines. You don’t realize that reading a book in a way that an English teacher reads a book is different from how a scientist reads a book or different from how a theologian reads a book, so we tried to gather people from the different departments here to read books written from different perspectives.”

Many of the faculty members participated in the study group to learn new ideas and viewpoints from their colleagues. Most of the participants thoroughly enjoyed the group sessions because they were able to listen to other sides of an issue and understand different disciplines.

Biology teacher Steve Kuensting praised the class, saying, “There were a lot of dynamic people that were in the group and

they had a great topic: landscape interpretation. We read some really kind of important works, especially biology works. So, it was a very fruitful class for me.”

Theology teacher Jim Linhares participated in the group because “it was a slam-dunk for me. I’ve been interested in landscape my whole life, reading about it and thinking about it for seven or eight years. So when they chose this topic, it was like ‘Where do I sign up?’”

Theology teacher Matt Sciuto was glad that “(George) invited me in. I enjoyed the company and it was a neat group of people.”

Art teacher Joan Bugnitz enjoyed the “books and good people...after that everything was just bonus. You put good people together with good books...and it’s great.” Bugnitz also said she benefited from the “depth of knowledge my colleagues have outside of their fields. It was just so delightful.”

During the two year period, many of the members were able to learn a broader definition of the word landscape and how human history has been affected by the earth. Many of the group’s participants liked what they discussed, and as a result, have come from the discussions with a new appreciation for the land.

Moran learned several new ideas from his participation.

Moran said he learned “two things: I came to see landscape with a double vision. Both with my own emotional response and with a new idea I learned in the session that that emotional response to the landscape may be structured by social forces that have been invisible to me. I marvel that, in the book *Rising Tide*, the extent to which human attempts to harness the Mississippi fail and that the whole social history of the country can be seen through the lands of one flood of the Mississippi.”

Kuensting was fascinated by *Guns, Germs, and Steel* because “(he) thought it was a very important for a biologist because it talked about the clash of human cultures and the reasons for successes and failures. It was very interesting, the thesis he made about how the Europeans had the most successful agricultural plan.”

Bugnitz thought the book *Savage Dreams* was the best because “it was contemporary and so well written, and I learned a lot about southwestern landscape in terms of environmental impacts of bombing and also the history of the Yosemite Valley.”

Throughout the course, the group encountered many varying ideas and locales. Several members spoke of trips to Cahokia Mounds, while others spoke of the walking tour of Souldard they took toward the end of the sessions. Still others recalled some of

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Group members Libby Moore, Jim Linhares, Dan Shelburne, and Jason Sommer discuss Elizabeth Bishop’s landscape poems.

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the interesting discussions that pitted rival viewpoints and perspectives against each other, leading to new understandings and new ways the members could apply what they learned to their own lives.

Many of the group members recalled different memories from their time together. George and Sciuto remembered the group's trip to Cahokia Mounds to consider an ancient city. George also remembered when "we took a walking tour of Soulard. That was terrific. (Prof. Eric Sandweiss) showed us how the old map of St. Louis was originally divided into three pie shaped blocks for development. He showed us where two of the pies came together. You could see it in the curving (of the street). That was neat."

Moran realized how his understanding of landscapes altered his view of a novel he teaches in class. "I mentioned in one of our sessions after reading *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, this book that asks a question about how it is that western man has conquered other lands rather than other lands conquering the west, I found that it was valuable in understanding a novel I teach called *Things Fall Apart*. I found myself thinking about the British colonization of Nigeria from that point of view."

Kuensting added, "*(Guns, Germs, and Steel)* is the most readily applicable to biology. Ultimately, biology talks about the evolution and the natural history of organisms, why some species are successful, especially why an invasive species finds itself so successful when it reaches a different continent. It's sort of like the natural history of my own species. Why is the European plan such a successful plan?"

George has tried to take what he learned from the group and apply it to his classroom as well. He said, "You find stuff you find interesting and find ways to put it into the stuff that you teach, so it becomes richer. It's got different layers to it, or different facets to it that it wouldn't have otherwise."

When he was asked about his experience, Linhares was reminded of "being in a boardroom downtown with windows looking out on the Mississippi down below and talking about the river down there. That was pretty cool."

Moran remembered the intensity of one of the discussions. He said that, "a sort of fight broke out in the sessions about *Rising Tide*. We were discussing whether human beings should just admit that the river will go wherever it wants and allow it to do that or whether we have to consider the impact on human communities. (Kuensting) said that the Corps of Engineers' attempt to control the flow of the Mississippi to continue to make New Orleans a port city is doomed to fail, and that we should allow the Mississippi to go where it wants to go, which is farther west. I struggled with (Kuensting) about that, thinking that it's a little bit more difficult question. You can't just say wherever nature goes it goes. You do have to think about individual lives that are going to be affected by this."

Some of the teachers even took what they learned during the process and applied it in their classrooms. The ideas from the

discussions, the new perspectives, the information learned, and the experiences gained have helped in offering new viewpoints and understandings that could enrich their lessons.

Bugnitz and Linhares have been able to use some of the texts including *Guns, Germs, and Steel* in their humanities class. Linhares said, "(In) both of my World Religions and Humanities classes, there's now units that have to do with place and space and human beings' connection to landscapes. (The classes) have certainly been influenced by this class."

The sessions ended last week, wrapping up the two-year process that brought many of the faculty together. Overall, group members were positive about the experience, even considering it one of the best they have had while at SLUH, and hope to see a similar study group in the future.

Fellow English teacher Rich Moran enjoyed seeing different viewpoints because "(it) has reaffirmed for me how much I can learn from my colleagues. Every session we had, I found it exciting to hear what people from my own discipline and other disciplines had to say about the texts we had read."

After having participated, Schenkenberg said she liked "getting to know the various members of the departments better, hearing the various perspectives the department people bring to a similar book or a similar topic, and thinking over a period of two years about the rather dynamic relationship between landscape and the mind."

After the sessions ended, in order to thank him for his work organizing the experience, the group gave a painting to George that featured a landscape in Soulard. The work was donated by its creator, Scott Petty, father of Tom and Andrew Petty, and the director of Componere Gallery, Eleanore Ruder. George said of his gift, "It was wonderful. I've got it hanging over our fireplace. It was neat."

Schenkenberg said of the group, "It was such a great group of people to work with, and to talk and think and dream with. I would love to have some permanent result, concrete result, of our work together over two years, whether it is in some way affecting the landscape we have here at St. Louis U. High."

Sciuto echoed Schenkenberg's enthusiasm, saying, "This was the first time we've done something like this. The ideas were fascinating and interesting, many were very worthwhile. What's interesting for me was that Bill George didn't just let it die ... the group said 'Let's do it' and they did. It's one of the best experiences I've had at St. Louis U. High."

Kuensting summed it up: "There's so much we can learn from each other here. Most of my classes within the last 10-15 years have been science classes, and they've all been with good scientists and great professors, but there comes a time when you get tired of listening to just scientists. I want to hear what (George) has to say about something. I want to hear what other departments have to say about problems. I think that's part of what initially attracted me to this course was that it was going to be a collaboration among departments here at SLUH. I'll get a chance to hear what other people in my workplace think about topics that mean something to me. It was a very worthwhile enterprise."

Mathbills calculate their way to seventh place

Kyle Kloster
Core Staff

Two is the 459th digit of pi, as five of St. Louis U. High's math club members found out last Saturday during the state math competition in Columbia, Missouri. Sophomores Christian Ronzio and Dan Viox and juniors Michael Broom, Kyle Kloster, and Dan Marincel traveled with math teacher Dan See to join over 200 other Missouri high school students at the Missouri state math competition, scoring the highest in the six years See has led the club.

Missouri state math competitions consist of five events with awards to the top five competitors in both the small school division and large school division. Three team events include a power question for the whole team, which involves multiple-part questions that all relate to one topic, a ten question, 60-minute test for six team members, and a five-question relay round for three-member teams.

After the five events, a "pi" competition takes place where any of the state competitors may recite as many digits of pi as they can. Although no SLUH student

attempted, the student winning the freshman category won by reciting 459 digits of pi (3 is the 460th).

The five Eulerbills placed fifth in the ten question event with a score of 50 out of 100, while the relay team of Broom, Marincel, and Viox scored 35 out of 50 to take third place. Although the relay team answered every question correctly, the event accepts two answers for each question, one after three minutes and another after six minutes, and SLUH turned in three late, nabbing only half the credit.

In the power question event, the Seebills, even though none but Marincel had worked on one before, scored a 44 out of 100, which is an impressive achievement for a team of first-timers, according to See and Marincel.

In the individual events, Viox tied another sophomore for first in the state with a score of 64 out of 120 on the sprint round event. Last year, Viox took second in the target round and fifth in the sprint round. Although they did not place, Broom and Marincel took sixth and seventh in the sprint round, falling just short of a ribbon.

In the target round, Kloster answered three of eight questions correctly to take fifth place.

After awards had been handed out for the five events, the organizers announced the overall victors in the sweepstakes category—a combination of team and individual scores for a school, which SLUH placed seventh out of ten schools.

See was very excited about the team's progress, describing it as "the best we've done in six years at state."

According to See, six years ago the club was not very active, until Joe Marincel '04, "brought a lot of enthusiasm to the club, got (me) excited ... (and) was responsible for getting a lot of students going. A group of people instead of one or two helped at the competitions."

Since then, See said, "(qualifying for state) became the goal—(we would) try to qualify more students each year." See hopes to get more freshman and sophomore involvement for next year, and plans to develop some ideas for improvement, such as handing out practice problems every once in a while.

Cicerobills repeat: sweep Latin competition

Tim Malecek
Staff

As most Jr. Bills were either sleeping in or preparing for the Spring Fling basketball tournament, 21 Latin students hopped aboard a bus and traveled to Hickman High School in Columbia for the annual Certamen Competition.

The Certamen Competition is a four-man quiz bowl-style competition that pits one high school against another in a bracket formatted playoff. The fifteen toss-up questions worth ten points each cover Roman history and culture, Latin grammar, and mythology. After a correct answer, each team receives two related bonus questions, each worth five points.

SLUH fields three teams each year: Level I comprised of freshmen, Level II composed of sophomores, and Advanced Certamen, with a mix of juniors and seniors. The teams began practicing in Oc-

tober by reviewing old sets of questions.

The Centurionbills entered the competition as returning champions and were highly favored to win again. The Advanced Certamen team consisted of seniors Charles Ullmann, Andrew Schaeperkoetter, and Matt Winkeler, with either junior Chris Jennewein or Tim Malecek rounding out the team.

The Advanced Certamen team whizzed by Rolla in the opening round 180-25 and beat DeSmet with similar ease (190-20). On the first question of the DeSmet game, grammar jock Ullmann answered before the specific question had even been fully asked. The DeSmet Latin teacher shook his fists as the DeSmet team members muttered, "We're sunk."

SLUH cruised into the final match against their biggest competition, Pembroke Hill. Although tied at 45 after seven toss-up questions, the Jr. Bills pulled ahead speedily to win 130-65.

Similarly, the Certamen I team, anchored by freshman Sam King, sealed an easy championship, defeating Rolla, DeSmet, and Lincoln Middle School, on their way to defeat MICDS (95-35) in the finals. Likewise, the sophomore team led by Todd "Swiftius" Swift, crushed MICDS, Rock Bridge and finally Oak Park (195-50) to seal their title.

The Jr. Bills swept the competition in Columbia, winning at each level, to repeat their performance from last year. Latin teacher Mary Lee McConaghy said of the win, "we had the clean sweep this year and last year. It is just simply amazing."

In addition, ten students placed first in the state on tests in Mythology, History and Culture, Grammar, Reading Comprehension, Derivatives, and Vocabulary and received recognition at the competition. McConaghy congratulated all her students as "gentlemen and scholars."

by Andrew Mueth

Calendar

Apr. 29 - May 6

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Senior Follies
 V BB Ritenour Tournament @ Forest Park, 10/12:30
 V TN Belleville East Tournament
 V LAX @ DeSmet, 12pm

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Senior Follies

MONDAY, MAY 2

Schedule R
 No Classes For Freshmen or Seniors
 V Golf District Tournament thru 7th
 V/JV TN vs. Westminster, 4pm
 JV T&F @ DeSmet, 4pm
 Pizza, Pepper Steak

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Schedule M
 AP Calc-am
 Street Smarts Assembly for Fr/Jr/Sr
 Holocaust Survival Assembly for Soph
 V BB vs. DeSmet, 4:15pm AP US Hist-am
 AP European History-pm
 Jr Ring Dance
 Dance Concert
 JV/C T&F MCC Championship, 4pm
 V/JV TN @ John Burroughs
 V/JV Golf vs. Parkway Central 4/5pm
 B BB @ DeSmet, 4:15pm
 C T&F Parkway West Invitational, 4pm
 Taco Wraps & Tacos; Burgers

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Schedule R
 Fr. English Tutorial
 V BB vs. Hancock @ Heine-Meine, 4:15pm

V TN @ Priory, 4pm
 V LAX vs. Lafayette @ Crestview Middle, 6:45pm
 JV TN vs. Priory, 4pm
 B BB vs. Hancock @ Heine-Meine, 4:15pm
 C BB vs. CBC, 4:15pm
 Bosco Sticks, Crispito Burrito

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Schedule R
 Rosary in Chapel
 V BB vs. Chaminade, 4:15pm
 V T&F MCC Championship @ CBC, 4pm
 JV Golf @ DeSmet Tournament
 B BB @ Granite City, 4:30pm
 Pizza Sticks, Taco Salad

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Schedule H
 Jr. Class Liturgy, 1 pm (Parents Invited)
 Formal Attire For Jrs

DANIEL

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 halls, yet how do our mixers express the values that this same tradition promotes? The truth is our behavior at these dances ignore and disregard the principles that we have been challenged to live since our first day freshmen year. As SLUH students, we are taught to respect women and value their character, not use them for our own gratification. We are told the importance of good decisions and the impact our choices have on others. We discuss our values, faith life, and relationship with God in theology, but when does it become a concrete aspect of our real life rather than abstraction? The Jesuits stress the importance of living with our thoughts, words, and actions centered in God. If we took this ideal seriously and strove to better live the Gospel daily, we might be able to stand up for what we know is right.

Dan Queathem
 Class of '05

GAMBLE

(from 2)
 Sheridan cited Hellman's qualifications for the award, saying, "His character ... his integrity, he follows through, he's very consistent in service, ... (and) he's generous." He emphasized that Hellman having the choice to do anything now that he has retired, has chosen to help the community at SLUH, the Science Center, Forest Park and Phi Kappa Theta.

Hellman graduated from SLUH in 1966, earned his bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and went on to earn a master's degree in the same field in the following year.

Hellman, now retired, worked from 1972 through 1998 at Procter and Gamble, in numerous positions including customer business development manager and market manager. Having been an avid soccer player in college, he also played on the Dallas Tornados professional soccer team for a year in 1974.

Sheridan called Hellman "a top strategist for P&G." He also cited Hellman's work in bringing a new system of man-

agement at P&G.

Hellman formerly chaired the Board of Trustees and currently chairs the Building, Grounds and Security committee as well as the Vision 2000 expansion program at SLUH. He helps the St. Louis Science Center as their commissioner, and volunteers as trustee of the Forest Park Forever Restoration Project. On top of all these, Hellman is the president of Phi Kappa Theta alumni association at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Sheridan commented on the selection of an alumnus who assists at St. Louis U. High, saying that the important factor in selecting a recipient "is not so much whether they're assisting SLUH as who's the character and what type of leadership they (provide)." Sheridan also said a recipient is chosen by "(asking) 'What examples do we want to bring to our student body?'" in terms of character, in terms of generosity and leadership."