

Prep News



"If nothing else, value the truth"

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Warehouse being prepped for September demolition date

Sean Powers
Core Staff

The warehouses south of St. Louis U. High, which students drive by everyday going to the student parking lot, have stood there since the 1950s. This September will mark the end of two of the three warehouses' rich histories.

At the present moment, both the large and small warehouses located on East Rd. are being prepared for demolition. The large one, since its vacancy, had been a storage

area for SLUH's stage props and scenery from the theater. Along with theater storage, it also acted as SLUH's hitting facility for the baseball teams.



The interior of one of the warehouses.

According to Vice President of Administration Brian Sweeney, the warehouses were constructed in the mid-1950s. The larger warehouse, which see **DMB, 7**

Spirit week ready to roll

Charles Ullmann, Andrew Mueth
Reporter, Core Staff

When can you dive for tanks with grooves, dress like lumberjacks, guzzle eggnog till you spew, and dress like you escaped from an asylum? During the week-long party dubbed Spirit Week '04 by STUCO.

Having created a hybrid week of last year's chaos with some new events and twists, Spirit Week '04 will surely mark a milestone in STUCO history. Next week, students will be able to watch or compete in five "disgusting and crazy" events, as STUCO Secretary/Treasurer Dave Venker describes them, one during Activity Pe-

riod each day. In planning these events, STUCO "wanted to retain some of the events which have become tradition, while bringing in fresh ideas representative of this year's STUCO personality," Venker says.

The infamous eating contest is scheduled to set off the festivities on Monday; however, this year's theme resembles professional contests. Contestants will be required to consume thirteen hot dogs and their buns before moving on to the second leg of the match. To satisfy true devotees of this stomach-swelling sport, STUCO will provide cups of water with which contestants can soak their buns.

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SLUH students spend summer as Serring Scholars

Timo Kim
Core Staff

This past year, because of SLUH's contact with Dr. Michael DeBaun, senior Dave Venker and juniors Isaiah Cole, Sam Cummings, Malcolm DeBaun, Brennan DuVall, Bill Ferris, and Jon-Paul Johnson participated in genetic research projects with the Washington University Medical School and community blood drives for the Red Cross at the St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Two years ago, DeBaun received a donation of \$100,000 from the Serring family as discretionary income, which he used to begin the Serring Scholars program. This eight-week program networks high school boys interested in medicine with openings in laboratories and medical facilities.

Although the tasks given to the students varied widely, each student completed actual medical research instead of verified instructional experiments. Most of the projects involved genetic experimentation, such as investigating the properties of genes in the gastrointestinal tract or attempting to neutralize bacterial toxins.

Other tasks involved medicine in the community, in which students would attend community functions to recruit blood donors.

In addition to experiments in the lab,

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O'Neil '00, Nguyen join school in ASC

Andrew Mueth
Core Staff

Two new Alum Service Corps (ASC) teachers have been assigned to St. Louis U. High to give up a year of their lives teaching and helping out around the school. Sean O'Neil and Joseph Nguyen join the SLUH faculty this year in service to the Jesuits and the students of SLUH.

The ASC is an organization "which offers a graduate of a Jesuit high school the opportunity to give a year of service as a full-time volunteer in a Jesuit high school," according to the Jesuits of the Missouri Province website. There are five high schools in the Missouri Province: SLUH, DeSmet, Regis and Arrupe high schools in Denver, and Rockhurst high school in Kansas City. Graduates from these high schools may apply to join the ASC for the year after they graduate from college. The ASC selects ten applicants and assigns two to each of those five



O'Neil

PHOTO BY ALEX SEXTON

schools, where the applicants then teach and serve the school for a year in any way needed.

O'Neil attended SLUH and graduated in 2000. After high school, he attended Truman State University, in Kirksville, Mo., where he double majored in English and Linguistics.

O'Neil decided to apply for the ASC "because it was a

good opportunity to work with and serve the school that gave so much to me in my four years here," he said. He views the ASC as an "opportunity to help students, just like my teachers helped me."

O'Neil will teach two sections of freshman English, and will co-teach Reading and Writing Fiction with English teacher Frank Kovarik in the second semester. Other duties will include manag-



Nguyen

PHOTO BY ALEX SEXTON

ing the rec room, assisting the *Prep News* and the Dauphin Players, and lending a hand to the *Sisyphus* staff.

Nguyen attended both Rockhurst high school, graduating in 2000, and Rockhurst College in Kansas City, where he was a pre-med chemistry major. Nguyen will teach one section of sophomore chemistry, in addition to managing the rec room and helping coach the sophomore basketball team and the track team.

Nguyen applied for the ASC because he wanted to "give back to the Jesuits (in return for) their eight years they gave me," he said. "I wanted to take a break before entering medical school, but also wanted to again wrap myself in a (Jesuit) community so near and dear to me."

For O'Neil, teaching as a career is a possibility, but the main reason he volunteered up this year was service. Nguyen would like to teach "one day, in the future," after he retires from a career, in medicine or research.

Global thingy: U. High summer trips

Kyle Kloster
Core Staff

Last summer, many St. Louis U. High students participated in one of five different trips to various countries in the world. English teacher Bill George traveled with nineteen students from his Irish Literature class to Ireland, psychology teacher Brock Kesterson journeyed with 21 graduates to roam the European mainland, senior Joey Mooney immersed himself in the Spanish language in Argentina, Spanish teacher Greg Bantle led eight students to Spain, and Russian teacher Robert Chura took seven students to Russia.

George departed on June 9 with AP Statistics teacher Dan See, Michael Gavin (the son of former SLUH teacher Joseph Gavin and a history teacher at Kirkwood

High School), and nineteen students to experience the Irish culture and explore its mainland.

The Cloverbills traveled along the entire Irish coastline, looking at its scenery and attractions. They visited the Cliffs of Moher and Sliabh League, the highest seacliffs in Europe. The students also went sight-seeing in Dublin, visiting James Joyce's tower and various museums. In Northern Ireland, they visited the towns of Belfast and Derry, centers of conflict in Ireland, and learned how the Irish have dealt with conflict.

The entourage stayed one night on a farm with a friend of George's, discussing the politics of the village and conversing about storytelling.

George explained his favorite part of the trip, saying every year the group hikes up Croagh Patrick, which is supposedly

the mountain from which St. Patrick cast the snakes out of the country. This summer, as many students readied themselves with large backpacks or bundles of gear, alumnus Joe Marincel, "[who] wasn't even trying, just walked up the mountain," recalls George. Forty-five minutes stands as the current SLUH record, but George laughed, saying delightedly, "(Marincel) didn't have anything on him, and he did it in 47 minutes (without even trying)."

Kesterson braved the western European countries of England, France, and Italy with 21 SLUH graduates. Originally Kesterson planned to chaperone the trip with French teacher Jennifer Crespin, who organized the whole trip, but Crespin stayed home because of the birth of her son, and a high school classmate of Kesterson's filled in for her.

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EDITORIALS

Students need to talk about Vision 2000

Last week's presentations to the student body detailing the Vision 2000 project were the first times the administration showed the whole school the plans for the project. The degrees of familiarity varied among the student body: some had seen the presentation before, some had read articles in the *Prep News* and some were unfamiliar with the plans.

Most upperclassmen left the assembly with the question "why should we care?" on their lips. An administrator might answer that students have already seen the main thrust with the academic enhancements this school has undergone. The more cynical among us might say that we shouldn't. Still others might take the general view that SLUH does not end when you end at SLUH.

So why should we care if most of the physical improvements of Vision 2000 will not effect us? It is reasonable for a sophomore or junior, but more so for a senior, to not care about the expansion of SLUH once they leave. For those students who do plan on coming back to SLUH, it will be a changed place. The current senior class will gather here in 2010 for their five-year reunion, which could possibly be held in the reception hall in the Student Life Center. The fact of the matter for all SLUH classes is that they do not return to the same SLUH they left.

see **SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT, ?**

FINAN RELENQUISHES CROWN

To the SLUH Community:

Recently I was approached by several of the esteemed members of the SLUH Student Counsel, certainly one of the more respectable governmental organizations in our fine land. They invited me to return to SLUH to participate in the upcoming SLUH Eating Contest. Many of you may remember that I am the undefeated (if disputed), three time champion of this event, and that last year I came out of retirement to defend my title.

Eating a lot of food is one of those gifts that God has blessed me with. Everyone has talents. Some are talented at foreign languages, or science, or math. Some are gifted athletically. Some are given leadership talents. For whatever reason, God gave me the ability to eat large quantities of food in a very short time.

I am honored by the invitation to return to SLUH, to come out of retirement, and to defend my title. I love competition, and love the prospect of competing against some of SLUH's finest eaters. But the mark of a true champion is knowing when to bow out gracefully and when to accept the fact that maintaining the highest level of training that I practiced in preparation for the last

Vision 2000 will drastically change SLUH

According to Fr. Sheridan (using information presented to students last week), Vision 2000 has been in the planning stages since 1997, and is slated to be finished in either 2010 or 2011. During the first seven years of the fourteen year project, SLUH never officially presented plans to the student body. What this means to students is that for half the duration of the project, SLUH students were never officially informed of its existence and, for the most part, never given any input in the project itself.

When Fr. Sheridan first told me of the academic improvements involved in Vision 2000 while I was writing an article last spring, I was surprised and overjoyed to find it out. Previously, the campaign had looked solely like an academic expansion. The academic improvements Fr. Sheridan spoke of included lowering the average class size, increasing the number of electives and increasing the number of faculty.

Two weeks ago, however, I was equally surprised to learn that, while academic improvements are included in the administration's plans for Vision 2000, they are not in the budget. If the information I gathered from interviews with high-level administrators is to be believed, the academic improvements were financed through increased revenue and were "picked up as part of operating," and to take credit away from increased

see **ROCKET, ?**

three eating events has taken its toll on my gut.

Therefore, upon consultation with my wife, my doctor, and my therapist, I hereby decline the invitation to participate in this years Eating Contest, and forgo any claim to be the Eating Contest Champion. I stand at this moment with a sense of deep humility and great pride—humility in the wake of those competitors who fell in the last three years, and pride in the reflection that we all competed honestly and fairly. I say this with neither rancor nor bitterness in the fading career of a semi-professional eater, but with one purpose in mind: that I ate what I ate for the Jr. Bills.

Many classes have graduated from SLUH over the years, and their hopes and dreams have long long since vanished. But I still remember the refrain of the most popular of ballads of that day which proclaimed most proudly that big eaters never die...they just fade away. And like that eater, I close my eating career and fade away.

And whats more, after reading Upton Sinclair in AP American History I cannot stand the idea of eating hotdogs.

Sincerely,
Dr. Thomas Finan

Homeroom rep changes enacted

Jim Santel
Reporter

This past Tuesday, St. Louis U. High sophomores, juniors, and seniors chose their student council homeroom representatives for the 2004-2005 school year. These reps play a key role in upholding STUCO's goal of bridging the gap between faculty and students through the quarterly forum system implemented last school year.

STUCO president Joe Eggleston said that he was very pleased with the involvement of the junior representatives last year, and that this year STUCO is making the effort to include the sophomore reps.

To help achieve this objective, this year's STUCO has made homeroom representative attendance at the quarterly forums mandatory. Eggleston said that while this is a start, he wants the representatives to attend the meetings "not just physically, but (to) come with ideas."

STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson stated that he was encouraged by the tone that last year's final forum set, because of the administrative presence. If the student body had a concern, Kesterson said, they could "get some direct answers" without having to hunt down the necessary faculty members.

However, Eggleston said that one problem STUCO had last year was that "guys would hear answers, and then forget to report back to their homerooms." To combat this, Kesterson said that greater emphasis will be placed upon accountability and

leadership among the representatives this year. Kesterson also wants to make sure that "the people are actually there, and are actually performing their duties." Last year, according to Kesterson, he asked the representatives to attend at the forums, but he "didn't exactly follow through" on that policy.

Kesterson said he believes that, over the years, STUCO has taken on greater leadership, which "filters down through the homeroom reps...Fr. Sheridan continually says that we are a leadership school, and we need to act like that."

Eggleston entertains high hopes for this fresh batch of homeroom representatives and their involvement in the quarterly forums: "We're hoping that the homeroom reps take (what happens in the forums) to the homerooms, and don't just go to [the meetings], and then nothing happens. It's just another way to bridge the gap, really."

STUCO Budget

Mixer totals:

Admission/shirts/glow sticks	+18,138
2DJ's	-470 + deposit on 8/24
DJ Tip	-200
Johnny on the Spot	-300
Tent	-1,825
STUCO dinner	-33.54
Soda	-700
Total	+14,609.46

Budget Totals:

7/30 Beginning total	2,908.46
8/24 Intramural shirts '04	-715.50
8/24 DJ deposit (2)	-400
8/26 T-Shirts sales	+2,920
8/27 Mixer	+14,609
8/30 STUCO lunch	-72
9/01 glow sticks	-470
9/01	+18,538.42

2004-2005 STUCO HOMEROOM REPS

Seniors	Service/Pastoral	Social/Intramural
HR 101	Neil Barron	Michael Bono
HR 104	John Castelli	John Burke
HR 106	Charlie Drury	Connor Finnegan
HR 108	Will Holleman	Danny Henry
HR 110	Dan James	Brian Hubbard
HR 112	Dom Laury	Tim Larkin
HR 114	Joe Merkley	Pat Milford
HR 116	Jack Rudelic	Tim Rodgers
HR 118	Ryan Tandler	Bob Stretch
HR 122	Brandon Zumwalt	Charlie Weed
Juniors		
HR 206	Anthony Bell	John Bauman
HR 208	Connor Cole	Paul Cheney/Peter Cooney
HR 210	Ben Farley	Jon Dombeck
HR 216	Brian Hartwig	To Be Announced
HR 216c	Stephen Kainz	David Kelley
HR 218	Tim Malecek	Greg Mantych
HR 218c	Shane Mulligan	David Niese
HR 222c	Justin Rottger	Dom Palumbo
HR 222	Andrew Schroeder	David Steitz
HR 224	Matt Wacker	Joel Westwood
Sophomores		
HR 201	Antonio Ayala	Sean Beebe
HR 203	Chris de Bettencourt	Elliot Brusca/Tom Davidson
HR 205	Nick Godfrey	Nick Grossman
HR 207	Adam Hilterbrand	Brian Hoelting
HR 209	Bryan Kujawa	Matt Laury
HR 215	David Merrifield	Jon Martin/Pat McDonough
HR 217	Andrew Mueth	Tom Nagel
HR 219	Jacob Reft	Kerry Read
HR 221	Abe Souza	Tom Tandler
HR 221c	Andrew Weis	Matt Wozniak

Harrierbills crush competition at First Capitol

Henry Samson
Reporter

Think back to last spring. Head coach Jim Linhares was buzzing around the school putting up flyers about “not staying under the radar” this cross country season. Well, after a day dubbed “historic, even folkloric” by Linhares, the U. High cross country team’s secret is out, much to the dismay of a cross-town rival Jesuit school. SLUH finished first at the First Capitol Invitational, outdistancing a second place DeSmet team by an amazing score of 36-96. First Capitol holds a bit of tradition for the Jr. Bills: this marked the fourth win in four appearances in the meet for the Harrierbills.

It was a day that will be inscribed in the history books for a long time. The

Soccer tops Gibault, Jeff City, Vianney

Tim Malecek
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High soccer team went into Friday night looking for a win against the east side Gibault squad. The Jr. Bills entered hostile territory as the opposing team’s mascot wooed the crowd with chants of “We are rednecks” and “We grow corn.”

Midfield play dominated the first twenty minutes, until junior Billy Ferris stuffed in a rebound off senior Connor Finnegan’s original shot.

The Jr. Bills had another opportunity when a beautiful pass by Brian Odem off the back of his foot led to a shot off the post by Zach Weiss. The half ended with the Jr. Bills up 1-0.

The Jr. Bills came out of halftime with a renewed intensity. Senior Tim Weir fired a shot from outside the box, scoring with less than a minute gone. The Jr. Bills then began accumulating yellow cards. Head coach Charlie Martel said, “It got a little too physical—some youthful exuberance.” The Bills had multiple scoring opportunities but couldn’t finish, until Weiss finally scored on a cross from Billy Ferris with ten minutes left in the game. Finnegan scored the clincher with under two minutes to play.

varsity team of seniors Charlie Samson, Joe Carlson, juniors Ben Murphy-Baum, Danny Meier, and newcomers Matt Dirnbeck, Drew Kaiser, and John Kelly was definitely ready to come out of the blocks swinging, but no one expected the race to be as amazing as it was for the varsity team.

Even with summer training background, captain Joe Carlson thought “that no one really knew what to expect, but the good performances just happened.”

The plan was simple: cover the lead positions in miles one and two, and then, in mile three, finish fast.

If there ever was a picturesque race, this was it. Murphy-Baum and Samson covered the lead pack early in the race and finished strong: Murphy-Baum at 16:43 for 3rd place overall and Samson at 17:17

for 7th place overall. Carlson bore down on the field in the second and third miles with a spectacular finish at 17:08 for 6th place, right in front of Samson.

However, the varsity rookies had the big story of this remarkable day. Although in his first varsity race, junior Drew Kaiser ran like a veteran with a 17:27, capturing 9th place. Senior Matt Dirnbeck, who is known as the eternal smiler on the team, came home kicking with a 17:31.

Said Dirnbeck, “The race was sweet! It made me low on glucose but high on life!”

Senior John Kelly rounded out the group of newbies with an equally impressive 17:39, earning a 13th place medal. Kelly said, “It was definitely a rush,” adding, “Varsity races get out so fast.”

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Waking up early from their Friday match, the Slidetacklebills hopped on the bus for the haul to Jefferson City to play the Jeff City Jays. The Jr. Bills put many shots on goal but couldn’t put one in the net, until junior Tom Irvin finally scored 23 minutes in after the goalie attempted to kick away a long ball that Irvin neatly intercepted and buried in the empty goal.

The strict ref continually upset SLUH’s fast play. He yellow carded Ferris, making it the fourth yellow card in two games for the team. The half ended with excitement as sophomore Matt Leinauer scored off a huge Irvin throw-in.

The second half continued with numerous SLUH scoring opportunities. Weir scored his second goal of the year off a direct kick from the top of the box which sailed over the wall and into the top corner of the goal. The defense shut down any Jeff City comebacks, allowing just 4 shots as senior Wyatt Woods clinched his second shutout of the year.

Coming off their two weekend victories, the Jr. Bills hoped to be 4-0 after Vianney going into Thursday’s match against CBC. The Championsleaguebills dominated the game and possession during the first minutes, but could not seem to find a goal. Meanwhile, with 19:18 left in

the first half, a great ball led to a breakaway and goal by the Vianney forward after it deflected off goalie Joe Guntli’s foot.

SLUH quickly retaliated. Ferris struck four minutes later after chasing down a long ball and beating the goalkeeper to tie the score. The half ended 1-1.

The FreddyAdubills came out ready to play once again and generally dominating the game, aside from a few Vianney long balls. With 20 minutes left in the game, Finnegan’s shot ricocheted off the side post and sailed across the goal line before being cleared by the defender. Vianney launched a counter-attack, but Ferris stifled the Griffin hopes with his third game-winning goal.

Said Ferris, “We’ve really come together. The team is playing very well.”

As expected, the defense has been great, allowing only eight shots through four games. Brent Zang and Tom Meier have stopped any potential threats.

“I’m proud of all my guys. They practice hard and make us a better team,” said Martel.

The Jr. Bills face the DeSmet Spartans Saturday to finish up the CBC tourney. The game is at 5:00 at CBC.

Check the *Nightbeat* (page 6) for results of last night’s game vs. CBC.

Footbills jump to No. 4 after win

Bryan Glaenzer
Reporter

In a 20-17 come-from-behind victory against Parkway South last Thursday night, the Jr. Bills showed the type of play they would exhibit this year. This win was meaningful not only because it was the season-opener, but also because it was against the previously sixth-ranked and highly-touted Patriots. The win moved the Jr. Bills up in the *Post-Dispatch* rankings from eighth to fourth.

The Jr. Bills scored first on a 76-yard sprint by junior running back Stephen Simmons, but missed the extra point.

Later, junior free safety Eric Hunt made SLUH's first interception of the year. The celebration was short-lived, however, as quarterback Matt Behr was sacked from behind and fumbled on the second play after receiving the ball. Parkway South capitalized on the turnover with a field goal on the ensuing possession.

In the second quarter, Behr threw a clutch third down pass to wide receiver Curtis Hoette, but, with only seven seconds left in the half, Parkway South snuck a touchdown in, cutting SLUH's lead to 13-10.

Working on momentum generated

by their just-before-the-buzzer touchdown, the Patriots scored another touchdown, giving them the lead. But while Parkway South celebrated, SLUH worked on refusing to give up. After only three minutes had passed in the fourth quarter, Simmons struck again. With the help of blocking tight end Matt "The Pancaker" Herzberg, Simmons streaked 47 yards for what would be the game-winning touchdown. The defense held against the Parkway South offense, and then the SLUH offense burned off the rest of the time.

Simmons had an impressive game, rushing for 245 yards total. John Warner also showed that he was a force to be reckoned with, averaging 17 yards per reception.

The Gladiatorbills' new offensive line did a "fine job" and "showed a lot of promise," according to offensive line coach Mark Tychonievich.

Tonight's game looks to be a challenge for the Turfbills as they are going up against an Althoff team which has not lost in 28 consecutive conference games. The Footbills are ready, as they have made some adjustments in their defense to account for two of Althoff's starting linemen who weigh in at 260 lbs. a slab. The Warriorbills' readiness, combined with a lack of senior experience on Althoff's part, makes for what should be a clash of Titans.

X-CALIBUR

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Captain Danny Meier rounded out the varsity team with a 16th place finish in 17:46.

After seeing all the varsity members finish in the top 16, Linhares said, "This (team) had as much depth in the top seven as we have had in the history of the program."

"This race answered all of our team's pre-season race questions," remarked Samson.

Destiny did not favor the varsity alone, however. The annual powerhouse JV team opened up its season last Friday with a decisive win over DeSmet and an extremely low score of 25 points. Mike Jonagan was the highlight of the group, finishing ahead of two varsity runners in 17:36. "It was kind of creepy being all alone. I mean, I wanted to look over my shoulder, but you're not supposed to," said Jonagan.

Even so, sophomores Pete Heagney and Nate Banet, junior Shane Mulligan, and senior Pat Mannhard rounded out the scoring component of the JV unit in 4th, 6th, 7th, and 8th places respectively. If the results from last Saturday foreshadow the future, expect to see blue and white leading the pack often.

For all the success of the varsity team, one figure still remains shadowed in mystery. The McCluer North Invitational will mark the return of Alex Muntges, who will rejoin the varsity team on the line in hopes of winning the race. If you want to get the feel of a fun cross country race, McCluer North is your best chance. The varsity kicks off the day at 9 a.m. sharp, with JV following at 10. The freshmen also will be formally initiated into the cross country world as they open their season tomorrow. Support is greatly appreciated, but if you can't come, feel free to drop by the team's website at www.sluh.org/xc/xc.htm.

The water polo team (1-0) did not play a game this past week. Check next week's *Prep News* for results from their games in the upcoming week.

Soccerbills lose tough game to CBC, 3-0

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Junior midfielder Zach Weiss (22) handles the ball during a physical game last night against CBC. The Statechambills (4-1-0) lost their first game of the season to the Cadets, 3-0. Even play marked the first half, until CBC capitalized on a breakaway with 8:18 left. Inspired by their first goal, the Cadets came out fast and strong in the second half, scoring their second goal only 1:42 into the half. A third CBC goal came with 20 minutes left. SLUH pressured CBC in the last five minutes, as the ball trickled near the goal line multiple times. But in the end, SLUH couldn't make it by the keeper, and lost 3-0.

—Compiled by Tim Malook

DMB

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stands just west of the student parking lot, was built as a storage facility for the Associated Grocers (AG) in St. Louis, a co-op owned by the customers it served. Simply stated, small privately owned grocery stores throughout the area cooperated together and stored their bulk food items in the warehouses. The small warehouse (1114 East Rd.) stored the chilled and frozen food items, while the larger warehouse (5030 Berthold Ave.) was for items stored at room temperature.

The largest private grocer in the association was Dierbergs, and when they expanded into a chain, they broke away from the association and ended their use of the warehouse. Not long after Dierbergs left, AG no longer needed such a large building, and they vacated it circa 1980.

Until 1998, when SLUH purchased the building, the large warehouse, commonly referred to as “5030 Berthold,” was owned by a trust administered by businessman Elihu Modlin for his two sisters. After AG, they leased it to other companies, most recently McClain Trucking. Until recently, a portion of it was leased out to a company known as Tri-Rinse, which had been moved to the smaller warehouse at the corner of East Rd. and Berthold Ave. According to Facilities Manager Patrick Zarrick, Tri-Rinse is a repackaging and recycling company.

Following SLUH’s purchase of 5030 Berthold, the school purchased two more warehouses in 2000: one on the corner of Berthold Ave. and East Rd and another right next to it on East Rd.

The smaller warehouse on the corner, known as 1114 East, once vacated by

AG, was rented out by Borden Dairy till the mid ’90s and later on by Valley Farm Dairy. The building was rented out by dairies because of the already existing cooling systems in the building from when AG used the building for refrigeration.



The warehouse at 5030 Berthold.

Valley Farms stayed in 1114 East until January 2004 when the contract expired. Tri-Rinse just this month relocated into that building after having it brought up to code, and will remain until January 2005



1) 5030 Berthold; 2) 1114 East; 3) 1130 East

when their contract terminates.

SLUH took the first steps towards demolition as this school year started.

Zarrick said, “We will start taking down the big warehouse, 5030 Berthold, later this month, then we will also be taking down the other warehouse, 1130 East, at the same time.”

It is hard to determine a total cost for the demolition, but SLUH is estimating the cost to be near \$500,000.

JNS, the company demolishing the warehouses, has not set a solid date to begin demolition because “they are finishing up some remedial asbestos abatement, and once that is done they will begin tearing down the larger warehouse,” informed Zarrick.

When JNS begins demolishing the site, Zarrick said. “They will haul off all the debris from the site except the concrete, cinder block, and brick, which will

be crushed on site to a size of six inches.” The crushed rubble will serve as fill for the baseball and soccer fields that will be laid over the warehouse’s footprint.

SLUH will receive credit for all the rebar and other scrap steel left from the torn-down buildings.

Along with the approximately 225,000 sq. ft. of slab being crushed, the large parking lot connecting the warehouses will also be crushed up into 6-inch rubble.

A deadline for the project is not yet certain, but Zarrick said, “We are hoping for (completion in) the first or second week in November so we can start some of our grading work in late fall.”

After Tri-Rinse vacates the corner warehouse in January, work will begin on demolishing the third warehouse, at the corner of East and Berthold.

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ALL THE KING'S MEN

(from 1)

students also spent time touring medical facilities, watching diagnoses and clinical treatments, and learning standard hospital and laboratory protocols.

"(The program) was a neat experience, because everyone else in the lab had a Ph.D. or an M.D., or both," said Venker. "For the first two and a half weeks, I just walked around looking at what people were doing and asking questions to try and figure out what was going on."

Rather than directly supervising the activities of the students, the program assigns each student a "mentor," a doctor who supervises the student and his laboratory work. The mentor takes responsibility for the student and directs the student's activities in the lab. This individual approach introduces flexibility into the approximately 30 hours of lab work students complete each week.

"It's not a strict schedule, and you are more obligated to your responsibilities and work in the lab than you are to an amount of hours," said Malcolm DeBaun.

Already in its second year, the Serring Scholars program will continue until the summer of 2007.

Although this summer only saw participation in the medical research internship, the idea of internships at SLUH encompasses a far wider gamut of interests. Originally begun as an effort to explore the possibilities of SLUH's presence in the city, internships also offer ways to expand the scope of classes and to provide students with opportunities to pursue their own interests.

"Some of (the interships) dovetail very nicely into projects that we might be able to tie into the curriculum," says former principal and current consultant Bob Bannister, who has fostered the germination of this program with President Paul Sheridan, S.J., and Principal Mary Schenkenberg. "(Sheridan) is looking for others where there's an opportunity for students who have an interest within an area to have an exploration."

Over the past two years, Sheridan,

Schenkenberg, and Bannister have explored relationships with nearby institutions and established connections through other administrators and, in some cases, alumni, parents, and faculty. Besides already having students complete internships at the Botanical Gardens, SLUH is also looking at possibilities in the St. Louis Science Center, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, the Muny, the Art Museum, and the Humane Society.

"Basically, we looked at the institutions around us and said, 'Wouldn't this be a great vehicle to broaden the education of our students?'" says Sheridan. "It's a philosophy...in terms of our education as SLUH; it's a philosophy of why we stayed in the city."

Like the work done by students in the Serring Scholars program, other internships would also focus on real work experience instead of a volunteer service position. At the Science Center or the Art Museum, for example, students could take active roles in creating or supervising exhibits, designing programs and graphics, or teaching classes of elementary school children.

Because of plans to extend the current program, students are encouraged to express interest in and to offer ideas for internships.

"If there are students interested in doing these internships, if we knew who they were, I think that the time is ripe for us to make contact (with the institutions)," said Schenkenberg.

Interested students can contact Schenkenberg for more information.

Attention Latin students:
A reminder that Latin Club elections will be held today during Activity Period at the west end of the cafeteria.

EUROTRIPS

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The Eurobills spent their three-week adventure touring England, France, and Italy, focusing most of their time in France. Arriving June 10, the Eurobills began sightseeing in England. This year the students toured London for the first time ever, visiting Big Ben, several cathedrals, and Buckingham Palace. Their tour director, who stayed with them the whole three weeks and guided the trip last year, showed them around both London and Oxford.

Before they moved on to France, the company saw Stonehenge, Kesterson's favorite stop. Although the rocks did not impress all of the students, Kesterson said, "Stonehenge was always something I wanted to see, I was really excited to see it. The arrangement of the rocks... not everyone thinks they're that great, but there's a mystery there for me."

The Eurobills encountered their first and only problem moving from England to France: a student lost his passport in England, and, though the group was permitted passage to the European mainland via the Chunnel, the incident forced him to stay overnight in England with Kesterson. They caught up with the group quickly the next day, and continued their travels in France.

While in France, the Eurobills spent most of their time in Paris. They visited the Eiffel tower and spent the free time Kesterson granted them exploring the city.

After France, the group began scouring Italy for tourist attractions. The tour guide steered them through Florence, Rome, and Pompeii, after stopping by the statue of David but before returning to America on July 2.

Reflecting on the experience, Kesterson commented, "The guys were all well-behaved, so far as I know."

Senior Joey Mooney used approximately one month of his summer to immerse himself in Spanish. Beginning June 15th, Mooney lived in Argentina in various places to enhance his Spanish fluency. Throughout his stay in the country, see **TRIPPY, 9**

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the people he lived with and around spoke little English, forcing him to practice a foreign language himself. Although the trip intended primarily to help his Spanish abilities, Mooney says that the experience also improved his English grammar.

For the first two weeks of his stay, Mooney stayed with nuns and priests in northern Argentina, where he tutored Argentines in English. After the two weeks, he packed up and shoved off for Buenos Aires, where he stayed in the apartment of a couple who are friends with his aunt, Cathy Mooney, who organized the entire vacation for him. While staying with the couple, Carlos and Esteban, Mooney visited the city of Laboca, the birthplace of the tango.

Back in Buenos Aires, “the most beautiful cosmopolitan city,” as Mooney describes it, he made some great friends and got to love the Argentine attitude.

“Argentines are open to people, they don’t let you feel awkward. They’re very open, they don’t have any reservations,” he explained. “I loved that kind of atmosphere.”

Over the summer, Spanish teacher Greg Bantle traveled to Spain with seven seniors and one junior. Spanish teacher Charlie Merriot co-chaperoned with Bantle and helped him organize the living quarters and activities during the two week trip.

The group stayed in a different hostel, similar to a bed and breakfast, within each city they stayed in. Bantle explained that hostels have much better locations than hotels because hostels usually stand less than 100 yards from the attractions the group would visit. Often these attractions all resided within the town plaza—the center for activity and socializing in the town.

The group stayed in Segovia, Madrid, Toledo, Seville, Córdoba, and the beach city of Nerja for two or three nights each.

In Segovia, the group beheld the best surviving Roman aqueducts in the world. The construction stands 100 feet tall in the

center of the town, and runs near a castle in the town. The Bourbonbills played soccer with the locals and ultimate frisbee amongst themselves underneath the structure.

The crew witnessed the Corpus Christi celebration in Toledo, which has the largest Corpus Christi event in the world. The event, which attracts almost exclusively locals, not tourists, features a 500-pound gold monstrance that the audience venerates for about three hours. Although Bantle and Merriot planned the

“Living in the country gave a whole different feel for the country than just coming in on the bus.”

*—Spanish teacher
Greg Bantle*

trip around the Corpus Christi event, they missed the actual celebration because of a late date modification to the celebration. Originally scheduled to take place on a Sunday, Toledo moved the event to the preceding Thursday because of European elections that occupied the Sunday. Bantle and Merriot did not discover this alteration until they arrived in Toledo, but, although frustrated, the group was still able to witness a mini-Corpus Christi that took place on the originally planned date of Sunday. The decorations in the city remained—the entire path of the monstrance lay blanketed with rosemary, and the students were able to view the famous display.

The group spent two nights in Seville, where they visited a Roman bath house,

and also spent two nights in Córdoba.

Aside from the Corpus Christi incident, the trip ran problem-free from June 9th, when they arrived until June 23rd, when they returned to in St. Louis.

Reminiscing upon the trip, Bantle stated, “The kids were great the last two years, and they had a great time.”

Russian teacher Robert Chura accompanied seven seniors in a three week excursion of the Russian heartland. History teacher Tim O’Neil joined Chura for the trip during the last week.

While in Russia, the Dragobills each lived individually with a different host family in St. Petersburg. For the first eighteen days, the students met at the hosts’ school at 10 a.m. There, they attended three 45-minute sessions of Russian classes each weekday before leaving the school and absorbing Russian culture. On the weekends, however, the individuals split apart and visited various Russian attractions in St. Petersburg. Chura and the Sputnikbills visited St. Peter and Paul’s fortress, Peterhof (a summer palace for the czars) the St. Petersburg World War II museum, and the Hermitage, originally the winter palace of the czars, which the Russians transformed into an art gallery.

During the last two days, the group traveled to Moscow, where they stayed in a hotel for the final night of their journey. During their first day in the city, they hired a van to carry them to tourist attractions and photography hotspots such as the Kremlin and Red Square. On the second day, the group visited Lenin’s Tomb and spent time gift shopping.

The trip, which began on June 15th and ended when the Romanovbills left Moscow on June 6th, encountered no problems. The families that hosted the SLUH students will send a family member each to St. Louis later this year, around early November, to stay with their American visitor and assimilate some American culture.

Each of these five trips are scheduled to take place this coming summer as well.

SPIRITAS

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After the participants gorge themselves, those still standing must then down a liter of eggnog before emerging from the food heap triumphant. Although this feat seems impossible for students, circulating rumors of the return of legendary champion Doc Finan have restored hope. His participation, however, is pending on the permission of his penitentiary warden. STUCO president Joe Eggleston said, "STUCO will be sure to clearly define the rules because of Doc's sketchy victory last year." (*Editor's note: see letter, p. 3*)

Tuesday will feature an event for the groove-inclined SLUHLander wannabees: the first ever "Dance-Off/Walk-Off" dance competition in the theater. According to Venker, students "can come and strut their stuff if they feel like it" during Activity Period for mystery judges. Those who wish to shake their tail feathers may sign up at the STUCO bulletin board outside the office.

Wednesday is set up to be both weird and wonderful, and thus will hold the annual Crazy Clothes Contest during Activity Period. In order to allow students to be as silly as possible, Wednesday will also be a free dress-down day for the entire student body.

During Activity Period on Thursday, the theater will become the site of the first

Venker's official definition, "flopping around in gunk." That gunk will include mysterious, unknown foodstuffs of the nastiest sort.

STUCO refused to answer further questions about the event, hinting only that the contest will involve something inflatable and "grooved tanks," a phrase that was on the lips of every STUCO officer asked about the event. The only way to find out what chaos they speak of is by watching the event firsthand.

As in past years, each day will have a shirt theme, within the dress code, on every day save Wednesday. On Monday, students will be allowed to look upon the eating

contests in awe while participating in the Dirtball Day shirt theme that prohibits the comfort of an undershirt. The dance contest will be watched completely by lumberjack look-alikes, because Tuesday is flannel shirt day. After Wednesday, the craziness will continue with Jersey Day on Thursday and Blue and White on Friday.

The day, and the week will be capped off with the Chaminade football game at 7:00 p.m. in the stadium.

Spirit Week Calendar o' Events

Day	Event	Attire
Monday:	Eating Contest	Dirtball Day (No Undershirt)
Tuesday:	Dance Off	Ugly Shirt Day
Wednesday:	Crazy Clothing	Crazy Clothing Day
Thursday:	Jr. Billy Idol	Jersey "Thursy"
Friday:	Wet Billies	Blue and White Day

ever Jr. Billy Idol singing competition—"like American Idol with a corny name," as Eggleston phrased it. Anyone who signs up to perform will be given the right to sing whatever song they choose in front of a panel of celebrity faculty judges, who will criticize or compliment the talents of the wishful stars.

Friday will be the traditional Wet Billies contest, but with a few new twists this year. Wet Billies is, according to

Sweeney returns from quintuple bypass

Andrew Mueth
Core Staff

Vice President of Administration Brian Sweeney returned last Tuesday, Sept. 8 from quintuple bypass surgery on Aug. 10, which went without any complications. He returned after a recovery period of under a month. Sweeney will work half-days until he gets his full energy back. "I hope to get my strength back in a week," Sweeney said.

He had been told that the recovery would take from one to two months and was originally planning to return on Sept. 10. "The recovery went very well,"

Sweeney said. It went so well that he was able to return in less than a month. After hearing stories of other people who took the full two months, he was "very grateful" that he was on the "shorter end of the recovery period."

"(I) walked three to five miles daily, lifted some light dumbbells...and also checked my school e-mail and kept in touch (with St. Louis U. High)," Sweeney said on his recovery time.

"(I) compliment Eric Schnable, my assistant, and Kathleen Batts and Terry Meiners, the accounting staff, who carried on very well in my absence."

Nevertheless, Sweeney said, "Hurri-

cane Charley has piled up on my desk while I was gone, so I hope to get clean it up before Hurricane Ivan gets here." Other than the paperwork, he feels that he has kept caught up on the majority of his work, thanks to e-mail and phone calls to SLUH during August and keeping in good touch with his co-workers.

Glad to be back, Sweeney specifically enjoys "being able to walk for an hour without having to stop every ten minutes to catch my breath."

Finally, Sweeney thanks "everyone in the SLUH community for their prayers and cards and well wishes while I was out. I really appreciated that."

September 10, 2004

ROCKET

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The administration did take care of academics before physical expansions, which shows that they have the best intentions. We do not take issue with this, but we do take issue with the inclusion of academic upgrades in the Vision 2000 plans.

Another somewhat misleading fact, one that the administration reported to all SLUH families in a summer mailing, is the \$15 million earmarked for "scholarship and debt retirement." Vice President for Advancement Thom Digman broke this down into \$10 million for scholarship endowment and another \$5 million which will either pay down debt or remain invested. To say that \$15 million is going to scholarships is misleading: at most, \$15 million is going into the endowment for a ten percent annual return. 5.75 percent of this \$15 million will go to scholarship and debt retirement.

We are not criticizing the administration's decision on where to spend the money, for it is a good place for the money, because over time, the \$10-15 million in the endowment will translate into much more than that. We are, however, criticizing the misleading way in which it has been presented to the SLUH community. It would have seemed more accurate to us had it been reported as a \$10-15 million investment in the endowment.

2. Long-term questions about values

One of the hallmarks of a city school is that they use the resources of the community that surrounds them to the fullest extent. A hallmark of suburban schools is that they expand and create resources themselves. SLUH is surrounded with the richest resources in the city, with hospitals, museums and one of the largest recreational parks in the country within walking distance. SLUH currently underuses the Art Museum, and when Vision 2000 is completed, our use of Forest Park will decline. We will utilize what we have and largely ignore what is around us. SLUH will become a suburban school within the city limits, a transplanted MICDS or CBC.

During his presentation, Fr. Sheridan

stressed the connections that SLUH would establish with neighboring institutions courtesy of Vision 2000. These connections included partnerships with the Science Center, Compton Drew and Forest Park as well as with the community at large. The fact of the matter is that SLUH has already established real connections with these entities through years of collaboration and new internship programs. The connections with Compton Drew and Forest Park are most readily evident through the athletic department, which practices and occasionally plays games at these facilities.

The non-internship connections Fr. Sheridan speaks of are at risk of being lost, for once we have a truly self-contained campus no new connections may be needed.

SLUH has already made monetary contributions to the entities discussed above, surely admirable donations which connect us with the community. By retreating to our backyard and staying there, SLUH risks sending the message that our

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

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to the pride it inspires in both alumni and students. For 186 years, SLUH has been a community (some would say a family) in which relationships and learning have always taken precedence over everything else. For those 186 years, students and their families have sacrificed to be a part of this community. These sacrifices and the relationships inspire in Junior Billikens a deep connection with their school.

When people care about a place, they are bound to care about the values for which it stands. When the landscape of that place changes as dramatically as the landscape of SLUH will change, the values of that place are likely to change in some way. It will be extremely difficult to maintain the dynamic of today's SLUH campus on the SLUH campus of tomorrow.

As past graduates have supported our education, we will be asked to support the education of future students. In supporting SLUH, we will be supporting the

only connections to the community are through money and economic support. Our only connections with Forest Park and Compton Drew will be driving past them on our way to school and the occasional practice, and our only connections with the Science Center will be a shared driveway and, possibly, a shared security force.

The administration is trying to have it both ways. We will be a city school with 30 or so acres. We will be a school known for academics with more athletic fields than we know what to do with. We'll be centered on God but the center of our campus will be far from our chapel and current center. CBC's new campus is extremely attractive, especially to eighth graders and their families. If SLUH loses qualified applicants to another school, it will surely bring down our academic quality. SLUH has always made an effort to attract the best and the brightest, but one has to wonder whether or not a second stadium and extra practice fields and basketball courts are the right way to attract the best and brightest, not just the widest-eyed.

things it values. Will the SLUH we support value its win-loss record or academic standards? Will SLUH value its two synthetic turf fields or state-of-the-art academic facilities? Our names are forever connected to SLUH and thus to the values for which it stands. The future of our school and our community is being decided right now, and SLUH students have been noticeably silent during the process. It is our duty as members of the community and as people who determine the values the community holds dear to speak up when the future of our community and our values is being decided.

SLUH students have a wealth of resources through which they can make their voices heard. Student Council holds quarterly forums at which students are free to express their opinions. The Prep News welcomes letters to the editor every week regarding subjects that affect SLUH and its students. And Fr. Sheridan himself has asked for student input on the layout of the Student Life Center. With so many forums available, why be silent?

by Andrew Mueth

Calendar

Sept. 10-Sept. 17

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Schedule R
 Chinese Club Mtg.
 V FB @ Belleville, Althoff, 7:00
 V/JV WP Patriot Classic Tourn @ Park
 way South, 4:30
 JV Soc. vs. Vianney, 4:00
 Fr. Soc. Vs. Edwardsville @ Forest Park
 Bosco Sticks, Stew and Egg Noodles

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

V Soc. CBC tourn vs. DeSmet, 5:00
 XC @ McLluer North Invitational, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Schedule R
 Mid-Qtr. Reports for Fr/So
 College Visits:
 Knox College
 Colgate University @ 1:30 (Sign Up
 in Counselling Office To Attend)
 V Soc. vs. Ft. Zumwalt South, 6:00
 V WP, Conf. Tourn., MICDS/ Rec Plex,
 through 18th
 B Soc. vs. Ft. Zumwalt South, 4:00
 Fr. Soc. @ Vianney, 4:00
 Spirit Week: Dirtball Day (No Under-

shirt)
 Pizza Sticks, Bosco Sticks, Chicken Club
 Wrap

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Schedule R
 Young Reps.
 Fr. Eng. Tutorial
 College Visits:
 University of Missouri- Columbia
 University of Missouri- Kansas City
 Tufts University
 Spirit Week: Lumberjack Day (Flannel
 Shirt)
 Pizza Rolls, Spaghetti With Meat Balls

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Schedule R
 Free Dress Day
 JV Soc. vs. Priory, 4:15
 C XC vs. DeSmet and CBC (2 mi.), 4:30
 Fr Soc. vs. St. Mary's, SLUH Stadium,
 4:00
 Spirit Week: Dress Down Crazy Clothes
 Day
 Bosco Sticks, Chicken Strips

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Schedule R
 Rosary in Chapel @ AP
 College Visits:
 Iowa State University
 Providence College
 University of Tulsa
 V Soc. @ Francis Howell North, 6:00
 B Soc. @ Francis Howell North, 4:00
 B FB vs. Chaminade, 6:00
 C FB vs. Chaminade, 4:30
 Spirit Week: Jersey Day
 Apple of Cherry Crispito, Meat Ball Sand-
 wiches

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Schedule R
 TAP Training
 College Visits:
 Southeast Missouri State University
 Morehouse College @ 8:30 a.m. (sign
 up in counselling office to attend)
 V FB @ Chaminade, 7:00
 JV Soc. vs. Chaminade, 4:00
 Spirit Week: Blue and White Day (School
 Colors)
 Tater Tots, Pizza and Lil' Charleys

Mass of the Holy Spirit



PHOTO BY KYLE MLOSTER

This past Wednesday, the whole SLUH community gathered in the gymnasium, which was transformed into church to celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit. A good time was had by all, especially those who carried the torches and those who banged the cymbals, each symbolizing the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Pictured above is senior Joe Carlson lighting a candle for the procession of gifts that enrich the body.

This Week in Prep News
 history...

Manker Gets Good Deal on Grass!

Yes—it's that time of year again—the time when the upper field is sown with grass seed to try to keep it alive under the trampling of gym class and after school bashball games. Over the past few years, many different concoctions have been tried, grass such and such, and fertilizer so and so. This year though, we are going to try the riverfront special.

Because of our own enterprising Mr. Manker, we now will purchase the very same seed for our upper field as the seed which was sown in the riverfront Park under the arch before the VP fair this July.
 —Anonymous, September 14, 1984