

Prep News



"If nothing else, value the truth"

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Broadcast Club hopes for next Friday premiere

Eric Durban and Brian Krebs
Reporter and Core Staff

Next Friday, St. Louis U. High's newly-created Broadcast Club hopes to debut in technicolor with its very first all-school broadcast. The show will be broadcast on about 55 TVs scattered throughout the campus.

Principal Mary Schenkenberg sees the Broadcast Club as a solution to the "need for a better facilitation of communication within the whole school." Additionally, Schenkenberg believes that the capability for live broadcast "will give (us) the opportunity to engage the entire school at the same time without having to move a thousand people to the gym."

Preparations for the Broadcast Club began as early as the summer of 2003, when the school wired the new TVs along with those already existing.

During the following school year, ASC teacher Sean Conway, hoping to launch the Broadcast Club, began to lay the foundation for the Broadcast Club by soliciting interest among students. Unfortunately, without the necessary equipment for the studio, Conway could not proceed to the next level.

However, those who were interested in the club did not have to wait long. Last summer, Schenkenberg, history teacher and current Broadcast Club moderator Tim O'Neil, and computer technician Tim Rittenhouse visited a number of schools, including Nerinx Hall and Ladue High, to observe broadcasting facilities on other school campuses. Students recruited by Conway joined the trips to give their input.

Their careful research and deliberation over the technology have manifested
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PHOTO BY ALEX SCIUTO

Broadcast Club members prepare to broadcast.

Spirit Week provides entertainment for students

Dan Everson
Reporter

The annual SLUH Eating Contest proved to be an exciting opener to Spirit Week 2004. While spectators in the bleachers celebrated Dirtball Day, the competitors went shirtless as they scarfed down hot dogs and buns before chugging tomato juice (a late switch from egg nog, which could not be purchased because it is a seasonal beverage).

Students used numerous strategies in the contest, including senior Joe Buchmeier's plan to eat the hot dogs before finishing off the buns. Senior Bob Stretch's strategy involved eating parts of hot dogs at a time, inspiring STUCO reli-

gious commissioner/color commentator Marty Wilhelm to dub him "Hot Dog Nomad."

The thrilling competition used a format in which competitors had to finish 13 hot dogs and four fewer buns (due to time constraints), before starting on the half-gallon of tomato juice. Whoever had the least tomato juice left when time was called would be the winner.

At the two-minute warning, a drinking duel between sophomore Ray Wagner and Buchmeier began. The two leaned over trash cans (just in case) while chugging the juice as quickly as possible. In the end, Buchmeier emerged as the new SLUH Eating Contest champion.

On Tuesday, dance groups enter-
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Gas leak repaired in Currigan Room

Kyle Kloster
Core Staff

Last Thursday night, Laclede Gas Company repaired a leak found in the gas line fueling a stove in St. Louis U. High's Currigan Room.

Laclede discovered several gas leaks in the area, so they shut off the gas line fueling SLUH and about fifty surrounding houses. Laclede then dispatched inspectors to use a "sniffer" to detect the sources of the unwanted gas. After Laclede finished its repairs, which the company paid for, it resumed the gas supply.

Although Laclede declared the matter closed, SLUH maintenance workers further explored lines near the pipe that
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Doc Murphy to supervise library after school

Timo Kim
Core Staff

Knowing him only as the phantasmal announcer at home football games, St. Louis U. High students will now have a chance to see Deacon Jim Murphy incarnate. Starting next week, Murphy will supervise the library past the current closing time of 4:30 p.m. In addition to manning the front desk, Murphy will also be able to tutor and counsel students after school.

Although largely unfamiliar to current students, Murphy's relationship with SLUH has spanned over half a century. Murphy entered SLUH for the first time as a freshman in 1950, and graduated in 1954. After graduation, Murphy entered St. Louis University as an engineering major, but after discovering that he did

not enjoy his major, Murphy switched to a history major instead. He returned to SLUH as a teacher in 1960, but continued his education, eventually earning a master's degree and Ph.D. in history from SLU.

Upon returning to SLUH, Murphy mainly taught American History and Global History I and II. However, he also taught classes such as P.E., Environmental Science, and Descriptive Geometry, eventually joining every department except Fine Arts and English.

For the eleven years prior to his retirement in 2001, Murphy served as a counselor. In 1991, he also was ordained a deacon.

If not familiar with his name, SLUH students can at least relate to the impression that Murphy had left before his retirement. His accomplishments include developing the position of Senior Advisors

during his tenure as the freshman class moderator, coaching wrestling, and announcing football games for the past 19 years.

However, his most notable legacy has provided Jr. Billikens with athletic entertainment and school spirit for generations: around 1970, Murphy invented the SLUH sport of bashball. Originally a conditioning sport for wrestlers, bashball has since evolved from its tackling predecessor to the safer touch format of today.

Murphy will stay in the library from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and the administration is currently trying to find someone to staff the library on Monday and Friday. Of his return, Murphy said, "I feel pretty excited... I've made a lot of good friends among the faculty, and I thought this might help people out."

Rec room adds ping pong, loses 5 cents

Andrew Mueth
Core Staff

Although the freshman may not be aware of them, upperclassmen who visit the Rec Room this year may notice several significant changes from last year. As many students' favorite subterranean hangout, the rec room has a long history full of tradition and fun, providing a place for students to relax during activity period and before and after school. The room contains 29 pool tables, four bumper pool tables, foosball and shuffleboard tables, a bubble hockey table, the ancient, infamous labyrinth ball maze, and three ping pong tables, which SLUH added this year. The room also has a concession stand and an eating area.

The familiar cry, "Nickel!" is perhaps the most infamous rec room tradition, one that has been around as long as the rec room itself. At the sight or sound of any offense in the room, most com-

monly at the noise of a dropped ball, students yell the word, and the offender has to pay the nearest faculty moderator a nickel. These offenses most commonly include a dropped ball or stick, trick shots, foul language, or eating food in the pool

students were not sure whether to stay with tradition and yell "Nickel!" or to be accurate and yell "Dime!"

This year, according to rec room co-moderator Joseph Nguyen, "To honor the tradition, we have gone back," so that "Nickel!" means a nickel again.

The tradition of "Nickel!" is not only long but also widespread. SLUH graduates and faculty have reported hearing "Nickel!" yelled in pool halls across the country.

In addition to these legislative changes, three new ping-pong tables have been added to the rec room. There have been ping pong tables in the rec room before, but not for several years.

The Turkcan family donated one of the tables to SLUH when they moved. Kevin Turkcan is currently a senior, and a member of the Chinese Club. Last year, he organized a Chinese Club ping pong tournament open to all students, but there were no tables to play on. This created numerous difficulties, because "We had to borrow

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Adolescent male humanoids engage in sport.

area.

Though offenses traditionally cost a nickel apiece, last year that was not the case. To cope with long-term inflation, nickel offenses went up to costing a dime last year. However, chaos ensued when

COMMENTARY

Tim Huether
Sports Editor

In a meeting last Tuesday between MCC athletic directors, the athletic directors decided that a rule adopted long ago will be reinforced: no MCC cheerleading squads will be allowed to paint themselves at sporting events held at other MCC schools.

The rule was first passed after a Running of the Bills, when scores of Jr. Bills painted themselves blue before running to CBC (at its previous location) for the CBC Tournament. Predictably, when the game had finished, blue paint remained all over CBC's facilities. The ADs then adopted the rule to stop this type of behavior, which purportedly detracts from the host venue more than it adds to the allure of the game.

Although the ADs agreed to reinforce the rule last year, SLUH's athletic director, Dick Wehner, hadn't let the Blue Crew know, so the painting of the Jr. Bills continued. However, after DeSmet's Maroon Platoon and our Blue Crew spilled some paint at CBC during last week's CBC Soccer Tournament, the AD's brought it up again at last Tuesday's meeting.

No crew painted in blue will be allowed to attend athletic events scheduled at Chaminade or CBC this year, or ever, although Wehner hopes to talk to DeSmet about letting our Blue Crew and their Maroon Platoon paint themselves at each others' venues.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the administration, coaches, players, and fans of SLUH and DeSmet:

I want to truly apologize for an incident which happened at halftime of the SLUH-DeSmet soccer game during Saturday night's game in the CBC Tournament. This is in reference to an announcement made over the public address system telling a group of students on the field "to stop acting like idiots," after they were told to get off the field. This was completely inappropriate and uncalled for. For this I want to express my fullest apology and will assure you that it will not be tolerated and will not happen again. I take full responsibility for being the one who made the comment and assure you that it is something that will never happen again.

Again, please accept my apology and understand that I have the utmost respect for your soccer coaches, soccer programs and your schools, and I truly regret the incident.

Sincerely,
J. Scott Brown
Director of Athletics, CBC

STUCO President Joe Eggleston expressed his disappointment at the ruling, as it takes away from SLUH's and DeSmet's spirit (which feature the only squads sporting paint), but no other schools.

Wehner echoed Eggleston's sentiment; "I think (SLUH's) and DeSmet's cheerleaders bring a lot to our spirit, and I think that some schools, in conference and out of conference, are envious of what that brings to the game and are willing to do anything to discourage full participation by our cheerleaders and fans when we are at their venues."

Wehner continued, "When Blue Crew is in full throat and our fans are pumped up, it definitely gives us a tremendous athletic advantage."

While I see the necessity of such a rule and believe the rule was well-intended, I think the enthusiasm that will be lost at games is invaluable. All Jr. Bills know what a fully active Blue Crew can bring to a game. Our cheering crews should be our most responsible members, and, if careful enough, should not get large amounts of paint on the facilities. I understand that fans should not be allowed to paint, and I understand the reasoning behind the rule. I could even see a scenario in which a cheerleading squad that spills paint must go to the venue and clean it up later. However, the rule excessively takes away from school spirit. Banning paint across the board with no exceptions is drastic and unnecessary.

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tained students clad in ugly shirts in the theater during activity period. One group from each class competed, and theology teacher Michael Marchlewski, S.J., history teacher Jeff Harrison, S.J., dance teacher Janet Strzelec, and computer teacher Tim Rittenhouse judged the contestants.

A freshman group composed of James Barton, Tyler Schenk, and Dan Behr danced to Michael Jackson's "Smooth Criminal." In the end, however, the freshmen were not smooth enough, and were booed so extensively that STUCO forced them from the stage before the routine ended.

The sophomores came next and more than held their own, performing to "Ninja Rap." Murphy Troy was the energetic star, doing ninja moves throughout the song, accompanied by Peter Zilka and Chris Place.

The junior group of Connor Cole, Matt Meiners, Matt Yoon, and Greg Mantych came out absurdly dressed, as an old pauper, a cowboy riding an ostrich, a king of hearts, and a referee with a large stomach. While these costumes entertained the crowd for a while, uncoordinated and unimpressive dancing soon led to the juniors' demise, as they too were booed from the stage.

In the end, the seniors stole the show. After some technical difficulties, Nelly's "Air Force Ones" came on and seniors Joe Eggleston, Phil Hof, and Tim Rodgers served everyone. The

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FarEastBills trek to China, see Jash and Emma

Jim Santel
Reporter

On June 12, 25 St. Louis U. High students journeyed to China under the supervision of SLUH Chinese teacher Dr. Ching-ling Tai, the recently retired Bob Overkamp, and his wife Susan. The group visited eight of China's largest cities: Beijing, Xi'an, Luoyang, Zhenzhou, Nanjing, Suzhou, Hangzhou, and Shanghai. Over the course of the sixteen days, the students visited many of China's famous landmarks, gained new insight into China itself, and received excellent practice speaking Chinese.

The planning of this trip was a journey unto itself; the group was set to go in early 2003, but because of the SARS outbreak in China, Tai postponed the trip until the end of the '03-'04 school year.

Tai said that the students enjoyed climbing the Great Wall, which they discussed with great anticipation. They also enjoyed seeing the 6,000 terra cotta soldiers that guard the tomb of Shihuangdi, a

third century B.C. Chinese emperor, located near Xi'an.

During transit from Beijing to Xi'an, the group encountered its first and only serious hitch when senior Dustin Sump almost missed the group's flight. Another passenger had accidentally taken his passport and ticket onto the plane with him, but "thankfully Mrs. Overkamp went on the plane and got the ticket from (the passenger), and I was able to get on. It was a little scary," recalled Sump.

Fortunately, the remainder of the trip went on without any other serious incidents. Tai stated emphatically that visiting the Nanjing Foreign Languages School, SLUH's sister school in Nanjing, was a high point for everyone. Here, they were reunited with Jash Guo and Emma Liu, the Chinese exchange students who had attended SLUH for the second semester last year.

Tai said that she enjoyed seeing her students bargaining with the locals in the markets, and like true Jr. Billikens, they found some "good buys," she declared.

More importantly, the bargaining allowed the group to exercise its Chinese speaking skills. According to Tai, many of the Chinese locals were impressed with how well her pupils could speak Mandarin Chinese. "Some of (the locals) could not speak as well as (the students) did in terms of pronunciation," said Tai.

"I wanted them to have a firsthand experience of Chinese culture," Tai said.

"It was very shocking," remembered senior Joe Eggleston, referring to the widespread poverty in China. In addition, Eggleston gained an appreciation for ordinary things. "Now, when I look at the sky, I appreciate the blue sky, because of the pollution (in China), there's grey skies over there all of the time. You never saw a blue sky."

For his part, Sump returned on June 28 armed with newfound understanding of China, its people, and its culture. "(China) is very different from the West. China is definitely a place of a lot of energy, and a lot of excitement."

Bush hobnobs with three sophomores in D.C.

Students greet president as he disembarks

Charles Ullmann
Reporter

Over the summer, three sophomores flew to Washington, D.C., to get an insider tour of the capitol and meet the President during their four-day stay. Sophomores Ray Wagner, Mark Zinn, and Nick Wilhelm were given the opportunity by Mrs. Ann Wagner, who is the Co-chairwoman of the Republican National Committee and Ray's mother, to see Washington, D.C., through the eyes of a politician. Ann provided the boys quartering at the Executive Assistant's town house for their stay.

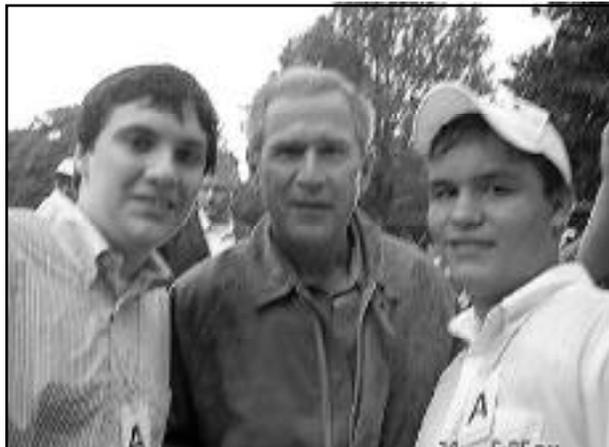
After departing on Aug. 12, the students took a tour of the West Wing, visiting such rooms in the White House as the Oval Office and the press room. The students also toured various landmarks

including the Capitol building, Washington Monument, and the Lincoln Memorial.

Though they enjoyed all of these things, the highlight of their trip was greeting President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush on Aug. 14 upon their return from campaigning. As Bush descended from the

Marine One Helicopter, the students, standing in the rain, welcomed him and soaked in this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Zinn recalled that after Bush exited his helicopter onto the south lawn,

he "joked around with us. He talked to Mrs. Wagner—he knows her—and he called her 'Annie Girl.'" Afterwards, Bush thanked the students and posed for a picture with them.



The 43rd president of the United States with two Jr. Bills.

Footbills lose thriller to Althoff, 28-27

Bryan Glaenger
Reporter

Last Friday on a beautiful fall night, the Jr. Bills lost a heartbreaking game to the Althoff Crusaders. The game could have gone to either team and was decided in the final seconds. As senior captain Dave Klug said, it was a night of "missed opportunities."

The night started off well. Quarterback Matt Behr threw a dazzling 30-yard pass to senior John Warner, who then took it another 60 yards for a touchdown.

Althoff responded with the next two touchdowns, however. Just as painfully, while the agrarian Crusaders were on offense, junior free safety Eric Hunt broke and dislocated his ring finger on his right hand; he left the game for x-rays at half, but will be back in action tonight. Warner and senior Curtis Hoette filled in for the injured Hunt.

Five minutes and thirty seconds into

the second quarter, junior running back Stephen Simmons stepped forward and answered the call with his tell-tale speed on a 44-yard dash that ended in the end zone.



Junior Paul Chaney (11) sprints upfield behind blocking from senior Curtis Hoette (80).

However, Althoff countered five minutes later, when quarterback Dale Fink exerted himself with a one-yard pass for a touchdown.

SLUH showed its die-hard spirit when Simmons pounded in a touchdown with only 48.9 seconds left in the second quar-

ter.

In the fourth quarter Simmons showed again why he is a track star, sprinting 85 yards to a touchdown. Tragically, the extra point was blocked by the Althoff defense, a play that would come back to haunt the Jr. Bills.

A minute and a half later Althoff once again put in a touchdown to take a 28-27 lead.

SLUH nearly scored in the final seconds of the game after Klug stripped the ball from an unwitting running back and linebacker Bobby Schuster recovered the fumble. Sadly, nothing panned out for the Jr. Bills.

Rather than occupy themselves with what ifs, the Jr.

Bills chose to find the positives from the game, such as Warner's 102 yards receiving and Simmons's 221 yards rushing.

Tonight the Junior Bills take on the Chaminade Red Devils/Red Army/The CCP Red Menace at 7 p.m. at Chaminade.

Water polo goes 4-1 in two tournaments

Greg Mantych
Reporter

In their eternal quest for the state title, the St. Louis U. High water polo team came out firing earlier this week in the annual Patriot Classic, hosted by Parkway South High School. The SpeedoBills cleared out all competition, beating Lafayette 10-4 on Friday and Marquette (17-3) and Parkway South (4-1) on Saturday.

Aware that Lafayette and Marquette would put up little resistance, SLUH breezed through the first two rounds of the tournament. Senior co-captain Tim Heafner scored five goals against Lafayette, and the entire team dominated by scoring ten goals in the first half against Marquette before the Mustangs could score even a single goal.

However, the team knew that its final opponent of the tournament, Parkway South, would not be as easy to suppress. After several failed SLUH attempts on

goal in the first quarter, a Parkway South shot slipped past the Jr. Bills' defense, sending the team into the second quarter with a murderous desire for revenge.

Halfway into the second quarter, Heafner sniped two consecutive goals. Going into the second half up 3-1, the PoloBills did not look back.

"We jumped into the lead," said Heafner, "because we had better ball handlers. That's what it comes down to."

With the lead secured by a third quarter goal from senior Kevin O'Neill, the team finished off the Patriots and their tournament by winning 4-1.

Immediately after finishing the Parkway South tournament, the water polo team jumped into another one on Monday, the Varsity Conference Tournament. Seeded second in the tournament, behind rival MICDS, the BaudBills played their first game against Parkway South. Having just beaten them two days earlier, the team had good expectations.

"We all knew they were a good team,"

admitted senior goalie Rick Bettger, "so we would have to play hard."

The game started out almost identically to their meeting two days earlier with an early Parkway South goal in the first quarter putting the Jr. Bills down 1-0. The team knew they would have to retaliate with the same intensity as before.

Less than 30 seconds into the second quarter, Heafner planted a shot in the back of the goal to tie the score at 1-1. The game would remain tied until the second half.

After a halftime rest, the PoloBills set their gears on high, with Heafner pounding in back to back goals. The SpeedoBills finally eliminated the Patriots 7-2 after fourth quarter goals from senior co-captain Tim Szweczyk and junior Ben Favier.

The water polo team has thrived this year in the late periods of the game, whereas most teams grow fatigued.

"Once we tire them out and convince ourselves to play hard," said Coach Paul Baudendistel, "we are as good as any
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Harrierbills dominate McCluer North Invite

Henry Samson
Reporter

Last Saturday, fresh off a blowout opening race at First Capitol, the cross country team gained momentum by emerging victorious from a field that consisted of well over 30 schools. A win is a win, but it is even better when it shows a team's strength. St. Louis U. High finished with 52 points, 40 points better than Parkway South's second place of 92.

Competing against a strong field that contained not only state cross country champion Tim Cornell, but also the 3200-meter track champion from Marquette, Garret Jeffries, SLUH ran smart and finished hard.

Interestingly, this race allowed for nine varsity competitors from each team, which worked out to SLUH's advantage. As coach Tim Chik said, "We're deep. I'm excited because this team has the best chance to win a race like state that we've had in a long time. I'm also glad to see our numbers 3, 4, 5, and 6 men

Ronaldobills

Andrew Schroeder
Reporter

Coming off a tough loss to CBC last Thursday, the Jr. Bill soccer team looked to get back into the win column in both its final game of the CBC tournament against "the other Jesuit school" last Saturday and the match with Fort Zumwalt South on Tuesday. The games proved to be two tough matches as the Soccerbills tied DeSmet and lost to Fort Zumwalt South.

The team's misfortune continued Tuesday night when a freak accident resulted in sophomore forward Rusty Brooks breaking his leg at practice. The team was playing a five-on-five game when another player fell on top of Brooks' shin, which cracked under the weight. Brooks was taken to Children's Hospital by ambulance and underwent surgery on Wednesday to put a metal rod in his leg.

Although Brooks is out for the sea-

already show they are capable of reaching the 17 minute barrier."

Once again junior Ben Murphy-Baum and senior Charlie Samson, along with spotlight returnee senior Alex Muntges, covered the leaders through the first mile. Although Samson eventually fell off the pace, Muntges and Murphy-Baum each provided strong finishes for the Bills, placing 5th and 6th with times of 16:42 and 16:45, respectively.

Said Muntges, "I was just happy to be out in competition. This was really my first race in about a year, and it was good to get the feel of anaerobic running for a change."

Murphy-Baum echoed those words and added, "I'm hoping to go out fast next week again at Rim Rock. Hopefully, I'll be able to run a 16:30, give or take a few seconds."

These two have already shown enormous potential early in the season and will provide the foundation of the team's strength come post season.

Junior Mike Jonagan and senior Dan Meier finished with admirable times as well. Jonagan's 17:06 earned 12th place

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son, the doctors said that his leg will be stronger than it was before for next season.

Along with Brooks' absence, Brent Zang will be out for the next two games due to a groin injury. However, it doesn't appear to be too serious, and he should be back on the field sometime next week.

Last Saturday at the CBC tournament, DeSmet came out firing in the first half with a couple of quick shots on their first possession. However, the Jr. Bills retaliated by working the ball downfield and keeping it in DeSmet's end of the field for the better part of the next ten minutes. They took some rips at the net, but DeSmet's tough defense and goalkeeping kept the Jr. Bills out of the net.

With about ten minutes left to play in the first half, the tide began to turn. DeSmet carried the ball into Jr. Bill territory and began to work on the U. High defense. Senior goalkeeper Wyatt Woods showed off his agility with an amazing kick-save, stopping a DeSmet forward streaking down

and Meier's 17:07 captured 13th. "I'm kicking it home," said a bewildered Meier, "and suddenly I look to my left and barely see this huge head leaning me out at the line. But I knew it was Jonagan, so it was all right."

Junior Drew Kaiser also ran a superb race, chopping 13 seconds off his previous race to finish in 17:15 for 15th place overall. Seniors Joe Carlson and Matt Dirnbeck ran together at 17:21 and 17:23, finishing sixth and seventh on the team, respectively, and in 17th and 20th place overall. Samson, who had run with the leaders early, learned the price of a risk the hard way: "My legs felt heavier than a junkyard vista cruiser."

The varsity team was not the only group from SLUH that had a "spectacular day," said head coach Jim Linhares. The JV squad showed how tough they were by sweeping the race through seven positions. A CBC runner edged his way into 8th place, but otherwise, SLUH packed 10 runners in the top 12 spots in the race—a feat which, up until that point, had been

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the field on a breakaway. The Jr. Bill faithful praised the effort with chants of "Holy moly, we love our goalie!"

Woods led the defense with a couple more clutch saves, refusing to yield a goal. Time expired in the first half, and the match was scoreless going into the break.

Picking up in the second half right where they left off, the Spartans resumed assaulting the SLUH backfield. Fortunately, the Jr. Bills did not skip a beat coming out of the half, and they were ready for everything DeSmet had to bring. The impenetrable forest of Woods stopped a two-on-one attack, then followed that up by punching a Spartan shot up and over the goal with authority.

Much like the first half, SLUH gradually moved the ball out of their zone and took their shots at the Spartan defense. But they, like the Spartan offense, could not find the back of the net, and the defensively-dominated match ended in a 0-0

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tie.

Head coach Charlie Martel noted after the game that it was "tough to get past (the DeSmet defense)." He believed the team played pretty well and that they got "the result they expected" going into the game.

With the CBC tournament behind them, the Fifabills got back to their regular season schedule with a game at home against Fort Zumwalt South on Monday night. The Bulldogs were 4-0 coming into the game and proved to be quite a test for the Soccerbills.

The Jr. Bills dominated almost the entire first half, led by senior midfielder Paul Eschen's barrage of shots directed at the Bulldog goalie who, according to Martel, was "by far the best we've seen this year." The star Zumwalt South goalkeeper held SLUH scoreless and seemed to be a step ahead of the Jr. Bill forwards as he sucked in almost every cross, corner

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one."

Also notable were the outstanding defensive efforts made by the team.

"Holding a team like Parkway South to so few goals is quite an accomplishment," said Szewczyk, "and a lot of that can be attributed to Rick's goalkeeping."

Bettger, playing the entire game, had an amazing 18 saves in front of the net while only allowing two shots past him.

In the next round of tournament play, the Jr. Bills faced the competent Chaminade team.

Chaminade took an early lead, scoring three unanswered goals in the second quarter to take a 5-2 lead into halftime.

Throughout the second half, the two teams steadily exchanged goals, as any Chaminade goal would be quickly answered with a SLUH shot.

With one minute left in the fourth quarter and Chaminade leading 7-6, the

kick, and junior Tom Irvin throw-in (which serves as well as any corner kick.)

The only goal of the game was scored by Fort Zumwalt South on one of their few trips to the SLUH end of the field. With about 5:30 left in the first half, a put-back after a corner kick from the near side of the field was unfortunately punched right to the feet of a Bulldog forward by Woods. The goal seemed to deflate the Jr. Bills, as they never recovered from the deficit. They appeared sluggish throughout the second half and only fired three shots in what became more of a midfield battle. They went on to drop the game, 1-0.

Winless in their last three outings with an overall record of 4-2-1, Martel promised that "(The team) will work through it."

Come out and support the Soccerbills as they look to get back on track this Saturday against St. Dominic at 7:00 p.m. in the SLUH Stadium.

Red Devils snuck in two quick goals.

Unfortunately, the game ended before the Jr. Bills had a chance to avenge these points and dropped the game, 9-6.

"We really needed to play more aggressive," claimed Baudendistel. "We didn't have enough patience on offense."

The loss could be contributed to both offensive and defensive failures.

"I just don't think we came ready to play," said Bettger. "The other team started the game all fired up."

However, Szewczyk offered optimistic thoughts towards the future, saying, "We made defensive mistakes and let their good players shoot, but it is still the beginning of the season and we have a lot more to go."

For all those interested in watching an intense match in the water, come see the SLUH water polo team continue its promising season when they face John Burroughs this Saturday at Lafayette.

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inconceivable. They hope to count on this depth this weekend as the second seven make the trip to Lawrence, Kansas, leaving the rest to fight the field in the normal varsity and junior varsity races at Sioux Passage.

The freshmen harriers also opened up their season with a bang at McCluer North. Chris Murphy and Stephen Schummacher placed in the top ten and led the team to victory in the annually competitive race. About the race, Chik commented, "The freshmen were fun. They've reloaded our gun for future years with this win."

This weekend is unique for the cross country team. For the first time, the top 14 runners will be traversing the state of Missouri to run at the Rim Rock Invitational in Lawrence, Kansas. This is a big regional meet with a lot of fierce in-state and out-of-state competition. A good race there will most certainly put the SLUH cross country program on a different level.

Said Chik, "We're all really excited to compete with the best teams in the region. But more importantly, we are ready. There is no reason to make the trip without having the intention to win the race, which I believe is well within our reach."

While the top 14 are racing the flats of Kansas, the rest of the team will be tackling the hills at Sioux Passage, including the infamous Manmaker.

Fr. Marco will address the Sodality of Mary at the beginning of their weekly Rosary on Thursday, September 23, 2004. All are invited to come to this important meeting.

Indecision 2004: Latin style

Dustin Sump
Reporter

Last Friday in the Cafeteria, SLUH's Latin Club had its traditional candy-filled election to kick off the year's events. In the back of the cafeteria, club members elected two officers for each position, which seniors largely filled. According to moderator Mary Lee McConaghy, Ph. D., "this year's senior class is really powerful in the club."

The tradition of the candidates bribing voters, especially underclassman voters, continued, although changes in the process seemed to make the election less corrupt. As in years past, the candidates were allowed to attempt to sway voters' minds, generally with sweets, before the voters actually got the ballots. However, once students had their ballots in hand,

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(from 1) themselves in the Broadcasting club's new home, M125.

Work was done to M125 over the summer, the new home of KUHI-TV Channel 39, to prepare the space for a studio. Because of the large amount of power needed for the equipment, three new 15-amp circuits were installed. Outlets were placed in the ceiling and light racks were also installed on the ceiling. Also, an outlet for the closed-captioning system was moved to the other side of the room because of its inconvenience in the studio set-up.

During the summer months, the club used funds from a Vision 2000 allocation and a federal grant to purchase the needed equipment for the studio. They acquired an editing desktop, two digital cameras, tripods and dollies, a soundboard, lavalier microphones, a handheld microphone, lighting, and various other necessary accessories. The total cost of the equipment was approximately \$14,555, with approximately \$8,000 coming from the Vision 2000 allocation and more than \$6,000 used from the federal technology

they were not allowed further influence from the candidates, since last year people were going around changing their votes as different candidates bribed them to do so.

"It reached the point it was beyond chaos (and) we tried to prevent that," said Doc McConaghy.

According to newly elected Quaestor Greg Fox, it was "a lot less corrupt than in years past," although Fox has a vested interest in making such a claim.

The Latin Club's activities consist of its annual club T-shirt, organizing the club toga party with local girls' schools, and the climax of representing SLUH at the Latin convention in Columbia Missouri in the spring.

A new feature this year will be the club's website which can be found at http://www.sluh.org/Latin_Club/Home.html.

grant.

Since the school year started, O'Neil has worked hard at recruiting interested students and getting the room fully prepared. On Saturday, Sept. 11, club members met SLUH to get some work done on the studio. They spent several hours painting, organizing, and constructing to make the space resemble a T.V. studio.

All this preparation is leading up to one thing: putting a broadcast onto the airwaves of SLUH. The first broadcast is Sept. 24. However, if that doesn't come to fruition, they "will have something on by October," according to O'Neil. They plan initially to have a live broadcast on Mondays during homeroom and put out a taped show during activity period on Fridays, to avoid interfering with the *Prep News*' release in the morning.

"We will need to put out a good broadcast on Fridays to gain an audience because students have other things going on during activity period," said O'Neil. "We don't want the broadcasts to become a distraction to other matters that go on in homeroom and activity period."

During the periods of broadcast, the

LATIN CLUB ELECTION RESULTS

Consuls (Presidents):

Andrew Conner
Charles Ullmann

Praetors (Vice Presidents):

Andrew Schaeperkoetter
Andrew Winkler

Quaestors (Treasurers):

Greg Fox
Neil Barron

Aediles (Entertainment Officers):

Henry Samson
Mike Jonagan

show would replace the scrolling announcements.

The broadcasts will be 5-7 minutes long with various segments ranging from 30 seconds to 1 minute. Each broadcast will have three main areas of coverage: news, special interest, and sports. During each broadcast, taped segments will be shown from events outside of school. "During main events outside of school we would like to have a camera crew there to get some footage," said O'Neil.

"Ideally, I would like to get it to the point where we are capable of putting out a show every day," O'Neil said. "Ultimately, it depends on how well the broadcasts are received by the communities."

The club will be selecting students today to fill the positions necessary to run a good broadcast.

Schenkenberg looks forward to the Broadcasting Club's premiere Friday, saying, "I think video is an interesting art. Media literacy and understanding how media speaks and what messages it's conveying is an important thing for young people today."

Half a world away: Chaney in Afghanistan

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Assistant Editor

Editor's note: Quotes from Major Paul Chaney were taken from three sources: an e-mail interview conducted with Chaney and a one week and one month update, sent by Chaney to his family and friends, and forwarded to the Prep News. Chaney gave permission for the Prep News to use quotes from his updates.

Between the once great King's and Queen's palaces on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan stands a Canadian military base camp, Camp Julien. Within Camp Julien, in B-hut, a television flickers, displaying the third quarter of the St. Louis U. High football team's first game against Parkway South. Major Paul Chaney sits and watches his son, junior Paul Chaney Jr., tackle a Parkway South player, helping SLUH to a 20-17 win.

Chaney, who as a civilian works for the Glaxo Pharmaceutical Company, left St. Louis on June 11 for a 12- to 18-month deployment in Afghanistan as part of the Missouri Army National Guard. In Afghanistan, Chaney serves as an Embedded Team Trainer for the Afghan National Army (ANA), and he is the team chief of the Missouri Army National Guard soldiers deployed with him. Besides Paul Jr., Chaney left behind his wife, Susan, and his younger daughter, Peyton.

When Chaney learned of his imminent departure to Afghanistan, he bought a DVD burner so that, besides seeing videos of his family, he would be able to watch his son play football. "He really focuses on (Paul Jr.'s) sports," Chaney's wife Susan said. As of today, Chaney has served 43 days of his year-long deployment.

While his heart points to St. Louis, a series of flights and transfers brought Chaney to Afghanistan. But before Chaney, a 21-year veteran of the Guard, ever flew to Afghanistan, he first had to train at Camp Atterberry in Edinburgh, Indiana, 30 miles south of Indianapolis. Leaving St. Louis on June 11, Chaney trained for two months in Indiana, learning about basic soldier skills such as marksmanship, navigation, and nuclear, biological, and chemical training, as well as skills specific to his mission training the ANA.

After Atterberry, he traveled to Germany, then to Kyrgyzstan. From Kyrgyzstan, Chaney flew for two hours in a C-130 military plane before finally landing at Kabul International Airport on Aug. 9.

Duties in Afghanistan keep Chaney busy on the ground.

Along with commanding a group of 15 soldiers, Chaney commands the Combat Service Support Battalion of the ANA. The Battalion contains 278 soldiers divided into five companies: Medical, Transportation, Maintenance, Communications, and Headquarters.

The Combat Service Support Battalion is trying to form the ANA into a well-trained fighting unit. Because Afghanistan is still just beginning to form its military, Chaney's main job has been to begin to transform the ragtag soldiers into a fighting unit. "We have started out with the basics and will build upon that," Chaney said.

Chaney's battalion has many more responsibilities than training the ANA. The battalion also provides secondary protection for the palace of the Afghan president, Hamid Karzai. The

palace also functions as the headquarters for the ANA.

Even though major fighting has mostly ceased, Afghanistan is still a dangerous place. On Aug. 13, a vehicle from Chaney's convoy broke down in downtown Kabul. "It was a brief moment where all involved were tense," Chaney said.

Chaney had good reason to be tense. In the first month he has been stationed in Afghanistan, one IED (Improvised Explosive Device) car bomb detonated very near the presidential palace and Chaney's



Chaney (right) and his interpreter at 6600 feet in Afghanistan.

other building.

Chaney needs to fear not only vehicles, but also land mines. Throughout Afghanistan, the former Soviet Union planted millions of landmines. "Drivers know better than to steer off the road," he said.

Three Afghan beggars have given Chaney a wealth of help and information. "Our best intelligence source is whether the three Afghan beggars are in their designated locations daily. Sources have told us if we reach downtown and do not see the three guys that we see daily begging that something is up and for us to get the heck out of there."

Chaney gave one of the three beggars a one dollar bill, equivalent to 47 to 50 afghanis. "When it only costs \$2 AF to ride the bus or \$10 AF for some food etc... then I know that we made his day and hopefully maintained our safety," Chaney said.

Living in Afghanistan has given Chaney a different view of life than what he was used to in the United States. Chaney called the ANA's barracks "far worse than any urban neglected ghetto that I have ever seen." Of Kabul, Chaney said, "It is the worst sanitary conditions I have ever seen."

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Although similarities between St. Louis and Kabul are few, Chaney noticed the importance of religion as a common characteristic. Both Afghanistan and St. Louis take religion very seriously, Chaney said. Cultural differences are the greatest impediment for communication with Afghans, according to Chaney. "The language barrier is not what I am referring to. Within different cultures there are norms and beliefs in ways of doing things," Chaney said.

One of the positive aspects of the United States' commitment to Afghanistan is the increase in the standard of living of Afghans. "I have seen schools completed, I have seen medical teams deploy into the desert and set up clinics to help the people that don't have access to these services," he said. Because of the emphasis on rebuilding, Chaney thinks that most Afghans appreciate the American presence. "The (United States) military understands that our role is to rebuild them into a self-reliant (state) able to defeat terrorists that seek to destroy the framework that is being established."

While progress continues in Afghanistan, Chaney sees two main obstacles to establishing democracy there. For strong democracy, Afghanistan needs stable elections—the next one is slated for October 9—and an economic base to foster business and education.

While Chaney has been busy in Afghanistan, he has also focused much of his thoughts and time on his family. "(Being separated from my family) is one of the hardest things I have had to deal with in my life.... To compare the difficulty, I would say it is as hard as learning trigonometry in the first grade," Chaney said. To ease the separation, Chaney has e-mailed his family every day and, less regularly, used satellite phones to talk with his family.

A seeming contradiction, separation from his family and friends has brought him much closer to his family and friends. "Without the support of family and friends, this journey would seem like an eternity," Chaney said. Not only has the deployment brought Chaney closer to his family, but also to God. "It has strengthened my faith and belief in God and makes me proud to be an American where I have opportunities that currently do not

around the world could experience the pain and suffering of the people of Afghanistan, then we would have more people that would be grateful for what they do have, especially in America."

For Chaney's wife Susan, having her husband halfway across the world in a war-torn country has been very difficult. "The day (Paul) received the orders, my world fell apart," Susan said. Even though Chaney served in Operation Desert Storm, the situation for his second extended deployment is very different. In 1990, Susan was still attending college. "I didn't have the responsibilities I have now," Susan said. Also Chaney spent only nine months in Saudi Arabia. He will stay in Afghanistan for a minimum of a



Major Chaney's living area.

year, and possibly 18 months.

"(Susan) has been taking this pretty well. She knows she has to fill in. She's been doing a very good job," Paul Jr. said.

The biggest difference between Desert Storm and Afghanistan must be that the Chaney's now have two children, Paul Jr. and their daughter Peyton.



Major Chaney's living area.

"I remember coming home from school last May, and he told me (about his leaving), and I just went into the house and thought about it. I just went into the house and thought about how it would be different with him gone," Paul Jr. said.

"When he left I thought about it pretty much every day, but now I talk to him constantly, and it's not so bad." According to his mom, Paul Jr. has been taking the change very well. With his father in Afghanistan, Paul has taken on more responsibilities, and has grown more mature. "I try to make sure

everything's all right around the house," Paul said.

For Paul, SLUH football games are the events where he most acutely notices his father's absence. Standing behind the home bench on the track, pressed up against the yellow nylon rope, Chaney would watch the games and cheer on his son. "Every time I came off the field, he had advice for me," Paul said.

"When he left, my respect for him grew. He knew what he had to do. I always thought he was a hero, but he really is one," said Paul Jr.

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punctuation mark to the performance came when Chris Cahill appeared from behind the curtain, mid-song, dressed in a hot pink jump suit. Cahill proceeded to moonwalk and breakdance for the remainder of the song, and stole the show.

Spirit Week continued on Wednesday with the Crazy Dress contest. Students from all classes took their turns to demonstrate their creativity up on stage in the theater. Judges eliminated two of the four class champions (picked by the judges and the students) in the second round. In the finals, SLUH's craziest dresser was



SLUH students during Tuesday's Dance Off.

picked by applause.

Athletic Director Dick Wehner, social studies teacher Brock Kesterson, math teacher Kate Thaman, and art teacher John Mueller had a veritable plethora of outrageously crazy costumes and outfits to choose from. Among others, the judges liked freshman Duct Tape Man, sophomore Tights Man, junior Dan Finucane as Post-It note man, and senior Mark Zurline as Mr. Wehner's 8th grade son. In the end, the Nerd won his second title in a row with Post-It Note man coming in a close second.

Junior Billy Idol was the Spirit Week event of the day on Thursday. Students from each class took their turns on stage, earning (or in one case losing) points from the four celebrity judges, Father "Rapper" Michael Marchlewski, S.J., and teachers Joseph Koestner, Dave "John Elway" Barton, and Dick Wehner.

STUCO selected two freshmen out of the four who signed up to compete. The audience booed the first singer until he

was cut off; the second freshman, Pat Probst earned a standing ovation and 29.7 points.

A sophomore quintet put on the worst show of the day to the theme from "Arthur." Barton noted that the group would have been stoned if they had sung the way they did 2,000 years ago.

An a capella performance by junior Mike Moramarco followed. The crowd disliked the unaccompanied performance at first, but the boos turned to cheers as he sang a rendition of "Alleluia." Despite a few wisecracks from the judges, the solo

received 24.6 points.

The highlight of the competition involved juniors Matt Wacker, Zach Weiss,

Brian Hartwig, Mike Bannister, and Dan Winkler in a thrilling serenade to math teacher Kate Thaman. The crowd rewarded the stellar performance with a huge standing ovation. The judges were also impressed, save Barton, who took off points for objectification of women, giving the juniors 31 points.

The seniors had a lot to live up to from the start after the juniors left the stage. Unfortunately, a duet by Erik Sardina and Marty Wilhelm, who went shirtless, picked up only 22.5 points plus boos from the disappointed audience.

The juniors took the Jr. Billy Idol competition with an exaggerated score of 57.25 points, but many Jr. Bills are wondering how many of those points are only because of Thaman.

Spirit Week 2004 will come to a close today with the always exciting Wet Billies competition. While the school takes part in Blue and White Day, only two students from each class will take part in the popular event.

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fed the leaky stove in the Curriagan Room. The workers attached devices to several gas pipes so that any escaping fluid would create visible bubbles on the detector. These devices alerted maintenance employees to several small leaks in the same pipe that fueled the problematic stove. The employees also checked SLUH's cafeteria, but they found no holes.

Once the maintenance workers discovered the seepages, they had Corriagan, the company that was already installing a new HVAC unit to heat and cool the Jesuit wing, begin a project that would reinforce the tube that carries gas through the basement and to the stove in the Curriagan Room.

The project involved inserting copper lining inside the current gas tubes before sealing the joints by soldering them with silver on Monday. Corriagan started and finished Wednesday morning. The gas line in that section of SLUH, which fueled the stove and friers in the Curriagan room and a gas drier in the basement, had to remain closed during the repairs. Because of the availability of Corriagan's service, the Curriagan Room lacked fuel for significantly less time than it would have under normal conditions. Zarrick has not yet received the cost of the repairs.

Neither Laclede nor SLUH employees ever identified a cause, but Maintenance Director Ray Manker suggested that "when people work down there they cause a lot of vibration on the boards. Maybe that led to the leaks."

He also suggested another cause may have been that the pipes were just old. No side effects from the leaks have surfaced yet, and Manker claimed, "We don't know how long (the pipes) were leaking."

He then asserted, "It was never dangerous. They were just pinhole leaks it was such a minute amount of gas that you couldn't smell anything."

Word o' the Day

occipital—of a cranial bone that forms the lower posterior part of the skull.

by Andrew Mueth

Calendar

Sept. 10-Sept. 17

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Schedule R

TAP Training

College Visits:

Southeast Missouri State Univ.

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)

Tator Tots, Pizza and Lil Charlies

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

V Soc vs. St. Dominic, 7 p.m.

JV/B XC Rim Rock Classic @ Kansas University

B Soc vs. St. Dominic, 5 p.m.

C Soc vs. St. Dominic, 3 p.m.

V WP Conf. Tourn. @MICDS/Rec Plex

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Schedule R

Fr. Eng. Tutorial

College Visits:

Jesuit Coll. Fair (Danis Lobby;AP)

Sign Up in Counselling Office:

St. Mary's Univ.-Minnesota @ Jr/Sr Lunch

Southern Methodist Univ.

JV Soc. @ CBC JV Tourn, 4:00

B FB @ Northwest, 5:00

Thor Pizza

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Schedule B(1)

Young Reps.

Fr. Eng. Tutorial

College Visits (Sign Up in Counselling Office to Attend):

Swarthmore College(8 a.m.)

@ Jr/Sr Lunch:

Avalia U.

Benedictine Coll.

Boston Coll.

Illinois Wesleyan U.

Seasoned Fries, Chicken Bites with Fries

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Schedule B(2)

College Visits (Sign Up in Counselling Office to Attend; @ Jr/Sr Lunch):

Culver-Stockton Coll.

Seton Hall U.

Sewanee: University of the South

V Soc @ O'Fallon, Ill., 7:00

JV Soc. @ CBC JV Tourn, 4:00

B Soc @ O'Fallon, Ill., 4:30

C XC @ Hazelwood East C Invit.

Mini Pizzas, Steakum Sandwiches

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Schedule R

Fr. Class Liturgy

So. Bonus Rdg.

College Visits:

Bellermine Univ.

U. Of Dayton

Furman U.

Lehigh U.

McKendree Coll.

U. of Missouri, St. Louis

Valparaiso U.

Sign Up in Counselling Office:

Olin Coll. of Engineering @

10:30

Williams Coll. @ 11:15

B FB vs. Beaumont, 4:00

C FB @ DuBourg, 4:30

Fiestadas, Crisпитos and Burritos

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Schedule R

Mother/Son Liturgy, 7:30 a.m.

College Visits (Sign up in Counselling Office to Attend):

Bucknell U. @ 1:30

V Soc. vs. Parkway South, Time TBA

V/JV WP @ Kirkwood, 4/5:00

B Soc. vs. Parkway South @ Forest Park, 4:00

C Soc. @ Granite City, 4:30

Pretzel, Sandwich by the Inch

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(from 2) portable tables, and find ways to transport them to and from school," said Laurie Turkcan, Kevin's mom. "It was very difficult to arrange," she said of the tournament.

When the Turkcan family moved over the summer, they decided to donate their sturdy table to SLUH. "(Our family) had a big (ping pong) table, but when we got a pool table, we sort of pushed that to the side and (forgot about it)," she said. Real-

izing that it was the type of table that "you can play with, and it won't fall apart," the family donated it to SLUH, "to make it easier for the Chinese club to hold tournaments down the road, and for students just to play with."

SLUH received two other tables from "anonymous donors" according to Facilities Director Patrick Zarrick. The three tables are now part of the fun that defines the SLUH Rec Room.

SLUH Family Mass

Sunday, Sept. 26, 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

PN Nightbeat

The Soccerbills (4-3-1) lost last night to Francis Howell North 2-1 in two overtimes, dropping their record to 0-3-1 in their last four games.

North ended the game with 50.1 seconds left in the second overtime on a disputed goal. A Howell player centered the ball to two forwards, who were wide open in front of the net, and they ripped the ball past senior keeper Wyatt Woods. Head coach Charlie Martel received a red card after adamantly arguing the play was offsides. Woods played a great game despite the two goals, with two huge saves on great Howell North shots.

—reported by Andrew Schroeder