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Election 2004: Issues Day

Kyle Kloster
Core Staff

Next Wednesday, St. Louis U. High will conduct Issues Day and a mock election, a break from the usual curriculum intended to educate students on the importance and process of voting. For the Issues Day program, SLUH has invited over 40 speakers who will present on fifteen issues important in this year's election. Issues Day will end with a mock election that will allow students to cast their own well-informed votes for president.

The keynote speaker, Doug Marcouiller, S.J., will open the day with a speech to the entire student body explain-

ing the duty to vote and emphasizing being a well-informed voter.

After the opening assembly, over forty speakers assembled by event organizers Jeff Harrison, S.J., librarian Libby Moore, and art teacher Mary Whealon will present their topics to different groups of students in three separate 40-minute sessions. Harrison, Moore, and Whealon polled last year's freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in the spring to shave an original list of 27 issues down to the 15 options that will be offered on Wednesday.

Over the summer, math teacher Craig Hannick created the schedules for students using scheduling software that
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B-Soccer's bus hit by car

Sean Powers
Core Staff

Last Thursday, Sept. 16, a school bus transporting the St. Louis U. High B-soccer team to Francis Howell North collided with another car in traffic on west-bound Interstate 64. No player was injured in the accident. However, the team did arrive at 4:20 p.m., twenty minutes after the scheduled game time.

The bus, owned by First Student Bus Company, was in the center lanes on Interstate 64 near the Brentwood Blvd. exit. As traffic began to slow down, the traffic in the left lane bunched up more quickly than the other two lanes. According to the bus driver's report provided by First Student, the bus driver noticed the car to his left screeching on his brakes. Unsure that he could stop in time, the car driver

swerved into his right lane and the school bus.

According to two team members, they saw the driver slam on the brakes then steer his car right into the left side of the bus.

The car driver made contact with the bus just behind the front left tire, knocking off the door covering a battery box and leaving a scratch along the side.

The bus and the car then pulled off to the far right side of the highway to survey the damage and wait for the police to arrive and file a report. According to members of the B-team, they waited in the bus on the side of the highway until they could continue on their way to the game.

Coach Steve Schad had already arrived at Francis Howell North, and could not be contacted about the delay from the
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Freshman Harris hit by car, leg broken

Alex Sciuto
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On Wednesday, as freshman Colin Harris walked to St. Louis Community College at Forest Park for water polo practice, an SUV hit him while he crossed Macklind Ave. at Berthold. Harris broke his left leg, but he will return to school sometime early next week. Colin's father, John, said, "He's doing fine... The crash could have been much worse."

As Harris walked with his teammates to the pool at Forest Park Community College, some of his teammates crossed Macklind right before him. Harris attempted to cross but failed to see an SUV coming towards him. Teammates right behind him saw the SUV and yelled out to warn him, but to no avail.

Within five minutes of the SUV's hitting Harris, fire engines and an ambulance came and took Harris to Children's Hospital. His left femur, the thigh bone, was severely broken, but besides his leg, he suffered no other severe injuries. On Wednesday night, Harris had surgery to reset his left femur. During the surgery, doctors inserted a metal rod into his leg from hip to his knee, negating the need for any cast.

Sometime this week, the doctors will perform tests to guarantee that the accident caused no internal injuries. Harris will return to school sometime early next week, and will use crutches for the next
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Tai heads to China on diplomatic mission

Alex Sciuto
Assitant Editor

For the next two weeks, Chinese teacher Ching-Ling Tai will be traveling throughout China with a delegation of approximately twenty Missourians, including St. Louis mayor Francis Slay and Missouri governor Bob Holden. Retired computer guru Bob Overkamp will replace Tai and teach her four Chinese classes. Tai will return Oct. 5, just one week before quarter exams.

In 1978, St. Louis became the first American city to join with a Chinese city, (Nanjing) as a sister city. Now, more than 25 years later, the relationship is still flourishing. To celebrate the 25th anniversary, Tai and the delegation have departed for a tour of China.

"In 1978, after Nixon visited China, China started to open, and St. Louis was

the first one to seek a Chinese sister city," Tai said. The relationship between Nanjing and St. Louis is not just limited to SLUH's exchange program or even education. Nanjing and SLUH have set up exchange programs in all areas of life.

Although the relationship began more than 25 years ago, Tai began a foreign exchange program with Nanjing Foreign Language School ten years ago. "(SLUH) is officially signed with them as a sister school," Tai said.

The first students from Nanjing arrived in 1997, and students have come every year since except for two years: one year when Tai took a sabbatical and another when Tai unsuccessfully attempted to bring a Chinese teacher to SLUH. Tai has brought more than ten students over from Nanjing with the program.

Besides visiting Nanjing, Tai will visit two other cities. Tai will be in China dur-

ing China's National Day, which celebrates the founding of the People's Republic of China on Oct. 1, 1949. While there, Tai and the delegation will have an official visit with the government officials of Nanjing.

The delegation has economic goals besides celebrating 25 years. Governor Holden will travel over to attempt to establish a Midwest business association with China and look into more joint business ventures with China. Mayor Slay will visit two Anheuser-Busch breweries and another newly-purchased brewery. "This trip is very significant for business in addition to the cultural significance," said Tai.

While Tai jetssets about China, Overkamp will teach her four classes. His first two days have been very good. "I've received lots of friendly greetings and no

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Spam spurned: firewall filters unwanted e-mail

Tim Huether
Sports Editor

Last Monday at 6 p.m., computer technician Jon Dickmann installed Barracuda Network's Spam Firewall 200 on St. Louis U. High's computer network. The Spam Firewall 200 filters e-mails, blocks spam, and scans for viruses on the SLUH system. In its first 69 hours of operation, from 6 p.m. Monday to 3 p.m. Thursday, SLUH received 8,013 emails, about 5,464 (68.2%) of which the software blocked. The filter marked 447 messages as likely spam, but did not block them.

"The whole faculty and staff have been very frustrated by the level of spam that we've had," said Director of Communications Joe Patke.

According to Dickmann, one faculty member had reported receiving over 1,100 e-mails over a three-week span. Although the spam percentage of these e-mails is

unknown, it surely accounted for a large percentage of those e-mails.

"When it gets to that point, you really can't sort through (the e-mail)," said

and Dickmann had each done research on spam filtration systems and agreed that the Spam Firewall 200 was the best system for SLUH.

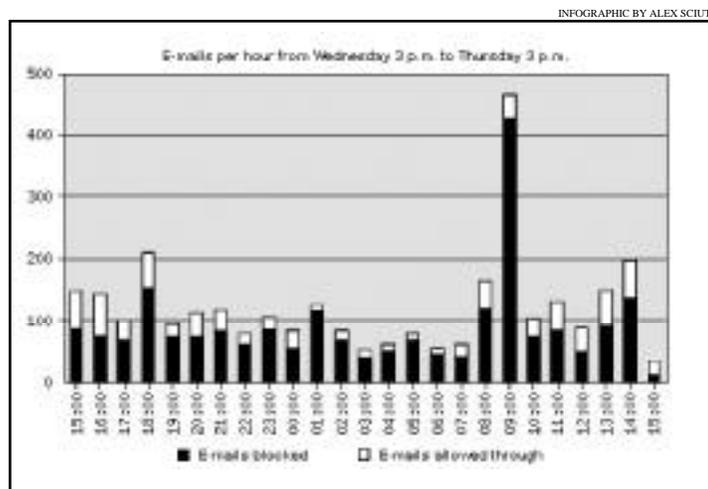
SLUH is presently in the fifth day of a 30-day free trial period, and is not obligated to stay with the blocker. Although he has a few other options for spam protection, Dickmann believes that SLUH will most likely stick with the Spam 200.

The Spam Firewall 200 costs approximately \$2,500 every three years.

Assuming a rate of three seconds to identify and delete each spam, SLUH personnel had been saved 4.55 hours by 3 p.m. Thursday.

The blocker took Dickmann about 20 minutes to install.

"So far, (the blocker) has been working great," said Dickmann, "I haven't heard any complaints about it."



Dickmann.

According to Dickmann, he had talked with previous computer technician Bob Overkamp last year, and they agreed that a spam filter would be useful. Overkamp

SAT will include writing segment this spring

Brian Krebs
Core Staff

It is a score used perhaps all too often as a gauge of your intelligence: your SAT score. Are you hoping for somewhere in the 1500s? Well, after the Jan. 22 test, even a 1600 will no longer be perfect. Beginning with the March 12 test, the SAT will be scored out of 2400 instead of the traditional 1600 points. The SAT has been revamped to include a new handwritten essay component to cap off the test.

According to an SAT preparation book, the College Board, "is changing the test to make it more closely related to high school coursework and to include writing, which is an important skill for success in college and in life." The new writing section will not only include a handwritten composition, but also a multiple-choice section before the essay to test students' proficiency in English grammar and usage.

There will also be other, more minor changes to the SAT as well. The math section will include advanced material

from third-year math and drop the quantitative comparison problems. The verbal, or critical reading section, has added more reading passages that are shorter in length, while the notorious analogies have been excised.

Counseling department chair Kenneth McKenna said of the new writing section, "This requires a level of preparation that most of our students aren't used to."

Even though students can still take the regular SAT before the changes are made for the March test, the counseling department recommends that students take the new test in March. "It would be safer to do it once the new way," added McKenna.

A concern among many is the college admission process. McKenna is confident that the new SAT won't drastically affect the college admissions of SLUH students. He noted, "Each college will have its own relation with the test." According to McKenna, the majority of the colleges SLUH students apply to will "welcome the change" to the SAT. McKenna encourages students to find out how the

colleges they are interested in are receiving the new SAT by either checking their website online or meeting a college representative during a scheduled on-campus meeting.

The addition of the writing component has put a great deal of responsibility into the paper-cut hands of the English department. However, English department chair Bill George believes that the new SAT will be testing students over topics already covered by the SLUH English department: "(With) the SAT test, you develop a main idea with examples, and so all that should be very familiar to the students." George also added that English teachers will give out sample SAT essay responses.

Admissions director Craig Hannick teaches both an SAT and ACT preparation class. "The SAT is becoming more in line with the ACT as an assessment test, instead of an aptitude test," said Hannick, adding that the majority of the changes made were "mandated by fairness in testing."

For example, Hannick believes that
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Kovarik takes over as chess moderator

Seth Clappett
Reporter

For the past three years, St. Louis University High School's chess team has grown under the direction of art teacher Joan Bugnitz. However, Bugnitz decided her schedule for the second semester conflicted with that of the club's, so the position was eagerly taken up by English teacher Frank Kovarik.

Three years ago, Bugnitz volunteered to moderate the club because, "They really needed somebody and they weren't going to have a team if somebody didn't moderate it."

The chess team competes in tournaments and the Gateway Chess League. The league consists of high school teams in Missouri and Illinois.

When Bugnitz took over as moderator in 2001, the team was composed of

mostly freshmen, whose inexperience led to a disappointing 2-8 season. Last year, the team ended the season tied for first in the league. They entered a playoff but finished in second place.

Bugnitz cited two reasons for not being able to continue moderating the club. First, she wants to take classes second semester, which conflicts with the club's November to March schedule. The second reason is that "they've gotten so good, I felt they needed somebody who could teach them something." She claimed that "they're much better," and that she couldn't offer any additional help for the players.

Looking back, Bugnitz "couldn't have asked for a better concentration of great guys." She will probably miss the fact that "they were such good company and good role models." Bugnitz likes help-

ing out after school where "you feel like you're really contributing something," but decided she doesn't have the time or expertise to help out the team any longer.

Kovarik learned about the opening from an Insider News e-mail posted by Principal Mary Schenkenberg. He said, "It seemed like something that would fit into my schedule and sounded like a good group to work with."

In preparation for the season, Kovarik has purchased Vladimir Nabokov's chess novel *The Defense* in order to learn more about the game. While serving as moderator, he doesn't currently plan to change anything about how Bugnitz ran things, and will probably follow the lead of captain Brian Nienhaus.

Optimistic about the season, Kovarik plans to "help them out as best I can and maintain the (the team's) tradition."

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placed students according to their top choices, allowing almost all Jr. Bills to attend their top three choices.

Lunch follows the third period, during which students create banners, discuss the issues, conduct homeroom-wide polls, and formulate questions in their homerooms. The students will then fill the gym once again to hear the final speakers, one representative each from the Democratic and Republican parties. After the speeches, some students will ask questions hand-picked from the collection that the homerooms submitted during lunch, and the representatives will then answer the questions in turn.

The day will end with a mock convention in which homerooms will simulate the real-life election as states. Each homeroom has electoral votes it will cast based on its popular outcome during lunch. After the mock election, the results will be displayed, and shortly afterward, the students dismissed.

In addition to stressing the duty to vote and the importance of being well-informed voters, Issues Day will emphasize keeping faith in mind during the election, beginning with Marcouiller's speech, which "stresses voting as a Christian," according to Harrison. Harrison also made the point that "We do everything as Christians," including voting.

Considering religion in making political decisions is very tricky not only to do, but to teach as well. The school worries about the ethics of influencing students' political views, but at the same time SLUH has some responsibility to aid students in understanding their faith's role in voting. According to Schenkenberg,

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the changes have "leveled the playing field" between the sexes, noting that girls traditionally score higher on the writing section than boys.

Similarly, from every one of his prep sessions, Hannick can usually pick out the Latin language students in a class. Taking out the analogy section reduces the edge

that obligation has led SLUH to emphasize that students should follow their Christian-formed consciences in learning about the issues. Inviting a Christian keynote speaker and excluding abortion as a topic also exemplify SLUH's stressing a Christian standpoint in learning.

Archbishop Raymond Burke has voiced clear stances on Catholics voting for candidates who officially support non-Catholic causes, and will give an official statement on the subject next week, according to theology department head Deacon Allen Boedeker. As a Catholic school, Boedeker said, SLUH has some obligation to convey the church's principles of voting as a Catholic, and to consider any guidelines the archdiocese lays for Catholic schools teaching politics.

Though SLUH is not bound to the will of the archdiocese, Boedeker said, "We have to take [the position of the archdiocese] with the utmost seriousness." Boedeker explained that, "Even though our school is not diocesan, most of our student body are members of the archdiocese, and we cannot place ourselves between the authority of the archbishop and our students."

Abortion, for example, will not be one of the topics of the day. On one hand, "(The committee) avoided the abortion issue because there isn't another side as far as a Catholic school is concerned," Principal Mary Schenkenberg explained.

Boedeker added, "I think everybody [in the school] is fully informed as to why abortion is wrong," which negates the purpose of bringing an abortion speaker.

Vice President of Advancement Thom Digman, who is in charge of media relations for the school, agreed that an abortion speaker was unnecessary because

that many Latin students have in seeing the root words in the vocabulary used.

Overall, the students and faculty do not know exactly what to expect from the changes to the SAT. Their questions and concerns will be answered soon enough when the new test arrives at test centers in March.

"that is an issue that we take up every day in our theology classes."

This year SLUH will also exclude public media from Issues Day because of possible misunderstandings. Thom Digman attributed the committee's decision to exclude media to the fact that "(Issues Day is) sort of an internal school function, and we should keep it that way so that there's candor among all of the discussions that take place, and we will not have to be worried about what outside influences bring to the process."

However, Boedeker explained that the archdiocese may be concerned "if the local media would portray SLUH as a Catholic school as being supportive of a candidate who is known to be pro-choice or pro-abortion," and went on to say that both the school and the archdiocese want to avoid any such attention. "We don't want the wrong impression given that we as a school are supportive of anything pro-choice or pro-abortion," Boedeker stated.

Although SLUH will present the issues in a Catholic environment and, according to Moore, there is concern of religion pointing to one candidate or another, Moore asserted that, "We're not trying to endorse anybody; we just want to educate the students."

NO POOL

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four weeks while his leg heals. After these four weeks Harris should be completely healed. "He'll be fine, but he'll have fun setting off metal detectors at the airport from now on," Brendan Harris said.

Harris's bookbag crammed with books may have saved his life. "The dent on the SUV was from the books and not his head," said John Harris. Harris's head was completely saved from any injury.

An anonymous source said, "If we had a pool, this never would have happened."

STUCO's Fall Ball date has been changed from October 30 to November 12. In addition, the location has been changed to Windows off Washington. STUCO sincerely apologizes for the mistake.

XC places 2nd in Rim Rock Classic

Henry Samson
Reporter

The Harriers called upon courage when competing at a big regional meet at Rim Rock Farms last weekend in Kansas.

"The place was like a running Mecca," stated head coach Jim Linhares, who was happy with the team's performance. "It was a legendary course that was specifically made for, and exclusively used for, cross country meets. It even had statues of famous runners!"

Unfortunately, the Jr. Bills placed second in the highly-competitive gold division, behind a fully-loaded Liberty team. The second place finish wasn't a complete wash for the Jr. Billikens, however, as they beat out four other regionally-ranked teams.

Nike is sponsoring a team nationals cross country event in early December, so

throughout the year, different schools from each of the eight regions in the country are ranked according to their accomplishments and potential.

Included in the Heartland region, St. Louis U. High finished in front of the Heartland region's preseason No. 7, No. 9, and No. 1 teams. They also defeated the South region's No. 7. Results pending, a race like this could be the springboard for the SLUH cross country team to get on the map nationally.

Starting things off on the wrong foot, "The weather was tortuous" said senior Charlie Samson. "The heat and humidity zapped energy from us after the freak thunderstorm made the races an hour and a half late and the course mucky, especially on the steep uphill. It was awful."

"To me the race was weird," said coach Tim Chik. "At first, the team huddled after the race in disappointment because

we didn't feel we ran very well, but when I saw the results and our team in second, I was elated." SLUH finished second behind Liberty by almost 100 points, 60-156.

Although there was a gap in the scoring, SLUH placed two runners in the top 15 in the race. Junior Ben Murphy-Baum responded brilliantly to the terrible conditions, which slowed the times down by at least 30 seconds. Murphy-Baum provided the number one spot for the Jr. Billikens at 16:49.9 for 10th place overall in the race.

Said Murphy-Baum, "The competition was really good and a lot more fun because we knew we were running with some of the best."

Alex Muntges, who struggled with some leg problems during the race, finished in 14th place overall in 16:55. It became evident that something was wrong

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Primetimebills shut out Chaminade, 12-0

Greg Fox
Editor in Chief

In the third week of the 2002 football season, St. Louis U. High was beating MCC rival Chaminade 3-0 with less than five seconds left on the clock when Chaminade punched in a touchdown from one yard out to break the Jr. Bills' hearts on a disputed play.

Fast forward to last Friday, a crisp September night at Chaminade. It had been two years since the Jr. Bills lost 6-3 to Chaminade and two years since Chaminade had last scored against SLUH, and the streak continued as the Brickwallbills posted their second straight shutout against the 2-1 Flyers, winning 12-0 and improving their record to 2-1 and their *Post-Dispatch* ranking to #6.

Head coach Gary Kornfeld said of the Jr. Bills' preparation, "We felt pretty good about our game plan going in and what they were looking to do."

No matter how well they prepared, though, the players still had to back up their preparation with performance.

"Our kids rose up, and I was very,

very happy (with how we played) defensively," Kornfeld said.

The StonewallJacksonbills began the scoring early, taking advantage of a Chaminade turnover early in the first quarter. SLUH began their scoring drive from deep inside Chaminade territory before



Senior receiver John Warner catches a pass during SLUH's 12-0 victory against Chaminade. Warner ended the game with two receptions for 22 yards.

taking it down to the 1-yard line. After a Chaminade goal-line stand and SLUH-

recovered fumble, quarterback Matt Behr ran the ball in from the 1-yard line. SLUH kicker Andrew Guenther missed the extra point attempt, leaving the score at 6-0.

"Any time you miss extra points, (you're concerned)," Kornfeld said. Though this is not the first extra point the Jr. Bills have missed this year, Kornfeld does not see the issue as simply as many others may: "When you go to kick an extra point or a field goal, there are four things going on: the snap, the hold, the blocking, and the kick. It's not the kick that we're worried about."

On Chaminade's ensuing drive, linebacker Bob Schuster jumped a Chaminade pass route and intercepted the ball in full stride. Schuster sprinted 46 yards en route to the touchdown. Behr then hooked up with fullback Chris Hoffman for a two-point conversion, but the play was called back on a flag. SLUH was unable to convert on their second shot at two points.

Schuster's return gave the Buccaneerbills an extra cushion. "Anytime you go up by two scores, you feel good," explained Kornfeld. "You feel

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Walther Rifle bills win national championship

Brian Nienhaus
Reporter

In July, when school was far from the minds of most Jr. Bills, the rifle team practiced daily on St. Louis U. High's range for the National Junior Olympic Three-Position Air Rifle Championship to be held in Bowling Green, Ky. from July 10 to 13. After placing second at this match each of the last two years, the Sharpshooter bills were determined to capture a national title.

The qualifier for this match was held during the school year, and after winning, SLUH was invited to be the Missouri representative in the 50-team championship.

After the first stage of the competition, the team, composed of seniors Brian

Nienhaus and Kevin Witbrodt and juniors Pat Zeleya and Bryan Carlin, posted scores of 578, 583, 570, and 573 respectively.

The total of 2304 out of 2400 gave SLUH a seven-point lead going into the second day.

However, this seven-point margin did not guarantee victory, and it would take another strong performance on the second day to clinch the championship.

SLUH's alternate, junior Joe Reinders, shot individually and posted a strong score of 571 out of 600, enough to give him the lead in the out-of-competition bracket.

After the second day of competition, the Target bills had once again posted solid scores, and all that remained was the scoring and recording of the targets. When the scores were finally displayed, the team

posted a two-day total of 4610, increasing its lead over the competition by 13 points and winning the Scholastic National Championship.

Reinders also won the out-of-competition bracket with a two-day score of 1141/1200. With medals around their necks and a plaque boasting a picture of an anatomically-correct bronze buffalo proclaiming their championship, the Rifle bills returned to St. Louis to prepare for the upcoming season. The plaque will be on display all next week in the Main Office along with pictures from the championship.

All incoming freshmen interested in joining the SLUH rifle tradition are welcome to come to the range starting this coming Tuesday, Sept. 28.

Shinguard bills have 1-1-0 week, now 5-4-1

Tim Malecek
Reporter

After dropping games to both Fort Zumwalt South and Francis Howell North, the St. Louis U. High Jr. Billiken soccer squad looked to recover from its tough previous week.

Head coach Charlie Martel said, "We've run up against two goalies in a row that played really well. It just seems like teams are stepping up against us." The goalies for Zumwalt South and Howell North are at the top of the league, with save percentages of .969 and .947, respectively.

Looking to avoid dropping to .500, the Jr. Bills faced off against St. Dominic's in the stadium on Saturday without several key players. Brent Zang was still out with a groin injury. He plans to return this week. Junior Billy Ferris was out with a quad injury but played part of the second half. The Pelé bills were also left without Martel and junior Tom Irvin, who were each issued red cards in the Francis Howell North game and were forced to sit out the next game.

Nevertheless, the Real Madrid bills started off playing well, creating an early

scoring chance when senior Scott Brown was left with a wide open shot that bounced back corner of the net just over the grasp off the post. For the next ten minutes, the Jr. Bills kept the ball in the St. Dominic end, marked the third game in which the opponent could not find another decent scoring chance.

"We were 56-0-1 in the last three seasons when we scored first, but when we don't score first, we just don't get the results we want," remarked Martel.

Of the goalkeeping situation, Martel said, "Both [senior Wyatt Woods and Guntli] are playing well; we'll keep alternating games between them."

Fortunately, SLUH responded with a barrage of shots against the Dominic keeper. Sophomore Matt Leinauer scored his first of three goals after he found the ball at his foot a few feet from the goal line.

"He's been playing well. He's getting acclimated to the varsity level," Martel said.

Less than six minutes later, Leinauer scored again, this time cutting the ball from the outside into the box with a shot that



Senior Tim Weir handles the ball in last Saturday's 5-1 win over St. Dominic's.

The Jr. Bills' first-goal woes continued when a St. Dominic defender eluded SLUH defenders and buried a shot into the

The onslaught didn't cease. **SPORTS, 11**

Hydrodynamicbills drown competition, go 2-0

Greg Mantych
Reporter

Despite their disheartening loss to Chaminade last week, the St. Louis U. High water polo team managed to capture third place in the Varsity Conference Tournament by defeating John Burroughs this past Saturday.

Going into the game, the team knew that John Burroughs would be a difficult team to overcome, citing them as one of the top four teams in the league this year.

"We knew that Burroughs was a good team," remarked sophomore Jake Roeckle, "so we had to play one of our best games so far this season."

As the beginning of the match unfolded, Burroughs looked like they could have what it would take to vanquish the intimidating Polobills, quickly scoring a

first quarter goal to put them up 1-0. All dreams of victory, however, were soon stomped as seniors Tim Szewczyk, Kevin O'Neill and Tim Heafner all hammered shots past the John Burroughs goalie leaving the score at 3-1 as the first quarter ended.

Starting the second period with a two-point advantage, the Jr. Bills continued on their road to victory with another goal from O'Neill and two more from Heafner. Heafner's goals included an amazing backhanded shot which was re-directed into the goal off a buzzer-beating pass from goalie Rick Bettger to end the half.

Although a John Burroughs goal cut into the Speedobills lead at the start of the second half, SLUH quickly answered with a snipe from junior Wes Going.

Two more goals from Burroughs

would pare SLUH's commanding lead down to 8-4, while the home team tried to carry their success into the fourth quarter and the end of the game.

With a single fourth quarter goal from senior Eric Appelbaum matched by a goal from the desperate John Burroughs, SLUH held onto their lead to win the game, 9-5.

"We shut down their all-star and scored a bunch of goals," reflected senior Kevin Lane. "It was sweet."

Continuing their endless quest for the state title, the Polobills jumped back into regular season play by matching skills with Oakville this past Monday. The team had to bear the absence of seniors Heafner and Bettger due to injuries. Nevertheless, SLUH was determined to play with their customary intensity and rigor.

With Oakville kicking off the game
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Underclassmen Team Performances

JV and B-teams impress; all have winning records

C-teams show spots of promise; Soccer 5-0, Football 0-3

Scott Mueller
Reporter

The JV and B sports teams have gotten off to a great start this year. All the teams are playing exceptionally well, and all have a winning record so far.

The JV soccer team, coached by Bob O'Connell, has a record of 4-2-2 in their games. According to O'Connell, team members have accepted their roles and are playing very well. O'Connell hopes to see improvement every game. The JV team, composed of juniors and seniors, looks forward to the end of the year CYC JV tournament.

With a 7-0 record, the B soccer team started off its season roaring. Head coach Steve Schad believes that his team has a great chance to win the McCluer Championship tournament, the unofficial state tournament for B-teams. Two outstanding players on the team include sophomore Cole Grossman and freshman Chris Haffner. These two are also the leading goal scorers.

Head coach Dave Barton has led his B football team to a 2-1 record. Barton says that the defense has played extremely well so far. Running back Kalen Mayfield stands out on the offensive side of the ball. Mayfield has scored 5 touchdowns this season. Barton thinks that the B-team has great potential to win the MCC

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Kevin Michniok
Reporter

The freshman fall sports are off and running as both the soccer and football teams compete in their first seasons as Jr. Bills. The football team, coached by Tom Wilson, is trying to find its winning stride early in the season. Despite their 0-3 record, the team is building a solid base for a successful rest of the season.

The football team first played against Parkway South. Matt Venker scored the Jr. Bills' first touchdown of the year in the first quarter of the season opener on a four-yard pass from Matt Rice. Drew Blackmon later scored another touchdown, but the Jr. Bills came up short in the end, losing 26-13.

In their second game against St. Mary's, SLUH scored on a touchdown by Tom Kornblum, but missed the extra point and headed into halftime up by six points. Then, in the second half, St. Mary's scored a touchdown to tie the game. The extra point gave St. Mary's the 7-6 win.

In their most recent contest against Chaminade, the Jr. Bills suffered their third defeat by a score of 19-6. SLUH didn't get on board until the third quarter, when quarterback Michael Leibach threw their only touchdown pass to Mike Federer.

The football team has another contest today at Wentzville at
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Note: For other JV and C XC results, check the XC articles in this and previous issues of the Prep News.

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thankful that you're there, but we didn't want to stay there. We wanted to put more points on the board."

Schuster's pick ended the scoring with over 41 minutes remaining in the game. From there, the defenses took over the game, with SLUH's defense holding Chaminade to a scoreless match.

The Jr. Bills, however, still had other opportunities to score throughout the game. Running back Stephen Simmons rushed for 98 yards in a game in which he was hampered by a bruised shin. Though the Jr. Bills are stacked with talent offensively, they couldn't convert any of their opportunities later in the game.

"We were a little sluggish," said tight end and captain Matt Herzberg.

"I thought we hurt ourselves," said Kornfeld. "It wasn't necessarily that Chaminade was stopping us; we

were stopping ourselves. We had holding penalties, block in the back penalties. There were a lot of times when we were sitting there first and 20. We had a good play on first down, then we had holding and we're first and 20 so many times. You can only dig yourself out very rarely in those situations.

"We have to be more disciplined in that. I wasn't very happy with the amount of penalties we incurred, but they were earned."

"You're always frustrated when you hurt yourself," said Herzberg.

One such drive plagued by penalties was SLUH's first one following Schuster's touchdown. Simmons ran up the middle of the Chaminade defense for 23 yards, but the play was rolled back by a later penalty. Pushed back to their own 14,

Behr was forced to punt, but the snap was high. The ball rolled behind Behr, but the senior signal caller was able to pick up the ball and punt it all the way to the Chaminade 36.

Behr finished the night with six completions on 11 passes for 41 yards and an interception. The Jr. Bill defense matched this one turnover with three takeaways of its own, two interceptions and one fumble recovery. Linebacker Will Holleman led the defense with 14 total tackles, while tackle Dave Klug followed with 10 and three others had 8.

"We'll take a win any way we get it,"



Junior running back Stephen Simmons (23) runs through the Chaminade defense last Friday night as a SLUH receiver blocks.

said Herzberg of the result.

The game was not all smiles for the Jr. Bills, as junior guard Ben Farley left the game with a fractured fibula. Farley will not return to the playing field for the remainder of the year.

Now 2-1, with one shutout under their belts, the Jr. Bills look forward to Beaumont (1-2) tonight. According to Kornfeld, Beaumont is a "very athletic team, a team that can hurt you with their skill," but especially their quarterback and Division I recruit wide receiver. Defensively, Kornfeld expects Beaumont to play eight players in the box and the Jr. Bills to have a tough time running outside. The Jr. Bills' second game on the stadium's new playing surface begins tonight at 7:00 p.m.

CEE

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5 p.m.

While the football team works hard to hit their stride, the freshman soccer squad has found its winning formula early, capturing victories in all of its first five games. Under the able leadership of co-captains David Zeigler, Brain Fetter, and Kevin Steitz, the 22-man team is ready to build on success.

Head coach Tom McCarthy says that his players exhibit great ball control and passing, not to mention their ability to work well as a team. Team statistics are impressive, with three shutouts and an offense that has outscored its opponents 23-2 in beating such teams as Vianney and Priory's JV squad.

McCarthy said, "We hope to work hard to improve." That should be no problem for a team that has accomplished so much this early in the year.

Come watch the C Pelebillis play today at 4:30 p.m. at Granite City and against CBC at Forest Park at 4 p.m. next Thursday.

The C cross country team placed first in the Hazelwood East Invitational Wednesday, with 8 runners in the top 25 and with three in the top ten. SLUH beat out the second place finisher, CBC, by 45 points, and beat six other teams, including DeSmet and Edwardsville.

JAY-VEE/BEE

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this year.

Be surprised if they lose is the word from head coach Paul Baudendistel on his JV water polo team, made up of freshmen and sophomores. They have won all four of their games so far this year.

Sophomore Jason Appelbaum, the goalie, is having a great year and would be playing on the varsity team at another school, according to Baudendistel.

Other key players are Tom Tandler, Brendan Mehan, Paul Merrill, and Kerry Reed, all sophomores.

Three decades of inspiration: Sciuto and football

Greg Fox
Editor in Chief

For 30 years, Matt Sciuto prowled the sidelines of underclassman football games for two St. Louis high schools, Aquinas and St. Louis U. High. This fall marks the first in the last 30 that Sciuto has not spent teaching young men the intricacies of the games of football and life.

For six years at Aquinas and 24 beginning in 1980 at SLUH, Sciuto coached football at the C and B levels. In addition to coaching football, Sciuto also coached baseball at Aquinas and SLUH and basketball at Aquinas and Nerinx. "When you're young," Sciuto explained, "you do three sports. In your twenties, you do three; in your thirties, you do two; in your forties, you do one."

Sciuto's 30-year odyssey actually began over 40 years ago, when Vic Locastro, '63, took Sciuto to his first SLUH basketball game. As a SLUH student, Locastro coached Sciuto's middle school basketball teams and convinced him to come to SLUH. "If Vic Locastro didn't coach me in grade school, I don't know where I'd be today," Sciuto said of Locastro. "He brought me to this place."

While a student at the Backer Memorial, Sciuto learned of and fell in love with the Jesuit philosophy of the development of mind, body, and spirit. "I thought that co-curriculars were really, really important as part of being a formative experience," Sciuto said. "I learned a tremendous amount playing football as a third-stringer and being in student government and playing sports."

Upon returning to St. Louis from Rockhurst College, Sciuto became a teacher at Aquinas, where he coached football, basketball, and baseball. "I wanted to deal with adolescents," said Sciuto. "I was very interested in adolescent growth."

After six years at Aquinas, Sciuto was "ready to get out of teaching." Sciuto sent an application for a job to SLUH out of frustration, not expecting to be hired. But SLUH's principal at the time, Leo Dressel, hired Sciuto quickly, and the rest is history.

Sciuto would go on to spend the next 24 years as both a teacher and B- and C-team football coach, selflessly giving his time to the football program he had played in earlier.

"He's very dedicated to our (football) program," said head football coach Gary Kornfeld, in whose system Sciuto coached since 1988. "He gave us a lot of service and really worked diligently throughout his years in our program."

"I always felt that what I did on the C- and B-team was really important," said Sciuto, "because one of the things is preparing guys for varsity competition...(and) that's one of the things that I hope I did well. I did what Coach Kornfeld wanted me to do. I thought I was a good B-coach because I was a good follower."

Kornfeld echoed Sciuto's statement and stressed the importance of having players learn the varsity scheme on a lower level. "Mr. Sciuto was always very diligent about making sure that he was on the same page as the varsity. He put a lot of work into his coaching, and was a very loyal and dedicated B-team coach."

"His (players)...knew how to play the game. They were schooled in knowing how to play the game," said Athletic Director Dick Wehner.

Said Charlie Drury, now a varsity football player, "He made sure we did things right and taught me a respect for the game."

Tom Finan, '85, who played for Sciuto on the B-team and later coached with him, said Sciuto changed the way his team performed. Finan's freshman team failed to win a game, but turned it around to go 8-2 with Sciuto and Bill May at the helm. "We felt like a rag-tag bunch of football misfits," Finan explained of the freshman team. "What was missing wasn't really skill, or strength, or football smarts. We were missing pride and discipline. Mr. Sciuto and Mr. May gave that to us."

Sciuto's roots as a theology teacher, along with his spirituality, led to the inclusion of a family atmosphere within the team. Sciuto traditionally started each year with a team Mass before Blue-White Scrimmages. Sciuto said that the readings for the

Mass were always "One Body, Many Parts" and the "Parable of the Talents," two scripture readings which reinforce the subject of a team atmosphere.

Team masses were just one of many ways Sciuto tried to increase the family atmosphere of the team. Sciuto always tried to get the team involved in a service project. For example, Sciuto's last team went to St. Matthew's parish twice for a morning-long project. "I've really enjoyed working—just as another worker—next to the guys...on the B-team. We (did) good work and we (had) a good time."

Sciuto did not leave his faith in the classroom, but instead tried to coach football in a manner that reflected it. "He's a very spiritual person," said Wehner. "When you're a very spiritual person, I don't think it ends when you walk out that door. It

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—Dick Wehner

LESSONS

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permeates your entire being, so if you're a very, very spiritual person and you're a coach, it's naturally going to carry over to your coaching philosophy." Wehner cited Sciuto's attempts to connect with the coaches and teams of other MCC schools in prayer before and after games as one way in which Sciuto's faith carried over to his coaching.

"The end (of Sciuto's teams) was to play football as a prayer to God," Finan said, "to give up our hard work every day as an offering."

Sciuto's teams echoed the motto of the Jesuit order because Sciuto said that they "play for the greater glory of God, and hopefully, the way we play football shows that."

Coaching football, according to Sciuto, is not unlike teaching theology. "I think teaching theology is more like coaching," Sciuto said. "I'm looking for an end result, that there's a real change in behavior.... It's not as clear in theology class, but there's an end that's very, very similar, which is that the young man grows in a real, important sense. In football, the important growth is learning discipline, learning hard work, learning teamwork, learning to face your fears and learning that happiness can come from hard work and pain."

Sciuto's lessons have not fallen on deaf ears. Said Drury, "I don't think I'll forget the things I learned. Some of those small lessons I can take with me every day."

Dave Barton, who is succeeding Sciuto as the B-team's coach this year, played on one of Sciuto's C-teams and also learned a lot about the games of life and football. "He cared a lot about improving us as people," Barton said.

"Sciuto taught me that you don't have to be the best to succeed," Finan said. "You don't have to be the smartest, the biggest, or the fastest. You can overcome your limitations through hard work and organization. That applied on the football field and the classroom."

Despite everything else he has taught them, a few lessons he

taught stick out in Sciuto's mind. Sciuto wanted his players above all else to "learn discipline, good sportsmanship, and good teamwork. And I hope that they...learned something about themselves, even if it's that (they) aren't football players."

Since retiring, Sciuto has felt the pressure of maintaining a team lifted from his shoulders. "I'm not constantly thinking, 'Am I scouting, who's scouting, what are we going to run, who should I put on my depth chart, have I gotten this thing, is everything in place for the field this week?' It's just amazing how many hours that most coaches...put in."

"I'm able to work on my classes more, (and to work on) my websites more," said Sciuto of his post-coaching activities. "I'm able to hang around school for an hour for my students."

Sciuto said that his reasons for retiring were to spend more time with his son Alex, '05, and that Barton was ready to take over as the B-team head coach.

Barton said that Sciuto has been very supportive of him since retiring. "It's nice because (Sciuto has) already been to a few of our games," Barton said. "He's been incredibly supportive of me."

Though Sciuto claims that "they're not going to miss me at all," Wehner disagrees. "He really took care of a lot of kids," said SLUH's favorite AD. "He was one of those guys that helped shape little boys into young men."

It was Finan, however, who gave Sciuto perhaps the highest possible praise of all, a true testament to the effect Sciuto has on people. "I would go to hell and back for Matt Sciuto, and that's no exaggeration and no lie."

"Coaching all of these young men has been an honor and a joy," said Sciuto.

Of his hundreds of players, Sciuto said, "I've been encour-

aged, I've been inspired, I've been heartened, and it's been a lot of fun."

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Coaching Facts

According to AD Dick Wehner, coaches Tom McCarthy and Tom Wilson are the longest-coaching underclassmen sports coaches at SLUH. McCarthy has been coaching soccer since 1985 and Wilson has been coaching football since 1991.

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X-COUNTIES

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when Muntges dropped from fifth place in the race to 11th and eventually 14th.

Junior Drew Kaiser stepped up to finish third for the Harriers, running a courageous 17:35 for 40th place. "After seeing Liberty's pack move ahead of me, I realized that if we want to win next week, we're going to have to run more of a pack strategy," stated a hopeful Kaiser.

Senior Joe Carlson and junior Mike Jonagan kicked it home as SLUH's fourth and fifth scoring members, in 45th and 47th place, respectively.

While reminiscing about the day, Carlson said "It was the toughest course I had ever run on. That was the worst I've ever felt after a race, almost like I was going to pass out."

Samson and senior Dan Meier, both of whom struggled, rounded out the varsity team's day in 86th and 94th place but are hopeful for the upcoming Hancock Invitational.

Before varsity toed the line, the second seven tested their unbeaten strength against the region's toughest. The JV team, behind first place finisher Matt Dirnbeck, was handed its first loss of the season by Liberty. SLUH's team lost, 33-39, in a very tough race.

"This race definitely shows our depth," said junior Shane Mulligan, a member of the JV squad. "Even though we lost, the experience has given us incentive to run even faster and better as a team next week at Hancock."

"As I look back on the day," Linhares said "there were really a lot of unnecessary negatives that the team outlasted. And I feel awfully good about that."

Now, all eyes are focused on winning the Hancock Invitational at Jefferson Barracks tomorrow. SLUH has never won the meet but is poised to make a good run at it this year.

Always a momentous sight, the Hancock Invitational will feature thousands of runners tomorrow morning. Also, SLUH will be fielding more than seventy runners in the JV race. If that doesn't get your heart pumping for a cardio-crazy morning, maybe the fact that festivities start late for the Bills and a little sleeping

SPLIT

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Matt Wilson chipped a ball over the defense and buried it top net. With six minutes left, Leinauer completed his first-half hat trick with his fifth goal of the year.

Leinauer said, "We were struggling up top, but we worked hard and the goals are coming."

The Jr. Bills went into half time leading comfortably 4-1.

SLUH continued the goals with Wilson's second of the year after a defensive misplay on a cross led to an easy shot.

Martel commented, "He scored a lot on JV, so we figured we'd give him a chance, and he's been playing really well the last two games."

The scoring died down, and the rest of the half was mainly a midfield battle. Although the Jr. Bills had numerous scoring opportunities, the game ended 5-1.

Near the end of the game, Tim Weir picked up a yellow card, his fourth and SLUH's 10th for the year. By new MSHSAA rules, Weir as well as Martel were forced to sit out the next game against O'Fallon for the team's yellow cards.

The SLUH Jr. Bills entered the "Panther Lair" on Wednesday night taunted by an imitation Blue Crew. The game started off well as a chip by Brown over the defense was nearly finished by Wilson.

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by scoring an early goal, SLUH quickly reminded the opposing team that they were not to be underestimated, as O'Neill and junior Ben Favier pounded shots into the back of the Oakville goal to put the Jr. Bills up 2-1.

As the second quarter unraveled, the slaughter continued, as the Jr. Bills outscored Oakville 5-1 to take a 7-2 lead.

Yet Oakville was not without its strengths, as it gave SLUH some resistance defensively.

"They were faster than me for sure," stated junior Mark Abram on the speed of the opposing players. "They always beat me down the pool."

Their speed wasn't enough, though, as SLUH added 5 more goals in the sec-

The Jr. Bills kept up the intensity and had numerous scoring opportunities, but the O'Fallon Township High School (OTHS) scored with 9:50 left in the half when a shot from the top corner of the box found its way to the far post. The Jr. Bills found themselves down for the fourth game in a row.

The Bills came back with under 2:00 left, when a cross from Leinauer sailed to Chris Schrank at the back post who put it in.

The second half continued with multiple SLUH scoring chances. Around 28:30, the ball was loose in the 6-foot box, but all SLUH's shots were blocked and eventually the ball was cleared.

O'Fallon then scored again on a quick counterattack following a SLUH free kick. The O'Fallon forward made his way to the corner until he crossed and found a streaking OTHS player, who beat Woods.

The Jr. Bills continued to keep up the pressure but couldn't score. With under two minutes left, the Bills mounted a desperate attempt but could not even the score. The Bills fell, going 1-1 on the week.

The Jr. Bills play again today at 4 p.m. against Parkway South in the stadium before the football game at. Admission is free, and people who attend the soccer game can stay for the football game afterwards as well.

ond half, including two by junior Matt Ampleman and one by senior Adam Trafton, to take the game, 12-4.

"Even without two of our key players," recollected junior Jon Dombek, "we came together to get the job done."

For further examples of the water polo team's tenacity, come see them face off against Kirkwood this Friday at 5:00 p.m. at Meramec Community College.

PREP NEWS NIGHTBEATS

B-team football (2-2) lost last night in the stadium to Beaumont, 14-8.

D-team football won in their only game of the year last night, beating DuBourg 17-14 at DuBourg.

by Andrew Mueth

Calendar

Sept. 24-Oct. 1

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Schedule L
 Mother/Son Lit. 7:30am
 College Visits (Sign Up in Counselling Office to Attend):
 Bucknell U. @ 1:30
 V FB vs. Beaumont, 7:00
 V Soc vs. Parkway South, time TBA
 V/JV WP @ Kirkwood, 4/5:00
 B Soc vs. Parkway South, @ Forest Park, 4:00
 C FB @ Holt/Wentzville, 7:00
 C Soc @ Granite City, 4:30
 Pretzel, Sandwich by the Inch

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

JV Soc @ CBC JV Tourn, 4:00
 V, JV, B XC in Hancock Invit. @ Jefferson Barracks, 11:15

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Schedule R
 Sr. Class Mtg
 College Visits (Sign Up in Counselling Office to Attend):
 Pitzer Coll. @ 11:00
 Redlands, U. of the @ 12:00
 Rollins Coll. @ 1:30
 Vanderbilt U. 2:30

Pizza

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Schedule R
 Young Reps.
 Fr. Eng Tutorial
 Latin Club Mtg.
 College Visits:
 Butler U.
 Cornell Coll.
 Dallas, U. of
 Lewis U.
 Marquette U.
 Maryville U.
 Miami U.-Ohio
 Sign Up in Counselling Office to Attend:
 Pomona Coll. @ 7:45am
 George Washington U. @ 10:00
 U. of Notre Dame @ 1:30
 V Soc vs. Duchesne, 6:00
 JV Soc @ Westminster, 4:15
 B Soc vs. Duchesne, 4:00
 Chicken Stuffing Casserole

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Special Schedule for Issues Day
 Issues Day
 JV Soc vs. Roosevelt, 4:00
 Bosco Sticks, Chicken Nuggets

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Schedule R
 So. Class Liturgy
 College Visits:
 Arkansas, U. of
 Purdue U.
 St. John's U. of Minnesota
 Sign Up in Counselling Office to Attend:
 Northwestern U. @ 9:00
 DePauw U. @ Jr/Sr Lunch
 Gettysburg Coll. @ Jr/Sr Lunch
 Wittenburg U. @ Jr/Sr Lunch
 Rice U. @ 2:15
 V FB @ Cape Central, 7:00
 V Soc @ MICDS, 4:15
 B FB vs. St. Mary's, 4:30
 C Soc vs. CBC @ Forest Park, 4:00
 Cookies, Papa John's Pizza

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

Schedule R
 College Visits (Sign Up in Counselling Office to Attend):
 Emory U. @ 9:40am
 V Soc @ Marquette, 7:00
 V/JV WP vs. Parkway West, 4/5:00
 JV Soc vs. CBC in Forest Park, 4:00
 B Soc @ Marquette, 5:00

THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS

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accident. In addition, only team members were on the bus, so SLUH did not learn of the accident until First Student called the school. Athletic director Richard Wehner then attempted to contact all the parents of the players to inform them that their sons were safe. However, most of the parents were already at Francis Howell North.

Nurse Scott Gilbert, who had already planned to drive near Francis Howell North, volunteered to meet with the parents and inform them of what had happened and that everyone was safe.

To avoid a situation where a coach is not with the team for an accident, Wehner wants the coach to follow the bus on the way to an athletic event.

He added, "From now on, on a one-way bus, I would like the coach to be following the team in his car."

A price estimate for damages on the bus have come out to be approximately \$700. The contract manager of First Student Chuck Aurer

insurance will pay for the damages. We'll have to wait for the police report to be sure."

Aurer, along with other witnesses, did not see the accident as being the fault of the bus driver. He said, "From the information we have, it looks that it was non-preventable for him (the bus driver)." Aurer stated that the bus driver was following the Smith plan, which is a driving plan for their bus drivers to follow to ensure maximum safety.

The First Student bus company owns ninety buses, and Aurer predicts that they have "about four or five (accidents) a year."

Wehner supported the way in which the situation was handled, saying, "The driver did the right thing. They pulled over, called the police, and filled out a report."

Wehner continued, "I've been athletic director here for twenty years, and they are the most dependable bus company I have ever dealt with. We've been using First Student for twelve years, and I would have to say that this is the first time we've been involved in any type of accident."

TAIGER

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angry greetings. No 'What the heck is he doing here?'" Although Tai wished that Overkamp could have traveled to China with her, Overkamp was happy to help Tai by teaching her classes.

Senior Kermit Martignoni has looked forward to having Overkamp back in the classroom. "It will be different; Mr. Overkamp has trouble speaking Chinese, but he does speak better English," Martignoni said. "The change will allow me to learn from another perspective, and I'm looking forward to that. After having Dr. Tai for four years, it will be nice to have different face for two weeks."

SLUH Family Mass
Sunday, Sept. 26,
9:30 a.m. in the
Chanel