



ISSUES DAY 2004: FACING THE FUTURE

Sessions feature 40 speakers, 15 topics

Timo Kim
Core Staff

Wednesday, as students filed into St. Louis U. High for this election year's Issues Day, they carried not books and pens but slogans, stickers, signs, and posters. With over 40 speakers discussing 15 total topics, Issues Day attempted to educate the student body about key issues in this year's presidential election so students could make informed decisions of how they would vote.

As keynote speaker Dr. Doug Marcouiller, S.J. said in his speech, "The Lord asks us to look and to listen and to live and to learn. Very few things are clear and straightforward. That's why we need to spend a day ... to discern what Christ's spirit is doing in the world."

After students received nametag schedules in homeroom, the student body congregated in the gym for an introductory assembly. Moderated by organizer Jeff Harrison, S.J., the assembly consisted of a prayer from President Paul Sheridan, S.J., opening words from Principal Mary Schenkenberg, and the keynote address on the importance of voting from Marcouiller, a professor of economics at SLU.

The three issue discussions, lasting 40 minutes each, followed in succession, before upperclassmen and underclassmen alternately ate lunch and gathered in homerooms to debate, hold mock elections, and create slogans and posters.

After all the classes had finished voting, the school once again gathered in the
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Students re-elect Bush in landslide

Greg Fox
Editor in Chief

Students gathered in homeroom mid-day Wednesday to cast their votes for presidential candidates in St. Louis U. High's quadrennial mock election. As in SLUH's 2000 mock election, George W. Bush won the election by a landslide in the electoral vote.

The *Prep News* gathered data from its archives dating as far back as 1956 and spanning ten elections (2000, 1996, '92, '88, '84, '80, '76, '72, '60, and '56). In the 11 mock elections for which the *Prep News* has empirical data, students voted for the Republican candidate nine times and the Democratic candidate twice (Bill Clinton in '92 and John Kennedy in '60).

For this year's mock elections, students returned to their homerooms after attending various discussions earlier in the day. Upon returning to homeroom, students separated themselves into the left and right sides of their homerooms and debated various issues pertaining to the election and Issues Day in general.

"It shows people what politics are about," said Jeff Harrison, S.J., who was one of the main coordinators of the day. Harrison said that the goal of the homeroom debates was to "expose people to the process ... and to start to think about 'What does somebody mean (by the content of political ads)?' That was my hope."

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The Fifth Sun debuts in theater

PHOTO BY ALEX SCIUTO



The Fifth Sun, performed by the Dauphin Players, debuted last night. Jack Buthod plays the lead role of Oscar Romero, archbishop of El Salvador, in the dramatized story of Romero's life. See article, page 3.

18 selected as National Merit Semifinalists

Tim Huether
Sports Editor

Eighteen St. Louis U. High seniors have received National Merit Semifinalist recognition for scoring a 213 or better out of 240 on the PSAT last year. Each year, only the top half of a percent of test-takers in Missouri become Semifinalists.

Last year, SLUH had 19 Semifinalists.

In addition to these 18 semifinalists, 35 other seniors were commended for scoring in the top 5 percent of test-takers. Additionally, Chris Cahill was named one of only 30 achievement scholars in the state of Missouri. Achievement

scholars are honored for being African-American high school students who excel academically.

SLUH's highest scorer, Luke Dang, scored a 234.

For a Semifinalist to become a Finalist, the National Merit program looks

not only at the PSAT score, but also the student's level of performance in the classroom, an essay written by the Semifinalist, counselor recommendations, and SAT scores.

"If all those things line up, then eventually, in February, these guys will find

score being much lower than his PSAT score.

Nationally, there are about 16,000 National Merit Semifinalists each year. Of the original 16,000 semifinalists, 15,000 Semifinalists move on to Finalist status, and about 8,000 of those receive scholarships of some kind because of the Finalist designation.

Of the 8,000 scholarships, 2,500 are awarded by the National Merit program, 1,100 are awarded by corporations, and the remaining 4,400 are issued by the col-

leges themselves. The National Merit scholarships are \$2,500 each, while corporate and college scholarships are of varying amounts.

Most corporate scholarships go to the children of employees who work for the
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National Merit Semifinalists

Paul Barker
Stuart Condit
Luke Dang
Thomas Gezella
Joseph Hejlek
Byrne Hobart
Chris James
Mike Keeline
David King

Patrick Kutz
Joseph Lorenz
Joseph Moorman
Jason Murphy
Daniel Polokonis
Andrew Schaepkoetter
Timothy Szewczyk
Kevin Turkcan
Eric Venker

out if they are a finalist," said counselor Dave Mouldon.

Mouldon noted that, in most cases he has seen, when a Semifinalist does not become a Finalist, it is either because of grades not being up to the level of the student's PSAT score or the student's SAT

Freshman frolic on Friday's Fun Day

Jim Santel
Reporter

Last Friday, St. Louis U. High freshmen participated in one of SLUH's most hallowed and anticipated days: Freshman Fun Day, which featured ping-pong, pool, foosball, a bashball tournament, varsity soccer and football games to attend, a barbeque, and the sacred rite that is the Running of the Bills.

A day designed for SLUH's first-year students to relax, socialize, engage in games of skill, and put their school spirit on display, this year's incarnation was a rousing success overall, thanks to the valiant efforts of Student Council, senior advisors, and freshman class moderator Tim Curdt.

The afternoon of amusement began

as soon as school let out at 3:00 p.m. Freshmen and senior advisors had three basic options:

compete as a homeroom in the bashball tournament held on the P.E. field, watch the varsity soccer team take on Parkway South in the stadium free of charge, or head down to the pool hall for various individual activities.

The bashball tourney consisted of 10 homerooms competing in a bracket format. After about an hour and a half of

bashball, homeroom M109 emerged triumphant. Said Kevin Becvar, one of

M109's senior advisors, of the victory: "I never thought that in my four years, I would actually accomplish this. (My team) had heart and spirit."

As their comrades toiled on the P.E. field, the remaining fresh-

men headed to the depths of the rec hall to shoot a few games of pool, try their skill at the foosball tournament, or give the new ping-pong tables their first real test in a

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Freshmen play kill—er bashball last Friday.

PHOTO BY ALEX SCIUTO

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Luner, '05 alleges bias of Issues Day

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my disgust with the organizers of this year's Issues Day. I had hoped that the workshops would present a fair look at issues that gave all sides and allowed the students to make their own decisions after being presented with the facts. But instead, the speakers selected presented a biased, one-sided view on the issues that left no room for an opposing viewpoint. The international relations workshop I attended was nothing but a speech bashing Bush's military spending and complaining about how the United States does not give enough power to the United Nations. This may or may not be a valid criticism, but to every issue there is more than one side and the presenters selected for Issues Day failed to recognize this. The presentation on taxes by the director of the Missouri Budget Project argued for higher taxes and gave no real explanation of the tax issues voters are faced with in the 2004 election, other than both Matt Blunt and Claire McCaskill being wrong on taxes because they favor lower taxes. The War on Terror presentation given by the Holocaust survivor was very critical of Israel yet only mentioned Palestinian suicide bombers once, and only after being asked about the issue. The presenter also said that, "There is no question, Bush has to go." The speaker did not mention the War on Terror and how it effects the 2004 election once in my session. Talking with friends after Issues Day, I discovered that I was not alone in my experiences. In the health care workshop

students were informed that "the only efficient way to provide health care to all Americans is through a federal health care program."

My understanding of a Jesuit education is that we are taught how to think, not what to think. This standpoint is the reason I chose to come to SLUH and why I plan on attending a Jesuit college next year. I did hear of a few presentations that established the positions and arguments of both Bush and Kerry on the issue they were supposed to address, and the organizers should strive to make all presentations like this. But on the whole, the presentations were not fair or balanced. The organizers of the Issues Day presentations effectively created a monopoly of liberal viewpoints and left little room for diversity of thought, overlooking the goals of the Jesuit education by presenting the student body with extremely biased leftist positions where the only opposition and criticism came from students that chose to educate themselves on the issues and not blindly follow the ideology they are fed by a large portion of the faculty. I will not be here for the next Issues Day, but I hope that the organizers don't chose to have a monopoly of left-wing (or right-wing, for that matter) viewpoints and allow the students to make up their own minds. I hope that the students four years from now are not let down in the same way I was.

Jared Luner, '05

Dauphin Players debut *The Fifth Sun*

Paul Barker
Reporter

Yesterday marked the opening of the Dauphin Players' production of Nicholas A. Patricca's *The Fifth Sun*, a dramatization of the ministry and assassination of Oscar Romero, a Jesuit priest who spoke out in defense of the poor of El Salvador.

Romero, played by senior Jack Buthod, strives for justice against the pressures of a papal representative, the Nuncio (senior Kevin Boehm), and an aggressively nationalistic Colonel (senior Eric Sardina).

The first act of the play focuses on Romero's transformation from a timid, rule-bound archbishop to an active and outspoken defender of the poor. Pressured by his friends—the volatile, Marxist El Salvador native Hector (senior Marty Wilhelm), the feisty intellectual Sr. Anne Dunn (Nerinx senior Margaret Murphy), and the compassionate priest Rutilio

Grande (senior Joe Locastro)—Romero begins to see the real plight of his country's poor and ultimately steps forward to denounce the El Salvadoran oligarchy's abuse of power.

Combining the real characters of Romero's story with the ancient Mayan traditions of the land, *The Fifth Sun* struck director Joe Schulte as "a very creative approach to the story of Oscar Romero." The four Mayan gods, played by junior Brett Hartmann and seniors Bryan Glaenger, Kevin Becvar, and Paul Barker, weave the ritual story of the Fifth Sun rising out of the people to solve their problems into the main storyline. The play includes dancing natives and a backdrop of a Mayan temple.

The show's subject is more politi-

cally-charged than most St. Louis U. High productions, and Schulte asserted that it is "very appropriate that Issues Day and the show come together like this." He pointed also to the historical importance he takes

from the show, in regards to its story of "someone who must rise up from the common man and become a god, become a leader to solve the problems of his people." Schulte cited Harry S. Truman and Abraham Lincoln as other historical examples of such a hero figure.

The actors are excited about the play.

Becvar, who plays Ahpuch, the Lord of Death, remarked that "this is the most powerful play I've been in."

Buthod commented, "It's important see SUGAR RAY, 12

PHOTO BY ALEX SCIUTO



The lead roles of *The Fifth Sun* perform Thursday night.

FLEETWOOD MAC

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Senior Jason Kertz, however, had little good to say about the homeroom debates. "You already have your views set," Kertz said of the debates. "What other people say is not really going to affect you. I actually got mad because people would interrupt you."

"It wasn't helpful as much as it was interesting," said senior David Gregg. "It was interesting to see where everyone was coming from. ... It's different when people you know talk about stuff instead of politicians."

After exploring their own and their classmates' political ideas, the students then cast their votes on reproductions of official Missouri General Election ballots. Students could vote for Bush, John F. Kerry, Michael Badnarik, or Michael A. Peroutka.

Upon the casting of the ballots, results were tabulated.

Students then entered the gymnasium

to listen to speeches from representatives of the Republican and Democratic parties. After John Hancock spoke on behalf of the Republicans and Jeff Smith for the Democrats, students asked the representatives hand-picked questions.

Said Harrison of the speeches, "Mr. Hancock could sell ice to Eskimos. He's been doing this for a long time, and he's very articulate and very passionate. ... (Mr. Smith) was not on his best game, and I was a little disappointed."

Following the speeches, Craig Hannick displayed the popular and electoral votes on a screen in the gym. In past years, Harrison had assigned homerooms electoral vote values ranging from five to 20, but this year, the range was from 11-15. This helped even out the results of the race, which were still rather incongruous.

Bush took eight of ten freshman homerooms and repeated his strong showing in eight sophomore and seven junior homerooms. Before the senior homeroom

votes were shown, Bush was leading the electoral race 317-91 and had already secured enough votes to win the election. Seniors, however, voted overwhelmingly for Kerry, who picked up over half his electoral votes (92) in the senior class. The final electoral vote total was 343 (Bush) - 183 (Kerry) - 12 (other candidates). The popular vote total was 524 (Bush) - 386 (Kerry) - 80 (other).

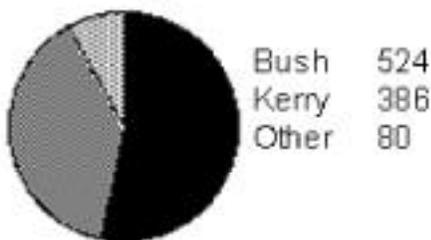
Harrison had a strong idea going into the voting that Bush would win. "Younger people tend to reflect the views of their parents," Harrison said. "Being an incumbent also helps."

History teacher Steve Aylward was also not surprised with the results. "Freshman and sophomore year, (students) are going to vote Republican, but by the time they're seniors, they've broken out of the parents' thinking mode. ... Four years ago, we saw the same pattern. By junior and senior year, (students) start thinking for themselves."

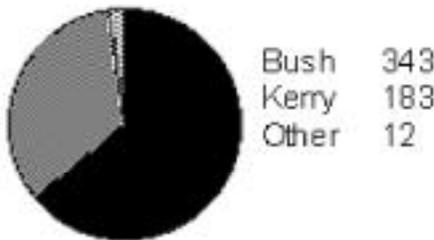
Mock Election Results

Entire School

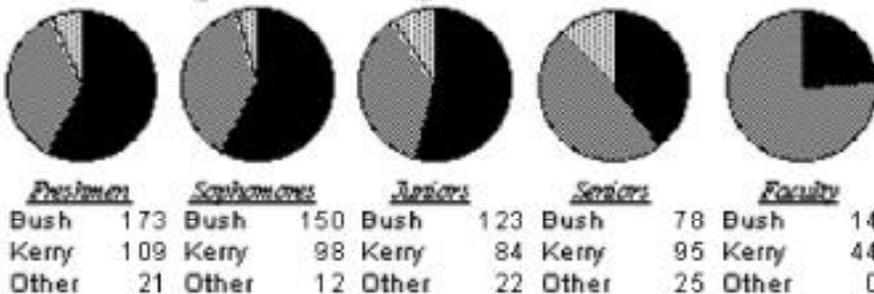
Popular Vote



Electoral Vote



Popular Votes for Each Class



Key for Graphs

■ George Bush ■ John Kerry ■ Other

Past Mock Election Results

Year	Type	Results
2000	(Electoral Vote)	Bush - 252 Gore - 127 Nader - 96
1996	(Popular Vote)	Dole - 48% Clinton - 35% Perot - 7%
1992	(Popular Vote)	Clinton - 42% Bush, Sr. - 40% Perot - 11%
1988	(Popular Vote)	Bush - 61% Dukakis - 39%
1984	(Popular Vote)	Reagan - 79% Mondale - 18%
1980	(Popular Vote)	Reagan - 55% Carter - 24% Anderson - 21%
1976	(Popular Vote)	Ford - 524 Carter - 212 McCarthy - 174

Pigskinbills blank Beaumont, 44-0

Defense hasn't allowed a point since Althoff game

Bryan Glaenzer, Tim Huether
Reporter, Sports Editor

Last Friday night's football game was a tale of Beaumont mistakes and St. Louis U. High capitalizations. The defense helped out the offense, tiring out Beaumont's team, which was small in numbers, and giving the offense the ball in favorable positions.

The beating began with 7:22 left in the first quarter. In SLUH's second series, junior Chris Hoffmann trucked through a hole the line made, cut up the field and sprinted the rest of the field for a 92-yard touchdown.

After kicking back the ball, the defense came out hard; senior lineman David Franklin recorded a crucial sack which forced Beaumont to punt. On the next play, junior defensive back Paul Chaney came off the snap hard, breaking the kicker's concentration, and causing him to drop the ball. Chaney then tackled the kicker, and SLUH gained possession.

SLUH ended its next series with a field goal by kicker and quarterback Matt Behr.

The defense came up big on Beaumont's next possession when



PHOTO BY GREG FOX
The SLUH defense tackles a Beaumont player. The defense forced eight turnovers, tallied six sacks, and has not allowed a point in two games.

Franklin again sacked the quarterback, causing a fumble which fellow senior lineman David Caldwell then pounced on.

On the ensuing possession, Behr marched down the last few yards with his troops and scored a touchdown on a 1-yard run.

In Beaumont's next series, Beaumont utilized its speed and began to pick away at the SLUH defense. However, junior lineman Mark Sharp soon sacked the Beaumont quarterback, stripping the ball, which junior defensive back Jim Sansone recovered.

SLUH's next possession was odd, to say the least. Behr, under pressure, decided to run, and a Beaumont player hit him hard, knocking him out of the next two series. During SLUH's attempt to punt away the ball, however, Beaumont drilled the Jr. Bills' punter. SLUH got the ball back as a result of the infraction, but Chaney, who had stepped in for Behr as quarterback, could not eke out a touchdown.

On a later Beaumont possession, sophomore defensive back Willie Shipp intercepted a pass by Beaumont quarter
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Soccerbills shut out Parkway South, Duchesne

Andrew Schroeder
Reporter

Undefeated this past week, the Soccerbills shut out both Parkway South in a matinee performance last Friday and Duchesne on Tuesday night while improving their overall record to 7-4-1. They did so without head coach Charlie Martel, who was not feeling well on Friday and had to sit out Tuesday night because of the red card he received two weeks ago against Francis Howell North.

The Friday afternoon battle between the Jr. Bills and the Parkway South Patriots, who were 8-3 coming into the game, proved to be a good matchup. The first half favored SLUH, as they hammered the Patriot goalie with shot after shot. Junior midfielder Zach Weiss put the pressure on by firing several shots in the period, one of which ricocheted off the right post, inches from breaking the scoreless tie.

Parkway South also had a couple of good chances to get on top in the first half, but senior goalkeeper Wyatt Woods deflected each attempt and recorded another shutout.

The BendItLikeBeckhambills turned up the heat early in the second half. They spoiled a few good scoring opportunities before senior forward Luke Schlafly buried a loose ball in the right side of the goal with 25 minutes left in the second half.

The Jr. Bills kept the ball in the Patriot end for the rest of the game but could not squeeze in any insurance goals. As it turned out, they did not need any as Schlafly's goal held up, and the Jr. Bills went on to win the game 1-0.

On Tuesday night, Duchesne, the *Post-Dispatch* No. 3 small school, made the trek from across the Missouri river to tangle with the Soccerbills. The first ten minutes of the game featured an up-and-down midfield battle as Duchesne played the Jr. Bills tough. But for the remainder

of the half, the ManchesterUnitedbills maintained possession and kept it around the Duchesne goal, barring a few streaks downfield by Duchesne forwards. However, neither team could score and the game entered the second half tied up at zero, a continuing trend with the 2004 Soccerbills.

The second half saw much of the same Jr. Bill domination but with a few more Duchesne scoring chances. Woods stopped every shot, however, and clinched his second shutout of the week.

Finally, with 20 minutes left in the half, senior midfielder and team captain Tim Weir broke the tie with some fancy footwork. He settled the ball in the box, pulled it back, poked it around the diving goalie, and booted it into the back of the net to put the Jr. Bills up 1-0.

Then with ten minutes left, a strange play resulted in SLUH's second goal of the night. Junior defender Malcolm

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Chinstrapbills dominate Kirkwood, 12-6

Greg Mantych
Reporter

In their never-ending quest for aquatic domination, the St. Louis U. High water polo team faced off against Kirkwood this past Friday, soundly defeating the Pioneers 12-6.

At the start of the game, Kirkwood quickly tested the Jr. Bills' skills by scoring the first goal, putting SLUH in a 1-0 hole. However, senior Tim Heafner retaliated seconds later with a powerful shot that zipped past Kirkwood's goalie.

As the first quarter rolled on, SLUH and Kirkwood exchanged goals, but the Polobills managed to obtain the upper hand, ending the period up 4-3.

"We came out pretty flat," remarked head coach Paul Baudendistel, "and offensively we're not playing well."

However, SLUH's play received a thrust that would carry them into the

fourth quarter. Seniors Heafner, Kevin O'Neill, and Eric Appelbaum rifled off seven unanswered goals to propel SLUH to a 10-3 lead over Kirkwood. This offensive eruption proved insurmountable, as it cre-



Senior Tim Heafner pounds in one of his eight goals against Kirkwood. Behind Heafner's efforts, SLUH won 12-6.

ated a deficit which Kirkwood would not be able to overcome.

Much of this lead could be attributed to the prolific goal scoring of Heafner. Scoring eight of SLUH's first ten goals, his presence was essential in conquering the

Pioneers.

"I hadn't played in awhile," commented Heafner, "so I did what needed to be done."

Commanding the fourth quarter with an intimidating lead, the Jr. Bills continued to fight the Pioneers, but Kirkwood managed to slip three shots into the goal. Yet Kirkwood's attempts proved to be futile as the game ended with SLUH ahead 12-6.

The team's play, however, was certainly not without its faults.

"Defensively, we shouldn't have given up six goals to that team," said Baudendistel. "That could have been the worst game we played all year."

In spite of the errors made during the game, the fact that SLUH still managed to win by six goals is proof of their talent.

For more examples of this intensity, come down to the beautiful Forest Park Community College this evening to see our Jr. Bills battle Parkway West at 5 p.m.

Hancock Invitational eludes XC again

Henry Samson
Reporter

Caught in the second week of big competition in a row, the Jr. Billiken cross country team found out the hard way that "little things really do add up," as head coach Jim Linhares likes to say. The curse of Hancock still remains on the Billikens as they will have to wait yet another year to win the Hancock Invitational.

Hancock was a truly spectacular venue. Thousands of runners galloped over the hills in historic Jefferson Barracks. Top teams from around the state and fast homegrown individuals made the field incredibly difficult; in the 4A boys varsity division, almost 20 runners broke 17 minutes.

Although SLUH posted some solid numbers in response to the difficult field, they came away in 4th place with 114

points, disappointed and a little shocked, behind first place West Plains (45), St. Joseph's Central (110), and Emporia (112).

The team adopted a pack strategy for the Hancock Invitational because of the size of the field; the point was to keep runners close to each other until the finish. Frontrunners Alex Muntges and Ben Murphy-Baum were supposed to cover the leaders, while the remaining five stayed within striking distance.

"Unfortunately," said senior Joe Carlson, "we made a few strategic errors last Saturday. We got out way too slow."

Even so, the pack was in decent position when entering the pack side of the course until they hit a surprise hill right after the two-mile mark. "The trail got really thin and the hill got really steep. It broke us up," said senior Charlie Samson.

Two more problems haunted the Bills. The top runner, Muntges, was running in 6th place, on pace to be one of the highest

finishers for SLUH in meet history. However, his leg problems flared up unexpectedly with about 600 meters remaining, forcing him to pull out to avoid further injury.

Also, at about the same point on the course, Mike Jonagan and Drew Kaiser kicked each other, causing Kaiser to fall, get partially trampled, and lose some places.

"I guess our strides just sort of collided," stated an apologetic Jonagan. "If you're reading this, I'm sorry, Drew."

Specific races and efforts did shine for the Bills, however. Murphy-Baum continued his hot streak of races by blazing in with a 16:36, 7th place overall, tying him with the legendary Sean Locke for the highest finishing position ever for a SLUH runner in the race.

Even though the pack broke up a bit, they managed to pull the race together, at see **XPECTATIONS, 10**

Week in review: Underclassman Sports Wrap

JV Soccer

Season: 5-3-2

Last week: 1-1-0

Lost to Westminster 4-0 on Tuesday

Defeated Roosevelt 8-1 on Wednesday

Next Game: Tonight vs. CBC at Forest Park at 4 p.m.

C-team Soccer

Season: 7-0

Last week: 2-0

Defeated Granite City last Friday, 1-0

Defeated CBC last night, 2-0

4th shutout of season

Goal: David Ziegler

Shutout: Nick Marey

Next game: vs. MICDS JV team today

B-Soccer

Season: 10-0

Last week: 2-0

Defeated Parkway South 5-1 on Friday

Goals: Zanaboni, Rivers, Weis, Haffner

Defeated Duchesne 3-1 on Tuesday

Goals: Emmett, Haffner, Twellman

Next Game: Tonight at Marquette at 5 p.m.

B-Football

Season: 3-3

Last week: 1-1

Lost to Beaumont 14-8

Defeated St. Mary's last night, 28-6

Next game: Thursday at DeSmet at 4:30 p.m.

JV Water Polo

Season: 5-0

Last week: 1-0

Defeated Kirkwood 14-8 on Friday

Goals: Mehan, Read, Martin, and Dale

Goalkeeper: Appelbaum

Next game: Tonight vs. Parkway West at 4 p.m.

C-team Football

Season: 2-3

Last week: 1-0

Defeated Holt/Wentzville last Friday, 42-0

Mike Liebach: 4 TD passes

Jim Barton: 4 yard fumble recovery for TD

Next game: Oct. 7 vs. DeSmet at 6:00 in the Stadium

—Compiled by Scott Mueller and Tim Huether

Note: For other JV XC results, check the XC article in this issue of the *Prep News*.

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back Leon Brinkley. Shipp returned the interception 34 yards, which put the SLUH offense in great position to score. Behr capitalized as SLUH's possession resulted in another 1-yard run by Behr, bringing the score to 23-0.

After halftime, the rout stalled. But the SLUH defense was there to inspire the team again. Senior Matt Herzberg recovered a fumble, and again Behr snuck the ball into the end zone when the offense got its chance.

After these points, the game really became lopsided. Dave Franklin notched his third sack and second forced fumble of the night, and once again, Herzberg was there to pounce on the ball for his second fumble recovery. Later, seniors Bobby Schuster and David Caldwell recorded sacks, and senior David Klug recovered yet another fumble.

Hoffmann scored his second touchdown of the night on a 7-yard run with 8:02 left, bringing the score to 37-0. When Beaumont had possession of the ball again, it was swiftly taken away by senior linebacker Dave Koehneman, who nearly ran it back for a touchdown. When the offense came back on, SLUH's quarterback Gabe Gassner scored the final touchdown of the night on SLUH's fourth 1-yard touchdown run, all by quarterbacks. This set the final score at 44-0.

Head coach Gary Kornfeld was "happy to see all the guys got in the game."

Although the offense put up 44 points, SLUH's defense was the story of the game. The defense ended the game with eight turnovers (seven fumble recoveries, one interception.) The defense also chased Beaumont's quarterback relentlessly, accomplishing six sacks.

As joyous as the game was for SLUH, the game was equally frustrating to the players of Beaumont, for their efforts were stopped at every turn. Additionally, late during the 4th quarter, one of the officials allegedly addressed Beaumont players with a racial slur. The Beaumont team took a timeout and discussed what they were going to do, and decided to play out the game.

According to Athletic Director Dick Wehner, the referee was in no way associated with SLUH, and it was his first game officiating a football game involving SLUH. Wehner said the referee who supposedly made the slur is a well respected-referee, and there will be an investigation of the referee's actions by the Missouri State High School Athletic Association (MSHSAA.)

Beaumont's principal, Travis Brown, could not be reached Thursday night for comment.

NOTHING II

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DeBaun carried the ball up the right side of the field, cut it to the middle, and ripped a shot. The ball hit the goalie, came back to DeBaun, bounced off him, and sailed right in front of the goal where junior forward Billy Ferris tapped it in for his fourth goal of the year

The Jr. Bills still had not finished though. Senior midfielder Connor Finnegan poked junior Tom Irvin's cross—which flew right in front of the goal just like DeBaun's earlier cross—into the back of the net with four minutes left, scoring the third and final goal for the Soccerbills.

"Scoring is contagious," said assistant coach Charlie Clark, referring to the three goals scored in quick succession to catapult the Jr. Bills to their 3-0 win over Duchesne. "We just need to score earlier, which comes with experience," Clark added. Clark is happy to see that the team is improving with each game.

Come out and cheer on the Soccerbills this weekend on Friday night at Marquette at 7 p.m and Saturday in the stadium against MCC rival Vianney, also at 7 p.m.

Quote of the Week

"We Americans have no commission from God to police the world."

—Benjamin Harrison

BEACH BOYS

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student organized ping-pong tournament.

According to Curdt, the famed pool tournament did not occur this year because he wanted to try to get as many students as possible to watch the soccer game, whereas a billiards tournament would have kept most freshmen inside the pool hall. For the same reason, the renowned rock-paper-scissors competition wasn't included among this year's activities, either. Aside from the omission of those two events, the only major difference from Fun Days of years past was the ability to have both a soccer game and the following varsity football game versus Beaumont on the same night, which Curdt said was due to the new Sportex turf in SLUH's stadium.

Around 6:30, following the barbeque in Alumni Park, STUCO, the senior advisors, and the freshmen walked up Berthold Ave. to Compton-Drew field to smother themselves with blue paint in an unrivalled show of spirit and general disregard for normal human behavior. At 7:00, as the varsity Footballbills took the field, the Blue Train ran with reckless abandon into the stadium, striking fear into the opponents' hearts.

Unfortunately, not all freshmen could participate in the festivities. The C football, soccer, and water polo teams all had games during the bashball tourney and barbeque; in the case of the football team, they did not return to SLUH until after the varsity football game had begun.

"It was not good for the C teams, because we had three teams with games. Ideally, we would like it to be a day where everyone can be there," said Curdt.

However, the absence of a number of the freshmen did little to dampen the success of the day, which Curdt said could not have been possible without the help of STUCO and the senior advisors. "The work the senior advisors did was excellent. The way the entire STUCO helped organize the painting and the Running of the Bills. ... It was really nice leadership."

Curdt seemed especially proud of the

generosity and sacrifice of his senior advisors. "The senior advisors give up their whole Friday and Friday night," he said. "I had seniors volunteering to go work in the rec room. It's always fun to be out at bashball, but you miss the seniors who were doing the anonymous service."

Among the advisors' responsibilities were playing bashball, moderating the pool hall, or cooking, a job which senior Erik Sardina did not enjoy: "I burned my hands so much," he recalled with dismay.

For their part, STUCO was responsible for buying the paint, a purchase that, according to STUCO religious commissioner Marty Wilhelm, came out of STUCO's budget. As for the Running of the Bills itself, STUCO Sports Commissioner Dan Iovaldi says his job was to "get the freshmen all fired up. It brought a tear to my eye. It reminded me of my own Running of the Bills."

Not only did the day benefit the freshman class, but it was a great asset to the varsity football team and its coaches. "From a coach's perspective, at the varsity level, it looked great," stated Curdt.

"It was a game where normally there may not be as many fans, because it wasn't a conference opponent. But it turned out great, because all the freshmen were there painted, and the fact that it was on (Charter Communications Information Network). It was just a great coincidence to have."

After a long day of competing in and watching sports, eating burned hot dogs, being painted blue, and charging with savage fury in the Running of the Bills, the class of 2008's Freshman Fun Day came to a close. Concluded Curdt, "It is what it is. It was a fun day for freshmen. I thought it went well."

For Sale

3 tickets to the James Taylor & Dixie Chicks on Oct. 6th at the Fox Theatre. See James Lang, '05, in homeroom J123

ACES car wash nets \$300

Tim Jansen
Reporter

Last Saturday, Sept. 26, the Association for Cultural Enrichment at SLUH (ACES) held its fifth annual car wash. Volunteers began arriving at 10 a.m., and eventually, 40 of the 85 members of ACES helped out this year, a great improvement over the 15 that showed up last year.

Using an assembly line method in which participants collected money, wet down the cars, cleaned the tires, and washed the cars with soap and water, the volunteers worked from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each car took about 10 minutes to clean. After washing each car, the volunteers rinsed and dried the cars before applying a coat of Armor All to the tires.

ACES raised about \$300 after buying the Armor All, the rags, the soap, and

lunch for the volunteers, \$200 less than the \$500 raised last year.

Although they raised only about \$300 with 50 cars washed, moderator Spencer McCall said, "It does give the guys a chance to get used to each other, to work with each other to get the task done."

The money goes to fund miscellaneous ACES events throughout the year, including the ACES mixer, the annual ACES Mass, a conference in Dallas, and other diversity conferences. ACES also sponsors an annual toy drive and helps a family with their food, money, utilities bill, and rent. They also find a Big Brother night during which they play basketball, play pool, and eat pizza.

Overall, ACES president Chris Cahill concludes, "The car wash was very, very, very successful."

Alum's book narrates affirmative action suit

Alex Sciuto
Assistant Editor

This past Wednesday, at Left Bank Books, a hand rose from the audience of forty people who had just listened to Greg Stohr, '85, read from the prologue of his first book. A man asked, "Do you think that in the near future affirmative action will be struck down?"

Stohr, who has spent the past three years researching and writing his newly published book *A Black and White Case: How Affirmative Action Survived its Greatest Legal Challenge*, answered that affirmative action is here for the next few decades. Even though the court may be divided on how to apply affirmative action, seven of nine justices support the principle of affirmative action.

Near the end of 2000, Stohr decided to write an account of two cases brought against the University of Michigan's law school and undergraduate college. These two cases were the first in a generation in which the Supreme Court had ruled on the constitutionality of race-based admissions.

Jennifer Gratz, an undergraduate not admitted to Michigan's undergraduate college, and Barbara Grutter, a graduate student not admitted to Michigan's law school, both made legal history when they filed separate suits against the University of Michigan claiming that the university violated their 14th amendment rights. The Center for Individual Rights, a Washington, D.C. public interest law firm, supplied the lawyers and provided the two women with the resources needed to make their challenge in the courts.

On December 13, 2000, a federal judge decided that the undergraduate college's point-based admissions process was constitutional, and four months later, a different judge ruled that the law school's more vague admissions process was unconstitutional. Lawyers on both cases appealed the decisions to the Supreme Court.

After a quarter century of silence on race-based admissions, the Supreme Court on June 23, 2003, in a 5-4 decision that ruled Michigan's undergraduate point-based admissions process as unconstitutional, but kept the more vague affirmative actions of the law school. Even though Michigan won only one of the cases, the two decisions ruled that affirmative action is not only constitutional, but conducive to a better classroom.

As a result of the decisions, very large universities using point-based systems were required to alter their admissions process. The largest change resulting from the decisions was that race-exclusive scholarships, scholarships open to only a certain minority, were deemed unconstitutional. As of now, almost all

colleges and universities have complied with the decisions.

Stohr said that the cases "had really compelling people on both sides" and that he "tried to focus the book on people." Stohr said, "I wanted to tell the story through their eyes."

One of the most compelling characters of this legal epic was Lee Bollinger, the lead lawyer who defended Michigan in both the cases. Bollinger enlisted the help of hundreds of businessmen, military leaders, and academics who filed briefs with the Supreme Court supporting affirmative action. These briefs played a large role in the court's decision to maintain affirmative action. "It might have been a very different case without the briefs,"

Stohr said of the affirmative action case.

After graduating SLUH in 1985, Stohr attended four colleges, including Queen Mary's college in London and Notre Dame University, before graduating in '89 from St. Louis University.

After college, Stohr worked for three and a half years for California congressman Tom Campbell. "I was (Campbell's) press secretary. It was my job to promote him and get newspapers to say nice things about him. It wasn't that hard to do because I thought he was a really good guy and member of Congress."

Stohr cannot remember a time when he did not love writing, but Campbell gave Stohr his love of law.

While at Harvard, Stohr clerked for U.S. district judge Frank Kaufman in Baltimore. "I did the first draft of a lot of his opinions. If motions would come, I would make a recommendation regarding what he should decide. ... I really got to be, well, assistant judge would be glorifying it too much. I got to completely see how a judge goes about making his decisions," Stohr said.

After Harvard, Stohr wanted to combine law with writing.

"I like writing, and I like trying to make sense of legal issues so that non-lawyers can understand them. ... To take a case that may have a lot of legal language and make it make sense for people who are not lawyers is great."

"I was always interested in journalism. I was editor of the *PN*, so journalism was in my blood," Stohr said. "When I graduated (from Harvard Law School), I had done a lot of freelance journalism but never full time, and I decided at that point I'd give journalism a try full time, and I started working for Bloomberg News covering legal stuff."

Stohr eventually ended up covering the Supreme Court for Bloomberg. Covering the Supreme Court gave Stohr the chance to meet all of the Supreme Court justices. "All of the chief justices

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Stohr, '85, and English teacher Jim Raterman pose for a candid photo Wednesday night.

STOHR

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know me, and I've talked to all of them. (Justice Clarence) Thomas never really said 'hi' to me, though. He is quiet around me," Stohr said.

Although the differences between writing a book and writing news articles may seem great, the similarities between the two surprised Stohr. "Both (articles and books) are telling a story. They're both trying to engage the reader and make the reader interested in what you're saying ... and inform the reader, perhaps, along the way."

The most memorable case Stohr personally experienced and reported on was the *Bush v. Gore* case in 2000. The excitement and importance of the case especially struck him. "There's no other occasion where I've felt like I was in the middle of such drama, as when I covered that case. Cross my fingers, it's probably a once in a life-time experience. ... I sure hope we don't have to go through that again after this election."

Writing a book specifically about a contemporary court case presented difficulties. Stohr had to interview lawyers involved in active cases. "Lawyers, for good reason, are a little hesitant to say too much while a case is going on. They're bound by attorney-client privilege and so it was a struggle at times to get what I needed out of the people," Stohr said.

Stohr still fondly remembers the *Prep News* and the English department. "The English department's enthusiasm for literature and good writing is really infectious," Stohr said. Stohr's best memories at SLUH come from working on and editing the *Prep News*. "I had never had Mr. (Jim) Raterman for English, but he was the *Prep News* moderator, and I love him. ... He just got so excited about literature and the *Prep News*. A teacher like that just gets you excited about English." Rich Moran's English class stands also stands out as a great experience at SLUH for Stohr: "That was a wonderful class," he said.

Even though 19 years have passed since Stohr edited the *Prep News*, he still remembers the amount of work required to print the newspaper. "We had to run off *Prep News* on this printer with a wheel on it, and it seemed that it broke down almost every Thursday night, and you would have to hand crank the thing, and it would take forever and we would all have to take turns (cranking) it ... The production end of the *Prep News* was always chaotic."

Regarding his experiences in high school, Stohr said, "SLUH was the best opportunity to figure out who I was. There were a lot of great people there, both classmates and teachers, that were there to help you figure that out. SLUH probably has (had) more enduring effect on me as a person than in a professional sense."

PN Nightbeats**Weir scores two;
Soccer defeats
MICDS, 4-0**

The Soccerbills made it three in a row last night by shutting out MICDS, 4-0. The game also marked the return of head coach Charlie Martel, who coached his first game since Sept. 16.

Goals by junior Malcolm DeBaun, and senior Matt Wilson, and two by senior Tim Weir, led the Soccerbills past MICDS 4-0. DeBaun scored in the first two minutes of the game and that set the tone. Weir's two goals came on penalty kicks

Joe Guntli started in goal and recorded the Jr. Bills' third shutout in a row.

—Reported by Andrew Schroeder

**Footbills travel to
Cape Girardeau
Central, win 21-13****XPECTATIONS**

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least until the tripping incident, bunching three respectable times close together. Mike Jonagan finished in 17:10, followed closely by former JV man Matt Dirnbeck at 17:12, and then Carlson at 17:16. They scored 24th, 26th, and 28th respectively, with respectable races in such a tough field.

Special recognition goes out to Drew Kaiser, who, after being trampled, did not buckle, finishing in 17:35 for 34th place overall as SLUH's fifth man. Charlie Samson rounded out the team's day with a 17:48, for 42nd place.

"To tell you the truth," stated Linhares. "I'm actually kind of happy we took fourth by so little. It is going to help our focus."

JV, on the other hand, danced to a completely different tune. The freshmen joined the upperclassmen and ran their first 5K in a field that included over 400 runners. The JV squad once again showed the area who's boss on the junior varsity level. Outdistancing DeSmet (55) and

West Plains (70 of 80), SLUH scored 34 points and took home the title behind the stellar performances and senior Dan Meier, who was the individual champion, and sophomore phenom Pete Heagney, who dipped below the 18-minute mark for the first time this season. In awe of the JV race, varsity runner Murphy-Baum said, "We've got one of the strongest JV teams in ... like ... everywhere."

This statement will be tested tomorrow at the 5th annual Jesuit Invitational as the varsity team takes the weekend off in hopes of resting their legs for the MCC meet next weekend. Assistant coach Tom Flanagan has high hopes for the day, thinking that "we could give (the other teams) a battle. I'd like to think five guys could medal for us, and that would give us a decent score."

SLUH welcomes the 21 runners from brother school Regis in Denver, Colorado, who have stopped by for the festivities. Races begin at 2:15 p.m. at DeSmet High school. See you there!

MARVIN GAYE

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gym and heard arguments for the Republican Party and for the Democratic Party, given by John Hancock and Jeff Smith, respectively. Students then posed questions that they had thought of while in the homeroom elections to either of the two representatives. The day ended with a tallying of the outcome of both the popular vote and the homeroom electoral vote.

Overall, many students felt that Issues Day succeeded in not only increasing their familiarity with the different subjects but also instilling a concern for current events.

“What (Issues Day) did for me was to show me the importance of researching issues and informing myself before I submit my vote,” senior Dan Queathem said.

For many undecided students, the organization and scheduling of the activities helped students round out their opinions.

Because the group sessions focused on providing students with facts and current information, students first engaged in discussions of some relatively marginalized issues, such as crime or the environment.

“(The speakers) got in depth, so I could get an outline (of the issues) that I hadn’t really been exposed to yet,” junior Joel Westwood said.

However, for many students, this new understanding of the problems and concerns did not come solely from the speakers. Often, the atmosphere of debate that Issues Day fostered encouraged students to exchange ideas and perspectives. As discussion of these positions filled the air, some students re-examined their stances and amended their views before the final vote. Sophomore Tim Ryan said, “You got to see where everybody stood on the issue.”

Junior Killian Hagen added, “When I started today, I was in the middle, (but) to hear what other students have to say about (the issues) and why they thought that way and at the main assembly, where we heard more of what each party repre-

sented, helped me form my own opinions.”

Other students emphasized how complete student involvement facilitated the taking of stances and positions. “(Issues Day) gave us a chance for us to criticize what we don’t like without (dealing with what other people expect of us),” junior Sam Cummings said, “For the first time, we have the chance to choose.”

For those students who came to the debate with set opinions, the discussion cultivated a respect for other viewpoints and exposed the spins that each party had put on issues. Senior Andrew Schaeperkoetter said, “I got a better idea of what the candidates stood for, but many views are slanted from previous bias. It’s important to see the truths from the myths of the candidates.”

Despite much positive feedback about the impact of Issues Day, many students also thought certain aspects could be improved upon. Students praised the speakers for revealing both sides of the issues fairly and minimizing bias in their presentations, but often left with clear opinions but not a clear idea of how to vote in line with their convictions.

Westwood said, “Often with the issues, they would talk about them, but they wouldn’t say how the candidates stood on the issue. Considering that it’s an election year, they should say what (the candidates) felt so we can make a decision on who we would rather vote for.”

In addition, some students thought that the early dismissal schedule rushed them through the Issues Day activities and did not allocate enough time to develop their own convictions and then consider those of their classmates.

When asked how to employ the extra time, students agreed that more time for debate during the day would help the voting process. However, they disagree as to where the extra discussion time should fall.

“(Instead of) one person talking to us on an issue, they could have two people who represented both sides, because a lot of the time, when people asked, ‘What

does this side think,’ some (speakers) said, ‘I don’t specialize; I don’t think that way, so I wouldn’t know,’” Hagen said.

Freshman Dan Everson, on the other hand, said, “With a regular schedule, we could’ve attended four 45-minute sessions rather than three 40-minute ones. That could’ve changed the election results a lot.”

Junior Tim Schisler presented another alternative. “I would’ve liked it if they had more time (in the final assembly),” he said. “They could have opened up the floor to questions from the students directly. I would have liked time for a debate between the two representatives.”

Throughout all the classes, however, students came to a consensus that Issues Day helped them consider ideas in new and insightful ways. Queathem said, “(Issues Day) raised good questions that underlie the topics in the election. It showed me how important it is to have a candidate that stands for your beliefs and morals.”

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Calendar

Oct. 1-Oct. 8

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

Schedule R
College Visits (Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend):
Emory U. @ 9:40
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
C Soc @ MICDS, 4:15

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

V Soc vs. Vianney, 7pm
C Soc @ CBC Tourn (2nd-9th)
V/JV/C XC @ Chaminade, Jesuit Invitational, 2:30

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

Schedule R
IM Bashball So/Jr
Pro-Life Club Mtg.
Fr. Advisement
Soph. Latin Dream Team @ AP

College Visits:
Edu. & Career Opp. in the Marine Corps
V Soc Hudson Tourn. @ Soccer Park (through Saturday)
V/JV WP vs. Lafayette, 4/5:00

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Schedule H
Faculty Mtg. 1pm
College Visits (Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend):
Colorado Coll. @ 8:00
JV Soc @ DeSmet, 4:00
V/JV WP vs. MICDS, 4/5:00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Schedule R
Fr. Eng. Tutorial
IM Bashball So
College Visits:
Lake Forest Coll.
Macalester Coll.
Quincy U.
South Illinois U.-Carbondale

JV Soc vs. St. Mary's @ Compton Drew, 4:00
V/JV WP @ Ladue, 4/5:00

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Schedule R
STUCO Forum
Faculty/Staff Mix-up Luncheon
IM Bashball So/Jr
Sodality in Chapel
SSLA Mtg. 5pm
Amnesty Mtg.
College Visits:
St. Louis U.
CAL-TECH @ 9:30 (Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend)
B FB @ DeSmet, 4:30
C FB vs. DeSmet, 6:00
Fr. Lat. Dream Team @ AP

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Schedule R
STUCO Pep Rally
IM Bashball So/Jr
Amnesty Mtg.
V FB vs. DeSmet, 7:00

SUGAR RAY

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for students at a Jesuit school to see and learn about someone who truly followed the example of Jesus."

The show continues through this weekend, with a 7:30 performance on Saturday night and a 2:30 matinee this Sunday. This afternoon, the entire sophomore class will assemble in the theater to watch the show, an arrangement made between the theater and theology departments while Schulte was in the process of selecting a play. A special performance reserved for students is a new concept that Schulte hopes to continue in the future. Tickets are \$5 presale and \$6 at the door.

DROPKICK MURPHYS

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corporations, although some corporations give scholarships to residents of the communities in which they have plants or offices. There are 350 corporate sponsors that provide these scholarships.

Students who receive the scholarship from the National Merit program undergo the same process that chooses Semifinalists, but the competition is much stronger, as 15,000 students are competing for 2,500 scholarships.

At SLUH, both juniors and sophomores take the PSAT each year. Juniors take the test with the possibility of becoming a National Merit Scholar.

SLUH is fairly different in requiring

sophomores to take the test—according to Mouldon, only about 25 percent of schools that require juniors to take the test also require sophomores to take the test.

"(The PSAT) really means nothing more than (a practice test) sophomore year," said Mouldon, "What's nice is when you get the PSAT back you get not only the score but you get an item summary that tells you the correct answer, your answer, and your original questions you get back. And you can figure out the ones you missed and why you missed them."

The PSAT for this year's juniors and sophomores will take place on Wednesday Oct. 13, in the midst of exam week.

Announcement

Dr. McConaghy would like to remind Latin Club members that t-shirt designs are due by Monday, Oct. 18.