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Prep News



"If nothing else, value the truth"

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ACSA discusses substance abuse, bullying/harassment

Greg Fox
Editor in Chief

Assistant Principal for Student Welfare Eric Clark's Advisory Committee for Student Affairs (ACSA) met for the first time of the year in the Robinson Library on Monday night. During the meeting, the committee, which is comprised of sophomores, juniors, seniors, faculty, parents, and Clark, discussed two issues—alcohol and drug use and bullying/harassment.

Clark opened the night by stating that, while the committee has no power to implement change, it does "have the power to suggest change." Clark then began the

discussion on drugs and alcohol by explaining the two situations that prompted the discussion: students repeatedly loitering on Wise Avenue and other locations in the neighborhood, and the discovery of a drinking club, the majority of whose members are St. Louis U. High students.

Jennifer Fisher was the first committee member of the night to suggest change. Because of the ostracism students face by tipping off the administration to other students' illicit activities, Fisher suggested a system of anonymous tips to which the administration could respond. Fisher acknowledged the risk of false reporting inherent in the system, and concluded that

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STUCO's first Forum meets

Tim Huether
Sports Editor

The St. Louis U. High Student Council held the first of four quarterly forums last Friday. The forum was originally scheduled for Oct. 7 but was moved because of an Amnesty International speaker that came to SLUH the same day.

The 2004-2005 STUCO started the forum schedule off by making announcements regarding Fall Ball, Fall Festival, and the Blood Drive which St. John's Mercy Hospital held on Tuesday. STUCO then opened the floor to an open forum.

STUCO changed the original date and place for Fall Ball, from Saturday Oct. 30 at the Adam's Mark Hotel to Friday Nov. 12 at Windows off Washington. The Adam's Mark Hotel was busy both dates, and STUCO chose Windows off Washington because "it was too late to book anywhere else," said STUCO Vice President Tim Heafner. STUCO chose Nov. 12 as a better date because "there was nothing else going on that day," said Heafner.

Fall Festival, originally scheduled for Oct. 16, had to be cancelled because of heavy rains. The festival centered on a beach volleyball tournament which was to be held on the PE fields by the student parking lot. The rains saturated the field, however, and the dump trucks loaded down with sand would have stuck in the wet field if they attempted to dump the sand. STUCO will still have Fall Festival, but plans on renaming it and moving it to

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Republicans, Democratic Socialists debate WWE-style

Jim Santel
Reporter

As the United States approaches the presidential election on Nov. 2, St. Louis U. High's two most prominent political clubs, the Young Republicans and the Young Democratic Socialists, attempted to persuade and inform the student body about the views of the Republican and Democratic candidates through a debate. The event was held in the theater during Tuesday's activity period.

Covering such hot-button issues such as the war in Iraq, the war on terror, North Korean nuclear policy, unemployment,

Social Security, education, and the topic of life and abortion, the debate used a new "tag-team" format in which teams could switch debaters mid-response.

History teacher Paul Michaelson posed the questions to the Young Republicans team, comprised of senior Jared Luner, sophomore Mark Zinn, and freshman Brett DeLaria, and to the Democratic Socialists team, made up of senior Paul Barker and sophomore Tim Nesmith.

Barker set the tone early with his opening statement, saying that Bush has "squandered the nation's good will" and that his decision to invade Iraq was "absurd and irresponsible." The Democrats

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It's Alive: Pulse revived on upper field, in commons

Brian Krebs
Core Staff

Last Friday marked the official "Revival" of The Pulse, St. Louis U. High's student-run radio station, with after school festivities.

In the center of the Upper Field on a foot-high platform stood "DJ Yanix" and "DJ Mark," who blasted the surrounding campus with their beats. The latter, Mark Emmanuel ('00), founded The Pulse in 1999, and, according to current leader senior Brad Tissi, Emmanuel "had to fight with everybody to get (The Pulse) going." DJ Yanix is a friend of Emmanuel's from Chicago who played at some clubs at St. Louis University.

Indoors, just outside of the student commons stood "DJ Spitfire," junior Si Kincaid. While Kincaid lent students his musical talents, "MC Eddie," junior Eddie Szewczyk, entertained the crowd effortlessly with words, already a broadcast veteran thanks to his experience with both SLUH's Broadcast Club and Radio Disney.

Kincaid's "scratches" drew immediate attention from students in the early minutes after the end of school. Seniors Chris Cahill and Domenic Laury both rapped at one point in Kincaid's performance. Towards the end of the afternoon, a few students went on the other side of the turn-tables, and Kincaid taught them the basics in his craft.

Throughout the course of the event, Tissi went back and forth from the two stations, giving away free music paraphernalia, such as posters, stickers, and the occasional CD.

Overall, Tissi is glad with how things went. "The whole purpose was just to get the word out...to get everybody to notice

that we're going." Added Tissi, "(People) could hear it through the outer walls. They definitely heard. That was the purpose and that's what it accomplished."

The Pulse neither made nor spent money on the event.

In the future, Tissi hopes to make the necessary progress to get the radio completely

up and running by the start of the second semester. But Tissi admits, "It's gonna be a really big challenge, but we'll see if we can get there."

One possibility is the return of the "Bandapasluhza," a rock/alternative band showcase. Tissi also added, "We're working on expanding. We've got someone looking into (installing speakers) in the rec room."

The Pulse is working towards broadcasting SLUH sports events such as football, soccer, and basketball contests between SLUH and their opponents.

In addition to Pulse members, other students praised Friday's sounds as well. As he listened outside the commons to Kincaid's version of the Super Mario Bros. theme and 50 Cent, junior Dan Finucane said, "I never really knew that (the Pulse) left and I'm glad to hear music bumping through the halls again."



A Pulse DJ spins and responds to a student's queries.

Car broken into on student lot

Kyle Kloster
Core Staff

Last Monday, during St. Louis U. High's soccer game against Lindbergh, a burglar damaged and looted the car of Cheryl Irvin, who was watching her son Tom play in the match.

According to Tom, the vandalism and theft occurred between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., when someone stole Irvin's purse after smashing through a window in her car, which was parked in one of the angled spaces behind the south fence of the stadium off Berthold Avenue.

Irvin noticed the broken window when she returned to her car from the soccer game and checked inside of her car. Tom remarked, "She doesn't run, she's never in that big of a hurry, but she came running across the field and told us that they took it all."

Irvin told her family that someone had broken a window of her car and taken her purse and possibly other items. The family then spoke to varsity soccer coach and Director of Security Charlie Clark. Clark had the Irvins telephone the police,

and then, while waiting for the arrival of the police, he helped the Irvins search the student parking lot and nearby warehouse areas with flashlights in case the criminal had dumped any stolen items.

Although a security guard was on duty at the time, according to Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick, the guard was stationed inside the guardhouse near the student entry to the building. Clark added that there were three events at SLUH that night, causing a lot of traffic to enter and exit the lot, which shielded this part of the parking lot from the guard's vision.

Irvin estimated a \$300 to \$500 loss, which include some mementos of Irvin's father that she has carried with her since his funeral, in addition to the \$100 broken window.

When they arrived home and phoned the credit card companies to cancel her cards, they discovered that the criminal had already used her credit card in an Amoco (BP) gas station in St. Louis at 6:49 p.m. Irvin has hired a private investigator to recover her purse and other property.

EDITORIAL

Are our leaders leading?

On any broadcast of a SLUH football game, aside from the athletes, the STUCO Blue Crew attracts the most attention of the video cameras. SLUH's most popular social event is the STUCO Back to School Mixer, attended this year by 3,800 high school students. The STUCO religious commissioner reads the afternoon prayer, and during homeroom, the spirit brigade sometimes runs through the homerooms screaming out the weekend's big soccer or basketball game. The Student Council is the most visible student organization at SLUH.

Though STUCO has worked hard and tried to make SLUH a better place, STUCO has still failed in certain key areas. These failures are not unique to this year's Student Council, as past STUCOs have also struggled with the same problems. While this STUCO has met the expectations set by past STUCOs, we believe they are capable of much more.

The most important area that we believe STUCO has failed in is leadership. While individual members provide good examples of leadership, as a whole STUCO provides few positive examples. Student Council's own constitution states that one of its purposes is to "set an example by representing good moral and responsible behavior." We ask you, do you look to STUCO for examples of moral and responsible behavior? Confronting a lack of school spirit with a cheer requires little strength and conviction when compared to confronting students who bully, drink alcohol, or use drugs. When real leadership is required, STUCO seems to disappear from their position as leaders.

Because STUCO often fails to live up to its responsibilities as real leaders of the student body, they fail to represent the school in matters beyond school spirit. What is STUCO's stance on the loitering in the neighborhood? On the expansion plans of Vision 2000? On SLUH's drug and alcohol policy? One of STUCO's stated purposes is to "represent student voice on issues of concern." How can they represent our voice when they have no

position on key issues to the school that affect all of us?

Two years ago, the STUCO room was shut down for roughhousing. Last year the room was also closed. This year, the room was closed for obscenities written on the walls. STUCO officers attempted to erase or mark out the obscenities shortly after they were written, but that such graffiti occurred at all angers us.

At the beginning of the year, STUCO held two assemblies announcing that Community was to be their main theme for the year. That is a high ideal, impossible to follow perfectly, but the writing of obscenities and the defamation of another member of the SLUH community in the STUCO room and on the STUCO walls does not just fall short of that ideal, it severely violates it. That STUCO, the group that represents us, has to have their office shut down annually for any offense reflects badly on the community whom they represent.

As STUCO wrote in their apology, many of the sources of these problems germinate and grow in the Student Council room. The room where STUCO holds its meetings and organizes events also serves as a senior lounge where some seniors can come and hang out. This dual role exposes the key decision for STUCO. Does the Student Council want to serve as the student lounge, physically and spiritually, for the school, or does STUCO want to inspire the community to be something greater? The two options are by no means mutually exclusive, but currently one far outweighs the other.

Many will think that our expectations are too much for STUCO or we are being arrogant or too judgmental, but we believe that our leaders should appeal to the greatest and most good in all of us instead of appealing to our mediocre selves. The Student Council should lead SLUH forward and not drag the school along, keeping pace with the status quo. We believe our STUCO officers and commissioners have the character required for this task and will rise to this challenge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

STUCO responds to closing Venker discusses respect

To the Editors:

Recently there have been some degrading remarks written on the walls of the STUCO room. We, STUCO, would like to apologize for the presence of those insults on our walls, and especially apologize to those who were hurt and offended by those comments. Regardless of who is responsible for the writing on the wall, it is the STUCO room, and we are sorry for not dealing with the writing properly.

Part of the problem I and my fellow STUCO members face is that our room is also used as a type of senior lounge. While fun, this dual purpose puts us in a hard spot. When bad things happen in our room, such as this recent vandalism, we have limited choices: tell people to stop or close the room. If we tell people to stop and they do not, we take the blame because it is our room. On

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To the Editors:

At the beginning of the year, STUCO organized an all-school assembly on community which included a talk on respect and followed last year's talk which had the respect theme. If we all respected each other, people would not be turning in their fellow classmates for activities not even affiliated with the school. People would not go behind somebody's back when they have a problem and deface the STUCO room. If we all had respect we would talk to each other about these problems. We all need to realize that people have different opinions and are entitled to them. The way to make change is not to verbally or physically attack, abuse, or punish somebody. That approach leads only to resentment of the other person and a further separation of views, not to mention the destruction of the community.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Winker '06 (left), Grass (right) respond to Hill's letter

To the Editors:

First of all, I would like to say that I have not read Archbishop Burke's Pastoral Letter, but I did read the special in the *Prep News* last Tuesday and have made it a habit of mine to study Church doctrine and how it relates to me and society as a whole. That being said, Mike's letter from last week was full of contradictions and misinformation, and was a poor use of reason to come to a conclusion, if there was one.

Mike's statement that he is "open to the possibility that [the Church is] wrong" goes against *Canon Law 212 §1*, which states that "the Christian faithful are bound to follow with Christian obedience those things which the sacred pastors, inasmuch as they represent Christ, declare as teachers of the faith." Mike said he is open to believing that Jesus, actively speaking through the Archbishop, is wrong on his stance on the "five 'intrinsically evil acts.'" Canon Law clearly says that Burke was correct in speaking to instruct the faithful on their "civic responsibility" to vote with their conscience, which has hopefully been developed by good morals and the teachings of the Church. I applaud Mike because "according to the knowledge, competence, and prestige which [he possesses], [he has manifested] to the sacred pastors [his] opinion on matters which pertain to the good of the Church and [has made his] opinion known to the rest of the Christian faithful" (*Can.212 §3*), that is, to us through his letter. I understand that it is not easy to believe everything spoken in the context of Church teaching by our pastors, that is the priest, bishops, cardinals, and especially the Pope, but we are called to have faith in a time of doubt.

Archbishop Burke said in his letter that "homosexual acts are intrinsically evil," which is what the Church has always taught. However, one could confuse homosexuality with homosexual acts. Allow me to explain them so that there is no confusion when I get to the really good stuff; homosexual acts are no more wrong than heterosexual acts. The Church condemns any sexual act done outside of a marriage, which is a little something called chastity. Chastity is the respect of sexuality so as you keep it in the proper context; that is, marriage between a man and a woman. Before you ask how I came to define marriage as between a man and a woman, read Matthew 19:5, Mark 10:7, Ephesians 5:31, and for fun, Genesis 2:20-24. So why "exclude" homosexuals from the acceptance of Jesus? They aren't. Homosexuals "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity," (*CCC 2358*) but to allow them to have sex would be "contrary to the natural law" (*CCC 2357*) and would "close the sexual act to the gift of life," (*CCC 2357*) which it is meant for (Cf. Gen. 1:28, *CCC 2368*). Homosexuals are not "den[ied] salvation" as Mike put it, but rather they "are called to chastity. By the virtues of self-

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To the Editors:

It is 1:00 a.m., and I am sitting in my dorm room. "Why am I about to write this letter" is like a broken record in my brain. I am in college, a girl, and have obviously never attended SLUH, but somehow that does not seem to matter. Mike Hill is wrong, and if I have to be the one to tell him that, then so be it. Mike wrote, "I agree that it would be arrogant to say that I know better than the Church." Whether or not this was your intention, Mike, this is what you did.

A democratic system takes on good faith that those privileged individuals with voting capabilities will vote as informed citizens. "Informed" is not only having seen the candidate's name on a lawn sign but actually knowing the positions and beliefs of that candidate. An informed public has done its homework, watched the game tape, and is prepared for an election.

It is my sincere belief that our only purpose in life is to serve God. Someday, we will answer to His judgment and should live our lives knowing that when we die, God will question the decisions we made in this lifetime. I am a Catholic because at the end of the day, I feel the Catholic Church has more of the truth than any other religion out there. If you identify yourself with an entity, should you not be in accord with their beliefs and practices? I feel that you should. People who are willing to say they are Catholic have a responsibility to be a witness to their faith. If the Catholic Church strongly opposes abortion, yet its members vote for candidates that deny the sanctity of life in their policies, what message is being sent?

Political knowledge can come from a variety of sources—which sources you choose to get that information from says something about you as a person. I got my information from the Catholic Church. I chose to concede that the Church is an authoritative source of information and in doing so, voted in adherence to things such as an archbishop's pastoral letter. When my Church asks me to make human life a priority, I willingly do so. When a Catholic's voting record is in conflict with Catholic beliefs, nothing is accomplished. Positive change, such as the reversal of the abortion verdict, will only occur when Catholics can unite. When voting, ask yourself, "Am I really a Catholic? or is God just a coat I wear on Sunday for an hour and take off immediately after leaving Mass early?"

I beg you to pray about the upcoming elections. Take God with you into the polling place and make Him your source of information. See the issues as God himself would see them. That is all anyone can ask of you as a Catholic—to vote as you feel God himself would vote. Thank you, and God bless.

Anne Grass

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Eggleston challenges students to greater acceptance

Dear Editors,

This past Monday, I attended the Student Advisory Committee meeting, where we discussed, among other things, bullying at SLUH. I assume that usually the administration looks towards the students for advice on how they can handle certain student situations. While this did happen Monday, I was struck by how much responsibility we have as students to handle these situations. I realized that I got a little too comfortable only taking care of myself and briefly forgot my obligations to help those being the victims of bullying.

I must admit that SLUH does a better job than most schools of accepting different types of people and, therefore, cuts down on a lot of harassment or bullying. That being said, I don't think it's right for us to pat ourselves on the back and be satisfied with doing better than the majority. A person should never get his or her self-esteem by comparing himself or herself to other people, and likewise a school should not get its esteem by doing the same.

We have the ability to eliminate bullying at SLUH, and I don't see why we don't. Certainly, there's no reason we should have it in our senior class, but I've seen it happening several times this year. I'm sorry for the times I've let it pass right in front of my face, and I think I can do a lot better job than I have been. I think we all can, and I challenge everyone to become more aware of harassment at SLUH and work to change it. Freshmen, I know it can be hard to make friends. Sometimes a way to start a conversation can be to make fun of a kid you find annoying, short, stupid, goofy-looking or whatever. Seniors, I think we need to set a better example and reach out to the younger classes. Let's have enough self-confidence to stand up for someone, instead of trying to prove how cool we are.

Joe Eggleston
President of Student Council

Beaverhousen addresses evil dangers of loitering

Response to Ryan [*Hamiltinosis*]'s Letter:

Some words have been altered in order to [*protect*] the sensitivity of the SLUH student body.

Hello current SLUH students:

I would like to express my utter outrage towards a one Mr. [*Hamiltinosis*] and his letter to the editor last week. The notion that these criminals are "men for others" is complete [*bullsnap*]. Loitering, punishable by death in 36% of Eastern European countries, must be looked at more closely and taken for what it really and truly is, [*dangerous*]. Consider the harm that can be done by a mob of loiterers. While out of view of "Big Brother" parked on the curb of Wise Avenue, these delinquents are no doubt experimenting with illegal drugs of some unknown acronym, such as SPR or LTQ to name a couple of possibilities. The amount of drive-by shootings also increases 15% as these loiterers, who are hopped up on Rick James knows what, pick off innocent carpoolers who travel down Wise Avenue. I've seen it happen a hundred times, and it is not something the SLUH community [*should be proud of*]. And Mr. [*Hamiltinosis*]'s comment that they are adding life to the industrial atmosphere of the area and should be regarded with the same value as the lives of prostitutes, inevitably being solicited by our loiterers, have. One may have a case for the innocence of these young [*men*] if it were indeed true that they are merely meeting for conversation and celebration of their legal rights as 18-year-olds. However, this cannot possibly be reality. It must be assumed that they are creatures of sin. I am also quite certain that the loiterers are responsible for and indeed the heads of the gambling ring inside SLUH. I acquired this reliable information [*through the grapevine*], who points his finger in their direction. The fact is that the

impossible for you current students to purchase two and/or three chicken wraps on that, the most sacred of days. The extreme loss of this ability, due solely to gambling I assure you, will cause hunger, followed by fatigue, followed by loss of concentration, followed by a total loss of the school's excellent reputation due to drastically cut ACT scores. There is no way around the facts Mr. [*Hamiltinosis*], these children are criminals and should be locked in the cupboard on the third floor of the science wing, which houses torture equipment that Father Tom, true story, acquired from Mongolian warlords shortly after building the stadium with a paper clip and ball peen hammer. It's true, I was there.

Carl Beaverhousen, '82
(for contact information, see Chris James)

Aylward apologizes for comment

To the Editors,

I had a short interview last week with a *Prep News* reporter about the newly-installed fans in some classrooms. In the first part of the interview I spoke seriously about why the fans were installed, but when I was asked about the fans made in the classroom I went into a jesting mode about sophomores and me in the classroom. I wish to apologize if my words offended anyone. At times my somewhat bizarre sense of humor can override common sense. I have enjoyed teaching sophomores since my first year here at SLUH and certainly this year enjoy teaching my students from the class of 2007.

Sincerely,
Chris Aylward

WINKER

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mastery that teach them inner freedom” (CCC 2359), they could “approach Christian perfection” (CCC 2359), that is if they live a life of chastity. Jesus does not deny you, you deny Jesus through sin; in this case not living chastely. Because of this teaching Mike called some “authority figures [in the Church]” narrow-minded. How could the body that represents Christ on earth be narrow-minded? Mike called the Church “slow to change,” but why would the Church change an objective truth that has been given by God to us through inspiration? If someone says that they think they know what is true better than God then I think they ought to re-examine their definition of truth and God.

Abortion is often compared to the war in Iraq or the death penalty, as it was by Mike, in the hope of finding President Bush guilty of the greater evil. How can one compare abortion to the war in Iraq, or any war for that matter? Every day, 4400 innocent unborn children are killed through abortion and in one year a little over 1000 volunteer soldiers have been killed in Iraq. There is no comparison. The death penalty and abortion cannot be compared as simply as some have. The death penalty is not entirely rejected by the Church. The Church says “if [the death penalty] is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor” (CCC 2267), then it is acceptable. If one does not wish to be redeemed, then one cannot be redeemed. Not all prisoners are sorry for their crimes, and in fact some have threatened to kill again if they ever get out. Those prisoners have little hope of redemption because they are not open to it. Mike used the Parable of the Lost Sheep to defend his case, but he failed to note that Jesus will never find the lost sheep if that sheep is hiding from him. The same is true with a person who is in sin.

Although St. Thomas Aquinas was a great thinker and is a Doctor of the Church, not all of his writings are relevant anymore, and in fact could be considered contradictory to Church teaching. Upon reading that I, as a male, did not have a soul “until forty days after [my] birth” I

Holy Spirit and the grace to fight the temptations of sin a whole 11 days before I was “fully developed as a human” and “did not have a soul.” How is that possible? How can I be given grace for my soul before I have one?

The answer comes from the Catechism, in which “the Church teaches that every spiritual soul is created immediately [upon creation, that is conception] by God—it is not ‘produced’ by the parents” (CCC 366) Perhaps Aquinas was wrong, or maybe ignorant of that topic. But that is a different story and would take too much to put in this editorial, so I won’t. But to finish the topic of abortion, and for that matter when life truly begins: biology and modern science have shown that an unborn baby has a beating heart within three to four weeks of conception and has brain waves within six weeks after conception. When do we draw the line?

I believe that the Archbishop is doing the right thing by speaking out about this upcoming election. I see his sneakiness in not mentioning names or parties, but I also see that he is only seeking to build up the Kingdom of God here on Earth. I understand that Mike is angry that a guy who has only been here for a little under ten months is telling us how to vote and if we vote wrongly then we are going to hell unless we go to confession. It is essential that we follow the instructions of our shepherd and bring our morals and faith into the ballot box with us, whatever they may be.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Winker, '06

STUCO

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the other hand, if we close the room, we become the bad guys because the room is a fun place to hang out. This is a tough predicament and, despite our efforts to cover things up and scratch things out, we did not do enough to solve the problem, but we will work to do a better job in the future.

Sincerely,

David Venker '05

STUCO Secretary/Treasurer

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(from 3)

That said, I challenge my classmates to respect each other and rebuild that unity we had at the end of our junior year after retreats and our Jr. Ring Mass and Dance. I also challenge the rest of the school to build that community that we talked about at the beginning of the year. The problem certainly extends through all classes. For example, I know one student who left SLUH because his classmates were mean to him (and that is a drastic understatement). HOW THE HELL DOES THAT HAPPEN IN THIS SCHOOL?! That is a ridiculous thing that should never happen anywhere, especially in a Jesuit institution such as this one. If that student cannot be respected and accepted here, something is wrong with us, not him.

So how can we promote change? Take a hint from an alum, Mike Zinn. He wrote an article last week on substance abuse. His letter proved a point without attacks or accusations. He took a stand and tried to make a change, while admitting that he was not innocent himself. He showed respect for those who he is trying to change. That is what I am trying to do. I do not claim to be better than anyone else or to be above this lack of respect for others. I am guilty of it too. We need to listen to each other. Value and be open to others’ opinions. Don’t degrade people just because they are different from you. Rather, try to learn from them and think of life from their perspective. You may have to agree to disagree on some issues, but that does not involve nasty insults, disrespect, and non-acceptance.

Sincerely,

David Venker '05

First Annual SLUH Faculty/ Staff Health Fair

Friday Nov. 4, 7-11 a.m.

Danis Lobby

Footbills fall to Lindbergh in quadruple overtime

Seth Clampett
Staff

Friday night was a night of missed opportunities against Lindbergh for the Jr. Billiken football team. The Secondhalfbills played similarly to previous games, starting slowly and making a comeback after halftime. Despite their record, the damp conditions and five turnovers created problems for the team in a heartbreaking game that ended after four overtimes with Lindbergh on top, 24-21.

Senior captain LB/TE Matt Herzberg said, "We weren't ready to play. I think we came in there and underestimated what we had to do. We didn't prepare ourselves for what we had to do. I think they took care of the ball and we didn't capitalize on opportunities that we had. We had a couple of chances to block a punt or get an interception. We just didn't do the things we

needed to do."

Throughout the first half, the Jr. Bills failed to score, ending their first four drives with three punts and an interception. Lindbergh capitalized on a fourth down conversion to put themselves ahead

momentum with a fourth-down conversion. However, two penalties for 10 yards halted the drive.

The Jr. Bill defense held Lindbergh to only one first down in the first quarter, forcing them to punt. However, on the final drive of the quarter, the Flyers gained enough yards for a fourth-down conversion close to the Jr. Bills goal line. Lindbergh ran in a touchdown in two plays as time ran out for the quarter, leaving the score at 7-0.

The second quarter began with a Jr. Bills drive. Senior quarterback Matt Behr threw an 11-yard pass to senior Curtis Hoette for a first down. Junior running back Stephen Simmons tried to get another first down, but Lindbergh's defense held him back. Behr then completed a 5-yard pass to Herzberg for a first down with 10:58 left in the half. Two unsuccessful runs and an incomplete pass by Behr forced SLUH
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A SLUH defensive lineman prepares for the snap last Friday.

7-0 at the end of the half.

On SLUH's first drive, they made a few gains down the field, building mo-

Harrierbills saunter through districts, take first

Henry Samson
Reporter

A muggy, muddy course at Parkway Central awaited the Jr. Billiken cross country team last weekend. Demanding extra effort from the runners, the course proved to be difficult, but could not stop St. Louis U. High in the class 4A District #3 field. The Harriers continued their post-season march to state with an authoritative win over DeSmet (26-66) and the rest of the district.

"We set a high standard for ourselves. Basically, it was mission accomplished," head coach Jim Linhares said.

For the first time since Peter Schaefer, '03, won the sectional race, SLUH took the individual title, with a win by junior Ben Murphy-Baum. "He's a machine," junior David Rhoads said. "I seriously don't think he's had a bad race. Ever."

After a smoldering first mile around the 5-minute range, Murphy-Baum and senior Alex Muntges extended their lead until a little before the two-mile mark, when Muntges stumbled at a treacherous

downhill hairpin turn, but Murphy-Baum never looked back. He was the only runner in the day to break 17 minutes, turning in a well-earned time of 16:43.

"It felt exhilarating," a jubilant Murphy-Baum said. "Especially when you look in front of you in the chute and see no one."

Muntges picked himself up and narrowly missed catching DeSmet's Ben Famous, but still finished in 4th place at 17:11.

Even more impressive was senior Dan Meier's race. "Danny's been struggling a bit. I'm glad he didn't wait around this week," Linhares said. Truthfully, he didn't wait at all; keeping the leaders in sight for most of the race, he then overcame everyone but Murphy-Baum with his monstrous third-mile antics for a 2nd place finish in 17:05.

After a 1-2-4 finish for SLUH's top three runners, the remaining scoring members placed in the top ten, qualifying SLUH's entire team for all-district. The pack stuck to its strategy, which was to beat DeSmet's second man and cover

CBC's first man.

Seniors Joe Carlson and Matt Dimbeck executed the brutal plan by running together in 9th and 10th place, with times of 17:35 and 17:40, respectively, on a course which was noticeably slower than normal.

Juniors Mike Jonagan and Drew Kaiser, each struggling with injuries, ran a bit slower than normal, but are both back in the hunt. They ran together at 17:56 and 18:03 for 16th and 18th place overall, each placing in front of DeSmet's 4th finisher and CBC's 3rd finisher.

Shortly after the varsity race, the JV team dominated the open race by taking positions 1 through 9 overall among high school students. Junior Andy Bonner came on hard in the last stages of the race to lead the team to victory with an 18:13 on a legitimately slow course. Waves of blue and white followed, a recurring theme for the JV races this season.

With conference and districts existing only in the rearview mirrors of the XC bus, the varsity team has one more pre-
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Soccer goes 2-0, gears up for state

**Andrew Schroeder, Tim Malecek
Reporters**

Finishing the regular season this week, the Soccerbills went 2-0 with wins over Webster last Friday and Lindbergh on Monday. The game against Chaminade, which was scheduled for last Saturday, was postponed until Tuesday because of rain. However, the weather would not cooperate on Tuesday either, and the game was rained out again. It has been rescheduled for this afternoon at Chaminade at 3:45 p.m.

Last Friday against Webster, the goals arrived early for the Jr. Bills and never stopped coming. Ten minutes in, senior Luke Schlafly used his height to head a ball over the goalie on a corner kick from senior Phil Hof. Four minutes later, freshman Quinn Ottwell scored his first goal of the year after receiving a cross from junior Billy Ferris.

SLUH kept up the pressure for the remainder of the half. Webster's goalie made a couple of good saves, and the Jr. Bills hit the post near the end of the half, but could not add to their lead.

The beginning of the second half for the Jr. Bills was marked by more possession but fewer scoring opportunities. Fourteen minutes in, junior Chris Schranck dribbled to the corner where he crossed to Schlafly, who put the ball away for his fifth goal of the year.

SLUH added to its lead late in the game. Thirty seconds after a hard shot from Schranck with 12:00 left, senior Paul Eschen netted a blast from twenty yards out, beating the keeper high and to the right.

With less than two minutes left, Schlafly collided with a Webster player while contesting a ball. Schlafly was all right and able to play Monday night, although two staples were put in his head after the Friday game. The game ended 4-0, and the Jr. Bills improved their win total for this year to 14.

Monday night, the Steamerbills faced off against the Flyers from Lindbergh in the SLUH Stadium. Despite dominating the entire game and allowing Lindbergh one shot, SLUH escaped with only a 1-0

victory.

Five minutes into the first half, the Jr. Bills had a great scoring chance off of a corner kick. The kick sailed into the box, and the Lindbergh goalie came out of the net, but SLUH gained control of the ball. Facing multiple shots at the keeperless net, the Lindbergh defense made up for their lack of a goalie. One defender headed the first shot out of the goal, and the next shot was chested out in the mouth of the goal. For the rest of the half, SLUH continued to put pressure on the Lindbergh defense. They could not score though, as the Flyer defense packed eight or more players in the box at all times.

Head coach Charlie Martel commented on the Lindbergh defensive strategy, saying, "We had to be patient and keep passing and attacking."

Since Lindbergh packed it in their own end, the SLUH defense had a relatively easy evening, as the Flyers' attacks were few and far between. "It was just a matter of if we would be able to score," Martel said.

After four minutes passed in the sec-

Water polo faces tough road to state

**Greg Mantych
Reporter**

Over the course of the next week, the St. Louis U. High water polo team will try to accomplish what they have set their sights on all season long: a state championship.

Ever since losing to MICDS in last year's disheartening state championship game, SLUH has sought sweet revenge against their rival.

Finishing their regular season with an overall record of 18-3, the Polobills can only expect a difficult district tournament.

"We are in the top three teams," head coach Paul Baudendistel said, "and all three teams have both won and lost against each other."

Early in the tournament on Wednesday at 6:15 p.m., SLUH will most likely face DeSmet, a team they narrowly defeated by one goal a little more than two weeks ago. If all things go according to

ond half, the Martelbills scored. Senior Scott Brown's shot was blocked in front of the net, but sophomore Matt Leinauer got control of the rebound. He fired a shot, which found the left side of the back of the net for the winning goal as the Soccerbills took the game 1-0. The Jr. Bills' overall record is now 15-6-3, and they will try to finish up the regular season with another win this afternoon at Chaminade.

Later this weekend, the Soccerbills start district play, which will continue into next week. The SLUH coaching staff has made a couple of promotions in anticipation of the playoffs. Junior Mike McCarthy and freshman Chris Haffner have been moved up to the varsity squad as "a reward for their having good seasons," according to Martel.

The team plays their first district game tomorrow against Gateway at 1 p.m. in the stadium. Martel believes that the team has "reached a level where we can compete and defend our state title." So come out and support your Jr. Bills as they begin their playoff quest to repeat their state championship.

plan, they will defeat the Spartans and face Chaminade, a fellow water polo giant in the semifinals next Friday at 8:30 p.m.

"We don't have the easiest schedule," remarked junior Mark Abram, "so we'll have to work as hard as ever to make it to the finals and, hopefully, beat MICDS."

SLUH definitely has the capability to dominate in the water with high-scoring players like Tim Heafner, who leads the league with 78 goals.

If the Speedobills come out ready to play, there is no doubt they can surely defeat any opposition. This Saturday at 5 p.m., SLUH starts the Missouri district tournament when they face the winner of the Mehlville vs. U. City game at the Rec Plex. All are encouraged to come see the team's tenacity and intense play.

If the Jr. Bills reach the state finals, they will most likely face perennial powerhouse MICDS at 8 p.m. next Saturday at the Rec Plex.

True story: Cummings pulls double superior duty

Sean Powers
Core Staff

Student, teacher, president of St. Louis U. High, and now superior of the Jesuit Community, Tom Cummings, S.J., has spent a large part of his Jesuit career here at SLUH. As a student, Cummings began his development becoming a “man for others.” As a young teacher here, he taught young men what he had learned here as a student, to live a life “for the greater glory of God.” Then, as president, Cummings advanced SLUH in all its aspects towards “magis,” making it one of the finest high schools in St. Louis. Today, Cummings continues his influential role as superior of not only SLUH but also, for the first time in Missouri Province history, the DeSmet Jesuit community as well. He now lives his life focusing his service towards his fellow Jesuits, doing whatever is asked of him in the service and compassion towards others.

For every Jesuit community, there is a Jesuit superior. Responsible to the Missouri Provincial, the superior acts as the head of the Jesuit household and oversees all aspects of the residents’ lives.

In the new role of “common superior,” Cummings must spend his time both here at SLUH and at DeSmet. Cummings also fills many different roles among the 14 fellow Jesuits he is serving, such as spiritual advisor, maintenance man, care provider, and house cleaner. His role as superior concerns all aspects of not only his life, but also the lives of his fellow Jesuits at both schools.

Jim Knapp, S.J., served previously as SLUH community superior for six years, from 1997 to 2003. Of the position, Knapp said, “It was such a great thing to be in the service of my fellow Jesuits, to make their common life together, as a whole, richer. What I enjoyed about it was that extra service which I could provide.”

The idea of combining the two superiors of the high school communities into one has come up the past few years among Jesuits in the Missouri province because of dwindling numbers of members in the order. While DeSmet had 28 Jesuits serving at its peak, today there are only eight. SLUH has decreased from 35 at its peak to six today. Retaining two superiors for less than half the number of Jesuits seemed unnecessary to the province, so this year they decided to test out the new position of “common superior.”

“It’s a practical decision. We don’t want to be tying up more men being superiors when we want to really focus outward to our education apostolate. So, instead of having two men do the same job, instead we now have one man to serve both communities which means we can focus more on our apostolate,” said DeSmet’s Jack Bergin, S.J., SLUH graduate of 1954.

Because this is the first time a common superior has been named to two communities, the challenge for Cummings is to fully guide both residences. Cummings said of his assignment, “I like to feel that I’m not dividing my duty to my fellow Jesuits as much as doubling it.”

Since his position came into effect on Sept. 1, Cummings has divided his time between each school’s Jesuit community equally. He spends his mornings at SLUH teaching two junior theology classes, planning retreats, and meeting with students, while he is at DeSmet in the afternoons. As for the evenings, he spends Monday and Tuesday at SLUH and Wednesday and Thursday at DeSmet.

Regarding his busy schedule, Cummings said, “This is pretty funny. I was in such a run that on Monday I woke up at DeSmet, thinking I was at SLUH, hit the wall and got out of the wrong side of the bed. It’s so hectic that sometimes you wonder, ‘Where are you?’ but it’s really fun, although I am averaging 250 miles a week going between each school on Highway 40. In eight weeks of the position I’ve traveled 2,000 miles. So, I’m trying to find some sneaky ways to get around that bad traffic.”

Bergin said about Cummings’ doubled duties, “We want to make sure we don’t wear him out going back and forth between each school.”

Knapp added, “He’s a very generous man, and I just hope he’s not stretched too much. He’s going to try to be a present figure in both communities and do everything he can for them, but there is also that tough commute he has to make every day.”

As common superior, Cummings is responsible for “doubling” quite a bit of his responsibility. Cummings said, “It’s a religious appointment and is in the terms of *cura personalis*, which means ‘total care’ in both the homes. The practical side of it is much like a mother’s role. It entails keeping the house in order, the cars safe and insured, providing the food, home repairs, and all those other physical details in home keeping. Then there is the spiritual part. It’s checking up on the guys’ spiritual life, checking up how he’s doing emotionally and spiritually, making sure he has an eight-day retreat (which all Jesuits make each year). It all has to go through the superior and is done according to my vow of obedience.”

Cummings continued, “Along with that, there is a lot of financing the superior is in charge of. We take our salaries from school and find what we need to live by and donate the rest back. To this day, the SLUH Jesuit community remains the largest benefactor in SLUH’s history.”

According to Cummings, each Jesuit in the community lives off around a meager \$2,400 per year. Along with the living expenses that he takes care of, there is also an annual province tax, which is approximately \$1500 for SLUH, that each community must pay and a few other minor expenses. The rest of the money from the Jesuit’s salaries goes right back into SLUH, and enacts their vow of poverty.

Because the role of a common Jesuit superior has not been established before, this is the first experimental year. Cummings’ performance and availability to his fellow Jesuits will affect whether or not the concept continues.

“I think that in both communities we see it as a great, unique experience. This idea of a regional superior has been raised for a

Rifle team wins regional competition

Brian Nienhaus
Reporter

After winning nationals in July, the Rifle team looked to start this season right where they left off. The Targetbills' first test was a regional match held at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, Tenn. on Oct. 16 and 17. The team faced off against some of the strongest teams in the region, including Woodward Academy, a team from Georgia, and a team from Shelby County, Kentucky, as well as 59 other teams from fifteen states. Once again, the Riflebills rose to the challenge.

Three shooters, juniors Joe Reinders and Bryan Carlin and senior Brian Nienhaus, shot within a point of each other, posting scores of 576, 575, and 574

respectively.

Senior Kevin Witbrodt shot extremely well, finishing the match with a 586—a score good enough to give him 3rd place going into the final. In the final, the top eight shooters fired ten additional shots in the standing position and then added that score to the shooters' overall totals.

After shooting a solid stand earlier that day, Witbrodt's second performance was slightly less precise, dropping him from 3rd to 5th place. Overall, the team finished with a score of 2311 out of a possible 2400, eclipsing host school Montgomery Bell Academy by twelve points to take first place.

Junior Patrick Zelaya, the alternate for this match, also had a strong day, finishing with a score of 569.

Each member of the varsity team received points toward their Distinguished Badge, one of the most prestigious awards a junior shooter can receive. After five points were awarded for each member towards the Distinguished Badge requirement of thirty points, senior Kevin Witbrodt surpassed his mark and will be awarded his badge in the near future. The other three shooters are now substantially closer to accomplishing this same goal.

To put this award into perspective, it has been in existence for over 100 years and has been awarded fewer times than the Congressional Medal of Honor.

If this match was any indication of the rest of the season, the Sharpshooterbills will once again be one of the top teams in the nation.

Week in review: Underclassman Sports Wrap

B-Soccer

Season: 15-1-1

Last week: 1-1

Defeated Lindbergh 3-0 on Monday

Lost to CBC JV 2-0 on Tuesday

Next Game: McCluer JV Tournament tomorrow through 11-4

JV Water Polo

Season: 17-1

Last week: 1-1

Defeated Burroughs 10-2 on Wednesday

Lost to DeSmet 5-4 in OT yesterday*

*Denote last game of season—Finals of JV Tournament

JV XC

Perfect score (15) at Findley Invitational on Wednesday*

Placed 10 of top 11 runners:

1. Matt Lawder (So., 17:36)
2. John Kelly (Sr.)
3. Pete Heagney (So.)
4. Andy Bonner (Jr.)
5. Nate Banet (So.)
6. Pat Mannhard (Sr.)
7. Non-SLUH finisher
8. Max Magee (Jr.)
9. Shane Mulligan (Jr.)
10. David Rhoads (Jr.)
11. Sam Emery (So.)

*Denotes last race of season—Findley Invitation featured six teams: SLUH, DeSmet, CBC, Parkway South, Kirkwood, and John Burroughs

C-team Football

Season: 3-6

Last week: 0-1

Lost to Parkway Central, 37-0 yesterday*

* Denotes last game of season

C-team Soccer

Season: 14-3-1

Last week: 2-0

Defeated Duchesne 3-0 on Friday

Defeated Northwest High School 8-0 on Tuesday*

Defeated Mehlville 1-0 yesterday*

Next game: Today vs. Chaminade @ Soccer Park @ 6:30 p.m.*

* Denotes CYC Tournament game

B-Football

Season: 4-5

Last week: 0-1

Lost to Kirkwood 40-7 last night

Next game: Thursday @ Vianney @ 4:30 p.m.

CXC

Won Findley Invitational (C) on Wednesday with a score of 26*

Top five SLUH finishers:

1. Chris Murphy—2nd overall (18:27)
2. Dan Warner
3. Stephen Shumacher
4. Matt McBride
5. Mike McCafferty

JV Soccer

Season: 8-8-3

Last week: 0-1-1

Lost to Chaminade 2-1 last Friday

Tied Vianney 1-1 last Monday*

* Denotes last game of season

—compiled by Scott Mueller, Tim Malecek, and Tim Huether

BLOOD DRIVE BY THE NUMBERS

108 people signed up

104 presenting donors

84 usable pints

60 approximate goal of usable pints

12 people deferred

8 unusable pints

5 walk-up donors

1 person fainted

1 enormous tray of brownies consumed

2 TV screens playing several of 35 possible movie choices

A whole lot of cookies, caramel apples, and peanuts eaten

1 Student found out he had an irregular heartbeat

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ultimately, "the students have to ... police themselves."

Fisher was also the first committee member to suggest that the onus to stop most problems among students lies heavily with students.

Senior Joe Hof responded to the backlash that students who give the administration tips, saying, "It's disappointing for us as a community to discriminate against someone who does that (gives an anonymous tip)."

"No one else wants to come forward," Hof added.

The discussion briefly shifted to students estimating how many of their schoolmates drank alcohol, with some estimates ranging as high as 75%.

Junior John Paul Johnson then stated that SLUH "needs to be proactive" about substance abuse rather than be reactive. Johnson also stressed cooperation between students, parents, and the school on the issue.

Psychology teacher Brock Kesterson stated that, though students may not think they are addicted, they may have a substance abuse problem. Kesterson also questioned students' motives for using and abusing illicit substances and said that students' personal experiences with abuse "should resonate with everybody because that guy's telling the true story."

"Drugs and alcohol have been glorified," senior Pat Felling would later respond to Kesterson's question about students' substances abuse.

Clark conceded that, for all the community's efforts to curb substance abuse, "We need to do more."

STUCO President and senior Joe Eggleston questioned how effective a program to turn students in would be, to which junior Tom Nolan replied "you've got to make sure the students take it seriously."

Clark ended the discussion on drugs and alcohol about one hour after the meeting began by asking for student cooperation in dealing with the problem, saying that the problem comes back to the stu-

dents and that they must ultimately make the decisions.

Clark then began the discussion on bullying and harassment by saying that he had already "dealt with (bullying and harassment) on every level" in this short year. Clark said that, in a school with as many "top dogs" as SLUH, "someone's always going to be on the bottom."

Clark also theorized that many students who are unsure of their social standing may attempt to make fun of weaker students to ensure that they are not the students being made fun of. Though many students claim to poke fun at others in good fun, Clark said that "it's not your intentions, it's your behavior" that matters.

The discussion quickly shifted to SLUH's acceptance of gay students. Senior Jim Chassaing thought that it was "a compliment to SLUH" to have many students who feel comfortable enough to be open about their sexuality. While other students cited that coming out at another MCC school is the equivalent of social

suicide, senior Jim Krings attributed students' comfort with the closeness among members of the four classes at SLUH.

Krings also raised the subject of the short-lived Gay Straight Alliance of the spring of 2002. Clark responded by citing a support group for students which deals with a number of issues, and principal Mary Schenkenberg cited a faculty group that meets to discuss the issue. Schenkenberg said she was "proud of where they are."

Most agreed that harassment and bullying were serious problems; Eggleston asked, "What can we do?" Clark said that he "sees (harassment) more among freshmen and sophomores, but I hear about it more on the junior/senior level."

Kesterson answered Eggleston's question later by saying that "someone needs to step up" and stop bullying and harassment.

"It starts with the freshmen," said Hof. Hof also said that the influence of senior advisors in homeroom could possibly see TOUCH, 13

Cicerobills orate at Borgia

Eric Durban
Reporter

On Sunday, Oct. 24, the Speechbills traveled to St. Francis Borgia High School to begin their title defense in the first meet of the '04-'05 season of the Christian Interscholastic Speech League. Last year SLUH finished first in the 16 high school-league, defeating rival DeSmet.

The team sent ten members to fill the maximum of fifteen possible entries, with many of the members entered into multiple events, ranging from original oratory to storytelling. Each event is judged on a 50-point scale, with a blue ribbon awarded in the 46-50 point range, and a red ribbon going to those between 40-45. After each meet, team points are calculated and the league standings are set accordingly.

The team won several blue and red ribbons, which made Speech coach Kathryn Yarman-Whitaker, "pleasantly suprised." "Because of all the business going on and the lack of preparation, I was suprised at the outcome," Whitaker commented.

The team president, senior Kevin Boehm, was also happy with the outcome of the meet. "Everyone was fairly confident going into the meet. We have a strong team this year, and I think we can win again," said Boehm.

Senior Greg Fox helped lead the way with a blue ribbon in Extemporaneous Speaking. "There are some kinks to work out in my delivery, but on the whole, it was good," said Fox.

The next meet is scheduled for December Sunday, Jan. 24 at Villa Duchense High School.

VARSITY BLUES

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to punt though.

On the Jr. Bills' next drive, Behr completed several passes, including an 18-yard pass to senior wide receiver John Warner and one to Herzberg on a fourth-down conversion. Once again, a penalty hindered the offense, and on the next down Behr threw an interception. As time ran out in the first half, the Jr. Bills left the field losing 7-0.

The Gridironbills started the second half with a long drive toward Lindbergh's goal line. Behr saved the push by running 4 yards for a fourth down conversion. He then completed a 23-yard pass to Hoette with 9:53 left in the quarter. Lindbergh's defense ended the drive and forced a 41-yard field goal attempt; Behr's kick went wide and the Jr. Bills were still scoreless.

Junior defensive back Paul Cheney sacked the Flyer quarterback with 6:16 left in the third quarter, forcing a punt to give SLUH's offense the ball. The Churabills built off their momentum when Behr passed to Warner for a gain of 35 yards. The Jr. Bills capitalized on the drive with a touchdown pass from Behr to Hoette, tying the score at 7.

Sophomore kicker Max Wheeler punted back the ball over 50 yards for the second time in the game to hold the Flyers at the 20-yard line. Juniors Mark Sharp and Cliff Leek sacked Lindbergh's quarterback to end their drive. The two teams exchanged the ball two more times until the end of the third quarter with the score tied 7-7.

On the first drive of the fourth quarter, Behr threw a 39-yard pass to Cheney, who ran the ball the rest of the way for the Jr. Bills second touchdown. The extra point attempt by Behr was good, putting the Footbills up 14-7 with 9:43 left in the game.

Lindbergh answered back, though, completing three of their seven total passes to retie the game again with only 5:53 remaining.

Defensive back Willie Shipp ran the ball 33 yards on the return to start the offense. Behr completed two passes, but a

10-yard penalty forced them to punt. On their final drive of the game, Cheney attempted to score, running across the field for a first down with 18.2 seconds left. However, another 10-yard penalty pushed the Jr. Bills back to the 50-yard line. Behr attempted a touchdown pass with 10.2 seconds left, but it was intercepted, forcing the game into overtime.

The Jr. Bills began overtime at the 25-yard line, using the college overtime system, and, after Warner caught a pass for a first down, Simmons ran in the touchdown to give them a 21-14 lead. But Lindbergh answered back by throwing in a touchdown on their drive to send the game into its second overtime.

Lindbergh started with the ball in the second overtime. SLUH's defense stopped this drive, with senior Will Holleman and junior Isaiah Cole breaking up two plays. The Flyers threw an incomplete pass and then attempted a field goal on their fourth down. The field goal was no good, giving an opportunity for the Jr. Bills to win. On the first play, Simmons broke through the line but fumbled the ball on the goal line. A Lindbergh defender jumped on the ball, but it sprang out from under him. The ball bobbed through two more sets of hands until Lindbergh finally controlled the ball to end SLUH's drive.

On the Jr. Bills' attempt in the third overtime, Behr threw an incomplete pass to Herzberg and followed it with an interception on third down. Will Holleman and Willie Shipp broke up both Lindbergh's running and passing plays, forcing them to kick another field goal. A penalty pushed the Flyers back and their 32-yard field goal attempt was no good.

SLUH's defense again stepped up their game to allow Lindbergh no gain. Lindbergh then tried a 42-yard field goal, and this attempt was good, making the score 24-21. The Jr. Bills started their drive. Behr threw an incomplete pass followed by an interception to end the game, with the final score 24-21.

Throughout the game, SLUH amassed 135 yards in penalties. Head coach Gary Kornfeld said, "We had a

rough game. I don't think there's any doubt with all the penalties we had and five turnovers that it wasn't a rough ball game. It's definitely not our best outing of the year."

Simmons was limited to 38 yards rushing during the game, his lowest for the season. Kornfeld said of the amount, "I think you (have to) hand it to Lindbergh on that. I think they did a nice job of setting 8 or 9 guys down in the box and trying to limit the amount of success he was going to have rushing the football. I think you have to give them credit but it probably wasn't our best blocking day."

SLUH was also unable to force any turnovers against Lindbergh last Friday. Kornfeld attributed this to the fact that, "they didn't do anything wrong. What's hurt them in the past actually (has been) turnovers. We were so close on four attempts on blocking their punt and just came up an inch or two from having four blocked punts. You block one of those and you maybe knock the game wide open. That's where their turnovers have been and they haven't really turned the ball over offensively."

The Jr. Bills look to force turnovers and capitalize on mistakes, as well as move the ball down the field through passing or rushing in their next game here tonight at 7 p.m. versus Kirkwood.

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state tune-up race at the sectional championships, with the meet being held in North County at hilly Sioux Passage Park, a spectacular venue for a cross country meet, the day promises to be bright.

"We should win, but we still have work to do to compete with Liberty at state. We have to close the gap between our first and fifth runners," said a determined Linhares. Race times are a bit later this weekend, and the usual chilly forecast should stay intact until the Jr. Bills' race at 10:40. If the hills and the promise of girl races beforehand don't get you excited for a race frenzy morning, not much will. Directions can be found on the website.

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some time in the spring, about a month before Spring Fling. STUCO wanted the weather to be warm enough to comfortably hold a beach volleyball tournament outside.

STUCO also made a brief announcement promoting the Blood Drive that occurred on Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Senior Ryan Tandler then opened the forum, with a question regarding the scheduling of the Fall Festival. Tandler wondered about rescheduling the festival earlier than March. STUCO Vice President Tim Heafner stated that STUCO wanted to have the beach volleyball tournament, and that it would be difficult to hold during cold weather months.

Senior Brad Tissi was next to hold the floor. He told all in attendance of the Pulse's revival after school last Friday (See story, page 2).

A student then asked STUCO to formally address the situation regarding former Religious Commissioner Marty Wilhelm, who was placed on disciplinary probation. STUCO directed the question to STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson. Kesterson stated that, according to the STUCO constitution drafted in the spring of 2003, a STUCO member is dismissed from his position when placed on disciplinary probation. However, Kesterson said, Wilhelm is still "unofficially a part of STUCO" and that after a meeting between Kesterson and Wilhelm, both decided it would be best if Wilhelm continue his duties.

A student then brought up the topic of the SLUH-CBC fundraiser which took place during exam week. In past years, SLUH's and CBC's STUCOs have raised money, competing with one another over who could raise more money. This year, however, CBC did not participate.

"(The competition) has been dying down the last couple years," said Heafner. "We tried to (raise) a little (money) in the short time we could."

Despite no competition and little school awareness, STUCO raised \$325.

STUCO Social Commissioner Mike Tangaro said that STUCO would have raised more money if they had started a week earlier.

Senior Andy Kriegshauser then asked, because of the minimal amount of money raised, if STUCO planned to donate any money from their budget to charity. Secretary/Treasurer Dave Venker responded by saying that such a donation is already planned. The money will go to St. Matthew's Parish.

Tandler then began a new topic, asking STUCO if anything was planned to encourage voter participation on Nov. 2. Tandler wanted to vote during school and be able to miss class time. Eggleston said that it is an "administrative issue" and that STUCO cannot do anything in that regard. He then directed the question to Principal Mary Schenkenberg, who was in attendance.

Schenkenberg said that it should not be necessary to miss class time, and that students can vote either before or after school. "(Finding time to vote) is a problem that everyone faces," she said, and that if someone could get to their polling place and back in 45 minutes, and if they have a free period, it is possible they could go then. However, they would have to talk to Vice Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark about their situation. After the voting issue was settled, STUCO's first quarterly forum concluded.

"I don't think there were that many people there. I think we can do better in terms of participation. Overall, I think, people brought up points and they were discussed," said Heafner of the first forum. "I think they will get better in the future."

"I'd like to see more people come," said junior class Religious Commissioner Dan Finucane. "In the future we need to try to get as many students there as possible because a lot of important things were discussed."

The next STUCO forum will be held on Dec. 2.

A DEAR FRIEND

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while now, and I think that it might be the next wave in many of the smaller Jesuit communities. This situation is special and was approved by the Father General in Rome for this year to see how it goes," said Bergin.

Bergin continued about Cummings, "He's a good common superior and fosters the growth of both the heart and mind. He encourages and helps with more interaction between the two communities, including common masses. We (the Jesuit communities) have always been close before, and we are all good close friends. There is some rivalry among the students at both schools, but there has never been any among our communities. Once the idea (of a common superior) was raised, it just made sense. It's a good relationship because he respects us and our needs and we respect him and his leadership."

"I have been able to give so much to the SLUH community, and I just want to give DeSmet the same quality attention I have SLUH over many years," said Cummings.

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bly help to curb the problem.

"What it comes down to is respect," said senior Greg Viverito. Viverito also thought that some of the problem comes from the fact that the freshmen have not had as much time to get to know each other as the seniors have, and that there is not the same bond of closeness.

Senior Brian Hubbard, the last student to speak during the meeting, suggested that the school repeat the Mix-it-Up lunch which was held during the 2002-2003 school year. Hubbard felt that the lunch helped students eat lunch with people beyond their comfort circles and develop a mutual respect for one another.

Clark closed the meeting promptly at 8:30 p.m. Schenkenberg had the last words of the meeting, and, reprising the theme constant throughout the night, said that, in dealing with problems in the student body, "students make the difference."

Calendar

by: Andrew Mueth

Oct.. 29-Nov. 5

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Schedule R
Sr. Graduation Ann. Orders, AP
So. Bonus Reading
IM Bashball Fr/Jr
Flu Shots 7-10:30am
College Visits (Sign-up in Counseling Office to Attend):
Elon College @ 8:30
Columbia University @ 11:30
V/JV WP District Tournament @ Rec Plex
B FB @ Kirkwood, 4:30
Pizza and Taco Sticks, Papa Johns

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

V Soc. District Semifinals, SLUH Stadium, @ 12 Noon
V XC Sectional Meet, Sioux Passage
B Soc. McCluer JV Tournament

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

No Classes
All Saints Day

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Schedule R
Fr. Eng. Tutorial
Young Republicans Mtg.
College Visits:
Hendrix College
Lindenwood University
Sign-up in Counseling Office to Attend:
Georgetown U.- School of Nursing and Health Studies @ 1:30
1st Winter Sports Practice
V Soc. District Tourn., @ SLUH, 6:00 (if they win on Oct. 30)
Fiestada, Crispito & Burrito

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Schedule L
Parent-Teacher Conferences, 5:30-8:30

College Visits:

Fontbonne University
Southeast Missouri State University

Mostaccioli with Bread Sticks

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Schedule R
Graduation Ann. & Ring Orders
Rosary in Chapel
College Visits, Sign-up in Counseling Office to Attend:
Earlham College @ Jr/Sr Lunch
B FB @ Vianney, 4:30
Chicken Strips

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Schedule R
College Visits:
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
V FB vs. Vianney, 7:00
Taco Salad

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also lambasted Bush's "gross disregard" for human life, poor foreign policy, and lack of Social Security and health care plans.

The Republicans emphasized Kerry's "ambiguous" positions on abortion and the war and Kerry's "alleged unwillingness" to face the future of health care: "Bush doesn't want the bureaucrats making medical decisions," Zinn pointedly stated.

Jeff Harrison, S.J., moderator of the Democratic Socialists, felt his team performed "quite well," and said that he hoped students would "get some sense of the complexity of the issues, the fact that, as (Barker) said, neither side is completely in synch with life issues."

Both Harrison and Young Republican moderator Eleanora McCarthy said that their debaters did most of the preparation for the debate themselves, preparation that senior Charlie Samson thought was "very good on both sides."

McCarthy made quite obvious how proud she was of her team, especially

DeLaria, who more than held his own against the more experienced Barker (a "skilled debater," in the words of Harrison).

The tag-team format itself received mixed reviews. The teams only tagged once each in the entire debate, and a limited amount of time certainly hindered the ability of teams to rebuke with a complete statement. Senior Alex Muntges said he liked the system but he "wished there was a little more room for debate."

"We just didn't have much time," echoed Zinn.

However, Samson thought that "tag-team definitely makes it way more exciting."

While the tag-team design received mixed reviews, there seemed to be a general consensus that the debate was a draw. Said Samson, "It was a fairly evenly matched debate. Both sides performed well. Both tended to repeat themselves often, but the quality of the arguments was generally good." Muntges pointed out that "when it gets down to beliefs, it's hard to find a clear winner, but I think both sides were pretty eloquent."

The debate was well attended and certainly sparked much discussion throughout the halls on Tuesday, which McCarthy attributed to the fact that "there is so much enthusiasm for this election, which shows how many important issues there are."

Harrison thought that the debate was necessary because he believes that students need to realize that this election "certainly will not be an easy choice to make."

Emphasized McCarthy: "You have to fight for what's right."

Congratulations

The Prep News congratulates the victors of Wednesday's Wiffleball Tournament, the first of the year:
Dan Finucane
Andrew Schroeder
Will Turnbough