

# Prep News

*"If nothing else, value the truth"*

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ISSUE 1

## Smart boards installed in five classrooms

**Jonathan Kim**  
Editor

As new technology develops, St. Louis U. High considers different possibilities to bring new equipment into the classroom. Over the summer, SLUH created the opportunity for interested teachers to use smart boards, a new, advanced technology for teaching students, and is bringing a TV broadcasting system to SLUH. Five permanent smart board units and two mobile units that can be transported around the school will enable teachers and students to have an interactive multimedia classroom. There are currently smart board classrooms in M112, J123, S201, the computer classroom, and S304;

the mobile units are based in 221c and S204.

"There are four classrooms that are what we term as a 'complete set up,' which is a DVD/VCR combo, an amplifier, two speakers, a projector, a smart board, and an interface to communicate with them all," explained computer science teacher Tim Rittenhouse. "There is one classroom, the computer classroom, that does not have the DVD/stereo kind of set up, just the smart board. There are two mobile systems that contain a projector and a moveable board." The mobile devices include a cart with the stereo and speakers that can be wheeled around.

"The smart board gadget synthesizes or integrates what the computer video is

projecting and what seems to be marked on the (smart board)," said Computer Systems Manager Bob Overkamp. Therefore, a teacher can link his or her computer up to a smart board, displaying his or her activities on the smart board screen for the students to see. Because the teacher can access all of the files and programs on the computer, smart boards allow the teacher to show the Internet, class notes, or computer slide show projects for convenient classroom presentation.

The mobile Smart Boards will give the rest of the faculty the opportunity to use the Smart Boards if they felt the desire or need to use the new technology in the classroom because the mobile units can

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## Construction on new fitness center complete

**Greg Fox**  
Core Staff

As CBC prepares to move into a new school and the economy slowly climbs back towards pre-recession levels, the Vision 2000 plan is coming back on track with improvements to the facilities, one of which is the newly-opened fitness center. Located in the basement, which was dug in the summer of 2000, the new fitness center is what Athletic Director Richard Wehner calls a "first-class weight room."

Construction originally began when a new part of the basement was dug out, but the project was pushed back, along with most other Vision 2000 plans, when the economy entered recession. The original date for completion was the beginning of last year. "In a perfect world, it would have been on-line last year...(but) with the

budget crunch and the stock market... (the fitness center) was put on hold," said Wehner.

ment (the weight bars and stations themselves) will be sold to Wehner's alma mater Bishop DuBourg High School. The



Weights wait to be lifted.

Varsity football coach Gary Kornfeld said that the old weight room "needed to be reworked" because "we had outgrown the facility and also the equipment was...pretty well used." The old equip-

ment (the weights themselves) will be used in the new fitness center to "save a little bit of money," according to Kornfeld.

The plates, however, are the only equipment held over from the old weight room to the new fitness center.

With the help of Tom Johnston, '89, and his employer, Orthotech Sports Medical Equipment, SLUH purchased the equipment. In addition to the sale of the equipment, Orthotech

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# Security changes instituted over summer

**Brian Fallon**  
Assistant Editor

Over the summer many changes have been initiated in St. Louis University High's security system to ensure that the campus will be a safe place to learn. These changes include the bus parking only spaces along Oakland Avenue, and the new security booth on the faculty lot.

The parallel parking spaces on Oakland Avenue from the Science Center entrance to SLUH's main entrance are now for buses only. The change was made because of security concerns from both institutions.

"We were approached by St. Louis Science Center because they were experiencing a rash of car break-ins along Oakland Avenue," said Plant Manager Patrick Zarrick.

"Cars were on the street where it is harder to watch them," said Director of Security Charlie Clark. "It also took away parking from (SLUH) in front where students were parking, even though they shouldn't have been, and that was a security problem."

The Science Center had to have one of their guards patrol the cars, which number close to twenty right outside of the entrance, taking away one of their guards from patrolling their own lot.

Another reason the Science Center proposed making the parking spots on Oakland for buses only was to free up more spaces on their lot for cars. Zarrick mentioned that the space also benefits SLUH since buses have difficulty maneuvering around SLUH's lot when transportation is needed for students.

Clark commented, "The Science Cen-

ter has up to 90 buses on their lot at a time, and they were using a lot of manpower to watch buses that no one was going to break into, because (the buses) are generally empty."

There was a debate about bus parking. In the end, the school decided to make Oakland from the Science Center to the west parking lot entrance bus parking only.

However, "We chose to leave parking in front of the school building (on Oakland east of the Oakland parking lot entrance) so that we didn't affect the neighborhood with Science Center or our event parking, and because that area is more visible, and because we really haven't had a lot of break-ins in that stretch," said Zarrick.

SLUH also eliminated the first three  
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## HAL 9000: Switchboard goes auto

**Tom Fontana**  
Core Staff

As SLUH implemented its new automated switchboard system, Midge Mans lost her job as switchboard receptionist, a position she had held for the past four years. Mans described the day she was let go: "It must've been Friday, June, 6. I was called up to the third floor and told just then that they were eliminating my position for reasons that had to do with budget cuts." Mans did not receive any offer to continue to work in any other capacity at SLUH.

According to Plant Manager Patrick Zarrick, SLUH has had "difficult budget years" for the past two years. Zarrick said that over the past year and a half, the administration had been looking at ways to streamline the budget without having to "cut services to the students."

Vice President of Administration Brian Sweeney also commented, "We looked at the situation as a potential to save expenses that could be better utilized for the students." He added that SLUH's new focus on an automated switchboard

system would save "a substantial amount of money." With the system in place, Sweeney said, "a change was necessary" because a person would only be required to operate the switchboard at peak calling times. Sweeney explained that SLUH "could not afford to hire someone just for peak times."

Thus, the administration decided to eliminate Mans' position, while slightly increasing the duties of Receptionist and Admissions staffer Kim Gohl. Sweeney complimented both Mans and Gohl on being "well-liked and well-respected," and noted that the administration faced a very difficult decision when they decided to eliminate Mans' job.

Zarrick detailed both daily switchboard operations and Gohl's duties. Gohl will operate the switchboard from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., which Zarrick referred to as the "critical morning period," during which Gohl will primarily deal with absentee calls. Gohl will continue to work until 3:30 p.m. primarily as a greeter to visitors. She will also carry out tasks for Principal Mary Schenkenberg and assist the Admissions Office. During those hours

Gohl will be available to speak to people who call in with emergencies that require speaking to a person rather than the machine. From 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., a student will sit at the switchboard to greet any after school visitors.

For all its financial benefits, some wonder whether this new arrangement may simply create hassles that could have been avoided with a human switchboard operator. Zarrick speculated on both the advantages and disadvantages of the new setup.

On the positive side, the automatic switchboard allows Gohl to focus on work in other areas of the school, like Admissions, while still being able to handle the hectic morning period. Also, a caller can reach any area of the school through the automated system. Addressing concerns as to the amount of time it would take a caller to wade through the automated menu, Zarrick stated that the extensions are presented to callers in order of frequency of use, with the most commonly used extensions first. Zarrick anticipates that over time callers will become famil-

see **ROBO**, 13

# EDITORIALS

## Recent administration decisions challenge school's mission

According to the St. Louis U. High mission statement, the members of this community are committed to “building Christ’s Kingdom of justice, love, and peace.” The school has recently made three significant decisions which, in light of this statement, deserve careful examination by the members of the community. These decisions involve the readmittance of a student who withdrew from SLUH as a result of last year’s theft ring, the departure of senior Charlie Effinger, and the automation of the switchboard and subsequent dismissal of switchboard operator Midge Mans.

To treat one with justice is to honor his intrinsic rights present in him as a human being. When carried out in a humane society, justice maintains order in the community. Mercy, on the other hand, is not required for justice to be carried out. Mercy is an interior feeling towards an offender based on the convictions of the merciful. Mercy actively places trust in the individual. Justice, however, operates on the understanding that disrupting the order of a community will result in punishment.

A merciful Christian institution cannot deny a student an attempt to reform. It has a responsibility, however, as a just community, to uphold discipline. To exact a penalty on someone who has done wrong is not unjust. Jesus himself, when merchants were buying and selling in his father’s temple, drove them out.

### *Prep News*, Volume 68

This fall, the *Prep News* returns for its sixty-eighth consecutive year of being this school’s weekly source for news. With the return of the paper each fall, the editors attempt to provide the student body with a comprehensive summary of news in and around St. Louis U. High. As stated in our Platform/Policy, which also appears in this issue, the *Prep News* attempts, to “gather and disseminate information for the entire school...(and to) make every effort to be objective.” To the best of our ability, we will try to provide objective and balanced accounts to our readers.

On occasion, we the editors will express our views in the form of editorials, which will appear in the Opinion section. These editorials will attempt to open discussion and dialogue in the student body and faculty, not to attack individuals or groups at SLUH. We are trying to open the door for intelligent conversation on issues that we feel impact the student body in a significant way. To say that we as editors have all the answers would be short-sighted and conceited, but we do feel we are in a position to pose questions to the SLUH community, which is what an editorial does.

We acknowledge that many may feel that we are being overtly hostile or merely trying to ignite controversy by writing editorials; but let us reassure you that we are trying to do neither. We also realize that when editorials are left unsigned, many feel that the author is attempting to hide behind the veil of the general editorial staff and dodge criticism. Leaving editorials unsigned

Jesus, our model of forgiveness and mercy, believed his core principles were violated, and felt it necessary to defend his ideas.

When one student withdrew from SLUH after being involved in a theft ring, most in the school held the understanding that the withdrawal was irreversible. However, that student was recently readmitted to SLUH. Though the decision to readmit the student seems merciful, it brings into question whether justice was served. Enrollment at SLUH is not a right to which all human beings are entitled. It is a privilege that requires an upkeep of academic and disciplinary standards, and it can be justly taken away if a student fails to meet these standards. The decision also sets an uncomfortable precedent for disciplinary standards at SLUH, a precedent that has the potential to threaten future order at SLUH. If extensive shoplifting followed by the sale of the stolen goods at school is not grounds for permanent dismissal from the school, then what is? If another student is found to be selling stolen property at school, can the administration remain objective in giving consequences, or will it be forced to show that student the same leniency that it has displayed in this case? Mr. Clark regularly warns students about the danger of unknown thieves in the student body. Then why is it that when a student is known to have a history of theft, the school goes out of its way to

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means that the entire editorial staff agrees with the author’s views and will therefore also take responsibility for the author’s work.

This summer, as the editors looked back over the past sixty-seven volumes, we were struck by the role of the Opinion section of the paper. For decades, the *Prep News* has established itself not only as a source for news but also as a forum for the community of SLUH. In this forum, anyone could express his or her opinion on recent events around SLUH, no matter how trivial. More importantly, the Opinion section served as an important forum for responses to the firing of head basketball coach Don Mauer in 2001 and the ALLY program in 2002, to name a few examples.

We, the editors, hope that the Opinion section of the *Prep News* will remain a valuable forum for all who consider themselves part of the SLUH community. We wish to see discussion ensue and opinions expressed. We want no one to settle for just the simple answer, because the community encompasses varying opinions that can not be covered simplistically. When the administration makes a decision that the student body disagrees with, we hope we can act as the voice of the students. If faculty members feel that the student body has lost sight of what it means to a Jr. Billikien, we hope they have no fear in expressing their views in our Opinion section. When the Opinion section of this newspaper has been at its best, letters to the editors have been numerous and thoughtful; we certainly hope that that will happen again this year.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

## Yoon, Baricevic question Effinger's departure

To the Editors:

Think back to that fateful February morning when you opened your mailbox and your shaking, sweaty palms slowly opened your acceptance letter to SLUH. Go back to freshman year when you walked shyly across the cafeteria trying to decide which table of complete strangers you would sit at because you knew nobody at all. Then recall the first two years at SLUH you spent making those strangers your family. Now, if you can, think back to the Junior Ring ceremony. Recall the unity, the closeness, the feeling that you belonged, that everybody belonged, no matter what lunch table they sat at that day, and no matter where their subdivision was where they opened that letter. Now think back to the end of the Junior Ring dance when, with arms around shoulders, the class of 2004 ended the night filling the air with spirit, chanting "We Are Junior Bills" in a voice of one. Now picture somebody stomping out all of those memories and telling you that they don't matter.

Last Friday, three short days before the first day of classes, this was how Charlie Effinger felt when he stood lifeless before an administration that told him he could not return for his senior year.

Charlie recently joined a Junior A hockey team in St. Louis, one of the highest levels of hockey a kid his age can play. Not only that, it would expose him to talent scouts that could possibly get him into a Division I school. Opportunities like this happen once in a lifetime; however, he would have to practice with the team every day. In order to do this, Charlie would have to leave after 5th period. He knew this was asking a lot out of the school; it would have to arrange his schedule so that he would have an unscheduled period at the end of the day and somehow make up the class he would miss. He was bending backwards, practically putting himself at the mercy of the administration, **see YOON, 15**

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## Former switchboard operator Mans says farewell

To the Editors:

I would like to say good-bye and thank you to all my friends at St. Louis University High School. Thank you all for the kindness shown to me over the past four years. I would especially like to thank you for all your prayers and concerns for my family this past year. I don't know how I would have made it through the trying times without your support and prayers when my dad was ill and especially when he passed away. I will always remember all of you and will continue to keep each and everyone of you in my thoughts and prayers. I ask that you continue to keep me and my family in your prayers.

SLUH has so much to be proud of. It has the best faculty in all of Missouri. I have three sons, all graduates of SLUH, who can attest to that. I also have two nephews who are graduates and two more who hope to attend SLUH in the future. I think that says quite a lot for SLUH's reputation.

To all the wonderful students at SLUH, I will always remember you. There will always be a special place in my heart for all of you.

Best of luck this year to all the returning faculty, staff, and students and also to the new faculty and new students. Have a great year!

It has truly been an experience working with all of you. I hope that you enjoyed it as much as I did. As one of my favorite comedians was known to say, "Thanks for the memories."

Midge Mans

## Greetings from STUCO

To the Editors:

Can you smell that? Sniff around a little, it's there. No, it's not last year's leftover cafeteria cheeseburgers. It's the new school year! And it smells glorious! Wait, what's that? You say you miss the responsibility-free days of summer where you stayed up until 4 a.m. playing the online version of Dungeons & Dragons and memorizing the lyrics to your favorite Flock of Seagulls songs? Buck up, me hearties! I know the summer ended quicker than Charles Barkley's comeback career, but I promise, the 2003-2004 STUCO will make sure that this school year couldn't be any better if Mr. Clark himself wrapped it up in a big ole box and delivered it personally to your house, suspenders and all!

Well, that's not entirely true.

First of all, nothing would be cooler than Mr. Clark showing up at your house with a big box. Unless it was filled with cheetahs. But second of all, I can't promise you the amazing year that previous student councils have promised. You see, Religious Commissioner James Erler and I used half of STUCO's funds to finance our search for the lost city of Atlantis. Then our Treasurer Tom "And Quit Calling Me Shirley" Economon embezzled a couple thousand dollars to have Wolverine-style sideburns surgically implanted on his face. When Sports Commissioner/Pinball Enthusiast Brian Heffernan found out, he took the remaining money from the treasury and bought the biggest plastic fish any of us had ever seen, which later proved to be a worthless purchase as he traded it to Mr. O'Keefe for a piece of low-calorie apple pie.

Sorry fellas, but we can't promise you much this year. Our standards are set relatively low. We dropped our weekly meetings and have instead decided to follow Mr. Buesenhardt around during Activity Period and ask if we could all collect **see STUCO, 14**

## PREP NEWS VOLUME LXVIII

### EDITORIAL POLICY

The Volume LXVIII *Prep News* editorial section serves the purpose of being the vehicle of personal opinion, whether from students, faculty, or others wishing to voice an opinion. All topics discussed in the section will be related to St. Louis University High School.

Nothing published either as an editorial or as a letter to the editor should be considered the opinion of the school, the administration, or anyone other than its author or authors.

A *Prep News* editorial is the opinion of the editors on a particular topic. In their writing, the editors will make a strong attempt to express their views in a clear and accurate fashion; they will also strive to offer solutions if the focus of the editorial is a problem.

Either in response to anything in the editorial section or simply in an effort to express one's opinion about a SLUH-related topic, every member of the SLUH community is welcomed and encouraged

to submit a letter to the editors.

Every letter received by the editors will be read and given consideration. All the letters must be signed, but the author's name may be withheld from publication by request.

The *Prep News* editors reserve the right to edit any submissions for publication in order to meet grammatical standards, but they will not skew the author's original intent. Also, the editors reserve the right to withhold from publication any submission if it is deemed vulgar, tasteless, or otherwise inappropriate.

All authors wishing to have letters published must submit them by 4:00 p.m. the Wednesday before the letter is to be published.

Letters can be given to any *Prep News* editor or moderator. In addition, letters can be mailed to the *Prep News* courtesy of St. Louis University High School, 4970 Oakland., St. Louis MO. 63110, or e-mailed to prepnews@sluh.org.

### PLATFORM POLICY

As the student-run newspaper of St. Louis University High School, the *Prep News* is a weekly publication which strives to inform the SLUH community about events and people, with its main focus on those pertaining to the school, primarily through the written word.

The *Prep News* is neither the voice of the administration nor the students. Rather, the newspaper serves to gather and disseminate information for the entire school.

The *Prep News* editors and staff members make every effort to be objective in their news coverage and editing, and they strive to be unbiased in their athletic reporting.

As it stands now, the organizational structure of the *Prep News* differs slightly from that of recent years. This year the *Prep News* has one editor in chief, two sports editors, one editor, an assistant editor, and a features editor. The members of the editorial staff are co-workers and see **PLATFORM, 14**

## Chik set to take Pastoral reigns

**Brian Krebs  
Reporter**

Since the start of school a new face has been seen in the offices of the student commons: Tim Chik, the new Pastoral Director of SLUH, has moved into an office recently vacated by Robert Garavaglia.

The job of Pastoral Director is certainly a large one. The job includes planning all masses, retreats, and prayer services. The Pastoral Director also meets and works with other SLUH department officers.

Garavaglia may have left the office of Pastoral Director, but he hasn't left school by a long shot. Last year, in addition to his pastoral duties, he also taught two theology classes. However, these two classes didn't seem to fill his desire to teach and spend time with the students. Garavaglia came to the conclusion that he could not succeed in his goal of becoming

the best teacher that he could be with his duties as Pastoral Director. His job entailed sacrificing his time and working many long evenings and some Saturdays. These hours were hard on both him and his family.

So, in May, Garavaglia decided that he would step down from his position as Pastoral Director and return to teaching full-time. Fast-forward a few months and now, with a total of four classes, Garavaglia says he's looking forward to the change.

Principal Mary Schenkenberg had the task of finding a replacement for Garavaglia. She did not have to look far to find Chik, who was interested in the job from the start. Many people recommended him as a worthy candidate, including Garavaglia. Schenkenberg also spoke with SLUH President Paul Sheridan S.J., former Jesuit Superior James Knapp S.J., and theology department Chair Allen Boedeker; they too thought Chik would be qualified for the job.

Now with a new direction in his SLUH career, Chik is much busier. He teaches two sophomore theology classes and is still involved with cross country and track, but says he will be doing these in a smaller capacity.

Chik brings a few new ideas as Pastoral Director. He is planning a Freshman Retreat and Junior Day of Service. He has also received information on a Life Teen event called "Inspiration" and encourages those who are interested to attend. Information will probably begin circulating soon. Chik encourages students to drop by and visit him in his new office in the commons. He adds, "The pastoral couches are always open."

Schenkenberg gives Chik her blessings and sums up her feelings by saying, "From what I've seen so far with Direction Days and start of school, I'm very excited with (his) genuine spirituality and great combination of energy and organizational ability."

# New teachers for '03-04

*Tom Cummings, S.J. : Theology*

## Alex Sciuto Reporter

This year marks the return of former president Tom Cummings, S.J., who returns to St. Louis U. High after fifteen years of teaching and administration at other Jesuit high schools.

Cummings grew up in the St. Mary Magdalen parish in South St. Louis. After graduating from SLUH in 1956, he attended St. Louis University and afterwards spent his Regency at Rockhurst High School in Kansas City. Cummings was ordained to the Society of Jesus in 1969. He returned to Rockhurst to teach English and was chairman of the English department while running the Pas-



Cummings strong-arms junior Brian Kurtz.

toral Department.

In 1976, Cummings went to the Australian outback to live with the Aborigines in his final year of Tertianship, where, in the day time, the heat bore down so hard that an underground mine became his church. His superior called him back to become the president of SLUH. Reluctantly, he went; his true love lay in the classroom, not administration. From 1977 to 1985

Cummings served as chief executive officer of SLUH. He enjoyed it but wanted to get back into the classroom.

When his tenure as president ended (he was president three years longer than what is normal), he became President of

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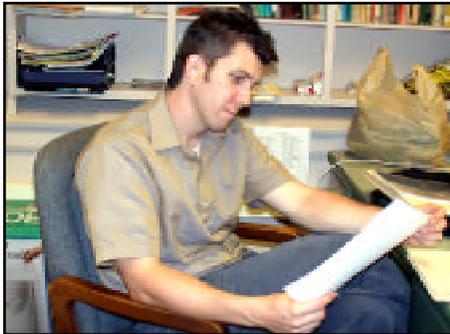
## *David Callon : English*

## Kevin Twist Reporter

As a new member of the English department, David Callon is glad to be teaching at St. Louis U. High. Growing up in Arkansas, Callon attended a Benedictine high school and moved on to study at Rockhurst and Creighton Universities under the Jesuits. At Creighton he received his bachelor's degree in English.

Callon moved to St. Louis to work on his graduate degree in English at Washington University. While attending Wash U. he became friends and class-

mates with SLUH English teachers Frank Kovarik, Tim Curdt, Miles Grier, and Terry Quinn, from whom he learned about SLUH. It was through these relations and his Jesuit education that he chose to come to SLUH.



Callon reviews a paper.

"People said I would like it here, and I trusted them," said Callon.

Callon is currently working on his Ph.D. in English at Washington University and looking forward to his first year in the SLUH English department teach-

ing both sophmores and juniors.

He will also be the JV Tennis coach in the spring and is looking forward to running his first triathalon this year.

## Cargo pants embargo lifted

## Tim Elliott Reporter

Cargo pants and shorts are now legal at St. Louis U. High. This comes as a reversal in policy by the administration, which previously had intended to ban cargo pants and shorts in hopes of reducing theft in the school. Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark declined to explain the change, and simply reiterated that cargo pants and shorts are now legal. Clark's assistant Marla Maurer, mentioned that Clark had changed his mind and that he was giving students the benefit of being able to wear cargo pants. She did state, however, that no parents had called to complain.

Several students weighed in on their position regarding the reinstatement of cargo privileges. Senior Tony Borchardt said, "It's nice having cargo shorts to store pens, pencils, (my) calculator and (my) assignment notebook."

Senior Mark Duvall said that he wasn't tremendously partial to wearing cargo shorts, but that he found them useful for storing his calculator. Duvall admitted to being slightly surprised by the reversal of the ban.

Senior David Burghoff mentioned that he doesn't care about wearing cargo shorts, and that he doesn't use the extra pockets. Burghoff said, "Even though most of my pants are cargo, I don't actually carry 'cargo.'"

Several parents were displeased with the sudden change in the dress code. One mother in particular mentioned that she had purchased two pairs of non-cargo shorts and two pairs of non-cargo pants for her son. She said that her son won't wear the newly purchased garments, save for on formal attire days when he is required to wear non-cargo pants. She stated that she has already washed all of the clothes and so can't return them. She closed by saying, "The next time (the administration) asks for money, I'll send them two pairs of shorts."

# High hopes, tough schedule for '03 Soccerbills

**Kyle Poelker**  
Reporter

Left one penalty shot shy of the state final last year, the 2003 edition of the St. Louis U. High soccer team is reloaded, revamped, and ready for a season that looks to be as good as any in recent memory.

Though the team lost seven of its starters from its third-place-finishing team last year, head coach Charles Martel is "very much excited" about the upcoming season, despite the loss of all-stars Pat Ferrell, Adam Twellman, Matt Kreikemeier, and Matt McCarthy.

Conditioned all summer under the guidance of assistant coach and workout guru Charlie Clark, the team hasn't "skipped a beat" and has "left off right where we ended last year," according to Martel. The team will add new starters Andy Leindecker, junior Tim Weir, and John Reagan, who Martel says are all "very talented."

Also new to the team and the starting lineup are Richard Winkler, Joe Jost, and junior Paul Eschen.

Said Martel, "Jost can be the ball-winner in the midfield that McCarthy was for us last year, and we are looking for Winkler to step up in the back."

All of these relative newcomers add to the mix that should make for an exciting and successful team.

Supporting these new starters will be the core of returners from last year's squad guiding a Jr. Bill team that still has relatively little varsity game experience. This group starts with senior captain Joe Germanese, who, after a breakout season last year in which he led the team with 19 goals, looks to be even more productive

up top this year. Alongside Germanese is fellow captain John Kornfeld, who will

anchor the midfield with his quiet determination and solid skills on both offense and defense.

Junior Brent Zang will anchor the defense this year as the only returner on the back half, and with remarkable confidence and poise should lead



Senior Pat Miller, right, attempts to take the ball away from junior Connor Finnegan yesterday in the annual Blue/White Game.

a stifling defense that now includes Reagan, Winkler, and Eschen. Senior Dave Mueller, another returner who played in the backfield last year, will move to the offensive half alongside Germanese and Leindecker, a move that Martel thinks will make for a more productive and potent offense.

For all their talent, the Jr. Bills still lack the varsity experience that they had a year ago when they returned eight starters. Despite this void, third-year varsity man Kornfeld is still optimistic: "Though we may not have all the varsity experience that we had last year, there is no drop-off in the talent level, and we are doing a great job filling in the holes left from last year."

Germanese echoed this sentiment, saying, "We have lots of talent, and if the team comes together, we have the ingredients for a state title."

The state title is still far away, and with a tough district including CBC, the Jr. Bills have a difficult season ahead of them, including a conference schedule that has been called by many soccer experts one of the toughest in the nation.

Nevertheless, the Jr. Bills have the talent and conditioning to compete with Missouri's finest, and their quest for a state title begins right away against the always dangerous St. Mary's squad. Come see the Soccerbills this season as they vie for their first state title in 12 years.

## Footballbills hope to reverse fortunes of last season

**Dan Leiser**  
Reporter

A skilled team returning" is how captain John Block describes the varsity football team this year. The team is also very new in many ways. With only seven starters from last year playing this season, competition among players for positions this season was intense, and the two-a-days pushed the players' limits.

The captains this year are John Block, Jeff Howenstein, Jim Croghan, and Brent Harvey. Block and Howenstein will focus on defense, in the position of linebacker, while Croghan and Harvey will help lead the offense at offensive tackle and running back, respectively.

This year's team will be led in large part by players new to the varsity team, with junior Matt Behr as the starting quarterback and punter. There will also be five sophomores on the team this year.

Returning as the team's kicker, Tim Simon hopes to keep his high success rate for extra points and field goals. He will be assisted by the team's long snapper, Matt Green.

One of the strengths of this year's team lies in its receiving corps. Senior David Sonderman, junior John Warner, and sophomore Eric Hunt have potential to make big receptions.

The offense will also be supported by returning varsity member junior Matt Herzberg, who moves to tight-end from his fullback position last year. Of course, the well-being of the quarterback is in the hands of the offensive line, which is composed entirely of seniors: Mike Talerico, Ben Zaegel, Colin Dowling, Greg Yeckel, and Jim Croghan.

As always, the hopes and dreams of these seniors depend on crushing those of the Cadets in the annual showdown with CBC.

# Effinger leaves to pursue Junior A hockey

**Joe Germanese**  
Reporter

When the 2003-'04 Jr. Billiken hockey team takes to the ice this winter, it will be missing an important part of its defense—in fact, its last line of defense. Charlie Effinger, a former member of the class of 2004 and the varsity hockey team's former goalie, has taken his netminding skills elsewhere after starring for the Busenhardt bills for the past two winters. The Heartland Eagles of the United States Hockey League (USHL), picked up Effinger after a series of tryouts and training camps over the summer months.

The Heartland Eagles, coached by former St. Louis Blues player Rick Zombo, compete in the USHL, which is composed of twelve teams from across the Midwestern states; the Eagles are based in Chesterfield. The USHL Tier 1 is an arena for top hockey prospects across the country to compete at the highest level in a professional environment while gaining valu-

able exposure to scouts. According to the USHL website, one of the top goals of the league is to "provide players exposure to collegiate and professional coaches." NHL scouts as well as Division I scouts are regulars at these games.

Effinger plans to play for the Eagles for two years and then move on to a collegiate hockey program. The league has an exceptional record for placing players not only in the college ranks, but also in the professional ranks.

"Last year around 85 percent of the kids from this league went to college on scholarships," commented Effinger.

In addition, another 20 players were selected in the NHL Amateur Draft last June.

At this juncture, Effinger joins the squad as a rookie, and he looks to start out as the back-up goalie to last year's returning starter. He can expect to see action in about fifteen to twenty games out of the sixty-one game schedule. However, because the USHL is very competitive and winning is of the utmost importance,

Effinger will have his chance to prove himself right away.

Effinger's former hockey coach at SLUH, Charlie Busenhart, said that, "Hockey in the USHL is a business; the best players will play. That's the way it is."

The USHL is a business indeed. Franchises may be bought or sold, and players can be traded freely from team to team. Many of the cities where Junior A teams prosper are smaller markets without major sports teams, such as Danville, Ill., Springfield, Mo., and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, among others. Junior A is quite comparable to Class A or Class AA baseball. However, unlike minor league baseball players, Junior A hockey players do not get paid, and they are able to maintain their amateur status.

Effinger's decision to play Junior A hockey rendered him unable to return to SLUH for the fall semester. The Heartland Eagles will begin practicing on Sept. 2 in preparation for the start of their sea  
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# Linhares takes over as head track coach

**Patrick Meek**  
Sports Editor

This past summer has been a busy one for the St. Louis U. High track team. In addition to finishing strong at the state finals with all-state finishes by Peter Schaefer and the 4x800m team, the Trackbills also got a new head coach.

On May 29, history teacher Tom McCarthy, who has been involved with the track team for the past 18 seasons and head coach for the last eight, submitted his resignation to athletic director Dick Wehner.

"I knew before the season started that this was going to be my last," said McCarthy.

"When your kids are babies, they don't know when their dad is gone, in late nights and weekends. But now I have a first and fourth grader," said McCarthy, explaining his reason for resigning. "There was no way that I could put my best effort in the classroom, family, and in track," he

added. "So, rather than do a bad job at all (three), I decided to give up one."

Upon receiving McCarthy's resignation, Wehner asked theology teacher and cross country team head coach Jim Linhares if he was interested in taking the position.

"I, and the rest of the track coaches, felt it best served the school that Mr. Linhares would be named coach," said Wehner.

"Mr. Linhares is a great communicator and very knowledgeable about the science of running. He is also outstanding with mentally preparing his athletes," continued Wehner.

In addition to acting as head cross country coach for the past 20 years, Linhares has coached grade school track for the past 12 years.

Even with the prospect of Linhares taking over, Wehner is still sorry to see McCarthy step down.

"(He) did a really excellent job at maintaining numbers on the team. At one

time we had the largest track team in the state. That is a testament to Mr. McCarthy," commented Wehner.

Although the track team has enjoyed success, Linhares has high expectations for the future.

"I hope to build on the success of the program and make us regional and state contenders, and hopefully get a state trophy," said Linhares.

Linhares hopes to attain this success by training upperclassmen to help underclassmen develop in their particular event.

"I hope to have leaders in each individual event know what it takes throughout the year to be successful," said Linhares.

Linhares also hopes to use large numbers in track in the same way he has done in cross country, drawing on a large turnout to discover unexpected talent.

Wehner foresees a year of transition for the track team.

"The kids will have to get used to having a new coach," Wehner concluded.

# Summer brings improvements to athletic fields

**W. David Mueller**  
Sports Editor

This summer, Vision 2000 made the first major steps to bring more SLUH sports practices to the SLUH campus. The newly renovated P.E. field behind the student parking lot and the brand new Aviation Fields just across Highway 40 have minimized travel time for athletes and given SLUH perhaps some of the best practice facilities in the city.

Chairman of the board of trustees and chairman of Vision 2000 Ted Hellman said, "This is a transition to the final Vision 2000 plan where everything will be on campus."

For their 2002 season's practices, both varsity and JV soccer caravanned down Highway 44 to Fenton. C-football hiked deep into Forest Park to practice on Central Fields. Baseball, though practicing close to campus, never had a game that a SLUH student could conveniently get to unless they lived near Heine Meine.

Athletic director Richard Wehner reminisced, "At one time all three soccer and all three football teams practiced over at Aviation, (but) recently we've been kind of nomadic."

Completing the main project at Aviation Fields has taken time, but the results are worth the wait. After Aviation fell into disrepair in the 1980s along with many other areas of Forest Park, the not-for-profit organization Forest Park Forever (FPF) formed in the early '90s to restore the park. FPF joined up with the Forest Park Advisory Board and the city of St. Louis to create a plan for the park. The total repairs are estimated at \$90 million, with \$45 million from private sources and the city matching that amount.

Hellman, who is on the board of FPF, summed up SLUH's interest in the park by saying, "(Forest) Park is considered a jewel of the city, and we've had it across the street all this time."

To aid in the repairs, SLUH donated \$250,000, and the St. Louis Cardinals matched that amount. Forest Park Community College invested \$40,000, and

FPF found \$160,000 from private sources. Being on both the board of both Vision 2000 and FPF, Hellman sees the connection that both SLUH and FPF could mutually benefit from each other. Said Hellman, "It was a nice fit."

When the total cost of the project at Aviation ran to \$2.3 million, FPF turned to Boeing, which was looking to donate. "It was a natural fit for Boeing," said Hellman.

Aviation Fields are named for the airstrip that used to occupy the land in the 1920s that sent airmail back and forth from St. Louis to Chicago. When the mail loads were low, barnstormers used the strip for daredevil feats of such as wing walking. Boeing was interested in the history of the site.

Soon the groundwork began. "We started by putting in a first-class sewer system," Hellman said. He explained that if the fields could not drain properly, they would not be able to survive the rigorous practice schedules of the Jr. Bills. Next came the grading of the entire site and a new irrigation system to keep the fields in premium condition. Hellman, however, seemed proud of the surface. "We put down quality Bermuda grass, a hot weather grass to survive the St. Louis summer." With the quality came an agreement that football would move over to the Archery Fields after negotiations with the archery club that uses the field. "I was able to convince the park to put down Bermuda, but football would chew that up pretty quickly," explained Hellman.

The new grounds consist of one high-performance baseball field with surface lights, a scoreboard, and seating for 400, one quality practice baseball field with a scoreboard, two standard baseball fields, four softball fields with lights, six soccer fields laid over the standard baseball fields and the softball fields, new restrooms, and a concession stand.

To ensure that the fields stay in their present condition, FPF has employed Munie Outdoor Services to maintain the turf.

Wehner confessed, "We're a little

apprehensive about this."

However, Hellman assures that FPF will inspect the fields to "ensure compliance with the established maintenance standards."

Along with the work across highway 40, SLUH has been busy on campus as well. "We widened the old P.E. field," said Hellman, "and laid down premium Bermuda on it."

C-football coach Tom Wilson said of the new convenience, "(Practicing on the P. E. fields) cuts off roughly 20 minutes off walking to and from Forest Park."

Senior Tyler Aholt, the number one senior in the buzz book and all of our hearts said of the new baseball stadium, "Now we have something to call our own. It's a home field advantage."

Wehner expressed his paternal nature saying, "I'm just really happy with the whole thing; it takes you guys off the highway."

Hellman had a similarly logistic perspective: "We were wasting a lot of time transporting to venues. This cuts back on that."

The final addition to exterior SLUH sports this summer was the replacement of an old stadium light. "The cross arms of the light deteriorated to the point that it might collapse, so it was basic maintenance," said Hellman.

Hellman noted that these athletic field projects are a necessary consequence of SLUH's commitment to remain in the city. "We want to stay in the city, but to do that we need to expand to compete" with county schools that have more land for practice fields.

## Quote of the Week:

*"I think it would be fun to run a newspaper."*

-Charles Foster Kane

# Construction begins on new boulevard

*Road between Oakland and Berthold set to be open by Oct. 30*

**Tim Huether**

**Core Staff**

Students traveling on Oakland Avenue recently may have noticed the progress of the SLUH/Science Center boulevard, the next step in SLUH's Vision 2000 campaign. The boulevard is located immediately to the west of SLUH's athletic stadium.

Clayco, the company selected to construct the boulevard, began work on Aug. 18. So far, the area of land has been cleared, and the pavement has been torn up.

The thoroughfare will be four lanes, two on each side of a median. Entrance signs will adorn the corners of both the

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son in late September. Since these practices begin every day at 2:00 p.m. at Summit Arena in west St. Louis county, Effinger faced scheduling conflicts.

As a result, Effinger would have had to miss the final two class periods of each day. Eventually, with the course rotation the way it is, scheduling around this conflict would have been very difficult but not impossible. Effinger would have had to change sections of different courses at the start of each quarter, which may have placed a burden on his teachers and his academic achievement as well.

In the middle of August, Effinger and his father met with Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski to discuss his desire to attend St. Louis University High School and meet the demands of Junior A hockey.

After this meeting, Michalski met

SLUH and Science Center property.

A three-way stop sign will be positioned at the entrance's intersections with both Oakland and Berthold.

The official title of the entrance will

Gunther of architectural firm Mackey-Mitchell. So far, no changes to the original design have been made.

Gunther has been the main architect behind all of the designs of Vision 2000.

"The project so far is right on schedule to be functional around the time of the CBC football game (Oct. 30)," said Vice-President of Administration Brian Sweeney.

"The entrance, if in place in time for the CBC game, will relieve some of the congestion," said Chairman of the Building and

Grounds Committee Ted Hellman. The Building and Grounds Committee is a sub-committee of the board of trustees, of **see BIG TRUCKS, 16**



St. Louis Science Center -St. Louis U. High Boulevard Entrance construction begins.

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The original design of the entrance was produced by the architect John

with the administration group composed of Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark, Principal Mary Schenkenberg, and Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinselmeyer.

The challenges they dealt with primarily concerned scheduling issues, the fact that Effinger's situation had no precedent, and the demands of both SLUH's curriculum and Junior A hockey. According to Michalski, "The administration group came to the conclusion that it would not be feasible for Charlie to attend SLUH and meet the demands of Junior A hockey."

Schenkenberg said, "It didn't seem in Charlie's best interest to end up with a schedule that might hamper his hockey goals."

Effinger badly wanted to stay at SLUH, but he also wanted to pursue his opportunity in Junior A. Following the administration's decision, Effinger and

his family appealed, but they lost the appeal.

"(Charlie) is a little disappointed that he cannot graduate with his best friends, but he is also very excited about his opportunity with the Eagles," said Charlie's younger brother Eddie, presently a sophomore at SLUH.

With hockey as his top priority, Effinger will continue his high school education at Webster Groves High School beginning Sept. 2. However, Effinger will be able to remain an active member of the SLUH community because he will be able to attend SLUH dances as well as other social events.

Effinger's pursuit of playing collegiate or professional hockey officially begins when the Heartland Eagles open their season Friday, Sept. 26 at 7:05 p.m. against the Cedar Rapids Roughriders at the Summit Arena.

# Dougan undergoes colon surgery

**Matthew Paradise**  
Reporter

As some of this year's freshmen embarked on their Direction Days last Friday, Aug. 22, neither they nor any other students knew that Dennis Dougan, who joined the counseling department last year, was undergoing surgery at St. John's Mercy Hospital to remove a tumor in his colon. Though he participated in Senior Advisor training in early August and a Direction Day, Dougan's tumor had to be removed before the start of the school year. During surgery, it was discovered that Dougan also had a hernia, which the surgeons fixed.

SLUH President Paul Sheridan S.J.,

## FITNESS

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installed it and set it up, and installed the flooring as well.

Wehner calls the new equipment "state-of-the-art." The fitness center features five each of: hang clean bars, lat machines, bench press, incline press, hand/push press, and squat stations. It includes three leg press and leg curl stations, as well as two treadmills, an upright bike, a recumbent bike, an elliptical trainer, and the fitness center also has a complete dumbbell rack. Also in the cardiovascular area are two RCA TVs, equipped with cable TV and VCR. In addition, the fitness center boasts a modern sound system with a CD player.

In addition to the fitness center, a medical room, air conditioning unit, and Athletic Trainer and Nurse Scott Gilbert's offices are located adjacent to the fitness center. The old medical room will still function in the same capacity, but the whirlpool has been moved to the air conditioning room next to the fitness center. The fitness center operates off separate heating and cooling units from the rest of the school.

Assistant cross country coach Tom Flanagan is excited for the cross country team to use the new facility. He feels it is "very advantageous (to the team). (We're) excited that it is more than a weight room."

met with Dougan prior to the surgery, with concerns that the "tumor could be cancerous." Thankfully, test results showed the tumor was benign. Dougan has since returned home from the hospital and will take three to four weeks to recover, at which time he will return to his counseling duties.

Meanwhile, the counseling department has developed a plan to fill in for Dougan during his absence. Dougan's senior counselees have been split up for their initial college meetings among the other department members. His other students are welcome to schedule an appointment through Becky Berger in the counseling office with the other counselors. "Students should not hesitate to come

He said that, though the workouts will remain mostly the same, 30 runners can use the center at the same time, whereas only 20 could fit into the old weight room.

Wehner cited overcrowding and the weight room's being "monopolized by all the student-athletes" as some of the many reasons for building the new fitness center. Wehner foresees more non-athlete and faculty usage as two positives of the new fitness center, especially in the cardiovascular area. Though he feels it will benefit the sports teams, Wehner feels that "the real winner... is going to be the guy who usually doesn't lift... I think he is the young man who is really going to benefit from this."

Since the fitness center is part of the Vision 2000 campaign, it was funded entirely with money raised as part of Vision 2000, according to Thom Digman, Vice President for Advancement and Planning. He commented that "it's all Vision 2000 (funded), and any gifts that came went into Vision 2000." Patrick Zarrick, Plant Manager, reported no supplemental drives or fitness center-specific drives. He estimates the final cost at around \$170,000.

The Pettit Family donated what Digman calls a "significant amount of money" towards the project. As a result, the school will be dedicating the fitness center as the Stephen Pettit Fitness Center

in," said counselor Ken McKenna, who has talked with Dougan daily during his absence. "Things are going well," he added.

Principal Mary Schenkenberg said that the faculty prayed for him during their retreat last Friday—the same day he was in surgery. Echoing the faculty's sentiments she added, "Hopefully, everything will be okay."

Latin teacher Mary Lee McConaghy, who appreciates Dougan's "sensitivity to his students' concerns," regrets his absence, knowing that "it can be really difficult for someone to miss such a big part of the school year."

"I'm very confident (about Dougan's recovery)," said Sheridan. "It turned out to be a very hopeful situation."

on Saturday, September 13. Faculty have been invited, and students and welcome to attend the ceremony, which will begin with Mass at 4:00 p.m.

## Fitness Center Rules

1. NO FOOD OR DRINK.
2. BE DRESSED TO WORK OUT.
3. STRIP WEIGHTS OFF ALL BARS WHEN FINISHED.
4. LEAVE ONE BUMPER PLATE ON ALL HANG CLEAN BARS.
5. PLACE COLLARS ON 2.5 LB RACK.
6. EACH STATION HAS ENOUGH WEIGHT TO SUSTAIN ITSELF. MOVING WEIGHTS FROM STATION TO STATION IS NOT NECESSARY.

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be transported to any part of the school. Therefore, if a teacher without a smart board classroom wanted to use the smart board to present a lesson or a unit, the mobile unit is an available option.

"From a teaching standpoint," said Rittenhouse, "(a smart board) allows you to remain in the front of the classroom as you give whatever presentation you want to give. For instance, if you have the computer class, that everyone has taken, whether it is Mr. Nicollerat or me, we have always had to sit in the back of the classroom or have a student press the mouse. From a teaching standpoint that is problematic: there is downtime. If I'm at the board showing something, and now I want to change it, I have to walk to the back of the classroom or I have to tell a student to do it for me. It is inconvenient to me, and, more importantly, it is inconvenient to the student. The hope of this is to make the class more fluid."

Furthermore, interactive classrooms could address the changing learning styles of the students, especially visually oriented students.

"(Contemporary students) come from an environment where (they) use multimedia and fast-paced sort of instruction. This type of learning style is perhaps what students have developed," said Social Studies Chair Peggy Pride.

Smart boards can also send its display image to other computers in the room, and although SLUH does not have the required software or networking set up, the iBook laptop portable carts could be used to interact with the smart board.

The Technology Committee, a committee comprised of faculty members who are interested in technology, along with the administration, suggested the purchase and installation of smart board Classrooms.

The Technology Committee holds technology fairs to demonstrate the newest technology, and last January smart board types of technology were shown at the fair.

"What we have chosen to do," said Principal Mary Schenkenberg, "is (have) a

small group of classrooms with teachers who are interested in pursuing (smart board classrooms). We did survey the departments and faculty to see who was interested in trying this out. We did have vendors come in and present their wares to the Technology Committee and anyone else who was interested...we did decide on the type of board we decided on as a committee."

"We asked the departments to let us know what they felt their needs were. Some departments felt that they didn't have a need for smart board classrooms, others did, so we worked with our budget to get seven."

Schenkenberg also said that "this is a year of trial" regarding the smart boards, and as a result, a small group of classrooms and teachers will experiment with the new technology.

The cost of a smart board and the projector in total is about 5,000 dollars, plus the labor/installation costs for the company SLUH hired out to install the new technology. The funds for the new technology come from money allocated by Vision 2000 and the regular capital budget for the school.

When asked who will maintain the new technology if something wrong happens, Overkamp said, "There is an old English word 'reactive' that leads to a new English word 'proactive'—(the latter word) never describes St. Louis University High School."

Pride mentioned the warranty from the company covering the smart boards, and she pointed to Rittenhouse, who has become one of the leading SLUH faculty members on smart boards.

Since this year is an experimental year with the smart boards, the process of gathering the data regarding the success or progress of the classrooms will be conducted either by student survey, a faculty survey, word of mouth, or a combination of these methods.

"We will use primarily word of mouth or surveys," said Rittenhouse. "Right now the number of people who are actually using it is small enough that you don't

really have to do a survey. I can just poke my head into the office and say, 'Hey, how's it going?'"

Senior Tom Lampe, who has a smart board in both his Christian Life Choices and Environmental Science classes, said, "We haven't used the smart board in science, but in theology we use the board to help answer questions on a worksheet we have done. I think (smart boards) could be used efficiently if teachers get used to it. It is nice to see the teachers use the new technology, and it has a lot of potential toward how teachers teach."

Senior Frank Havlak said that his science class "hasn't used it yet. The first day of class, (Physics teacher Kent) Kershenski tried to set it up, but it wasn't working. After about 15 minutes, he realized the board wasn't plugged into the wall. You need to plug both the computer and the board into the wall."

Havlak continued, "It'd be fun (but) I don't really see the advantages of it. Anything you can do with a smart board can be accomplished by a computer with a projector or a whiteboard with markers."

Freshman Aaron Poelker, who has Global History with instructor Tim O'Neil, has a Smart Board in his classroom. So far O'Neil has "shown us classroom policies and rules on the smart board."

"O'Neil has been using (the smart board) very well," said Poelker. "Advancement in technology is good because (a smart board) is a lot better, more useful, and more versatile."

John Dirnbeck, a freshman in Dan Shelburne's Biology class, has seen the boards used for internet displays for leaves required for a biology leaf experiment. "I think (Shelburne) is using it well...I think whiteboard, markers, and projectors are (better than smart boards)."

If the integrations of the smart boards into the room prove to be successful, Schenkenberg looks to adding more technology to SLUH, considering smart boards or other available technologies.

Rittenhouse said, "There are tenta-

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parking spots nearest to Oakland in the alley. Previous thefts have been targeted to those spots because of their proximity to the street.

Another change to the security of the campus is the installment of magnetic locking systems that require fobs on a majority of the outer doors on the campus.

Zarrick explained, "The idea was that we were concerned that there were too many keys out there that people had, and this will limit access by changing the exterior locks to a restricted key for the administrators. Even though (the locks have) changed, the fob system is very simple to use."

Teachers use their fob keys by placing it up against a light sensor near the door, which then grants them access. The system also can be timed to lock and unlock for certain times of the day, allowing students to be outdoors during their breaks. "The idea of it is to be able to better monitor who is coming in and out of the building," explained Head of Security Charlie Clark.

If a breach in security were ever to occur, one would be able to track who had entered the building, and at what time. Said Zarrick, "Most faculty members have found it a convenient way of getting into the building."

"We're examining how it's being used and how it's working," said Clark, "and then we'll make the decision of whether to go back to regular locks, or to expand this and go further. This is really only the first full year that we're going to use it."

Although the fobs have been installed, the school has decided to keep the exterior doors of the campus locked, excluding the doors that open to Alumni Park. "To feel good about student and school safety and having these doors unlocked during the day, we really needed a guard on the Oakland lot," Zarrick said.

Probably the most notable of the changes to the campus is the new guard house on the Oakland lot. Zarrick said, "We placed it strategically in a place where that person could see every vehicle that comes on the lot, greet them, give

them directions as needed, and make sure that the entrance is secure."

"It organized the use of the lot," explained Clark. "(The upper lot is) a loading dock, it's an unloading dock, it's a meeting point. There are people coming and going all day. So to be able to organize, and to have a home base, this was what seemed to have worked."

Clark met with security professionals as well as the law enforcement and was provided with many ways to ensure that SLUH's campus remains safe. The added booth on the Oakland lot was one of these suggestions.

The new booth is heated and air conditioned and, by the beginning of next week, should have monitors installed.

The upper lot also has a new crosswalk from near the tower to the steps by the Jesuit wing of the school. Zarrick mentioned that faculty members were concerned about cars taking the turn too fast, and that the motorist might not see the pedestrians walking across the lot.

By the beginning of next week, the guardhouse will have monitors that will show all the different cameras on the exterior of campus, including the alley.

"Now we have eyes in the alley, if you will, so that the guard sees movement on the alley it actually gives us a presence on the Oakland lot, as well as in the alley. We've never had that before. From a budgetary standpoint, we cannot afford more than two guards during the day," said Zarrick.

The new house on the Oakland lot will allow the security guards to survey from three to four areas now with two guards.

SLUH has also hired a new security guard, Bob Harlan. Zarrick commented on Harlan's character, saying, "Bob is a very friendly, personable gentleman, and he will be very active in greeting everybody that comes on the campus, providing directions as needed."

The student lot on Berthold Avenue will also receive a new security booth. The booth will be erected on a two-foot platform so that the guard on duty will be able to monitor the cars on the lot in a

more efficient manner.

Despite all these changes to help improve SLUH's campus, one student's car was broken into this Monday. The burglary occurred at approximately 6:15 p.m., minutes after the guard stationed in the student parking lot rotated to the front to the Oakland lot. Zarrick explained, "We're going after it to make sure it doesn't happen again."

The student lot has been used more frequently within the past year. However, since there is no guard patrolling after 6:00 p.m., additional security was needed. A police officer from the St. Louis Police Department has been dispatched to patrol up Berthold Avenue and around East Road from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Although more guards would ensure that the lots would be safer, the school cannot add more guards due to the budget. "We are increasing security as much as we can," said Zarrick.

**ROBO**

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deal with the extensions they use most often, which would significantly diminish the amount of time spent navigating the system.

In addition to the occasionally frustrating amounts of time spent working through an automated menu, the automated switchboard poses a disadvantage to callers who are not entirely certain of what extension they need to contact when being able to speak with a receptionist would help. Mans commented that she had heard complaints from "people who preferred to speak with a person (because) they just didn't know where to go (on the menu)."

The question remains where Mans plans to go from here. She anticipates waiting until her children return to college in September before seeking new employment. Mans commented that she wished to "thank the teachers and parents for their prayers and support," and concluded by expressing how she "really misses the boys at SLUH."

**EDITORIAL**

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reinstated him as a member of the student body?

The decision to allow the student to return seems even more illogical when compared with this week's departure of senior Charlie Effinger. Effinger's decision to further his hockey career with a Junior A team meant that he would have to miss classes on a daily basis. Still hoping to graduate from SLUH, he proposed special plans for his schedule, including summer classes and the possibility of attending SLUH for an extra year. He was told that the school did not want to set a precedent by allowing him to follow the specialized schedule.

In each case, the student failed to meet SLUH's standards of discipline and academics, respectively, and in each case the student's continued enrollment at SLUH was dependent on the school's making special arrangements to make it possible. Is it fair for the school to bend its usual rules to allow the return of the first student without also making special arrangements for the second? Why is it that the school is willing to set a precedent in one case but not the other?

The school's mission is also challenged by the fact that Midge Mans, someone devoted to the school and its students,

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share the duties of writing copy-editing, layout, and staff management. The editors are supported by a core staff of regular reporters, who are frequently underclassmen.

Occasionally, the staff will also include such positions as layout staff, artist, photography editor, etc., as deemed necessary by the editors and moderator.

It is the role of the editors to seek out and facilitate the reporting of all significant news at SLUH. While any faculty member or student is welcome to submit suggestions for potential articles, the *Prep News* is never obligated to publish any article idea; the editors reserve the right to deem any potential article un-newsworthy and retain it from publication for this reason.

Our primary emphasis as editors of

served SLUH as a switchboard operator for four years only to be blindsided by news that the school would be using an automated switchboard and would no longer need her services. Though a stated factor in the decision was the money that would be saved by eliminating her position, she was only a part-time employee. If the school is really interested in cutting the budget, then the school should be sacrificing material things instead of eliminating someone who actively contributes to the SLUH family. This decision gives the impression that the school is more concerned with the monetary savings of technology than it is with caring for the unique people that contribute to the school's goal of forming a family centered on justice, love, and peace.

In conclusion, though these decisions are final, their questionable natures and inconsistencies challenge the school to live up to the standards that it sets for itself in the mission statement. As the school's leaders, the administrators are entrusted with moving the community toward the goals stated in the mission statement. Are these the actions of a community which seeks to build Christ's kingdom of justice, love, and peace?

the *Prep News* is upon accurate reporting, careful editing, and clear writing. But we do attempt to include some visual expression—photography, drawing, technical aids, or the like—in every issue. Despite our desire to make the paper visually appealing, we commit ourselves not to allow form to supercede substance.

The *Prep News* strongly encourages underclassman involvement, and our office on the second floor of the Jesuit Wing, Room J220, is always open for involvement, criticism, praise, or suggestions. Without student reaction and feedback, the *Prep News* could not function.

If the *Prep News* is inaccurate, we will try to correct any significant error in the following issue.

This is the platform and policy of the editors of Volume LXVIII of the *Prep News*.

**STUCO**

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tively play goalie for the varsity hockey team. There will be no STUCO-sponsored T-shirts this year. The Back to School Mixer everybody has been anxiously awaiting is hereby cancelled. For the first time ever, Blue Crew will be completely abolished. Therefore, with no Blue Crew, Belly Brigades, pep rallies, Spirit Week and even the football team are now nothing more than a foggy memory. Rumors of a STUCO Bowling Night are to be ended now. It will not, nor will it ever, take place. Crazy Dress Day is now formal attire. No sandals or cargo pockets, kids. All STUCO-sponsored dances have been handed over to the Honduras Project. On a positive side note, I hear talk of Twinkies and cupcakes being sold for only a quarter when you buy them with your tickets. Even though we have nothing to do with Senior Prom, it has been cancelled in reaction to our already lackluster performance. As if we hadn't slacked off enough, no current student council members will wear pants to school ever again. We all came to an agreement that with the three seconds saved each morning from not putting on pants, we will all get another eight and a half minutes of sleep. Angry with our indifference to our elected positions, Mr. Kesterson has left his position as STUCO moderator, and he has taken his Andrew W.K. CD with him. That's right, no more Andrew W.K., and furthermore, Mr. Kesterson has been replaced with a paint can. We'll probably stop coming to school all together.

Guys, I'm sorry. I really am! But look at it this way, at least with no expectations, you won't be disappointed. Next time you vote for STUCO members, try not to vote for the kid who, for his election speech, paid his classmate to beat him up with a wiffle ball bat. And if you do, tell the moderator not to hand him a giant sack of money. Oh well, maybe next year...(sigh)...

But then again, we are superheroes....

Sincerely,

Chris Baricevic and the artists formerly known as STUCO

## NOLOGY

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 tive plans that if these are successful, more will come. Just like with anything else: the TI calculators were at one time just a small portion of people who had those. Now everybody has one. Once that was determined that that was a successful use of technology, it expanded. But, when we got (the calculators) there was not a hard-core plan saying this year or next year everyone will have one. It was, 'let's get these tested and see how they work.' If (smart boards) are (successful), there will be certainly more that will follow."

"I am meeting with Mr. Nicollerat and (President Paul Sheridan, S.J.) this

week about putting together a three-year plan on technology," said Schenkenberg. "At the same time (that SLUH looked at smart boards), we have moved this summer toward making the entire campus part of a network from which we could broadcast images, trailers, and live broadcast...I would love to see the SLUH community, students and faculty take advantage of (the broadcasting system) because we have a lot of buildings."

Lately, television monitors have been showing up in various places around campus to enable the television broadcast studio to reach the whole community.

Schenkenberg said, "It can be used

for educational purposes as well, such as a showing in the theater that could be broadcast to certain classrooms or a team promoting their spirit and inviting you to the game, that would go into all the classrooms and go into the cafeteria as well."

Schenkenberg believes that "it is important to have student input on any kind of decision around technology," and Pride also invited interested students to contact her to participate at the Technology Committee meetings.

## CUMMINGS

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 Rockhurst High School until 1993. He then took a year-long sabbatical and went to the University of California at Berkley. He got back into the classroom in 1994 but taught on the college level at Regis University in Denver until 2003. He also taught junior English and freshmen and sophomore Theology. For six years he was superior of the Jesuit community at Regis. In addition, on weekends in Denver he rotated among three local parishes, something he hopes to continue in St. Louis. Coming back to SLUH, Cummings feels that he is finishing a "creative odyssey, leaving home to become a Jesuit at 18 and returning home with a lot more experience and wisdom" through all that he has accomplished.

Cummings has four main responsibilities since he has come back to SLUH. He teaches two junior theology classes, helps Pastoral Director Tim Chik with his duties, and is the superior of the Jesuit community at SLUH. The fourth task is that he hopes to start a group for alumni and their wives to re-establish the connection to SLUH among alumni. Cummings commented that he is "honored to once again recapture the selfless spirit and academic challenge of SLUH." On the weekends he hopes to find some parishes to serve.

## YOON

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 offering to do whatever it took to stay at SLUH, whether it be zero hour or summer classes. The school said no. They did not want to set a precedent so that other kids could do it later on. What kind of precedent is it setting by keeping kids from reaching their goals? What kind of precedent tells kids that their past three years of building a family aren't worth a little sacrifice from the people up top?

Charlie is the definition of a SLUH student. Open your planner and read the Grad at Grad. Charlie has not only met each of these five goals, but has excelled in them. The fact that he is trying to juggle hockey and school speaks volumes about his character. Through playing varsity goaltender for the ice hockey team, helping the team to two consecutive Jesuit Cups, he has given so much to our spirit.

Wanting to carry this passion on, he volunteered to be a senior advisor. After doing so much for SLUH, why couldn't they give a little back? Why not remember everybody who has given so much of their lives to the SLUH family, and go a little out of their way? Dare it be said, why not make a sacrifice? That's what family is all about.

Here is a kid who is willing to do whatever it takes to stay at school and play hockey. What 18-year-old has the dedica-

tion to both school and a sport to wake up before dawn to get to school by 7 am., go to a full day of six classes, then leave to go play a level of hockey people dream of playing? And then stay up till probably past midnight every night finishing homework? Yeah, that's a lot of work, and it's a lot of pressure. But when you fall in love with something so rare as the SLUH community, it's worth it.

SLUH is more than just a place where we go to school. It is the place where we cheer our classmates on in sports. It is the place where we come together to be a part of something that is bigger than us. It is the place where we meet the guys that end up being the best man at our wedding. It is the place where Charlie would like to say he graduated from because it is that special.

The Senior Class banner says "The Greatest Reward of Our Toils is Not What We Have Gotten But What We Have Become." I can tell you right now that Charlie has become a man that we all can look up to, and yet we can't because he is no longer with us.

Sincerely,  
 Jon Yoon '04  
 Chris Baricevic '04

by Tim Huether

## Calendar

Aug. 29- Sept. 5

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29**

Schedule M  
Frosh and Senior Class Mtg. @ Assembly  
Period  
Back-to-School Mixer  
Bosco Sticks and Pizza

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Labor Day  
No Classes

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

Schedule R

V-Soc @ St. Mary's @ 7pm  
STUCO Homeroom Elections  
Potato Barrels and Papa John's

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

Schedule R  
Activities Fair @ AP  
Back-to-School Night  
STUCO Homeroom Elections  
Fr. Eng. Tutorial @ AP  
Taco Salad and Fiestadas

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

Schedule R

V-FB vs. Riverview @ SLUH @ 6pm  
Funnel Cakes and Chicken Strips

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

Schedule R  
V-SOC vs. Gibault @ Oerter Park @ 7pm  
V-POLO @ Patriot Classic @ Parkway  
South  
TAP Training I  
College Visit:  
Washington University @ AP  
Wellness Mtg.  
Bosco Sticks and Pizza

**BIG TRUCKS**

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which Hellman is also a member.

Normally, the CBC football game draws the most people to the campus at any one time, causing the most congestion.

The new construction will provide several benefits.

"The boulevard not only gives SLUH a formal entrance, but also allows for access to the back of campus, something we presently don't have," said Sweeney.

"Another benefit is that it will pro-

vide excellent access for the parking garage, when that is built," said Hellman.

Eventually, a student drop-off area near the theater in the southwest campus will be built, and parents will be encouraged to drop off and pick up students there. This will decrease the amount of cars on the upper lot before and after school.

Costs also are right where estimates had been prior to construction. "The SLUH share is right around \$250,000," said Sweeney, "all of which comes from a budget designated specifically for Vision

2000."

Although SLUH and the Science Center pay for some things individually, like the separate entrance signs, and some things jointly, like the paving of the road, their total costs will be about the same.

The next step in Vision 2000 will be to demolish two warehouses at Berthold and East, in preparation for the construction of the parking garage. The parking garage will also be a joint operation between SLUH and the Science Center, with construction to begin around early 2005.

**ASC car stolen in June**

**Tim Friese  
Reporter**

Late one night in June, one or several criminals went on an extensive crime spree in SLUH's neighborhood. The spree spanned several targets on Lawn Place and Berthold Avenue, including a significant amount of SLUH property. Criminals hit the Alum Service Corps car and the SLUH-owned garage at #9 Lawn Place, as well as several other cars and other property not owned by SLUH.

Because there are no ASC members during the summer to drive the car, a '91 Dodge Spirit, no one noticed that the car was gone until the police found it on Swan Avenue, off Manchester. The police contacted SLUH, and maintenance director Ray Manker took charge of repairing the

car.

The damage to the car was extensive, affecting some windows, the drivetrain, and the steering column. SLUH also had to replace the stolen plates from the car, after finally having the car fully repaired and registered in July. All together, the damage totaled about \$1200.

2003-04 ASC members Chris Schaeffer and Sean Conway are not overly concerned about the safety of their house on Lawn Place. Schaefer said that they "just do the normal things, like lock the doors at night." Also, the house has a security system.

Regarding their newly-refurbished car, Conway described it as a "sweet ride with great air conditioning," adding that there seem to be "no lasting problems."



On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the SLUH Mother's Club sold the world-famous Ted Drewes ice cream on the upper field for \$2.00. Amid the sweltering heat, students indulged in their delectable treats and reminisced about the lazy days of summer.