

Prep News



"If nothing else, value the truth"

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Board of Trustees approves artificial turf

W. David Mueller
Sports Editor

On Wednesday night, the Board of Trustees met to decide whether a new artificial surface would be beneficial to St. Louis U. High. President Paul Sheridan, S.J., and Trustee and Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee Ted Hellman pitched the presentation for a new surface. The board unanimously decided that it would be in SLUH's best interest to construct an artificial turf field at the SLUH Stadium.

Hellman said, "We were reasonably optimistic that the board would approve this." He continued, "The benefits to the school are substantial."

In the presentation, Hellman and

Sheridan addressed three main benefits of the turf reported by Rockhurst and Regis High Schools. The two schools get around 200 uses a year (ten-fold what SLUH gets now) and see reduced injury rates. The fields also require a negligible amount of maintenance.

Hellman and Sheridan then laid down a time table for the construction of the new playing surface. The plan is to begin construction in May after the last day of school. First, SLUH will remove the sod, and possibly look for a buyer for the grass to reduce costs. The school will excavate the soil beneath the sod to the drainage system, and put a layer of crushed rock specified by the manufacturer over the drainage system. Then turf will be laid down over this layer of crushed rock.

Hellman estimates that the construction and installation will take nine weeks, making it possible to be ready for the fall football and soccer seasons.

Facilities Director Patrick Zarrick said, "Board members had heard positive experiences from either friends or colleagues about (the new) artificial turf, and I think they were pretty excited about it."

SLUH also sought outside information from CBC and St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland and visited the artificial surfaces at Rams Park and Mizzou.

The Board of Trustees did not have many questions, but they were concerned about the economic impact the turf would have on SLUH. Hellman answered that the new turf would likely have an average

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Yearbooks pulled after delivery

Recall attributed to teacher quotes

Greg Fox
Core Staff

Impatient Jr. Billikens who have been leagerly anticipating the arrival of the 2002-2003 *Dauphin* have to wait a little bit longer than expected. The yearbooks arrived this past Wednesday, Nov. 13, were delivered to teachers in their mailboxes, but promptly removed. Teachers who had already taken their yearbooks were asked to return them.

"There are four pages which include quotes from the teachers," Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski explained. "(The teacher quote section) included several quotes which were contrary to the mission of the school. We (the

administration) felt that they were inappropriate to be distributed that way."

Principal Mary Schenkenberg had the final say as to whether or not the yearbook would be released. She was assisted, however, by a panel of administrators which included Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinselmeyer, Assistant Principal for Student Affairs H. Eric Clark and Michalski.

After meeting, the panel decided not to release the 2003 *Dauphin*. "(The yearbooks) will not go out with those pages being available to readers," said Michalski.

It is not clear whose watchful eyes the four pages eluded. Last year's moderator, Randy Rosenberg, is currently

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STUCO holds second forum

Brian Kane
Editor in Chief

STUCO held its second-quarter forum in the theater during activity period on Monday. The senior STUCO members briefly touched on three topics: the Bosnian drive, the talent show, and daily Masses, before fielding an open forum.

STUCO President John Block began by announcing that STUCO will hold a drive for Bosnian families this winter in the same manner of past drives. He said that although there were not enough available families for STUCO to participate last year, enough Bosnian families need assistance this year.

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TAP begins second year of presentations

Tim Huether
Core Staff

Before school on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 27 members of the Saint Louis U. High's Teens Acting for Peace (TAP) program ventured to Immaculate Heart of Mary Elementary School to give presentations to students about respect. TAP is a national organization that goes to local schools and preaches a main theme of peace and respect. This year is TAP's second year as a SLUH organization.

Cardinal Ritter and St. Mary's also have TAP programs. In order to remain a part of TAP, each school's branch must make presentations to three local grade schools twice a year, one time in the first semester and once in the second. The

other two schools TAP will present to are Our Lady of the Holy Cross and St. Margaret of Scotland. These first semester presentations will occur on Dec. 5th.

TAP members attend training seminars once a semester in order to prepare for their presentations. These seminars are orchestrated by TAP founder Jim McGinnis, Ph.D. At each session, members are lectured about respect and peace, and then they break up into three groups. These groups are determined by which grade the member will be presenting to. Students who work with grades K-2 are grouped separately from those with grades 3-5 and 6-8. In these groups, the students meet with teachers who give them suggestions about how to talk to their age group. Students also get ideas about content of

future presentations. For example, teachers advised them to put together funny yet informative skits appropriate to the age group being presented to.

SLUH's TAP made nine presentations on Wednesday, one to each grade level, and the grade levels with multiple classes were combined to witness one presentation.

Students arrived at SLUH between 7:20 and 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday and were then driven by van to Immaculate Heart of Mary. Presentations were made from 8:15-9:00 a.m. and most students were back at SLUH in time for their first class at 9:29 a.m.

TAP assistant moderator Art Zinselmeyer said that he received great feedback from the teachers: "One teacher followed me out of the building and let (TAP Moderator) Robert Garavaglia and me know how much she appreciated us coming."

"We did a pretty good job," said sophomore Brian Hartwig, who presented to second graders. "The kids were pretty cool about it."

S.T.A.R. program continues to address drinking, drug use

Timo Kim
Core Staff

Since the beginning of last school year, St. Louis U. High has hosted bi-monthly meetings of Supporting Teens At Risk (S.T.A.R.) during activity period. In these meetings, students discuss the issue of drugs and alcohol in popular culture.

The S.T.A.R. program currently educates adolescent students in six area schools about drugs and alcohol through peer-to-peer discussions of substance abuse in social settings.

"I was a counselor for 14 years, and I saw that the use of drugs and alcohol was everywhere," says S.T.A.R. co-founder Frank Nally. "A big problem with this was that many people, especially families, don't want to see that drugs are there, so I said, 'If we can't talk about it openly with the adults, let's talk about it with the young people.'"

Nally came to SLUH on Sept. 22, 2002, shortly after he founded S.T.A.R., and gave an assembly about drug awareness to the student body. Since then, S.T.A.R. moderators Jim Linhares and

Craig Hannick have organized meetings during which interested students can come to relate experiences and troubles with drugs in their lives.

This year, S.T.A.R. plans to expand their involvement with the SLUH faculty and student body. Two weeks ago, a letter was sent to faculty members informing them of the existence of S.T.A.R. and extending an invitation to attend the meetings.

"We have a significant problem with alcohol in this building," says Linhares. "The idea is that if the faculty and counselors know about (S.T.A.R.) they could say in a non-threatening way to go to the meetings."

In addition to the letters to the faculty, Linhares also plans to have two alumni, Tony Sansone, '02, and Patrick Juelich, '01, visit theology classes to speak about the program.

Currently, S.T.A.R. is continuing to meet regularly, but they will be sending out more information in the coming weeks. For information about S.T.A.R., students and parents can talk to Hannick or Linhares, or contact S.T.A.R. at bnallySTAR@charter.net.

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The drive will run from Dec. 1-19. Homeroom representatives will have the responsibility of delivering the collected goods to the individual families on Dec. 20.

Block then said that this year's talent show will take place after the SLUH vs. DeSmet varsity basketball game on Dec. 19. He extended an invitation to students to start coming up with ideas for the show, saying, "Stupid, funny ideas, serious ideas, we need all of them. Short, long, whatever, we can work with that."

Religious Commissioner James Erler then took some time to address his new proposals for homeroom Masses. "We're going to challenge all the students in the school to develop their spiritual sides by going to 7:20 Mass," he said.

Erler hopes that approximately three-fourths of the students in a homeroom can

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lieser thanks community for support, urges more

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the SLUH student body and the SLUH community for the tremendous love and support I have felt as an openly gay student. SLUH is unique in this respect, as I know gay students at CBC, DeSmet, Chaminade, and Vianney who fear what may happen if they come out. There's a lot that the SLUH community has done to help gay students feel loved and accepted, but there's a lot more that needs to be done. During my freshman and sophomore years, I was incredibly depressed as a result of the isolation brought about by hiding my orientation. I had nowhere to go and express myself, nowhere to go and be with people like myself or even go where I would be surrounded by people I knew would support me. We need a place like that.

During my sophomore year, the newly created Ally program taught me that I didn't need to be alone. While I was not involved in this, I felt happy that the issue was being addressed and that I was not alone; however, I was quite sad to hear that it was shut

down a week later. No one knows how many SLUH students would have taken advantage of such a group; no one knows how many young men could have begun to discover and accept themselves as a result of the group. Finally, no one knows how many young men continue to live in their isolated worlds because they have nowhere to develop themselves, young men who often live with the reality of depression. At a time when the effects of depression are frighteningly real to the SLUH community, we must choose whether we're going to ignore the very real pain of many of our fellow Jr. Bills or whether we're going to address this complicated and controversial issue in the most loving way we can. I hope that we can all come together as a community and work to create a loving atmosphere where all students are not only accepted but given the help they need to become the young men they truly are.

Daniel Lieser '04

BOOK

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studying at Boston College. As of press time, he was unavailable for comment. Richard Keefe, who is the current assistant moderator of the yearbook, refused to comment on the situation. Tim Rittenhouse, this year's moderator, has not been at school this week due to the birth of his son, and he did not have any responsibilities on last year's *Dauphin*.

The yearbook is traditionally completed over the summer, and it is a possibility that the final editing responsibilities were lost in the confusion as the yearbook switched moderators. "I don't know that (who cleared the final pages) is clear now," said Michalski.

Possibilities for rectifying the mistakes range from "cutting the pages out to somehow covering or pasting the pages, all the way up to some sort of reprint," said Michalski. At this point, a cost figure for replacing or fixing the yearbooks is unavailable, but Michalski did say that the contract with Herff-Jones for the original yearbooks was "tens of thousands of dollars."

"We're going to consult with the Herff-Jones rep to talk about different

options for not having those pages be a part of the publication," said Michalski.

The teacher quote pages have long been a student favorite in the yearbook. "There's a tradition at SLUH... there's always some kind of a forum, like Senior Follies, for students to appropriately poke fun at the faculty and administration. Honestly, I think that's a really positive thing," Michalski commented. "In that kind of tradition, there's always a need for appropriateness... and a respectfulness in the way that that's done. This clearly stepped over the line, unfortunately."

Despite students' favor for the teacher quote section, the quotes have repeatedly caused controversy. "That's a section that historically has been somewhat controversial. In terms of being in line with the mission of the school this year, I think it stepped way over the line," said Michalski. The quotes are often, if not always, taken out of context, which can undermine or completely skew the teachers' original meanings during their statements.

In addition, due to the manner in which quotes are submitted, validity has always been an issue. The quotes are submitted to the yearbook by way of a

box, and the students often do not check with the teachers first. "It is clear that these quotes were never run by the people who are quoted," said Michalski. "The concern there is the validity of the quote."

In addition to validity issues, many of the quotes themselves were offensive. "Some of the quotes were inappropriate in a pretty disrespectful way," Michalski observed. "They probably would be considered offensive to some of the people who were quoted, and possibly to other people as well."

Because the teacher quotes section is so controversial, there are many in the school who oppose it, and to them, this may have been the final straw. Though the administration has not made a decision as to the continuation of the teacher quotes section, this year's edition may bring the tradition to a halt. "Does it jeopardize (the future of the teacher quote section)? I think absolutely it does," Michalski said.

The re-release date is currently unavailable, for the administration had not made a decision regarding how to fix the problem as of press time. Michalski assures, however, that the problem will be rectified quickly and that this year's (2003-2004) yearbook will not be affected.

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attend 7:20 Mass on their assigned day. Because there are 40 homerooms in the school, he anticipates each homeroom only attending Mass once every two to three months. "It's not asking a lot out of you guys," he said.

Erler briefly described the scheduling of homeroom Masses. "I will not schedule a homeroom on a day when they have a class Mass or on a day when they have a prayer service," he said. He also speculated that he might not schedule homerooms on Monday because students would forget over the weekend. Furthermore, Erler said that if a homeroom had a preference regarding what days to attend Mass, then the pastoral rep should let him know and he will try to plan accordingly.

To get ideas about how to promote attendance at these Masses, Erler asked for input from the students at the forum. Senior Sam Weller suggested taping slips of paper to students' assignment books when their assigned dates get closer as reminders to attend.

Senior Nate Hilliard noted that he did not think offering incentives such as donuts afterwards to students who attend the Masses would be an appropriate way of encouraging attendance.

Erler closed the discussion by suggesting that students keep track of their assigned dates in their assignment books. He also stressed that it is the job of the homeroom pastoral representatives to promote attendance at the Masses. "I will come around to the homerooms and let them know a couple of days beforehand that they should go to Mass and after that it's up to the pastoral reps to talk it up," he said.

STUCO then opened the forum to the audience. Weller expressed his concern that the talent show would not have enough variety, noting that performances by student bands dominated last year's show.

Block responded that while STUCO would love to see more variety in the

show, it depends on the acts that students propose to STUCO. "Last year, what we got was musical acts," he said. He reiterated that homeroom reps should encourage students to come up with a variety of acts.

Senior Matt Green then asked about the lack of bus transportation to the varsity soccer games in Jefferson City. He said that he had heard that one of the reasons for not renting buses was a lack of STUCO funds, which concerned him.

Block explained that a bus rental would cost roughly ten dollars per person, and that STUCO did not think there was enough student interest in getting a bus. He added, "(While) talking to seniors, when we said it was ten dollars per person, they said, 'I'll drive.'"

Since the forum, STUCO has decided to offer bus transportation to tomorrow's game at a cost of ten dollars per person.

STUCO Vice President Tom Mudd responded to the rumor of low STUCO funds. "I wouldn't say that we're low on money, but I'd say there's a lot of stuff that we subsidize," he said, such as dances, the Fall Festival, and new golf carts for SLUH security.

The topic of these new golf carts also drew attention from Green, who asked why STUCO should have to use its money to buy the school golf carts. Block stressed that it was STUCO's own decision to use their money in this way.

Senior Brian Fallon then asked STUCO if they plan on publishing their budget, and they said that they do not.

The forum then shifted to the topic of turf. When asked for their opinion on whether or not they wanted SLUH to

install a turf field, the audience cheered in support. For the students, the issue of what type of turf to use was not as clear. There are several kinds of turf, each with its own advantages.

According to senior Matt Fiess, whose AP Environmental Science Class is taught by Facilities Director Patrick Zarrick, Zarrick brought in samples of the turf and displayed them to the class. Fiess said that the different kinds of turf were noticeably different from one another.

Senior Dave Mueller, who plays varsity soccer, recently got a chance to play on CBC's new turf field. He said that during the game, bits of rubber would fly up from points of impact with the turf; these bits of rubber could get in his face and hinder his playing. Because of this experience, Mueller said that students should be involved in deciding what type of turf, if any, will be used.

While discussing turf, STUCO Publicist and Social Commissioner Chris Baricevic asked if students felt that they should have a say in school issues like turf. Erler said after the forum, "I think the consensus was that students would kind of like to have a heads up on what's going

on and what's changing in school. As far as having a role in deciding, I don't know that they wanted so much of that."

As with the first forum, student attendance was low. However, almost all of the homeroom reps attended. At-

tendance is mandatory for homeroom reps.

However, Erler seemed concerned with the low attendance from the school faculty and staff. "We were kind of hoping that we could rally together a lot of teachers and those who are our leaders so that they could have a voice in what we're doing around school, but most of them didn't show up," he said. He added, "There were a few (who attended) and we really appreciate them coming."

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—JAMES ERLER

Soccer smothers Jeff City, moves to sectionals

Shane Rapp
Reporter

And then there were eight. The Jr. Bills beat the Jefferson City Jays 5-0 on Tuesday in the round of sixteen, clinching the sectional title. The 30 or so fans that made the trek to Missouri's capitol were not disappointed by their soccer team.

"We played like zealots," said goalie Mike McNamee.

The Martelbills scored early and often, using high pressure all over the field to control the host Jays and to maintain possession of the ball. The Jr. Bills had several chances in the first seven minutes to get the all-important first goal. A corner kick by Joe Germanese ended up loose on the six yard line, but a good play by the Jeff City keeper prevented a goal. Just two minutes later, a pass by junior Tim Weir found the left foot of Germanese, but a defender deflected the shot just over the

bar. Another chance by Germanese was stopped by a defender on a header from the Jays' goal line. Germanese finally scored on a skipping ball from 20 yards out just nine minutes into the match. Germanese added another tally a few minutes later as he finished a ball from defender Rich Winkler from 23 yards away.

"I think Joe (Germanese) really stepped up. He buried two early to get us going and that really set the tone for the rest of the game," said forward Andy Leindecker.

Jeff City was down but not out as they had a couple of chances later in the half. A misplay in the box was collected by Jefferson City, but the shot went over the crossbar. Shortly after this chance, a Jeff City forward carried the ball on a long run down the sideline, but a recovery run by sweeper Brent Zang cut off the attempt in the corner.

The FIFAbills regained control by scoring a third goal as a string of passes

from John Kornfeld to Leindecker to Weir resulted in Weir's seventh goal of the season. Leindecker also scored as he buried a pass from forward David Mueller into the lower right corner of the net to make it 4-0 going into halftime.

Head coach Charlie Martel said, "I thought we started strong. I thought we put a lot of pressure on the ball, we attacked the end line really well, and we finished on our opportunities. It was a very dynamic half."

The Stateboundbills continued their relentless pressure in the second half, as Mueller narrowly missed on a pass from Jeff Stephens. Leindecker had SLUH's best early chance as he took a pass from Kornfeld and put his left-footed shot off of the post five minutes into the half. Joe Jost had a good half, almost capitalizing on two chances around the box during a five minute span. There was a Jefferson City opportunity to score in these chances,

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Water polo loses to MICDS in finals

Dave Marek
Reporter

Last Saturday, the St. Louis U. High School water polo team suffered a tragic 12-3 defeat to their arch-rivals MICDS in the state finals. The game had extreme highs, such as junior Tim Heafner's early goal in the first period, and extreme lows. Goalie Paul Guest referred to the game as an "emotional roller coaster."

At the beginning of the first period, the Polobills came out strong, looking to control the movement of the game. Nineteen seconds into the game, Heafner received a pass from Guest and snuck a quick shot under the right arm of the MICDS goalie. The easy SLUH goal proved to be an uncommon lapse in MICDS' defense.

The rest of the quarter was dominated by the defensive efforts of the two teams. Initially, the Polobills' double-hole offense posed an offensive threat while

still preventing a quick MICDS counter-attack. Both teams had good coverage on defense, resulting in few scoring opportunities for both teams.

MICDS was able to take advantage of their few scoring opportunities in the

junior David Zenk drew the SLUH defense away from their guards, providing MICDS with an easy cross-goal pass and subsequent goal.

The Polobills refused to give up, as Heafner took advantage of a 6-5 man

advantage and zipped the ball past the unsuspecting goalie. Despite these efforts, MICDS was able to put two more points on the board, and by the end of the quarter, MICDS led SLUH 4-2.

Although the Polobills were down two goals, they were not discouraged and were determined to show their skill. Just under a minute into the second quarter, Heafner scored his third

and final goal from a shot that eerily duplicated his previous goal. But MICDS quickly regained their two-goal lead on a 6-5 man advantage.

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Goalie Paul Guest leaps out of the water as an MICDS shot goes wide.

first quarter. MICDS put their first point on the board after their hole man shot an amazing backhand under Guest's arm. The Rams continued their offensive and increased their lead to 2-1 after MICDS

PHOTO BY CHARLIE HALL

Cross country takes 8th at state meet

Henry Samson
Reporter

After lacing their spikes and donning their skimpy blue singlets for the final time last Saturday, the varsity cross country team headed towards the starting line of the Missouri 4A state meet with their sights set on winning one of the four trophies. But to their dismay, the Jr. Bills finished eighth after "one of the fastest races in my history," according to head coach Jim Linhares. "Of course we're all disappointed, but along with the day's gray spots, I saw a lot of bright pictures."

Success was relative for the Jr. Bills. "If you look at the box score, we didn't get it done. But if you compare the times from last Saturday to last year's fifth place team, or even to the state winning team from '99, this year's kids were running

faster races," said Linhares.

The competition was definitely faster this year. Andrew Linhares, who finished

16:50 was the cut-off for the last All-State position.

SLUH finished in 8th place, second among schools from the St. Louis area behind a talented Fort Zumwalt South. Linhares commented, "I walk away extremely happy that we took 8th rather than very disheartened at 12th." Between 8th place SLUH and 12th place Chaminade, five St. Louis teams were spread over a minuscule 15 points. These local rankings were marked by slim margins considering that, overall, the first place team scored 51 points while the 16th place team scored 339 points.

"It was the little things that helped our performance," said Linhares, "like John Oliver running with one shoe almost the entire race." Some time shortly

after the surge off the starting line, Oliver's shoe came off causing him to race about

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John Oliver takes the downhill 2.5 miles into the race without a shoe.

first for the team, ran a 16:56 for 33rd place. Most years, this time would merit an All-State performance, but last Saturday,

Football ends season with 41-19 loss to Mehlville

Greg Fox
Core Staff

Hope, according to popular belief, springs eternal. The Jr. Bills entered last Friday night's football game against Mehlville with a glimmer of hope for making the playoffs: if they won and Roosevelt defeated CBC, the Jr. Bills were in. Neither team, however, held up its end, as the Jr. Bills valiantly fell 41-19 to the number four team in the *Post-Dispatch* metro area top ten large schools.

Kicker Tim Simon opened the scoring midway through the first quarter with a 24-yard field goal. Mehlville retaliated less than three minutes later, pounding the ball into the end zone from five yards out. On Mehlville's next possession, junior defensive back Ryan Morgan jumped a Mehlville pass route, intercepting the throw and returning the pick 13 yards.

The Jr. Bills dominated the second quarter. On their second possession, the Jr. Bills drove out from their own territory behind an aerial attack led by junior quarterback Matt Behr and junior receivers



Matt Behr prepares to pass amidst charging Panthers.

John Warner and Curtis Hoette. Behr connected with Warner from 13 yards out to take the lead 10-7 halfway through the second quarter. Warner finished with 91

yards on five catches, while Hoette had 51 on two.

Behr added a rushing touchdown from two yards out, and Simon kicked another field goal, this time from the 22. Simon ended the night with seven points (2 FG, XP).

The Jr. Bills looked to make it to halftime with a 19-7 lead and huge momentum, but the Panthers had other plans.

Sophomore defensive back Jim Sansone was in coverage with little over a minute left in the half when the Panthers quarterback dropped back to pass. Sansone jumped the route and tipped the pass, but was unable to make the pick. Unfortunately, the Mehlville receiver caught the pass and ran 53 yards for a touchdown. The play seemed to ruin the momentum the Jr. Bills had worked so hard for, though they were still up 19-14 at halftime.

Speaking on the defense's relative see **TUNDRA, 8**

FOOTBALL ALL-MCC

1st Team All-MCC

John Block
David Caldwell
Jim Croghan
Brent Harvey
Jeff Howenstein
Stephen Simmons
Tim Simon
John Warner

2nd Team All-MCC

Matt Behr
Matt Herzberg
Chris Hoffman
David Klug
Ryan Morgan

All-MCC Honorable Mention

Paul Chaney
Colin Dowling
Curtis Hoette
Eric Hunt
Chris Luth
Matt Maisak
Tom Martin
Jim Sansone
Mike Talerico
Greg Yeckel
Ben Zaegel

MCC All-Academic

Matt Behr
John Block
David Caldwell
Jim Croghan
Colin Dowling
Greg Eschelbach
Matt Green
Brent Harvey
Dan Heard
Matt Herzberg
Curtis Hoette
Chris Hoffman
Jeff Howenstein
Eric Hunt
David Klug
Chris Luth
Matt Maisak
Tom Martin
Ryan Morgan
Jim Sansone
Tim Simon
Mike Talerico
John Warner
Greg Yeckel
Ben Zaegel

BYE-BYE BIRDIE

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but the shot from the top of the box sailed wide. This was their best opportunity of the half, and goalie sensation Ben Brockland posted his ninth solo shutout, maintaining his metropolitan area-leading 0.00 goals against average.

It looked as if the Jr. Bills might go scoreless in the second half, until Scott Wozniak headed a cross from Jost into the upper 90 with two minutes left in the game. This goal capped the scoring, and the Soccerbills look towards their quarterfinal game against Rolla on Saturday at 1:00 at Jefferson City Soccer Park.

This game was marked by quality

minutes from several bench players, including fan-favorite Ryan Hyde. Hyde got a rare start on Tuesday, and he helped control the midfield and get the ball to the forwards in scoring position.

"Hyder really stepped up, getting the start. He played really well for us in the midfield," said John Reagan.

"We seem to be getting a really great effort from everybody," said Martel. "We have 11 players out there playing the very best that they can... Even though we've had a lot of injuries, (the players) seem to be stepping up and doing a very good job."

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This was by far the most aggressive period in the game. Above the water it seemed like a normal, fast-paced game, but under the water both teams were waging an all-out war of attrition to gain dominance.

Obscured by the water, players kicked, grabbed, held back, and did anything else to give their team the advantage. "We weren't used to them pulling so much," commented captain Colin Tyrrell. The aggressiveness of the game was never more evident than when Heafner emerged from the pool with noticeable scratch marks on his back from his two-meter guard and when Nick Konczak took a kick to the face from his guard. By the end of the period, MICDS had won this aggressive battle and had taken a 7-3 lead.

In the second half, the Polobills were unable to capitalize on their offensive efforts. The Polobills' double hole offense, while effectively preventing MICDS' brutal counter-attacks, was unable to get anything done against the skilled MICDS two-meter guards.

"We would have played better offense with a motion offense... but it would have allowed them to counter," commented head coach Paul Baudendistel after the game. As a result, the Polobills were shut out for the entire second half of

the game. By the time the game ended, MICDS had defeated the Polobills 12-3.

Although the final score may have made the game seem lopsided, the Polobills played an excellent game. "We were able to achieve our goal of shutting down their top two players," commented Guest. "It was their third-through sixth-best players who beat us."

There was no crucial error in the way the Polobills played. MICDS simply played well on Saturday. "I don't think anything went wrong," reflected Coach Baudendistel after the game. "They're MICDS and they play good defense. They play good offense, they're aggressive, (and) you have to tip your hat to somebody when they beat you."

Quote of the Week

"I can suck melancholy out of a song as a weasel sucks eggs."

—*Shakespeare's As You Like*

SHOELESS

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three miles without a shoe on his right foot. "It hurt so bad," said Oliver. "It was awful, especially on the gravel." Oliver eventually finished as the team's fifth man, putting on a spectacular finishing kick for a time of 17:46 and 103rd place.

"Maybe we wouldn't have finished 4 points ahead of DeSmet if John had packed it in," remarked Linhares.

Strangely, the race did not start fast. The lead pack ran an abnormally slow 5:06 first mile, which caused the rest of the field to remain tightly grouped through much of the first mile and a half. This presented the Jr. Bills with a problem: they had decided to pace themselves according to their place in the race. Without anyone forcing the field to spread out, runners either fell down, slowed, or faced the enormous challenge of moving up

through the throng of runners.

Still, sophomore Ben Murphy-Baum ran a solid 17:01 for 40th place, perhaps one of the best sophomore performances in SLUH history. Junior Danny Meier, who had been stuck in the back of the thick pack throughout the entire first mile, ran an equally impressive race, finishing in 52nd place with a 17:13. Chris Arb, although struggling with a knee problem, finished with 17:34 and 82nd place as SLUH's fourth man. Joe Carlson finished 106th with a respectable 17:48; and Dan Flanagan wrapped up the team's day with an 18:09 for 134th place.

Linhares remarked, "The way I look at it, we finished eighth in state, second in the area, and first in our conference without a full varsity squad, mainly Alex Muntges, during a highly competitive year."

ARCHAEOLOGY PRESENTATION



On Monday during activity period, faculty and students attended the SLUH archaeology meeting. Pictured are a sample of the artifacts students uncovered last summer. Anyone interested in next summer's course should see social studies teacher Tim O'Neil.

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dominance in the first half, assistant coach Rob Chura said, "We felt like we had a good idea at times what was coming."

The second half was the yin to the first half's yang. Mehlville's first possession yielded a touchdown, and on the Jr. Bills' second possession of the half, Behr went down with a knee injury. He did not return, and junior Gabe Gassner took his spot.

According to Chura, Behr sustained a gash to his knee that went down almost to the bone. "He was done once that happened," Chura said.

"Anytime (an) offense is successful, your quarterback's a big part of it," said Chura. "You have to give (Behr) a lot of the credit."

Behr finished the night with 190 yards in little over one half of play. As of half-time, he was on pace to break the SLUH single-game passing record.

With the starting quarterback out, the game plan remained the same. "We still were capable of moving the ball... All the stuff that we were doing before (Behr's) injury we planned on doing after."

On Gassner's second drive as quarterback, he and sophomore Stephen Simmons failed to complete the exchange on a handoff, and the ball fell to the ground. The Mehlville defender picked the ball up and ran it back for a touchdown to make the score 27-19.

"We had an unfortunate turn of events," said Gassner. "You do the best you can with what you have and don't look back."

Mehlville added two touchdowns to make the final score 41-19. They won the district and advanced to the state playoffs.

"Mehlville's a 9-1 football team for a reason. They came out and made some plays," Chura commented. "Defensively, (Mehlville) came out with a pretty good plan, they made some adjustments."

The Jr. Bills ended their season 6-4.

Elephant Man will open next week

Ted Makarewicz
Reporter

Tuppence only, step in and see! This side of the grave, John Merrick has no hope nor expectation of relief!" cries Ross (senior Peter Gosik), manager of the so-called "Elephant Man," a hideously deformed individual suffering from an awful, physically deforming disease. Ross invites his audience to "pay to gape and yawp at this freak of nature" in *The Elephant Man*, presented by the Dauphin Players Nov. 21-23.

It is up to the small cast of only nine players, with indispensable support from the SLUH stage crew, to bring to life Bernard Pomerance's play and recreate his seedy, decadent, turn-of-the-20th century London. Despite the fact that there are only nine actors, there are over 20 characters in *The Elephant Man*, which means that, when not onstage, the actors are constantly changing clothes and transforming from one person to another. Rosati-Kain senior Katy O'Herin plays a freakish pinhead, the "Queen of the Congo," and then returns in a few scenes as Princess Alexandra, quite the antithesis of a freak.

An actor has to know intimately numerous characters' speech, mannerisms, and life. On top of that, he or she must keep them all separate.

The entire cast, except for Merrick (Sam Weller), plays multiple roles, yet Merrick faces an even greater challenge. Weller said, "For myself, the hardest part was understanding and replicating John Merrick's condition." The cast is also given the duty of changing much of the scenery and even providing sound cues. Despite these challenges, however, with each rehearsal this production is becoming like a well-oiled machine.

The actors, of course, are not the only part of the show that changes from scene to scene. The set also must transform from the London hospital to a freak carnival in Belgium, then to Liverpool Street station. According to set designer Scott Sanders, "the set was very difficult to design and build," because it consists only of a single,

versatile playing space that the actors and the furniture change rather than a concrete, realistic design. This backdrop, consisting of large darkly painted "flats" in an abstract London skyline, and the stage, covered in cobblestones and platforms as high as three feet, performs this task perfectly. It gives the audience the dinginess of turn-of-the-20th century London while still providing numerous other playing spaces.

The set is perhaps a perfect example of the ultimate understanding of this play. In the end, *The Elephant Man* is not about what the audience sees, but what they do not see. It is up to the audience to digest the play for themselves. The character of Merrick serves as an example. Many people pose the question, "How are they going to make the Elephant Man look like the Elephant Man?" The answer is simple — they aren't. In fact, the playwright specifically instructs in his foreword not to attempt to make John Merrick an accurate representation of the historical figure, for it would be counterproductive. The most recent Broadway revival of this play ignored this warning, and the show failed

miserably. This is not a play about showing the effect of multiple neurofibromatosis on the human body. It is a play about letting the audience discover deformity and beauty of the soul. By the end of this play, the audience will have a very different idea of who is deformed and who is beautiful.

Director Kathryn Whitaker has been the main force in getting this vision off the ground. "Although the script is a mere 60 pages, the show has very demanding acting, technical, and even emotion aspects," says Whitaker.

"Come see mother nature uncorsetted and in malignant rage! Tuppence."

Note: After inflation and currency conversion, "tuppence" will be considered five dollars in advance and six dollars at the door.

THE ELEPHANT MAN WILL
PLAY IN THE SLUH THEATER ON
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TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE
SLUH BOX OFFICE AT 531-0330,
EXT. 173.

Mathbills compete at Forest Park

Pat Sommer
Reporter

Last Saturday morning, a group of Jr. Bills sharpened pencils and headed up to Forest Park Community College for the St. Louis Area High School Mathematics Contest. The group of students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, met at St. Louis U. High at 8 a.m. before heading to registration at Forest Park at 8:30.

However, the TI-83bills didn't realize that the contest wasn't going to start until 10:30. "We were kind of early," said senior Dave Burghoff.

When the contest finally started, the Mathbills hammered away at 20 test questions. The difficulty of the questions progressively increased. "The back page was very hard," Burghoff said of the test.

After the hour time limit ended, the

tests were collected and graded. The grading methods were similar to those of the SAT. Omitted answers were not counted, and points were taken off for incorrect answers.

The senior team composed of Adam Zghall, Joe Marincel, Kevin Milford, Bo Purcell, and Dave Burghoff finished first overall among all senior teams, with Zghall placing fifth and Marincel placing second in the individual competitions.

The freshman team of Dan Viox, Phillip Fish, Paul Scioneaux, John Merkley, Patrick Tracy, and Micah Manary placed fifth among freshmen teams, with Viox placing eighth in the individual competition.

Also representing the Jr. Bills at the math contest were junior Matt Spaeth and sophomores Timo Kim, Michael Broom, and Dan Marincel.

Model U.N. members attend session

Students commended at every review

Compiled from sources

High school members from all over the St. Louis area gathered for the Fall CIVITAS Model U.N. Session at the Chase Park Plaza between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The SLUH community was well represented. Six students participated in various committees of the United Nations. SLUH's Model U.N. members sophomores Bryan Carlin, Anthony Keel, Stephen Rastenberger, senior Dave Marek, and junior Byrne Hobart represented Syria and Italy during the daylong session. SLUH also had Gillian Horton, a friend of

one of SLUH's members from out of town, attend as a member of the SLUH group. SLUH students presented, debated, and voted on resolutions in the different committees. The general session ended with a review from all the committees of the U.N., and the members of SLUH were commended at every review for their insight and awareness of the issues at hand. Because of the information given at the fall session, another spring Model U.N. session is in the works with more details to come later.

The next event of Model U.N. is the Conference on the Middle East, which will occur over the weekend of Nov. 21 and 22.

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have on SLUH. Hellman answered that the new turf would likely have an average cost of around \$20,000 a year if it lasts the expected 12 years, whereas the maintenance costs for the present sod total about \$18,000 per year.

Hellman said, "Once the board saw the economics, I think they felt really good about it." He continued, "It was, I think, a pretty easy decision for them."

The possibility of renting the turf was brought up later. Rockhurst rents out their facilities to interested parties in the community, but SLUH is not considering a rental program at this time for the new artificial surface. SLUH has rented the theater in the past, so the school has the experience of outside party use of SLUH facilities. Hellman did not factor the possibility of renting the turf into the monetary pitch to the Board of Trustees.

SLUH has yet to determine which manufacturer it will use for the turf, though it has met with four companies: Prestige, Field Turf, SRI Industries, and Sportexe, and expects bidding to begin soon.

The Board of Trustees will not decide what kind of turf will be chosen. "(The board) is relying on the building

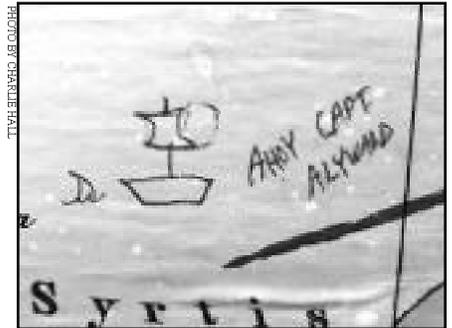
and grounds crew," said Zarrick. "They saw the samples (of the turf), and they are all fairly similar, so they are really relying on us to come up with a recommendation." Zarrick concluded, "The bidding process will be a real significant factor on (which company) we go with... They are all solid products."

Athletic Director Dick Wehner said his concerns "are the longevity of the turf...and will (the company) meet the deadline of installation. My personal deadline would be if it is ready by Sept. 1."

Wehner added, "I think it would be good for the school, if you are considering what is best for the kids. It's a win-win situation."

Though the construction of the turf will not interfere with the 2004 track season, it will slightly affect the 2005 season. Until construction ends for the new soccer stadium and the eight-lane regulation track set for the fall of 2005, the high jump and triple jump events that took place on the stadium field will move to an undetermined location for the spring 2005 season, although Hellman considers the south P.E. field, where the shot put already takes place, a future option.

PIC OF THE WEEK



In a reverie, a creative defacer imagined history teacher Steve Aylward sailing the high seas, transporting him to the Mediterranean Sea of olden days on a map of Europe in M104, Aylward's classroom. He did, however, misspell Aylward's name.

On Tuesday morning, Chinese teacher Dr. Ching-ling Tai left school to go to the hospital after feelings of dizziness and dehydration. "I've been having colds for a while, and I probably just ran out of energy," she said.

Tai says she is doing fine now, and yesterday afternoon she said that there was a possibility that she would be back in school today. "I appreciate everybody's concern," she said.

Edison, electricity, death: alum's new book

Charlie Hall
Features Editor

"He was one of the most powerful students I ever taught," said English teacher Rich Moran of his former student Mark Essig, '88. Essig, once the news editor of the *Prep News* and now a freelance writer who lives in Los Angeles, has recently published a book entitled *Edison and the Electric Chair*. The nonfiction work examines the history of the electric chair as a means of execution in America and inventor Thomas Edison's role in its creation.

Essig has had an interest in writing since his early youth. "I read a lot, as far as I can remember into elementary school." He started writing very young. "My dad always encouraged writing," he said. When Essig was about eight or nine, his father "would pay (my siblings and me) a penny a word to write essays on topics of our choosing. During the summer, or any time we needed to make a little money, we would go and research a little paper." His topics varied, although Essig remembers once writing "about polar bears, or something."

Throughout high school and college, his interest turned toward journalism and nonfictional writing. "I liked the reporting part of it, the research part of it. I've always felt like half the fun is in actually finding the material, and having this enormous mass of information that you somehow have to work into a coherent story," Essig said. "I like that moment when you sit down and piece it all together. That was my attraction to (nonfiction)."

While in high school, Essig started writing for the *Prep News* as a freshman covering C-team sports. He was named news editor his senior year.

Essig attended college at the University of Virginia, where he worked on the school's newspaper. On occasion at the University of Virginia, Essig did what he called "stunt journalism." He recalled one instance in which he attended a garlic festival. "I went there and wrote about and entered the raw garlic eating contest." He "lost badly," but he did get his story.

Essig attended graduate school at Cornell, where he began to

focus on historical writing, a focus that would eventually lead him to the writing of *Edison and the Electric Chair*.

While doing research for his dissertation on forensic medicine at Cornell, Essig ran across an image that sparked his interest in the electric chair. "I was just looking through old newspapers and I saw that image of the electric chair: a scary image, an arresting image, a frightening image. And when I read the story and it mentioned Edison as the one who had suggested that particular electric chair design, I knew that it was just such an odd conjunction of this American icon, this great American inventor,

who had gotten mixed up in something that was so dark, so gruesome. I wanted to show how deeply he was caught up in it."

In his book, Essig explores the origins of electrocution, the controversy surrounding its creation and experimentation, and the American culture that allowed it to survive as an acceptable means of execution. He particularly describes Edison's championing of the idea. "A lot of people think that 'Well, the experiments took place in (Edison's) laboratory but he didn't really do it,' whereas the conclusion I come to is that he was deeply involved...the fact that he supported it really helped it become a reality."

"I like to show a more complicated and a darker side of American history," Essig says. "We're a nation that loves technology and is fascinated by violence...this is an area where you're trying to use a

machine, this new technological device, to lower the crime rate—addressing violence with violence through technology. I think it's a good way of understanding who we are. Although it's not really the portrait of who we are that a lot of people want to hear. It's definitely not a flag-waving story."

Essig's dark sense of humor gave him a way to address the issue of execution. "This is such a bizarre episode, such a strange episode, just the basic idea of killing people with electricity, that they would come up and decide that this was a good way to execute criminals was bizarre. And the things they get into when they do these experiments, when they discuss it, I just really think it's funny."

Essig adds that he has always been against the death penalty, and that writing and researching the book didn't change his view. "The death penalty has never been administered fairly and never

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Essig reads an excerpt from his book at Left Bank Books last Thursday.

PHOTO BY CHARLIE HALL

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can be. The criminal justice system in the United States tends to make mistakes, and therefore should not be in the business of sending out sentences that are irrevocable," Essig said. While he says his "opinion is fairly subdued (in the book), I certainly don't hide it."

After graduate school, Essig moved to New York City and "did various freelance writing and editing projects." He then received an advance from Walker Publishing to write *Edison and the Electric Chair*, and he lived off the advance during the two years it took to research and write. In order to get an advance from his publisher, Essig had to "first write a book proposal, which is a couple of sample chapters, a very detailed chapter outline, and present a sort of marketing plan for the book. (The proposal) ended up being over 100 pages."

In the actual writing process, Essig found that research and writing could not be separated. "When it came time to write it, I would do some intensive research on a certain chunk, one, two, or three chapters, however the material divided itself, and then I would go ahead and write it right then," he said.

"It was the only thing I did for a solid year," he said. Essig did about six months of more intermittent writing before and after this year.

"On the average day...I would sit and read old newspapers or archival documents on microfilm, then go upstairs to a table in the library and write it," said Essig.

Edison and the Electric Chair was

published in late September and received mostly positive reviews. "So far I've been happy about the reception I've got," Essig said.

Essig has fond memories of SLUH. "The teachers are so good. They're intellectually curious, they're excited about what they're teaching," he said. He also "liked having really smart classmates. It sounds a little pretentious, but I thought

there was real intellectual community there. You didn't have to be ashamed to be interested in ideas or in writing or literature or in history, because there were a lot of people who also were interested. It's not a school dominated by jocks, and I think that's becoming more rare...not that I didn't like going to the football games."

Moran, who taught Essig a world literature

course his senior year, remembers Essig as "an amazing student. He discovered things that I hadn't noticed about texts that I read. He wrote beautifully. His writing was always more than serviceable, it was always witty." As recently as this year, English teacher William George, who taught Essig satire, read one of Essig's pieces aloud in the English office, and "we all laughed," said Moran.

Moran also remembers that Essig "was ganglier in high school."

Fellow English teacher Jim Raterman, who, along with Moran, attended Essig's Nov. 6 reading at Left Bank books, said "all those qualities that I saw (last) Thursday night were there as a student. He was an elegant writer, delighted with ideas, very poised, and had a terrific sense of humor."

Moran added, "I remember saying to

the principal at the time that this is the kind of student we need to attract back to the school as a teacher."

Essig is currently completing the final half of his book tour. Essig now lives in Los Angeles with his girlfriend, an aspiring screenwriter. "That's the good thing about being a freelance writer: you can take it anywhere," he said.

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One SLUH veteran reflects on American wars

Brian Fallon
Assistant Editor

One of the many veterans in the St. Louis U. High community, Maintenance Supervisor Ray Manker served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1968 before serving in Vietnam for eight months in 1968. After his combat duty, Manker began to form many different opinions on the history of America.

"No, I didn't kill any babies directly and no, I didn't torture. No, I wasn't captured, and no, I'm not a hero," Manker said. "I was in Vietnam during (the Tet Offensive) in 1968. I came home in one piece and safe."

In 1964, Manker enlisted in the Marine Corps just after graduating from St. Henry's Parochial High School in Charleston, Mo. As for his transition from high school to the Marines, Manker said, "I graduated on a Sunday and went to boot camp on a Wednesday."

Manker lost many friends while fighting in Vietnam. He said, "We enlisted in what was called the buddy program. Back in those days what they guaranteed was that you'd stay together during boot camp and during your infantry training; they guaranteed that. I had one high school friend that got killed in Vietnam."

The Vietnam War was a war run by the United States government, not the U.S. military, according to Manker. He said, "From my own personal experience, (the U.S. government) didn't let the military fight the war like it needed to be fought. That's not only in Vietnam, it goes back to Korea. They stuck their noses in the Korean War...it's all politics. Politics shouldn't have a dang thing to do with war, except to declare it."

Manker compared this involvement to SLUH: "You're hired to teach something or fix something, and they interview you, they see your credentials, they let you teach. They don't come into your classroom and say, 'Well, you're not teaching this right, and you're not teaching that right.' They might once or twice, but they don't do it continually. And in Vietnam, they just continued. There was a time before I got to Vietnam when we had troops over there that were getting rocket fire and mortar, and they had to call headquarters to get permission to fire back.

"We never lost a battle, not one. It was the first time in history that a country never lost a battle but lost the war. How do you figure that? It's all politics.

"If the war was fought like the generals wanted it to be fought, it'd be over a long time before...that was one reason why Richard Nixon was voted in as president in 1968, because he had a secret plan to stop the war in Vietnam. And the secret plan must have been really secret because nobody ever knew about it. In

1975, which was seven years later, we got out. It must not have been too much of a secret plan. But people voted for him since they were so against being in Vietnam."

After eight months in Vietnam, Manker remained in the Marines. He was stationed in California and left in 1968. Manker then worked in the construction business and moved back to Missouri in 1970, starting his own remodeling company in the process. He worked with his company until 1981, but came to work at SLUH that year because of the recession. "I had to find something that could support my family," he said.

Manker was supportive of the decision of the United States' going into Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power. He said, "I believe any time that you have someone that's such a 'villain' as Saddam Hussein...they terrorized and tortured a lot of their own people. To me, he's no different than Hitler or Stalin."

DRAWING BY GREG LIEBACH



He continued by saying, "Believe me; anybody that goes to war does not like war. I'm not a hawk. But, I believe that there was a reason to go over there, no matter how foreign it is...and I'm glad we went and I'm glad we toppled his regime.

"I think that being the most powerful country in the world, that we have an absolute responsibility to make sure that nobody gets away with stuff like that and that people in those lands that ask for our help

(receive it)."

Although Manker feels that the United States has an obligation to aid countries that are in need, he emphasizes that no country or political power should ever force another country to assimilate what they practice. In response to the current situation in Iraq, Manker said, "I don't think that we should be telling them to have a democracy like we have. But I think we should get (Hussein's supporters) out of the way and let (the Iraqi people) decide their own future for themselves."

Manker also discussed the theory of just wars, saying, "I think there are just wars and that there are unjust wars... It really depends on your point of view.... It comes down between realism and idealism. You can't be completely totally one-sided...we can sit here all day and talk about peace, and justice, and love, and that's all right. But as long as you've got Saddam Husseins and Hitlers, and Stalins...and Fidel Castros and people like that in the world...you're going to have to balance it with some realism."

There are also many events that the United States has been directly involved with that Manker feels are unjust. One such unjust action was the relocation of Native American tribes. However, he feels that some of the unjust actions are being

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by Tim Huether

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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Senior IM Basketball
Senior Retreat Meeting
Pizza Sticks, Taco Sticks, and Brunch for Lunch

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

V SOC @ Jeff. City vs Rolla @ 1:00pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Grandparent's Mass @ 9:30am

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Schedule R
PLAN Exam for Sophomores
College Visits:
Regis University @ AP
Wrestling Night
Seasoned Fries and Pizza

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Schedule R
Homeroom Mass—J121
College Visits:
Iowa Wesleyan University @ AP
Xavier University @ AP
Freshman English Tutorial
Senior IM Basketball
ACES Student Exchange
Pretzels, Garlic Bread, and Spaghetti

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Schedule L
Homeroom Mass—J123
College Visits: (Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend)
St. John's College-New Mexico @ 11:30am
Junior Teacher's Mtg.
Senior Mom's Bake Sale:
Cookies, Chicken Rings, and Hot Wings

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Schedule R
Homeroom Mass—J124
Junior Class Liturgy
College Visits:
Morehouse College @ AP
Senior Mom's Bake Sale
ACES Student Exchange
IM Freshman Basketball
Cheese Garlic Bread, Toasted Ravioli, and Baked Ravioli

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Schedule R
Homeroom Mass — M103
Freshman IM Basketball
Dauphin Players present *The Elephant Man* @ 7:30pm
Funnel Cake, Half Pizzas, and Chicken Casserole

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protested more than others. Manker said, "What the United States government did to the Indians was an unjust war. For a hundred years... that's not just. But I don't see people (at SLUH) going up to Washington, D.C. for that."

As the senior class will have the privilege of voting in next year's presidential election, Manker expressed the importance of voting, saying, "There's only one way to get the government to change, and that's to vote the leader you don't agree with out. That's a democracy. That's the republic we live in; the right we have is to vote. If you don't like the way somebody's

It's a boy!

Congratulations to Tim and Shauna Rittenhouse on the delivery of their newborn boy, Owen Donald Rittenhouse. Owen was born at 7:29 p.m. on Nov. 11, 2003. He weighed in at eight lbs., five oz. and is 21 inches tall.

running the country, then vote them out."

Some Americans decide not to exercise their freedom to vote for any candidate for various reasons. "I think it's the worst thing you could do," Manker said, explaining that there are Americans whom he classifies as "ditto heads" because they agree with everything that candidates say. He continued, saying, "There's no candidate ever that's going to come 100 percent of the time the way you think, unless you're a ditto head. What people have to do is they have to weigh what this guy's saying."

Manker concluded with a thought on the war in Iraq by saying, "Are the Iraqi people better off now than they were? I think so."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Senior Moms will hold a bake sale outside the cafeteria on Wednesday, Nov. 19 and Thursday, Nov. 20. Treats will be 50 cents each.

There is a Grandparents Mass on Nov. 16 at 9:30 a.m. at SLUH in the chapel. Invite your grandparents for this special celebration!

BROTHER WITZ DIES AT AGE 74

The Jesuits at St. Louis U. High learned yesterday evening that Brother Richard Witzofsky died unexpectedly, apparently in his sleep, sometime between Wednesday, Nov. 12 and Thursday, Nov. 13. He was 74.

During his time at SLUH, Witz was best known for running the rec room and overseeing furniture refinishing for Cashbah, doing much of it himself. Brother Witz left SLUH sometime in the spring of 2002 because he was suffering from arthritis in his knees; he later had both knees surgically replaced.

Brother Witz, as he was affectionately known, was living at the Hallahan House, a Jesuit community at the offices of the Jesuits of the Missouri Province. An avid and skilled gardener, Brother Witz took care of the garden and grounds at the Hallahan House and cut the grass at Green Hills, the site SLUH students are familiar with from their freshman year Direction Days.

Arrangements for Brother Witz's wake and funeral will be announced sometime soon.