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"If nothing else, value the truth"

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Faculty explores technological possibilities

Timo Kim
Core Staff

Last Thursday, as students and faculty alike prepared to enter a new semester, St. Louis U. High held a technology in-service day to expose teachers to recent advancements in available technologies and to spread ideas about those resources that can be used to enhance the curriculum. Along with a morning of workshops with various programs and tools, the in-service day included a discussion concerning the future of technology at SLUH.

A major focus of these workshops was to provide teachers with the time to learn and branch out into new technology.

"Teachers hear all this technology

stuff, but all we do is hear about it, because teachers are too busy to sit in on other people's classes," said theology teacher Matt Sciuto.

Consequently, Faculty Technology Coordinator Peggy Pride chose topics that showed the greatest level of interest in a faculty survey in late September, asked faculty members who had experience in a certain topic to present that technology, and scheduled the demonstrations over three one-hour sessions. Each faculty member then chose to attend one demonstration for each session.

"I arranged the timing so that (the faculty) had a good number of (workshops) at the first period, and the second, and the third, and then I informed the

faculty of when (the workshops) would all be, and they kind of worked out their own plan," said Pride.

However, some teachers opted to use one of their sessions to work on technology projects and issues specific to their department or visit other schools to see new ways of using technology in education. The English department, for example, used one of their periods to discuss the use of projectors in English classes. Similarly, the foreign language department visited the language laboratory of St. Louis University to gather ideas for the possibility of getting a new language laboratory for SLUH.

Instead of holding a workshop or
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Teske takes on locksmithing duties

Tim Huether
Core Staff

When the 2003-2004 school year began, Grounds Director Al Teske took over the majority of the locksmith responsibilities long held by Martin Hagan, S.J. The responsibilities of the SLUH locksmith include making keys for other faculty members, keeping track of all the keys, and keeping all the doors maintained and in good working order.

According to Facilities Director Patrick Zarrick, the administrative decision to gradually replace Hagan as locksmith was made in the summer of 2001.

"As the years went on it was clear that the responsibilities of being the school's locksmith were becoming harder for Fr. Hagan to do (by) himself," said Zarrick. Zarrick saw Teske as a possible locksmith

and talked to him about it.

Hagan felt that it was his time to step down. With close to fifty years as SLUH locksmith under his belt, Hagan left the position contented.

Before accepting this responsibility, Teske made sure he knew what he was doing and received education from the best. He attended the Lockmaster Security Institute in Kentucky in late October of 2001.

The class lasted about two weeks, and over the course of it, Teske learned about master keying, which is making a system of locks and keys, 6400 at most, in which every lock works with every key.

Teske also learned about core pinning, which is programming an unlimited number of locks by adding metal pieces to the core of the lock and making the key to

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Robotics Team back in action

Sean Powers
Reporter

Deep in a cellar of St. Louis U. High, a group of dedicated and ambitious students have been contributing all their skills and brain power to construct a machine of the 21st century. The Robotics Team, located in the departmental room off the long white basement corridor, is busy working building a robot for FIRST Frenzy, a regional robot competition in March.

Even though the R2D2bills have been constructing the robot for about the past two weeks, "We've been preparing for two months with fundraising and getting a drill press and other materials," said

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Science Club camps to recover from exams

**Dustin Sump
Reporter**

While most St. Louis University High students enjoyed their five-day reprieve from school by sleeping off exams, nine Science Club members arrived at the SLUH lot at 9 a.m. Friday. Weighed down with everything they needed, freshman Steve Shannon, sophomores Shane Mulligan and Dan Marincel, and juniors Dustin Sump, Kevin Hatch, Luke Dang, Tyler Faust, and Paul Niehaus stuffed their gear into "Big Blue," the older van used for school functions. Along with art teacher Joan Bugnitz and club moderator Steve Kuensting, the group of backpackers piled into the van and headed out towards Rock Creek, just south of Fredericktown, Missouri.

After stopping once in Desloge to pick up some forgotten items and extra tarps to prepare for the rainy weather predicted, the group arrived at the isolated trailhead and began to unload their packs.

As each trekker strapped on his pack,

however, Shannon's pack did not seem to fit right. The brand-new pack appeared to sag well below where it should have on Shannon's body. Kuensting and the rest of the club helped Shannon unload his pack to see what could be causing the problem; a moment later, Shannon pulled two seven-pound dumbbells from the bottom of the pack. Apparently, Steve put the weights in the night before to see how the pack fit but forgot to remove them. Said Kuensting, "Thank God (he) didn't carry them to the campsite."

With the extra weight jettisoned, the group eagerly finished loading up, skipped lunch, and began to cross the ridge to reach Rock Creek. Less than an hour later, everyone made it to the creek safely. The party began to navigate upstream through the tangles of downed wood and boulders in search of a place to set up camp for the night and start the all-important fire. The planned destination was a cramped site about two miles upstream where the club has camped on previous trips. But this time Sump, in search of an easier path,

crossed the stream and discovered a much larger and closer campground. "It was the best campsite on the creek," said Kuensting. "There was enough room for an army."

By about 2:00 p.m. the entire campsite was set up with a fire prepared and a lean-to to keep dry in while cooking in the rain. The club then prepared to continue exploring. Outfitted only with snacks and raingear, everyone hiked to a massive rock formation called "the cathedral." To reach it, everyone had to cross the creek several times. Hatch, nicknamed "The Hobbit" for his dislike of socks and boots, made it all the way to "the cathedral" carrying raingear in his mouth.

Seniors Dan Lieser, Ryan Vierling, and Joe Marincel, who had to work at their Senior Project sites, arrived Friday night with members of Kuensting's Boy Scout troop. Kuensting greeted them back at the trailhead and safely guided them to camp. Soon after, everyone turned in to their dry tents and warm sleeping bags as the rain

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Sisyphus due out with groundhogs

**Kyle Kloster
Reporter**

Over the past two weeks the staff and moderators of *Sisyphus*, SLUH's literary magazine, have been reviewing, editing, and laying out this year's winter issue. The biannual magazine features poetry, prose, and artwork of student and faculty authors who have stuffed entries into the infamous black *Sisyphus* box in the English office.

The six student literary editors, seniors Jake Bell and Charlie Hall, juniors Paul Barker, Mike Granger, and Alex Sciuto, and sophomore Kyle Kloster, along with moderators Rich Moran and Frank Kovarik, began reading, evaluating, and discussing the works for the issue about four weeks prior to publication.

Senior Brian Kane directed the layout of this issue, which was roughly scheduled for release on Jan. 30. Due to a senior project meeting on Jan. 30, Feb. 2 now stands as the tentative release date for

Winter '04 *Sisyphus*. The cover will mimic the *New Yorker*, right down to the font and left-hand border.

Barker and Pat Kattner, the current art editors whom Moran has deemed "particularly well-organized," designed the cover and selected all of the art submissions. This year's art and literature stays on par with the high quality of material seen in the past couple of years. This time, however, poetry submissions outnumbered short story submissions. Many of the submissions come from creative writing assignments in English classes.

In addition to working on *Sisyphus*, editors Paul Barker and Charlie Hall have contributed poetry as has senior Sean Burk, whose "Saturday Morning at St. Louis Pizza and Wings" opens the issue. Pat Sommer's "Boy of Wonder" and "Angle of Impact" are standout works of fiction from the issue. These and other works make up the 48-page issue of *Sisyphus* that will be sold outside the cafeteria on Feb. 2 for 25 cents.

Shakespeare speaker enlightens teachers

**Brian Krebs
Core Staff**

On Saturday Jan. 10, Catholic grade school and high school English teachers from all around the metro area gathered in room 215c to enlighten themselves about the wonderful works of William Shakespeare. The day, bearing resemblance to an ordinary school day, began at 9 a.m. and concluded at 3 p.m.

Mike LoMonico, on behalf of the English Speaking Union of the United States, headed the seminar. LoMonico, who formerly taught high school English, developed a passion for Shakespeare after studying at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. LoMonico recently republished his *Shakespeare Book of Lists*, which is now titled *Shakespeare 101*. LoMonico soon began to consult the

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hobart questions Amnesty International bake sale

To the Editor,

If there's one way to feel good about being a capitalist, it's to ask what everybody else is up to. Connoisseurs of hypocrisy and bizarre behavior weren't disappointed last week, when Amnesty International elected to hold a bake sale. Not just a typical bake sale. No, this one was instigated and operated almost exclusively by members of the Young Democratic Socialists, and, in honor of where they got their political philosophy, the bagels they were selling had, according to the people selling them, been removed from a dumpster.

In the smug manner that socialists probably think is endearing, the price was "\$.25, but if you don't have \$.25, they're free, and if you want to give us more, that's fine, too." That's fine, but what they're really saying is, "Give us money to feel good about yourself for giving us money, and take this bagel as a symbolic reminder thereof, perhaps in the hope that someone will ask you where you got the bagel, and you can say that it is a mark of your support for the dumpster-diving Trotskyite squad."

And why are we buying (or just taking) these bagels? What, exactly, does our \$.25 (or more, or less) support? Well, we're going to get some speakers who will tell us that Nike, those vile criminal folks, have been cruel enough to provide jobs for people

who would otherwise be living in a joyful utopia, assuming that you define utopia as a place where food and shelter are readily available. Of course, these speakers will make the legitimate claim that Nike is paying significantly less to these workers than they are to workers in America. It's an interesting comparison, but 1) The amount of money they get for working is something on the order of infinitely greater than the amount of money they earn by failing to do so, and 2) the purchasing power of a dollar is exponentially greater outside the U.S. than within. The comparison between their wages and the wages of American workers is a bit of an apples-to-oranges, or apples-to-caviar, comparison. You can still draw the analogy between compensation for Nike employees abroad and those in the U.S., but most reasonable people will listen, laugh, and move on.

I have to give Amnesty International and their Marx-minded allies credit, though. After all, one of the more famous communist dicta is "To each according to his needs, from each according to his abilities." They've followed this prescription to the letter: raising money by selling bagels they've found by rooting through the trash is probably—no, certainly—the best they can do.

Cordially,
Byrne Hobart, '05

TECH TREK

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visiting a school, Pride, Principal Mary Schenkenberg, and Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinselmeyer held a discussion with a small group of teachers to explore the future of technology at SLUH in light of the "Principles for Decision-Making on Information Technology Planning." Developed by the Technology Committee last year, these principles establish parameters for the proposal and consideration of technology advancements.

Several of these guidelines discuss the need to streamline and organize the technology approval process. Previously, teachers explored technology on an individual basis before asking for the technology through their departments. However, the Technology Committee is currently finishing a three-year plan that would deliver a rough estimate of possible technology needs over the next few years.

"(The Technology Committee) is try-

ing to be flexible, but we're trying to get a handle on what technology costs the school so we can plan for it," says Pride.

In the meeting, however, the committee emphasized the need to "approach information technology as a tool in fulfilling the mission of the school." As a result of this focus, the majority of the discussion centered on the idea of preserving reflection with technology, or using technology only to maximize the time students have to absorb concepts and information presented in the classroom.

"I think it was Mr. Raterman who said, 'Everything's so fast with technology. Books were meant to be digested, and not just books, but ideas,'" said Schenkenberg, who continued, "In a Jesuit school, and in teaching for excellence, reflection is a very important component, and we want to preserve that time to reflect and think critically."

Since Schenkenberg's arrival last year, each time the issue of technology

comes up, administrators discuss the importance of making sure the technology supplements teaching instead of replacing it.

"Students can be amazed and thrilled by technology to the point of losing the point that the technology is trying to deliver," said Pride. "That is what people are trying to avoid. Technology is only a tool; (SLUH) wants (education) to still be content-rich."

Quote of the Week

"The distance between insanity and genius is measured only by success."

—James Bond

THREEPIO

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senior Greg Eschelbach.

The biggest support for the club has come from NASA. "We got a \$6,000 grant from NASA and \$5,000 of that goes towards our entrance fee and some of the parts," commented senior Brad Witbrodt.

Eschelbach added, "They give (grants) to about half the teams in our region." The entrance fee covers use of the arena and a kit of generic parts each team receives.

After the \$5,000 entrance fee, each team can only spend \$3,500 more to build their robot. That \$3,500 comes from the extra \$1,000 from the NASA grant and donations to SLUH specifically for the Robot Club. Another sponsor of the club is TROCO Industries, which is donating the chassis of the robot.

So far, a few parts for the robot have been built, but it has not yet been put together because the club must still wait for the chassis, which is being made by TROCO and will arrive this week. Other parts, such as the motors and some metal pieces, come in the kit and cannot be replaced by materials outside the kit. Other metal comes mainly from metal fabricators, while the wheels, gears, and chains are ordered from the Internet. Soon, all these parts will come together to create a machine able to perform tasks and compete.

Witbrodt said, "Our team's a lot bigger this year. We're trying to get kids from all grade levels." Along with that, he added, "We're a lot farther ahead of schedule than last year. Luckily, we have our own room this year."

This is the second year the Robot Club has made a competitive robot. This

year the C3PObills will be in FIRST Frenzy, which is a competition among high school teams throughout the Midwest region. FIRST Frenzy is sponsored by FIRST Robotics, which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." The competition is scheduled to take place March 11-13 at the St. Charles Family Arena.

At the competition, four teams will face off at the same time on a playing field roughly 48 feet long and 24 feet wide. The field is divided in half for each pair of teams, who will work as partners, and surrounded by walls.

On each end of the playing field there will be a pair of allied teams that faces off against another pair of teams at the other end of the field.

The team starts the first 15 seconds of the game with the robot completely controlling itself. The robot's first objective is to knock off one of four 13 inch yellow balls from the sides of the center of the playing field. After 15 seconds, humans gain control of their robots and can try to knock off the yellow ball.

Once that first step is complete, 18 purple balls, 13 inches in diameter, fall into the playing field. If the first step is not completed in the first 45 seconds, the purple balls are released automatically. The robot must then herd the purple balls to the end of the field where their team is controlling the robot.

It is important not only for the robot to do well, but also for a teammate to have a good throwing arm, as the balls then are pushed through a slot in the wall so that a human member of the team can throw them into a cylindrical container in the middle of the field. For each ball thrown

in the container, the team earns five points. To double that score, the robot must remove the yellow 34-inch ball from atop the mobile goal and place it over the container with the purple balls.

Finally, for an extra 50 points, the robot can move up a platform and attempt to do a pull-up on a 10-foot high bar. The robot must suspend itself entirely in the air. This all may sound easy, but all of this must be completed in the short two-

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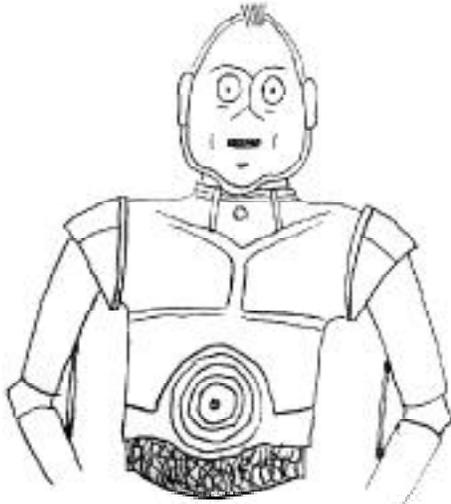
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began to fall.

The following day, most of the SLUH students took off on an exploration of their own. A group of about ten hiked up a small river to the top of Trackler Mountain, a 400 ft. climb. Near the top, they turned west towards some glades. "Oh my God," cried Dan Lieser as the view unfolded across the glade. One could see the whole valley and the wisps of clouds reaching from the sky. Junior Luke Dang claimed, "the view made the hike worth the work." After taking in nature's beauty, everyone headed back to camp for some lunch.

Later, at about four, the hikers were ready to explore again. Armed with flashlights, Kuensting, Bugnitz, and the SLUH Science club headed towards unexplored Jordan's Hollow. The risk didn't go unrewarded. Just as it got dark, the club discovered a hidden swimming hole and waterfall. Kuensting marked the site in his Global Positioning Satellite, hoping to return on a warmer day, and the group headed up the ridge in the darkness back to camp.

After another night's sleep, the campers woke up to a frozen Sunday morning, making it difficult to break camp. By about 9 a.m., everyone was ready to leave; the group arrived at SLUH at about 12:30 p.m. Sunday. Everyone had enjoyed themselves but was totally exhausted.

The next backpacking trip is in the works for Presidents' Day weekend. Any interested faculty and students are welcome to come along, so listen for Science Club announcements.



DRAWING BY DAVE SCHWARZ

KGbills defeat Hazelwood, fall to Griffins

Kyle Poelker
Reporter

The Basketbills, coming fresh off a nice consolation game win at the Fontbonne/Pepsi Classic, were looking to gain some momentum, so they drove up to North County a couple Tuesdays ago to match up against the westernmost high schools in the Hazelwood District.

SLUH had smashed Hazelwood West in their matchup last year, and this year's version of the team looked no better, with an extremely sub-.500 record. Taking this into account, there was no reason that the Basketbills wouldn't come out hot this time around.

But after the first quarter with the game in a deadlock at 14-14, SLUH didn't look sharp and didn't have the killer instinct needed for blow outs. No one was playing particularly well, and it seemed that there was little defensive effort by the Jr. Bills.

The Basketbills picked it up in the

second quarter, allowing only 9 points to their 18, and the game was over. Despite the 6 points that Hazelwood picked up on the Jr. Bills in the third quarter, in the end they couldn't stop the attack of 13 David Goettelmann points and 10 John Kaminski points, the two leaders of the balanced scoring attack that led to a Jr. Bill 60-52 win.

Although they didn't quite pick up the momentum that they wanted to take into their Friday away game at Vianney, the Jr. Bills were still ready to go and wanted to win.

Unfortunately, several events built up to a poor loss to Vianney, a loss that most of the team's most important fans were not able to see. Apparently, most of St. Louis thought that this game was as important as did SLUH's student body, and they filled up the gym. So when the STUCO Blue Crew, along with much of the student body, showed up just minutes before the game, they were not allowed entry because there were, apparently, too

many people in the gym.

After much confusion and perhaps even controversy, the Blue Crew and the rest of the loyal basketball fans were asked to leave the Vianney premises altogether, leaving them feeling hurt.

However, the game was good at the start. According to Fr. Hadel, Dave Goettelmann was on fire in the first half, though SLUH was still down by 10 at the end of the first quarter. A strong spurt had the Jr. Bills down by only five near the end of the first half, according to some girl in the lobby, but Vianney must have come back for the eventual 11-point half time lead.

The next two quarters were painful for the Jr. Bills. They scored four and five points in those two quarters while being outscored by 21, and the game was history. Vianney's best player didn't even have to play, and that was all she wrote.

Despite this loss, the Jr. Bills came back with a strong game against perhaps
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Grapplebills take first at Rockwood Summit

Rebound from 7th place finish at Vianney

Harold Carter & Marty Wilhelm
Reporters

On Saturday, Jan. 10th, the weekend before semester exams, the St. Louis U. High wrestlers took 7th in the Vianney tournament.

With hopes of winning one of the top tournaments in the state, the wrestlers had a rough start with hard-fought losses by sophomore Joe Matschiner (215 lbs.) and juniors Jeremy Bledsoe (112 lbs.), Andrew Poulin (119 lbs.), and Shaun Whalen (160 lbs.). However, the seniors once again reinforced the team's wavering intensity with wins by Mike Smith (152 lbs.), Ryan Stevenson (171 lbs.), Gregory Leibach (189 lbs.), and Jimmy Croghan (275 lbs.), who pinned his opponent with ease in the first round.

After the team emerged from the first

round in 6th place, head coach Tim Curdt tried to fire up the Jr. Bills, but the second and third round would get worse as the Jr. Bills suffered losses by Matschiner and sophomore Sam Cummings (130 lbs.), who nearly pinned his opponent before time expired in the last period.

The Jr. Bills' performance continued to disintegrate with losses by juniors Whalen, Poulin, Bledsoe, Chris Cahill (145 lbs.), and Phil Clerc (125 lbs.) and seniors Smith, Stevenson, and Croghan. Even with numerous team losses, Leibach showed his will to win and his tenacious leadership with a decision win over his opponent, who became so frustrated in the match that he elbowed Leibach in the face when the match was stopped.

Since the tournament rewarded more points to wrestlers in later rounds who had not lost two matches, the Grapplebills

dropped into 7th place behind archrival CBC going into the finals.

With all of the underclassmen knocked out of the tournament, the four seniors led the Jr. Bills into the finals with hopes of overtaking CBC in the standings. Croghan defeated his opponent to take third place, and Leibach fearlessly wrestled last year's 189 lb. state champion from Fox to a loss for a second place finish.

After one of the toughest tournaments of this season, Curdt said, "This was a great tournament because it showed us where we are and where we need to be before districts."

The Grapplingbills then tried to pull it back together for the Rockwood Summit Tournament on Jan. 17. As the tournament drew near, complications arose in
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Aquabills drench Vianney, swamp DeSmet

Nick Appelbaum
Reporter

Following last week's semester exams, the St. Louis U. High swimming and diving team took time out from mental recuperation to dismantle the Vianney Griffins last Friday, 125-58. The Jr. Bills were relentless, winning every race and coming within a few points of winning diving.

On Tuesday, the Jawsbills devoured their western counterparts, the DeSmet Spartans, 116-69. The team won the opening race, the 200-meter medley relay, and never looked back.

Senior Kurt Doll followed the relay with a win in the 200-meter freestyle, and sophomore Wes Going and junior Tim Heafner won the 200-meter individual medley and 50-meter freestyle, respectively, to finish off the first four races.

The Spartans took the diving competition, but senior Nathan Harris put the Jr. Bills back on track by winning the 100-meter butterfly. Doll followed with another victory, this time in the 100-meter freestyle.

DeSmet took advantage of the absence of junior Adam Trafton and his time of 5:02.29 in the 500-meter freestyle to take the race, winning with a far slower time of 5:20.33.

Unfazed, the Jr. Bills rebounded with a victory in the 200-meter freestyle relay. Wes Going followed with a win in the 100-meter backstroke. The Spartans took the 100-meter breaststroke but were undone in the final race, the 400-meter freestyle relay.

Wednesday, the Jr. Bills were set to take on Mehlville, but due to a power outage, the meet was postponed until an

undetermined date. According to yesterday's *Post-Dispatch*, four large poles caused the outage by pulling down three 34,000-volt feeder lines around 7:00 p.m. The police stated that soggy ground in a construction area near Interstate 44 and a River Des Peres drainage ditch probably caused one of the poles to fall and pull down the others.

With these overwhelming wins over Vianney and DeSmet, and the dishonorable discharge of the CBC Cadets on Thursday, Jan. 8, only one question mark remains in the Metro Catholic Conference: the Chaminade Red Devils. The Shamubills host Chaminade next Monday at 4 p.m., and if they win as easily against the Devils as they have against their other conference rivals, they should have no problem winning the conference championship meet.

Freshmen elect Merrill and Wagner to STUCO

The freshman class officer elections were held this week during Freshman/Sophomore lunch. The first round of the elections, in which the list of candidates was narrowed down to five, began the election on Tuesday.

Wednesday afternoon Paul Merrill was announced as an officer while a tie was declared between Ray Wagner and Mark Zinn. After the tie-breaking election on Thursday, Ray Wagner was named the second officer.

Paul Merrill had this to say about his plans: "(I will) talk to Ray, maybe get some events more like Freshman Fun Day."

—John Taaffe

PN Nightbeat

RACQUETBALL DEFEATS PARKWAY CENTRAL 7-0

The Racquetbills defeated Parkway Central seven matches to zero at Concord last night. Seniors Phil Mathews and Tom Carrow won their matches, 15-5, 15-8, and 15-5, 15-10, respectively.

The Racquetball squad also defeated Parkway West in a sweep (7-0) on Jan. 8

and DeSmet in a struggle (5-2) on Jan. 13. The Jr. Bills' two losses came from the very left-handed senior John Reagan and senior Tom Carrow. DeSmet rebounded to humble the Racquetbills in the Parkway Hendren Invitational. All matches were at the Concord Sports Complex.

WRESTLING SMOKES CHAMINADE 63-14

Last night at SLUH, the Grapplebills decimated Chaminade in a 63-14 victory. By defeating Chaminde, the Grapplebills remain undefeated in MCC.

With numerous pins by the Jr. Bills, the highlight of the night was by senior Jimmy Croghan (275 lbs.), who threw his Chamiade opponent onto to his back to earn his team 6 points.



A JV wrestler grapples his Chaminade opponent in last night's match.

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the team's lineup. Sickness, injuries, and skin conditions took out some of the starters, a daunting development that nevertheless allowed many members of the JV squad to step up and show what they were made of. The Jr. Bills showed up ready to wrestle and came onto the mat with high energy that lasted all day.

The first round held many highlights, including Smith's performance: a win against an overly aggressive opponent by technical fall despite a broken nose. Cahill started the day intensely and launched his opponent to the mat for a pin.

As the day went on, the Jr. Bills were usually in first place, followed closely by Vianney. Matschiner helped the team gain the lead with a key first-period victory against Vianney. Sophomores Devin Austermann and Jon Holden stepped up to the varsity lineup and notched their first wins. Holden dominated his match, winning 12 points, while Austermann won two matches with ease to take third place

at the tournament.

Later in the day, Cahill tossed another opponent to his back and held him there for the pin. Smith followed this feat by pinning his opponent in exactly the same fashion. Croghan took a page out of Smith and Cahill's book and flung his 275 lb. adversary over him and to the mat for the pin. Croghan, Cahill, and Smith all won their pool matches and advanced to the finals. Leibach also wrestled well throughout the day, dominating his opponents until he secured a spot in the finals. Poulin (119 lbs.) and Bledsoe (112 lbs.) both recovered from tough matches and placed third.

Entering the finals, SLUH fell behind Pacific by 10 points. The four finalists knew that they needed to perform well in the finals if they wanted the team to win the tournament, and as a result, they did.

Cahill went onto the mat with a passion that intimidated his opponent from Westminster. He stayed on the offensive all match long, and he eventually proved

that he was not only stronger and faster than his opponent, but also an altogether better wrestler. He won the match after six minutes of competitive wrestling.

Shortly afterward, Smith was in the spotlight. His match was important since it was against a Vianney opponent and the Griffins were not far behind in the team standings. Smith took down his opponent quickly and stayed on top for the majority of the match, giving his opponent no chance. His victory came after six minutes as well.

If personal rivalries exist in sports, Leibach has one with Vianney's Andy Suda. Their matches have always been nail-biters that keep spectators unsure of the final outcome. Leibach squared off with Suda again in the spotlight of the finals. The match wasn't different from any of their previous matches: both wrestlers were intense, and the match could have gone either way. In the end, Leibach fell a few points short of victory and took second place at the tournament.

Croghan was up next, wrestling one of the better heavyweights in the state. The match was extreme. Unlike most heavyweight matches, this one didn't end in a pin. Both men wrestled for six minutes. Croghan kept the match going at a quick pace, not giving up even when defeat was inevitable. Croghan wrestled hard and took second in his weight class.

The results were in soon after Croghan's match, and SLUH had come back to beat Vianney and Pacific. The Centermatbills were the champions of the 2004 Rockwood Summit Tournament. With their second tournament victory of the year under their belts, the Grapplingbills head into the MICDS tournament this weekend confident and ready.

Icebills lose Jesuit Cup

Tom Fucoloro
Reporter

On Saturday, Jan. 17, the St. Louis U. High Busiebills battled the DeSmet Spartans for the annually-awarded Jesuit Cup. For the past year, the trophy has sat in the Science Office, and the Puckbills looked to defend their title. Although the Jr. Bills played competitively with the Spartans for most of the game, they were unable to put any pucks past the Spartan goaltender, ultimately losing 2-0.

In front of one of the largest crowds of the season, both SLUH and DeSmet started the game strong. The Busiebills fought hard but were unable to get any momentum going. With the help of junior goalie John Pecher, the Jr. Bills shut down the Spartan offense, keeping them without a goal for more than two periods.

But a few minutes into the third period, a poor line change at the Jr. Bills'

bench allowed the Spartans to gain an odd-man rush against Pecher. Pecher made a valiant attempt to save the shot, but he failed to stop them from breaking the 0-0 deadlock.

The Puckbills battled to even the score but were unable to squeeze one through the tough Spartan defense. With seven minutes remaining in the third period, sophomore superstar Eddie Effinger slid to block a hard DeSmet shot. The puck deflected off his pads and into the upper-left corner, over Pecher's shoulder and into the net. This goal would be the final of the game, and the Puckbills handed over the trophy to the Spartans until next year.

The Jr. Bills will play at the Affton Ice Rink Saturday night at 10:15 p.m. against Althoff. The Puckbills will be fighting to regain superiority over the Althoff hockey team after a loss at the beginning of the year.

Quote of the Week II

*"Man is the only creature that refuses to be what he is."
—Albert Camus*

GrishamBills lose decision, win moral victory

Bill Winfrey
Reporter

The first round of St. Louis U. High's Mock Trial team was recently completed, and although the results were not what everyone hoped for, it was still a good experience for everyone involved.

Preparation started late, so the team crammed in practices over the past week with all the free time from exams. The rigorous practices were held at the "Grand Headquarters," also known as the law offices of Rosenblum, Goldenhersh, Silverstein, and Zafft. Edward Rowles graciously offered this location and a great deal of his time as the coach of the team. The team was also helped by former ASC teacher and current law student Steve Casey, and moderator Bob O'Connell, who provides general law knowledge, especially in the style department.

In the case, SLUH represented a fraternity student who was suing his fratern-

nity for negligence because he broke his leg while drunkenly jumping off the fraternity house's balcony.

The Mock Trial team held intense study sessions to present a solid case, and that is exactly what the product was. The members of the team—senior Dave Marek, juniors Chris James, Dan Queathem, Justin Rowles, Bill Winfrey, and Skip Young, sophomore Sam Stragand, and freshman Tony Ayala—prepared scripts for the trial. However, they also got ready for plenty of improvisation. Every member had gained a solid understanding of the case through practices.

For the trial, the team headed just down the street from the practice room to the Clayton Court House on Tuesday night. Every team member looked dapper as he prepared to take on Providence Christian Academy, a school with an enrollment of just 100 students in kindergarten through twelfth grades.

The case went as planned with the riveting action captured by multiple video cameras in the courtroom. The action seemed balanced throughout the trial, with each side getting in its shots. Neither side could be certain of victory as the closing arguments were presented, but the SLUH team still had something up its sleeve. Two of the four expert lawyers, Rowles and Queathem, had noticed a technicality during the trial. Certainly but good lawyers performed two cross-examinations though the rules clearly require that lawyers perform different tasks if possible.

The SLUH side presented their objection formally and correctly, but the judge did not have a full understanding of the rule and accidentally referred the case to higher authorities. This meant that the

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Tai teaches food safety course

David Schwarz
Reporter

Chinese teacher Dr. Ching-Ling Tai was featured twice in the local media in the past ten days for her work teaching classes in Chinese for the Food Serving Sanitization Certification Course. On Jan. 11, Tai was featured in the Metro section of the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*, and then again yesterday morning on KTVI Fox 2.

Over the past ten years, Tai estimates that she has taught around 400 of the 600 managers and owners of local St. Louis Chinese restaurants, simply remarking, "I know all the restaurants."

For the owners of these restaurants to earn the Safe Serve Service Certification, they must pass an exam consisting of 80 multiple choice questions (75 points required to pass) and attending twelve hours of lecture. Exam questions cover healthy food management and cooking safety procedures. The classes cover topics such as the "danger zone," to avoid which, food

should be refrigerated below 40 degrees and cooked above 140 degrees Fahrenheit. The National Restaurant Association Education Foundation provides textbooks and exams in Chinese for the students as well as grading those exams.

The St. Louis Chinese Chamber of Commerce asked Tai to teach the course through Florissant Valley Community College after she passed the exam herself. She has taught about 20 of these lecture sessions, each consisting of around 20 students in a class. Tai previously taught at the Chinese Culture Facility, which closed two years ago. The course was then moved to the Creve Coeur Community Center.

Although the course does take up some free time on Sundays, Tai comments that she feels compelled to teach it, not only because she is a bilingual teacher, but also because "the restaurant owners' livelihoods depend" on her community service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hey SLUH! Want to read a brand-spankin' new WEBCOMIC written and created by a few of our own? THE LAB is a comic about gaming, fun and frivolity! <http://thelab.keenspace.com>. Read it TODAY and laugh! A comic by Joe Masaki and Stu Condit.

Reservations are still being accepted for the Mother/Son Mass and Brunch for February 8th. The Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Shrine at 9:00 a.m. and followed with brunch at the Chase Park Plaza. The cost for the event is \$22 per person. If you have questions, please call either Maureen Berosky at 314-843-5855 or Patti Beck at 3 1 4 - 8 4 9 - 5 9 2 1 .

The Amnesty Club will show *Cry Freedom*, a movie about South African activist Steven Biko at 7 p.m. next Thursday night in 215c. All proceeds will go to bring Jim Keady and Leslie Kretzu to SLUH to speak about the labor practices of Nike and other corporations.

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English Speaking Union of the U.S. and worked his way up to the position of associative educational director, which requires LoMonico to travel around the U.S. and meet with teachers to help them succeed at teaching students Shakespeare.

LoMonico estimates that he has traveled to thirty-eight states for teacher workshops, and was impressed that so many grade school teachers were “very interested to add Shakespeare to the elementary school curriculum.” LoMonico concluded, “The people from the school and the English Speaking Union were very generous and hospitable.”

English teacher Chuck Hussung, who organized the event, met LoMonico last spring when he traveled to New York as St. Louis Shakespeare Contest winner Alan Naylor’s sponsor; while there, Hussung heard an abridged version of LoMonico’s seminar.

Recently, Hussung learned that to bring LoMonico to St. Louis, he only needed to pay for his lodging and meals. Said Hussung, “I thought that was too good of a price to pass up.”

Hussung made the arrangements, and LoMonico arrived at the St. Louis U. High Guest House on Friday, Jan. 9.

The seminar consisted of a variety of exercises. Teachers were given a scene and were asked to cut it in half, as if to be performed in a play. The teachers also practiced different ways to read Shakespeare. LoMonico suggested that teachers divide students into groups and have each student study different aspects of a play, from costumes to language. Then, each group would present their topic to the class. “The basis of my teaching is performance,” LoMonico explains. “Shakespeare has to be performed, and you have to get kids up on their feet and acting out the scene.”

ASC English teacher Chris Schaeffer attended the workshop at SLUH. Schaeffer thought that, “as a first year teacher, the workshop gave good insights and practices to make Shakespeare’s words more accessible to young readers.” Additionally, Schaeffer noted that LoMonico

stressed the importance of Shakespeare’s language and not the plot and characters.

English teacher Mark Cummings was the third and final SLUH English teacher to attend. Cummings, who teaches SLUH’s lone Shakespeare class, particu-

KEY KEYPER

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fit that lock.

In addition, Teske learned the process of impressioning, taking a blank key and filing it down until the key fits the lock. “It may take an hour to hand file a key to fit a lock,” said Teske.

Finally, Teske also learned how to pick locks.

The class at the Lockmaster Security Institute was interesting in more ways than one for Teske. He took the class in late October of 2001, shortly after the events of 9/11, and out of about 20 people in the class, 18 worked for the government, including many on aircraft carriers in the Navy. While 9/11 didn’t influence Teske’s decision to take the class, many of these government officials enrolled due to the looming threat of terrorism.

During these two weeks of the class, the rest of the grounds crew took over Teske’s duties without any trouble.

Most of the last school year, Teske worked with lock pro Hagan, and “just gradually took (the job) over.”

With all of this experience, Teske was well prepared to be the SLUH locksmith, “I learned quite a bit (in class)” said Teske.

Over the winter months, Teske services all of the locks in the school building, because winter is the slow period for the Grounds Crew. Also, Teske provides necessary sets of keys for new faculty members or for those that just need new keys. Teske can change locks for security purposes, such as when locks are changed during the book sale in the cafeteria.

Teske estimated that there are about 550 locks in the school building and as many as 4000 keys for these locks.

Not included in Teske’s duties are servicing the electronic locks that are controlled by the key fobs. The fobs are taken

larly liked the exercise in which a scene was cut in half. Cummings recognized many of the exercises as ones he used in class and felt that he worked “out of the same tradition that (LoMonico) was teaching out of.”

care of by Director of Security Charlie Clark.

The decision of when Teske would officially take over the position was left to Hagan.

Hagan’s interests in locks started at a young age. With ten children in his family, his mother kept her cookies locked up to make sure that everyone received an equal share. Hagan soon learned how to pick the lock and take the cookies. “I’m still doing penance for that,” joked Hagan. He kept locks as a hobby in the seminary, and becoming the full time SLUH locksmith was a practical move.

“We, the school, are all eternally grateful for the work Fr. Hagan has done with (the job of locksmith). He kept meticulous records. He is literally responsible for keying every door, every closet, and every file cabinet on this entire facility,” said Zarrick.

“(Teske) is a smart guy, a smart and practical guy,” said Hagan.

Zarrick felt that Teske has done a good job so far, “He’s doing a very good job. He’s very responsive because he’s here every day, and he has the opportunity in the winter time to go around and survey all the doors.”

Does Teske feel that he has done a good job? “I think so...with the school and Fr. Hagan’s help to learn our system here, I’ve got a pretty good grip on things,” said Teske.

Quote of the Week III

“The reason we start a war is to fight a war, win a war, thereby causing no more war.”

—George Walker Bush, 43rd President of the United States of America

by Tim Huether

Calendar

Jan. 23 - Jan. 30

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

Schedule R

V BB vs. CBC @ SLUH @ 7pm

B BB vs. CBC @ SLUH @ 5:30pm

TAP Training II Tourn. through 1-24

Pizza Sticks, Taco Sticks, and Pizza

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

V WR @ MICDS Tourn. @ MICDS @ 9am

V HOC vs. Althoff @ Affton @ 10:15pm

C Blue BB @ Oakville Tourn. @ Oakville through 1-28

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Schedule R

IM Freshman Hot Shot

V SW vs. Chaminade @ SLUH @ 4pm

V HOC vs. Fort Zumwalt South @ Queeny @ 8:45pm

C Blue BB @ St. Mary's @ 3:45pm

Seasoned Fries and Pizza

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

Schedule R

IM Sophomore Hot Shot

Freshman English Tutorial

C White BB @ Westminster @ 4pm

Fiestadas, Crisпитos, and Burritos

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Schedule R

Freshman Class Lit.

IM Junior Hot Shot

V/JV/C WR @ DeSmet @ 6pm

Papa John's Pizza and Cookies

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

Schedule R

Senior return from Project

Wellness Club Mtg.

V/JV/C WR @ Pattonville @ 6pm

Bosco Sticks, BBQ Wings, Chicken Rings, and Mac and Cheese

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Schedule R

Senior Project Prayer Service

V BB @ Jefferson City @ 7:30

B BB @ Jefferson City @ 5:30

Brunch for Lunch

ROUNDBALL

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the MCC's best team, Chaminade. Though they trailed by 10 at the end of the first quarter, the game wasn't over and the Jr. Bills never said die. Behind the newly named captain Jeff Howenstein, the Jr. Bills came back with a 13-point second quarter and were only down seven at half. But they would get no closer than that, and with Chaminade winning the third quarter and tying the last, the Jr. Bills lost by 10, in a good, solid effort.

Looking ahead, the Jr. Bills face CBC at home, tonight, at 7 p.m. It's a huge game as SLUH looks to get its first MCC win. Come out and see a team that's looking to have a breakout game in its conference.

PRE-LAW

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technicality, which one observer noted would not be picked up on even by some seasoned lawyers, was ignored, and the decision went to Providence Christian Academy. The SLUH side was certainly upset, but nothing except preparation can be done for the next round in late February.

SOCCER TRIVIA! WIN FABULOUS PRIZES!

As a special treat for the readers of the *Prep News*, the first twenty-five students, faculty, or staff members to contact *PN* moderator Steve Missey in the *Prep News* office with the correct answer to this daunting trivia question will win two tickets to the St. Louis Steamers soccer game on Saturday night. The Steamers will be facing off against the Kansas City Comets in a heated battle to make the playoffs. With player/coach Daryl Doran at the helm, a smashing good time is sure to be had by all who attend. That being said, we give you the trivia

question:

*What sport do the St. Louis
Steamers play?*



Good luck, and thank you for
reading.

