

# Prep News



*"If nothing else, value the truth"*

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## Racquetball retains national standing

**Tom Carrow**  
Reporter

Two weeks ago, on Mar. 3, the SLUH Racquetbills boarded a plane bound for Portland, Ore., headed for the national tournament to defend their title as boys national champions.

The national tournament's new format this year focused on the team's seeds, meaning that all the best players on a team play in one bracket, the second-best players in another separate bracket, and so on. The new format also included three doubles brackets, giving doubles teams a chance to earn points.

Opening round matches started March

## Cashbah 2004 recalls 1904

**Brian Krebs**  
Core Staff

St. Louis U. High will hold its 34th annual Cashbah auction this Saturday, Mar. 27, beginning after Mass at 5:00 p.m. Janet Martin, Genie Wilhelm, and Tim Conway are chairing the event.

More than 30 subcommittees collaborate every year to bring Cashbah to life. A large deal of the work is done by members of the Mothers' Club.

This year's theme, "Meet Me in St. Louis," is derived from the centennial of the 1904 World's Fair. As a result, the gym has been decorated with silhouettes of buildings and 12 flags representing the 12 countries involved in the 1904 World's Fair. In the middle of these 12 small flags is a 30 ft. by 60 ft. American flag.

Each class has a special role to fulfill. The freshmen will take on the always fun and messy task of washing the dishes.

4, but the tournament really got underway on Friday March 5, as second- and third-round matches were being played in each bracket. The matches were now being played at two different clubs. Even though they were split, the SLUH players were always at fellow players' matches, supporting them. The Racquetbills fed off their teammates' support, and at the end of the day on Friday, all SLUH players were still in the tournament. The scoreboard showed SLUH in third place, but the advancing rounds promised many more points.

No. 6 seed junior Ryan Franklin came into the tournament ranked second in the sixth seed bracket. He cruised through his

Sophomores will put food on plates. Juniors will be servers. And seniors will spotlight those bidding during the oral auction.

The auctioning is divided into the Silent Auction and the Oral Auction, each of which will occupy a wall in the gym. The silent auction section includes such favorites as the "Billiken Bonanza," a collection of baskets put together by all of the SLUH homerooms, and "Painted Treasures," a large selection of fine furniture. The oral portion of the auction also has noteworthy items. Autographed sports memorabilia, ranging from Albert Pujols's bat to a soccer ball signed by the state champion SLUH soccer team, will also be up for bidding. Outings with various SLUH administrators will be up for bid. Such items include watching a Cardinals game in a luxury suite with President Paul Sheridan, S.J., and enjoying a three-hour  
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early round opponents, and turned up his game in the round of 16 and 8, defeating two players from Oregon with ease. Facing teammate junior Pat Corcoran in the semifinals, the two played a tough match, but Franklin again came out on top 11-6 in the tiebreaker. The whole SLUH team was on hand to watch the final game, and carrying his momentum into that game, Franklin won the sixth seed bracket in straight games. Also in the sixth seed bracket, teammates Corcoran and sophomore Justin Langan vied for third place in the bracket. The game was a battle, but Langan, who had been on fire all tournament long, defeated Corcoran to earn third

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## SLUH robot stumbles, recovers

**Kyle Kloster**  
Reporter

Two weeks ago, when many students were driving home from exams, seniors Frank Havlak, Dave Burghoff, Brad Witbrodt, Nick Berndsen, and Greg Eschelbach were still working hard, piloting the St. Louis U. High Robotics Club robot along with fifty-one other teams in a St. Louis regional robotics competition. Beginning at eight in the morning on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in the St. Charles Family Arena, the For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics Competition did not cooperate with SLUH's exam schedule. According to Havlak, "It was a real pain" to make up exams and work  
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## Council addresses block schedule

**Timo Kim & Tim Huether**  
Core Staff

Yesterday, the Instructional Council began discussing the future of block scheduling at St. Louis U. High. The council, which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, will continue the discussion over the next several meetings and report its recommendation to Principal Mary Schenkenberg, who will then make the final decision. The 16-member council consists of the chairs of the academic departments, in addition to representatives from the pastoral department, counseling department, library, and the administration. The council will also use feedback from students to make its recommendation.

Ideas for this discussion surfaced when council members gathered opinions about block scheduling from the respective departments.

"The department heads were given a

## Possible calendar changes discussed

**Greg Fox**  
Core Staff

St. Louis U. High's Instructional Council, which consists of Principal Mary Schenkenberg and Assistant Principals Mark Michalski (Academics), Eric Clark (Student Welfare) and Art Zinselmeyer (Staff Development), along with department chairs, discussed the possibility of changing the school calendar and/or schedule in a recent meeting.

Schenkenberg said that the council is "looking at a variety of ways that the calendar could be configured for next year." She cited the possibility of having exams before Christmas break as one such configuration of the calendar.

At a meeting with principals of other Catholic schools in January, Schenkenberg found out that "a number of schools were doing exams before Christmas."

Michalski said that the administration set out to "look at the calendar, as we do every year." He said that the question of first semester exams came up, "as it does every year."

list of questions to go back to their departments to try to get some...input from their department members," said Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinselmeyer.

Feedback from each department centered around the benefits and limitations of the current block schedule.

On the whole, the foreign language department is against the current block day schedule. "It's less time in the classroom, for one thing, over a two-day period, and it's also very difficult to present. Language study for students is not something that's based on a large block of time to master the information. It's got to be done over a period of two days rather than one," said foreign language department chair Mark Tychonievich.

Spanish teacher Kevin Moore joked, "The best time for a block day is the second or third week of June."

Social studies department chair Peggy Pride said that "(the social studies depart-

ment feels) that (block days are) not worth the trouble, because they usually don't coincide with when we could use more time because they're scheduled for school-wide rather than our uses."

Views among the theology department differed. Theology department chair Allen Boedeker disliked the timing of the block days. Theology teachers Ralph Houlihan, S.J., and Rob Garavaglia support block days because they allow for a different class setup, one ideal for discussions, videos, and guest speakers.

In the math department, most teachers think that block schedule inhibits classroom learning. Often, a teacher would have to fit two concepts into a single class period when understanding of the second would depend on practice of the first. In addition, as a skills-based discipline, math needs daily practice of concepts, which block scheduling does not provide.

The science department believes that, **see BLOCKHEADS, 3**

"There was some concern this year with a loss of class time," added Schenkenberg.

The administration has not formed a committee to examine schedule changes, and, according to Michalski, has not yet received any specific proposals. Clark, however, outlined three possibilities for next year's school calendar. The three proposals include two calendars with exams in January and one with exams before Christmas. Clark's calendar outlines included a distribution of total days and a breakdown by quarter and class.

"There are a couple of issues that this comes out of," explained Michalski. "The first is instructional time, trying to gain a little bit more instructional time." Michalski said that the second issue is "the best interest of students in terms of their preparation for exams."

In order to get student feedback on the exam schedule, Schenkenberg made a five-question survey available to students during exams. According to Schenkenberg, the survey was, "not carefully controlled." The 105 respondents

were not a random sampling of the student body; rather, surveys were available to any student willing to take them. Schenkenberg said that, on the whole, respondents disagreed with the belief that post-Christmas exams were less stressful and more thoughtful.

Holding exams before Christmas creates a number of problems with the schedule, especially regarding Senior Project. Schenkenberg said, "With Senior Projects the way they are...you have the seniors missing a little bit more of the third quarter than they would have otherwise." Michalski theorized that seniors could miss as much as three weeks of instructional time under such a calendar. Although moving exams to December would lessen the number of days in the third quarter for seniors, that problem could be rectified in a number of ways, one of which would be starting class later after Christmas.

"December is a stressful time for both teachers and students," said Michalski. "There are some teachers who **see INDECISION 2004, 11**

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Durban praises racquetball sportsmanship

To the Editor,

I am writing to the *Prep News* about the recent trip to Portland, Ore., made by 14 members of SLUH's racquetball team. I had the privilege of joining the group on this trip (as a parent), and I wanted to pass along some observations.

Aside from winning the national title and many notable individual accomplishments, there was a great team chemistry to the group. Racquetball is an individual sport, but the common theme throughout the four-day tournament was support for the team. I heard many times from the boys that they didn't have time to run back to the hotel or go sightseeing because a teammate was playing, and they wanted to cheer for them. I was also proud to see our team playing in the spirit of the rules by calling skips, carries, etc. against themselves. Many parents pointed out the

**JOHNNY CASHBAH**

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cruise along the Mississippi River with Principal Mary Schenkenberg.

"The Hummer is back," Martin proclaimed.

This noteworthy oral auction item is the white Hummer limousine that will be available for eighteen seniors to ride in style to their senior prom. Martin went on to say that the item was so popular that "it brought about bidding wars last year."

Three raffles will also take place. The President's Raffle, sponsored by the SLUH Fathers' Club, is a cash prize put towards tuition. The Travel Raffle, sponsored by the Alumni Mothers Club, is \$3,000 put towards any traveling expense. Finally, the Senior Quilt Raffle's prize depicts special moments for the class of 2004.

The event usually draws about 750 people, but Vice President for Advancement Thom Digman has received word that there may be close to 800 people in attendance on Saturday.

level of class that our team displayed in victory or defeat.

Another part of the trip that set these teens apart was the effort they put into schoolwork while they were away. Several adults commented to me about the dedication of these kids.

Lastly, I need to acknowledge the huge effort that the coaches, Dr. Koestner and Mr. Stewart, put into the tournament. These two coaches worked from early in the morning to late at night to coordinate, coach, mentor, cajole, and support the team through the trip.

The students that made the trip will have many memories of close matches, good coaching, and loud support, but I will have the memory of a great group of SLUH students supporting each other and the dedication of their coaches.

Tom Durban  
Class of '77

SLUH plans on raising \$300,000 from Cashbah, but that is a conservative estimate. Digman said the money raised at Cashbah "basically goes to offset the cost of tuition for each boy that's here." Digman estimates that each student saves three hundred dollars.

Digman extended thanks to all of the volunteers, especially Martin, Wilhelm, and Conway, for how "they dedicated a year of their lives to putting together probably one of the greatest parties in St. Louis."

## BLOCKHEADS

(from 2)

in theory, block days pose a real advantage for them. However, the block days never seem to fall when the teachers have scheduled a lab. They would enjoy having block days on their lab days, but often the days do not coincide.

Similarly, the English department feels the underclassmen courses and even the junior English courses need daily contact to ensure the improvement of reading comprehension and writing skills. "We teach skills more successfully if we meet classes daily," English department chairman Bill George said. However, in the more topic-based courses available to seniors, the lack of daily contact does not pose so much of a problem.

"The first three years, we would prefer no block," George said.

Although some teachers in the fine arts department enjoy the extra time, others feel that they need a longer duration of successive block days in order to determine their benefits.

The schedule also presents a problem for counselors. "If your counselor wants to see you on a block day, in reality you are missing two days of class. If he or she pulls you out of class the same period one on the first day of block you don't have period one until two days later." Zinselmeyer continued, "So it's almost like two days they feel like they can't see students."

Depending on the recommendation of the committee and Schenkenberg's final decision, changes in the block system could be enacted as early as next year. However, the change will not be as drastic as moving to a full block schedule next year. Rather, the block schedule may occur more often, less often, or remain unchanged.

### Quote of the Week

*"...with any luck we're going to kick The Passion out of first place. I mean, we really, really should. Who would choose to see one guy rise from the dead when you could see a thousand?"*

*—James Gunn '84, Dawn of the Dead screenwriter,  
as quoted in The Riverfront Times*

## Science Club has Grand olde time

**Alex W. Sciuto**  
Core Staff

What would you like to have done on your spring break? Debauched immorality in Cancún or Cozumel? Ten hour multiplayer skirmishes in *Battlefield 1942*? 216 hours of blissful nothingness? Or maybe you're more the outdoor type. Maybe you would like to travel 3,000 miles and spend 48 hours in a car in order to spend four full days at the Grand Canyon in Arizona. That was the plan of senior Dan Lieser; juniors Van Kenyon, Kevin Hatch, Sean Powers, and Alex Sciuto; sophomore Dan Marincel; and freshmen Joel Schmidt, Nathan Roth, Kyle Nesslein, Joe Kuensting, and Nathan Banet. Science Club moderator Steve Kuensting and fathers Brent Roth and Mark Nesslein provided adult supervision.

Even before the hikers left for their sojourn, the 11 met repeatedly in S204

during the activity periods preceding the trip, and the students' parents met on Monday night the week of exams. During the pre-trip meetings, Science Club moderator Steve Kuensting described the trails and the landscape of the Grand Canyon and the essential gear needed for the trip. While most students were reeling from their English exams, the Biobills began the three-day van ride to the Grand Canyon. Taking both the blue and white SLUH vans, the 14 Sciencebills traveled highway I-40 west to Oklahoma City and then took I-44 the rest of the way. Leaving SLUH at 1 p.m., the two vans rolled into the Tulsa, Okla. KOA (Kampgrounds of America) at 8:00 p.m. The group traversed the Great Plains on Saturday and ended the traveling that day in Grants, N.M., 50 miles west of Albuquerque.

After the continental breakfast Sunday morning, the hikers began the last leg of their trip to the Grand Canyon.

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## SLUH receives Irish books

**Sean Powers**  
Reporter

St. Louis U. High recently received 14 Irish books from the private collection of the late John Kelleher. The books were given to SLUH by his family after Kelleher died this past February. Some books include tales of Ireland, and others are collections of Irish poems.

Kelleher was a professor of Irish studies at Harvard University, where he was noted for his essays on Irish writers and culture. Among his accomplishments was translating into English ancient annals written in Irish and Latin by Irish monks. English department chair Bill George said, "Kelleher was just a remarkable scholar. His work was ground-breaking and simply spectacular." He also was responsible, along with literary biographer Richard Ellman, for presenting the works of famous Irish writers, including Frank O'Connor, in America.

Kelleher taught at Harvard until his retirement in 1986, and in 1992 he moved

to St. Louis to be with his daughters. In St. Louis, Kelleher often gave presentations on Irish literature and culture at Washington University and UMSL.

A great scholar of Irish studies, Kelleher had a large personal library consisting mostly of Irish literature. George said that his children "started cataloging his books and donating them to certain places." Principal Mary Schenkenberg, who has connections to the family, asked George if he knew of Kelleher and if he was interested in literature from his private collection. He did and he was.

Schenkenberg told the family that George and SLUH were interested in a book from his collection. The family offered a much more generous sampling. "I thought that it would be just one or two books," said George. Donated books include, *Irish Lore and Legends*, *Hero-Tale of Ireland*, and *James Joyce: The Artist and the Labyrinth*.

George plans to put the books in a special collection in the library.

## Conference features

### SLUH ceramics

**Eric Durban**  
Reporter

At the annual National Meeting of Ceramic Educators Conference, held last week in Indianapolis, Ind., the ceramic works of five of last year's St. Louis U. High graduates were put on display. The pieces of Alex Bayer, Thomas Queathem, Nils Carlstedt, Todd Miltenberger, and Joe Tyra were selected to be in the show. In addition to the conference, a K-12 Ceramics Exhibition highlighted the work of students across the country.

After attending the conference two years ago, ceramics teacher Mary Whealon decided to enter some of her students' work into the exhibition, which started in 1998. Whealon submitted nine slides of student work in December. Since this was her first time sending in pieces, she did not know what to expect. More than 400 slides were sent in from all over the country and only 90 to 100 were accepted. SLUH and four other schools from the St. Louis area sent in slides. In February, Whealon got word that five of the SLUH works were chosen to be put on display.

"I was surprised at the amount of selections since this was our first year entering the contest, but I knew all the ceramics sent in were good pieces," said Whealon.

To determine which pieces to submit to the show, Whealon acted as a judge of the SLUH ceramics. Val Cushing, a world-renowned ceramic artist, reviewed the selected SLUH ceramics as well as the other slides sent in from around the country, and made the final decision on what pieces to include in the show. In addition to the honor of having their works chosen by Cushing for the show, Bayer and Tyra also received certificates as special awards for artistic merit. During the show, Cushing walked around the room to point out his favorites to the crowds. The stemware created by Tyra received added distinc-

see **JARS OF CLAY, 11**

# Rawlingsbills overwhelm Cleveland in opener

**Justin Rottger**  
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High varsity baseball team hopes to build off last year's 22-4 season, in which they took second place in the state tournament. Head coach Steve Nicollerat said before Tuesday's season opener that he wanted the team to "get better as the season progresses...(and) take each game and practice situation day by day as the season unfolds."

On a damp and chilly night in Forest Park, the Jr. Bills laced up the cleats and headed onto Aviation Field to face Cleveland High. Staff ace senior Jeff Milles appeared to have opening-day jitters, as the first batter of the game singled and later scored on an RBI single. However, Milles worked his way out of the jam, picking off a man to get out of the inning with only one run scored.

SLUH took a 2-1 lead in the first when junior Ryan Morgan knocked a



Jeff Milles delivers a pitch while Greg Leibach awaits a return on Tuesday.

Texas-leaguer into shallow left field over the shortstop's head. The offense continued in the second, with SLUH exploding

for six runs, extending their lead 8-1. Junior Mike Deelo brought home the third run with a sacrifice fly to left, and sophomore Nick Riganti, juniors Brandon Beal and Morgan, senior Greg Leibach contributed additional RBIs. The offense did well, but the pitching dominated the game. Milles allowed two hits and one earned run in three innings, fanning three and walking only one.

The relief was also solid, with seniors Tom Economon and Gordon Schweitzer, and junior Matt Ikemeier combining for three scoreless innings. All four pitchers brought their junk to the game, with the curveball being the most effective pitch. Economon struck out two men in the fourth with the bender, Schweitzer K'd one, and Ikemeier struck out the side in the top of the sixth. The pitching was certainly strong and should prove to be key throughout the season.

A bizarre play occurred in the fifth  
see **ROUND THE HORN, 8**

## Killbills (vol. 2) return to defend state title

**Ryan Vierling**  
Reporter

Profound disappointment marked the opening game of the season for the state champion Jr. Bills volleyball team on Wednesday night. Their first match of the season pitted the number two ranked varsity team in the area against the number eight ranked CBC team. The score was a dismal 25-9, 25-17.

Primary reasons for the disappointing loss include an unfortunate schedule, which forced the Jr. Bills to open their season against a tough team, and difficulty adapting to the new team dynamics and rules for this season. Internal problems, such as weak passing and setting, undermined the team's well-known offensive prowess.

Playing a team that had already warmed up against two other schools was a major factor in the loss. It was CBC's third match of the season, so they had some opportunity to work on team dynamics against less threatening schools such as Trinity and Fort Zumwalt South.

The Jr. Bills, however, went into the match cold.

Coach Terry Quinn summed up the evening: "It was a tough way to start the year. Ideally, you would prefer to build up to such a tough match. They were prepared and ready, and we just were not. We will work on the things we need to work on, and we will see them again."

The team also has a defensive disadvantage in their setting game at this point. The primary setter for last year was graduated senior Brian Guntli, and while seniors Andy Halaz and Tom Hill gave good efforts Wednesday night, the entire team suffered from a lack of timing and coordination.

Another aspect of their defensive game that was not up to par was passing. The team's 13 dig errors made it difficult to establish a good momentum. Unfortunately, the weak passing and setting undermined the team's offensive abilities. Power hitter junior Joe Guntli still managed to eke out a commendable 13 attacks and four kills, but the offensive game

suffered from over 10 attack errors.

The new season brings with it another challenge, a switch to rally scoring, in which teams get points for causing side-outs. In a game scored this way, errors can be deadly. Not only does a team lose possession of the ball, but it also gives the other team an instant point advantage. Last year, losing possession of the ball was just a break in a team's momentum. This year it also sets up momentum for the other team. The Jr. Bills' errors made it almost impossible for them to achieve the strong start and good momentum that were their hallmarks last season.

Senior Greg Vollmer summed up the team's reaction to the early point lead by the Cadets, saying, "We let our emotions get the best of us."

Team captain Halaz, devastated by the loss, pointed out, "We came out really nervous tonight. They were ready to play and had a lot to prove. All we can do is look ahead and focus on what happens in May."

# Bladebills drop two games, start season 0-4

**Ryan DuBois**  
**Reporter**

Coming off the sting of a 10-2 thrashing at the hands of an extremely talented Oakville squad, the St. Louis U. High varsity inline hockey team looked forward to redeeming itself last Friday night against Rockwood Summit. Unfortunately, the Rollerbills' ensuing performance against the 1-0 Falcons fell far below the team's expectations.

Although Rockwood Summit did not boast exceptional speed or puckhandling ability, they were often able to slip men behind the Jr. Bills' defense to create odd-man rushes. The Falcons struck first just a minute into the game and added a second goal three minutes later, capitalizing on SLUH defensive mistakes in both instances.

The Tourbills answered halfway through the first half, as captain Dane Moody rifled a shot past the Falcons' goaltender to pull the Jr. Bills within one. The two teams battled hard for the next seven minutes, but neither was able to break the defensive gridlock until late in the period, when Moody tallied his second of the night off a breakout pass from junior defenseman Steve Fedchak. With the game's momentum now swinging in their favor, the Junior Bills entered the second half with renewed confidence.

Despite their determination, the Puckbills experienced a complete defensive collapse in the second half, allowing Rockwood to score five unanswered goals within the first seven minutes of play. Though the Falcons had a significant advantage in size over the relatively small Jr. Bills squad, they played a distinctly non-physical game.

The Puckbills, however, failed to use this to their advantage and step up their own physical play, preventing them from playing solid defense or generating many scoring opportunities of their own. Despite a late flurry during which Moody and senior Pat Sommer combined for three quick goals, the deficit proved insurmountable, and the Jr. Bills eventu-

ally left the rink with an 8-5 loss.

Hoping to erase the memory of Friday's loss to Rockwood with their first victory, the Rollerbills faced off against Parkway South on Monday. Although the Patriots had lost to Rockwood a week earlier, they proved to be more difficult opponents than the Falcons, exhibiting a much more physical style of play and greater patience with the puck. The Jr. Bills, however, improved significantly on their previous performance, and the score stayed close throughout the entirety of the game. Though the Patriots drew first blood on a shot from the high slot three minutes in, Moody led the Jr. Bills on an offensive counterattack, netting a hat trick in the first half. Goaltender John Pecher also made several crucial saves, stymieing the Patriots' attempts to regain the lead. When the first half-buzzer sounded, the Jr. Bills led, 3-2.

Parkway South, however, was deter-

mined to fight back, and began to chip away at SLUH's defensive shell. The Jr. Bills' efforts to preserve their lead were plagued by critical penalties, and the Patriots capitalized, putting two shots past Pecher on power plays and adding a third at even strength. These shorthanded situations crippled the Jr. Bills' ability to put more points on the board as well. Although Moody's relentless offensive prowess cut the Patriots' lead to one with six minutes remaining, Parkway South struck again less than a minute later, and tallied a final empty-netter to seal a 7-4 win over the Jr. Bills.

Having lost two crucial games against beatable teams, the Missionbills, now 0-4, find themselves in a must-win situation as they prepare to battle Lafayette this Friday. The puck will drop tonight, 6:00 p.m., at Queeny Park.

## Grapplers win sportsmanship award *Clements named assistant coach of the*

**W. David Mueller**  
**Sports Editor**

On Monday, March 15, the St. Louis Wrestling Officials Association presented its Sportsmanship Award to the St. Louis U. High Wrestling team, and its award for assistant coach of the year to assistant coach Todd Clements.

Athletic Director Dick Wehner said that, to determine the winner of the award, roughly 70 officials from the St. Louis area "meet as a group and discuss certain levels of sportsmanship."

He said the levels the association considers are the team, the school, the coaches, and the individual wrestlers.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the association, Nick Rallo, said that open suggestions are thrown out from the 70 officials. He and two other officials nominated SLUH. Rallo said that the three main factors are "the behavior of the crowd, the kids, and the coaches."

"We disqualify teams," said Rallo, "if

their fans just have raucous behavior or if they get T'd up.... But SLUH had a clean slate."

Head coach Tim Curdt explained, that a "T" is a "technical violation, a flagrant misconduct, kind of like a yellow or a red card."

Wehner said, "(The award) is a direct result of the coaches' philosophy."

Curdt said, "I don't think we emphasize sportsmanship more than any other team here."

He emphasized the temptation to become flustered in the arena of individual sport, but said, "they always shake the hands of their opponents...and they're willing to learn from their losses."

Curdt said that the officials also consider the team's competitiveness. The SLUH wrestling team's 0-10 record seven years ago would probably not have drawn much attention for sportsmanship. However, the team's great strides in recent years caused the wrestling community

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# Edgebills suffer losses at home and away

**Tyler Orf**  
**Reporter**

The St. Louis U. High lacrosse team began its season with a disappointing 0-6 record. After a heartbreaking overtime loss in the season opener to Parkway South on Friday, March 12 and participating in the Jesuit Lacrosse Classic in Washington D.C., the Laxbills suffered an inexcusable loss to Parkway Central on Tuesday.

This tough opening stretch began with a game against the Parkway South Patriots. SLUH Lacrosse came out pumped and ready to play, but it was Parkway South who scored the first goal of the game by beating stellar senior goalkeeper Ben Zaegel. The U. High boys battled back to take the lead with back-to-back goals by senior midfielder Sean Kelly and senior attackman Jeff Steitz. But by half-time, the score was 4-2 in favor of the Patriots.

After Parkway South scored, Steitz added two more goals on strong shots from within six yards of the crease, bringing SLUH within one of South. Midway through the fourth quarter, Kelly made a nifty move, dodging two defenders and scoring the tying goal. Then with three minutes left in the game, senior attackman

Tyler Orf caught the Parkway defensemen off guard, snuck around the crease, and beat the goalie one-on-one to take the lead, 6-5. South managed to tie the game before time expired to send the game into overtime. Only a few minutes into overtime, a Patriot midfielder beat his man and buried the winning goal.

The following Friday, the Laxbills traveled to Washington, D.C., to play Jesuit teams from around the country. Immediately after arriving in D.C., the Jr. Bills geared up to face Strake Jesuit from Texas. The Jr. Bills scored first on a nice bottom corner shot from junior attackman Joe Hof. The game was back and forth for most of the first half, and at the half the U. High trailed 2-1.

After suffering a defensive lapse in the third quarter, SLUH was down 7-2. In the fourth quarter the momentum went SLUH's way. The Jr. Bills went on a 4-0 run, capped off by a well-placed top shelf goal by senior midfielder Jon Yoon, but they ran out of time and lost 7-6.

On Saturday the competition included Regis from Colorado and Rockhurst from Kansas City. After a 13-1 defeat by an overpowering Regis team, the Jr. Bills went head-to-head with the defending state champion Rockhurst Hawkleets. In the first

quarter, Rockhurst took the lead with two goals, but a stubborn SLUH team came right back with two of their own. The first came from Orf with an assist by senior attackman Pat Reedy, and the second goal was sniped low corner by Kelly. SLUH still trailed at the half, 3-2. The Laxbills came out flat in the second half and paid for it. Rockhurst scored six unanswered goals, leaving the Jr. Bills in a seven-goal hole. Again, the boys from the STL charged back with a string of four goals, but it was too late. The game ended with the final score of Rockhurst 9, SLUH 6.

Gonzaga Prep from D.C. awaited the Jr. Bills on Sunday. The Laxbills were simply outplayed by a dominating Gonzaga team and lost 17-2.

Despite all their frustrations and desire to win, the Laxbills played without heart, or skill for that matter, against the Parkway Central Colts. SLUH started strong with a solid man-up goal by Steitz in the first quarter, but the offense scored only one more goal the whole game amidst numerous opportunities. Central scored four goals in the game and managed to defeat a lacrosse team full of potential.

The Laxbills' next game is Saturday morning at 9:30 versus Lake Forest, from Chicago.

# Tennisbills hope to serve up a winning season

**Pat Miller**  
**Reporter**

After advancing to sectionals but failing to send any player to the state tournament last season, the 2004 version of the Tennisbills enter the new season with renewed optimism. This year's varsity team combines five returning members with an infusion of young talent.

Along with the new members of the team, the beginning of a new season has also inducted new members into the St. Louis U. High coaching fraternity. With the departures of varsity coach Vince Schmidt and JV coach Miles Grier, guidance counselor Dennis Dougan will head

varsity, and English teacher David Callon will coach the JV team. Dougan brings many years of experience to the young varsity team, having coached tennis at Lindbergh High before coming to SLUH.

He will have tough decisions to make when seeding his players before the season begins. Returning sophomore Stephen Hipkiss will fight for the number-one singles spot with freshman Abe Souza, while juniors Paul Eschen and Jack Horgan and sophomore David Lesko will compete for the remaining two singles slots.

Seniors Pat Austermann and Tony Barsanti, juniors Jason Murphy and Jimmy Chassaing, and sophomores Andrew

Casperson and Kevin Howenstein will compose the three varsity doubles teams, but playing partners have not yet officially been established. One of the reasons that the seeds have not been set yet is that the team has already been bitten by the injury bug numerous times. Thankfully, all of the injured players should be ready to open the season.

Both the varsity and the JV were to kick off the season with a road trip to Marquette High this past Tuesday, but the match was rained out. The Tennisbills will begin their season next Tuesday when CBC comes to visit the Dwight Davis Tennis Center in Forest Park.

# Senior Racquetballers earn All-America spots

**Tom Fontana**  
**Core Staff**

At the National Racquetball championships in Portland, Ore., two weeks ago, seniors Tom Carrow and Phil Mathews became the first Racquetbills in the history of St. Louis U. High to earn All-American status. Carrow and Mathews each received certificates acknowledging their achievement at an awards ceremony after the national tournament.

Carrow commented on his performance at Nationals, saying, "Every year at Nationals I play better because I guess those are my favorite matches." Carrow picked the perfect time to compete in top form, because All-American designation depends entirely on a player's performance at the national tournament.

## ROBIN

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took notice.

For example, Curdt told a story about an incident at a CBC dual meet. "One official said, 'As much as I love CBC—watching your fans behave at everything—there is something that SLUH has that every other school ought to get.'" The official also happened to be a CBC parent.

"It's a trophy to the school," Curdt added.

The Sportsmanship Award is unique in that it travels from school to school, staying only for a year.

"It's kind of like the Stanley Cup," said Wehner. "Our name will be added for this year and then passed on."

Clements, who works at Monsanto, has been an assistant coach since the 1997-98 season. He is an accomplished wrestler with two individual state titles as a sophomore and senior at DeSmet, and he grew up in the St. Louis wrestling community.

Curdt said, "He has the ability to take good wrestlers and move them to the next level."

Clements's award, an individualized plaque, does not travel. "It's mine," he said, "and I'm not letting go."

Both singles and doubles players can be named All-Americans. Each year the competition produces a maximum of twenty All-Americans, male and female. A player must be one of the final eight players remaining in singles competition to earn the designation. Carrow and Mathews earned their All-American status in the doubles competition by reaching the semifinals of the top seeded bracket, ultimately placing third in the nation.

A major key to the tandem's tournament success was their complementary playing styles. Mathews said, "(Carrow) is a good frontcourt player and I have a good backhand and play the backcourt well. Playing together for two whole years, we communicate well, and we always know where the other is on the court."

Carrow said, "Last year we began to find out that we could play well together."

## ROUND THE HORN

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with Cleveland batting. With one out and men on first and third, Schweitzer pulled the old third-to-first pickoff move and caught the runner on first off guard. Sophomore second baseman Mike Beal, who entered the game in the fourth as a defensive replacement for senior Rick Wiese, tagged the runner out, and then gunned the ball to the catcher after the runner on third had started for home. The ensuing rundown resulted in a 1-4-2-5-6 double play.

With the sun down and the cold biting at the faces of fans and players alike, SLUH scored two final runs in the bottom of the sixth to post a final score of 11-1. After the game, Nicollerat said that the team "had a great pregame, a great infield, and awesome pitching." He added, "Since we were up, it gave me the chance to put in some of the other guys and get them some work." A good start by the Basebills has them looking at an early 1-0 mark and hungry for more victories.

Head coach Joe Koestner praised the duo's willingness to take extra steps to improve and insure their success. He said, "Phil Mathews has been our number one for two years. Last year, Tom Carrow decided he would massively improve his game. He worked extra hours outside of practice to improve."

Koestner explained that Mathews and Carrow "began to compete as a doubles team in adult tournaments throughout the year. By practicing together and playing in area adult tournaments outside of the regular high school league, they were able to develop a strategy and rapport amongst themselves. They know how to play together really well."

Koestner said the awards were "like the icing on the cake to reward Phil and Tom on a whole season of success."

## *PN*

### **NIGHTBEAT BASEBILLS TOPPLE BELLEVILLE WEST**

Thursday evening the Jr. Bills defeated Belleville West 8-6. Senior Ricky Wiese scored two runs during the game, accumulating four on the week. Led by Wiese, SLUH scored six runs in three innings. Junior Matt Ikemeier completed four innings of solid pitching and was later relieved by junior Ryan Morgan, who closed with three strikeouts in two innings. The team will participate in the Normandy-Ritenour Tournament today in Forest Park at 4:15 p.m.

### **VOLLEYBALL BEATS ZUMWALT SOUTH**

In a match held at Ft. Zumwalt South yesterday evening, the Jr. Bills emerged triumphantly over the Bulldogs. After losing the first game 22-25, the team came back in the second game 25-15, and ensured the win with a 25-20 score in the third game.

*"Girls, this isn't the beach."*

—John Updike, "A&P"

## PARANOID ANDROID

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around the competition, which runs as late as five in the evening.

On Thursday, the arena hosted three practice rounds for the teams to test and tinker with their machines without consequences for their ranking. In each match, four teams, paired against each other, would unleash their robots in a fracas of gears, arms, and wheels. Matches, held in a rectangular arena, called for the robots to herd purple balls inside the playing area to its corners. Team members would then shoot the balls into any of two fixed or movable goals. In addition to the purple balls that count for five points, two yellow balls in the court gave doubled point value of all purple balls in a goal if a robot could pick one up and use it to top off one of the cylindrical goals. Finally, a bar hovered ten feet over a raised platform in the center of the arena. Any robot that could grasp it in the last few seconds of a match and hold on for the remainder while suspended above the ground would earn 50 points and widespread glory.

For the first 15 seconds of each two-minute match, the human pilots abstained from controlling their 'bot, allowing the robot's autonomous mode to run the robot on its own. The autonomous mode, an auto-pilot program, attempts to steer its machine to the side of the match arena and knock a yellow ball off its stand, triggering the release of the respective team's nine purple balls onto the field. A successful autonomous would provide its team with surplus time to gather those purple balls, for if the autonomous failed, the team would wait for 30 additional seconds before their own purple balls dropped onto the floor automatically. Thanks to Burghoff, who programmed the whole robot and wrote the autonomous code at the competition in less than two days, the Unit-3021Bills were one of six teams with an autonomous that dethroned the yellow ball.

According to Havlak, this year's robot was "a lot more complex; a lot more time went into it. It was a more complex competition." Last year, the main objective in the competition was pushing boxes,

whereas this year's event required the robot to pick up things and create an autonomous mode.

The controls of the robot this year show the advancement of the competition: last year, two joysticks controlled the whole range of the robot's activity. This year, the two joysticks accompanied a control panel with four buttons and six knobs to execute important functions.

The SojournerBills' nameless machine disappointed team members during the practice rounds due to its disheartening performance, specifically that of the wing-like metal flaps on the robot's sides. The wings functioned as aids in one of the robot's prime objectives: collecting the purple balls scattered throughout the arena and herding them to a corner from which team members could pick them up. However, rather than contribute to the 'bot's efficiency, the wings made the robot less maneuverable and too bulky to climb the raised platform in the center. In contrast to the problematic wings, the gear box that operated the wheels worked very well, a key factor in the competition.

The MechWarriorBills tweaked the robot after Thursday's matches and throughout Friday's five discouraging matches, all losses due to the troubled side-flaps and other defects, leaving them in last place. Despite frustrating malfunctions on Friday, the Dr. RobotnikBills finally discovered the right combination of alterations, which included stripping off the bothersome wings. Their improvements allowed for optimal performance in Saturday's match. On Saturday, the DeathstarBills proved that their battle station was fully operational: the autonomous mode succeeded. They scored 125 total points, a hefty achievement for any team, and at the end of the round, in front of the largest crowd the competition had witnessed, SLUH's robot hung from the ten-foot-high bar. This outstanding performance satisfied all the DangerWillRobinsonBills, regardless of their forty-seventh place status and 1-5 record. The club plans to show the video of Saturday's match to the school some time in the future.

Club moderator and former ASC teacher John Shen has announced that this is his last year as the moderator. He will focus more time on his studies at Washington University, where he is about to begin his third year of medical school. Shen said of the team and his two years with the club, "I had a lot of fun. (I am) really proud of everything we've done, especially the seniors. (I am) impressed, pretty amazed with it, and I really hope someone can continue it." Shen also commented that the sophomore and junior team members will really need to commitment if they're going to keep and improve the program.

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## MORE RACKET

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place.

In the fifth seed bracket, junior Eric Durban came into the tournament ranked first out of all the fifth seeds in the country. Durban played well through his first two rounds and breezed by his opponent in the semifinals to reach the finals. The finals game was a marathon, as the game went back and forth between Durban and his Oregonian opponent. Durban, however, decided enough was enough and stepped up his game to a new level as he brought defeat onto his opponent, 11-8 in the tiebreaker.

The fourth seed bracket included senior John Reagan, who came into the tournament ranked No. 2 in his seed. His early round opponents couldn't contain him as he ripped through the competition, dissecting everyone on his way to the finals. The finals match pitted him against a tough opponent from San Diego. The game lasted the better part of two hours with neither player tiring as it wore on. The tiebreaker was one of the most exciting games in the tournament with nearly every point going back and forth. Reagan's opponent got back the serve, however, at 10-10, and closed out the match with a rally-ending pass.

Also earning the team points in the No. 6 seed division were senior Tom Reagan, juniors Joe Lorenz and Pat Sheahan, sophomores Jason Rusch and Mike Guilfooy, and freshman Ben Brooks.

Third seed senior Eric Weber came into his draw ranked a questionable sixth in his bracket, but he set out to prove the tournament directors wrong. Weber gave up no more than eight points in his first two games. Faced with a tougher opponent in the semifinals he kept his stellar play up and brought him down in straight games, 15-7, 15-11. Weber's finals match put him up against the No. 1 player in the seed 3 bracket, Kirkwood's Brad Ballam. Earlier in the year Weber suffered a heart-breaking loss to Ballam in the state finals, and he was not about to lose again. Weber played with determination and tenacity the entire game, defeating Ballam 15-10, 15-9 to clinch the match in front of an ecstatic SLUH crowd.

In the No. 2 seed bracket, senior Tom

Carrow came into the tournament ranked third in his bracket. He played well in his first two games to reach the semifinals on Saturday night, where he would face off against Oregon rival Beaverton's No. 2 seed. The match was a close one, but Carrow was finally overcome by his opponent in the tiebreaker, 8-11. The loss placed him in the third-place game, where he was pitted against the No. 1 player in the 2-seed bracket, Chad LaForest, all the way from New York. After a close first game, Carrow came out on top, 15-11. Barely into the second game, his opponent was pulled out of the match by his father, resulting in a forfeit, and giving Carrow the win.

The hardest bracket, the No. 1-seed bracket, contains the best players from all around the country. Senior Phil Mathews came into the tournament ranked seventh in this bracket, meaning he is considered the seventh-best high school player in the country. Starting off, he faced a player who had defeated his previous opponent 15-1, 15-0. Mathews was not fazed and crushed his opponent, 15-5, 15-6. In his second-round game, Mathews was up against an extremely tough opponent who got the best of Mathews in the tiebreaker, placing Mathews in the blue division bracket.

He blazed through the bracket and into the finals, pitting him against an opponent with one of the best forehands anyone had ever seen. Mathews was overcome in the first game, 15-4, but bounced back and dominated the second game, 15-9. The tiebreaker was another exciting marathon match with both players playing equally well. Mathews turned on his game when the match was at 10-10 and ended the rally with a killshot, making him the blue division champ. Mathews subsequently finishing ninth in the country.

Doubles were another way to get many points, and SLUH had 5 doubles teams vying for points. In the No. 3 division, the teams of Corcoran and Lorenz and Durban and Franklin breezed past all of their opponents to face each other in the finals. Ranked No. 3 and No. 2 in the division respectively, the match was a close one. After each team took a game

Durban and Franklin pulled out the title 11-4 on the tiebreaker.

The sophomore team of Rusch and Guilfooy also earned SLUH points in their division. The No. 2 doubles division contained seniors John Reagan and Eric Weber. They came in ranked No. 1 and proved that they were, advancing unscathed to the finals. The finals were close, until an unfortunate injury ended the game in a forfeit in SLUH's favor, crowing Weber and Reagan the champs of No. 2 doubles. The No. 1 doubles division had seniors Mathews and Carrow ranked No. 1 in the division, thanks to a second-place finish the previous year. Mathews and Carrow played well into the semifinals, where they met the team containing the No. 4 player in the country. Jared Torres was too much for Mathews and Carrow, and they lost the match in close games, placing them in the third-place game. Their third-place game was against a brother-brother team from New York, and both teams each took a game, putting them into a tiebreaker. Mathews and Carrow took control of the breaker and won third-place in the tournament, 11-5.

When the dust cleared, SLUH was hoping for first place. The scores were announced, and as they were being called, the announcer of the award ceremony made the comment that the first place team won by nearly 700 points. SLUH had earned 1672 points overall, the next closest team 992.

### New U-High Babies

The month of March saw the addition of three new members to the St. Louis U. High family. Russian teacher Rob Chura and his wife Marina had Andrei Robert Chura on Monday, Mar. 8. He weighed six pounds and nine ounces. *PN* moderator Steve Missey and his wife Julie welcomed Megan Lang Missey on Tuesday, Mar. 22. English teacher Jim Raterman had his second grandchild when his son Andy's wife Sarah gave birth to Jake Wells Raterman on Wednesday, Mar. 24.

**INDECISION 2004**

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are writing a lot of letters of recommendation at that time, and it would mean teachers would have exams to grade over Christmas break, and students would have to spend a lot of December doing hard preparation for finishing the semester.”

Michalski stated that the first semester is generally shorter to begin with, and switching exams to December would “shorten it a little bit more.”

Although there are many problems with a pre-Christmas exam schedule, there are some positive sides to it.

“There are people who are interested in a sense of closure before the break,” said Michalski. “You don’t end up having work to do over break and you don’t end

up having to study to maintain your level of proficiency over Christmas break.”

Although Michalski said both sides have strong arguments, he said, “I don’t see a strong urgency in the question right now.”

In addition to looking at possible calendar changes, the Instructional Council discussed the quarterly block schedule. There was “no major discussion,” according to Michalski, and it is likely that the block schedule will not disappear next year.

Finally, the Instructional Council discussed an idea that would provide for a certain number of “R” schedule days each week. According to Michalski, the idea was brought up “informally” during the meetings.

“It’s tough to lay down as an unbending rule, but I think it could be a good ideal to have in mind as we prepare the calendar on a small level,” said Michalski. Michalski cited the fact that the calendars are revised on a monthly basis and that it would be hard to have a set limit considering the frequent changes.

“We want to be flexible,” Schenkenberg said, and Michalski affirmed the administration’s desire to keep providing educational opportunities.

Schenkenberg wants to “look at the overall schedule,” with a group of faculty members. This would include looking at the seven-period day schedule, which is in its fourth year. “The committee would look at a number of variations,” Schenkenberg said.

**OUTDOORSMEN**

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Kuensting made sure the group visited Petrified Forest National Park before they reached Grand Canyon National Park. The Petrified Forest is reminiscent of the Badlands in South Dakota. Thousands of years of rain have worn down the land into many rolling red hills each with multiple dry creek beds where the infrequent tidal wave of water flows when it comes. Arriving at Grand Canyon Village at four in the afternoon on Sunday, Kuensting obtained permits to camp in the bottom for Wednesday night.



The Science Club poses at the Grand Canyon during Spring Break.

PHOTO BY STEVE KUENSTING

On Monday, the first full day at the Grand Canyon, Kuensting decided to day hike the South Kaibab River. According to Kuensting, the Kaibab is the most scenic of all the trails leading down into the canyon. “Having the view up and down the canyon was neat,” said Kuensting. The group hiked half the trail to Skeleton’s

Point. On Tuesday, no one hiked down into the canyon. Most students walked around the rim on the many paved trails. Others took time out to catch up on spring break reading assignments or send postcards to parents and friends.

The climax of the trip came on Wednesday. Waking up early in the morning, the group split up into three smaller groups. One group, headed by Nesslein, began the descent on the Bright Angel Trail. The trail would down the canyon walls and then along the bottom

of the canyon for 4.5 miles. During the hike, the trail drops 3060 ft. After setting up camp at Indian Gardens campground, the hikers day-hiked another three miles and reached the Colorado River during the late afternoon. The second group hiked the whole South Kaibab trail down to Bright Angel Campground, near the Colorado River. Hiking just over seven

miles the diehard hikers descended 4720 ft. Everyone went to bed early, and in the late morning both groups met at Indian Gardens and began the grueling ascent.

On Friday, the group began the 24-hour long drive home. The Sciencebills arrived at SLUH at 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Kuensting was extremely happy at how successful the trip was. “The weather was outstanding. The kids were outstanding. The leaders were outstanding. It was really good.”

**JARS OF CLAY**

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tion when Cushing stopped at his piece to point it out and comment. Tyra had created four pieces of green stemware resembling flowers.

“Those cups and saucers took me a long time (to make),” said Queathem. “It’s good to know that other people enjoy my work and that they understand the time and energy that went into it,” he added.

The pieces of all five alums are currently on display in the library, along with a poster that includes all of the ceramics selected for the show.

by Tim Huether

## Calendar

March 26 - Apr. 2

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26**

Schedule R  
Fast Friday  
IM Weight Lifting vs. Faculty  
Wellness Club Mtg.  
Cashbah Preview Party  
V BB vs. Normandy-Ritenour Tournament @ Forest Park @ 4:15pm  
Waffle Fries and Papa John's Pizza

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27**

V T&F @ McCluer North Invitational @ McCluer North @ 9am  
V T&F @ Washington University Invitational @ Washington University @ 9am  
Cashbah

**MONDAY, MARCH 29**

Schedule R  
IM Jr/Sr Meltdown  
V BB vs. Bishop DuBourg @ Affton Ath. @ 4:15pm  
V VB @ Pattonville @ 5pm  
JV VB @ Pattonville @ 4pm  
JV GF vs. CBC @ Norwood @ 3:30pm  
B BB vs. Bishop DuBourg @ Forest Park #2 @ 4:15pm

C BB vs. St. Mary's @ Forest Park @ 4pm  
Cheese Garlic Bread and Chicken Nuggets

**TUESDAY, MARCH 30**

Schedule R  
Fr. Eng. Tutorial  
IM Fr/So Meltdown  
Young Republicans Mtg.  
College Visits:  
University of Tulsa @ AP (Juniors Only)  
V BB vs. St. Mary's @ Heine-Meine @ 4pm  
V/B T&F @ MCC Relays @ Chaminade @ 4pm  
V GF vs. Vianney @ Normandie @ 3:30pm  
V/JV TN vs. CBC @ Dwight Davis @ 4pm  
JV GF vs. Vianney @ Riverside @ 3:30pm  
Fiestadas, Crisпитos and Burritos

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**

Schedule H  
Pres. Reception for Incoming Freshmen 7-9pm  
B BB vs. St. Mary's @ Forest Park @ 4pm

Cookies and Pizza

**THURSDAY, APRIL 1**

Schedule E  
Parent-Teacher Conf.  
V BB @ Chaminade @ 4:15pm  
V GF vs. CBC @ Glen Echo @ 3:30pm  
V VB @ Chaminade @ 6pm  
JV VB @ Chaminade @ 5pm  
JV GF vs. CBC @ Normandie @ 3:30pm  
B BB vs. Chaminade @ Forest Park #2 @ 4:15pm  
C BB @ Lutheran South @ 4:15pm  
Bosco Sticks and Spaghetti with Bread Sticks

**FRIDAY, APRIL 2**

Schedule E  
Fast Friday  
Senior Mom Prom  
V BB vs. McCluer North @ Forest Park @ 4:15pm  
C T&F vs. Chaminade, CBC, and DeSmet @ SLUH @ 4pm  
C BB vs. Westminster @ Forest Park @ 4:15pm  
Cheese Garlic Bread, Cheese Pizza, and Fish

## PICTURE OF THE WEEK



PHOTO BY CHARLIE HALL

A magnolia tree in the nook of the Jesuit Wing blossoms as spring begins.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mizzou Engineering Student Council will be hosting its annual Engineering High School Weekend on April 16 & 17, 2004. The program exposes juniors and seniors to engineering and college life at Mizzou. Applications are due March 31. For more information, come to the Counseling Office.

This spring, St. Louis will host high school students from Japan and Thailand the American Scandinavian Student Exchange Program. Host families are needed. These international students, ages 15-18, will arrive on April 22, 2004, and will begin preparation classes before beginning high school in the US or Canada. The coordinator needs twenty interested host families. If there is not enough support, the exchange will begin on July 22. Contact Susan Blakey at (314) 805-2467 or email [smbd2a@mizzou.edu](mailto:smbd2a@mizzou.edu) if interested. The deadline is April 8.