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Sportexe chosen as turf supplier for stadium

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Sports Editor

By August 27, a new Sportexe artificial surface will have been installed and ready for use in the St. Louis U. High Stadium. SLUH expects to use the turf for football, soccer, lacrosse, physical education, intramurals, and possibly other purposes for up to 300 uses a year instead of the 35 the SLUH stadium gets now.

SLUH looked at five different suppliers, including Prestige, which installed the turf at the new CBC campus, and is currently taking bid packages from eight different contractors to prepare the ground for Sportexe. Some of the contractors

include Clayco, which was hired for the St. Louis Science Center/St. Louis U. High Boulevard construction, and Alberici, who also worked on CBC.

Board member Ted Hellman said that SLUH invited the five companies to SLUH for interviews and then went to different sites where each company had its product so he and others, including Facilities Director Patrick Zarrick, could walk onto the field and interview people who had bought the product.

Hellman said, "We felt that Sportexe had the best quality product in terms of its backing, the layers that hold (the product) together underneath, the face weight of the fibers, the (amount of blades) per

square foot, and their technology for seaming the product" to ensure the sewn rolls of turf will not easily fall apart.

Zarrick added, "We like the way they do their infill." According to Zarrick, Sportexe was rated highest in product and lowest in cost according to SLUH's rankings.

Sportexe's infill is comprised of a rubber-sand combination. The sand creates ballast which helps add weight to the infill to prevent the spray of rubber that happens with the Prestige infill, which has a layer of sand underneath a layer of rubber.

The product will be nailed on all
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Tuskegee Airman Visits SLUH



Yesterday during Activity Period, retired second lieutenant Christopher Newman spoke in the theater about his experiences flying with the Tuskegee Airmen, the first all black fighter squadron in Air Force history. Established by an act of Congress, the Air Force began training black pilots near Booker T. Washington's Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Newman described his experiences during flight and fighter training and during his 66 missions flying in Italy. Newman also flew during the Korean War.

compiled by Alex Sciuto

Mo./Wis. Province rep examines Jesuit teaching at SLUH

Tim Huether
Core Staff

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6th and 7th, Coordinator of Projects for the Jesuit High Schools in the Missouri and Wisconsin provinces of the Society of Jesus Greg Meuler visited Saint Louis U. High.

Meuler explained his job: "I coordinate and develop programs for spiritual formation for faculty and board members." As Jesuit schools have fewer and fewer Jesuits on the staff, Meuler tries to teach non-Jesuit teachers the Ignatian spirituality and style of teaching.

According to Meuler, his programs focus "on sustaining the Ignatian character"
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Things Fall Apart speaker Obi Nwakanma visits sophomore classes

Brian Krebs
Core Staff

On Friday, April 2, six sophomore English sections gathered in the St. Ignatius Conference Room to attend a lecture by African poet Obi Nwakanma.

English teacher David Callon, a friend of Nwakanma's, invited him to SLUH to talk with students about his work, especially in relation to Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*, a required sophomore text for most teachers. The timing couldn't have been better, as most students had just finished reading the book the night before.

Nwakanma had a full schedule on Friday, arriving at 7:45 a.m. and leaving at about 3:30 p.m. Dedicated to his cause, he spoke for every period throughout the day, breaking only for lunch.

Nwakanma, a Nigerian native, attended school at the Government College

of Umuahia, the same school Achebe attended. Achebe, a "distinguished alum," according to Nwakanma, was involved in the community in Nwakanma's time because his son, Ike, was a student at the same time as Nwakanma.

Nwakanma presently teaches literature at Washington University, where he and Callon met as students in 2000. Nwakanma said that he thinks of himself "between the two worlds of journalism and academics."

In addition to teaching, Nwakanma also writes for a living. He writes a column for *Vanguard*, a Nigerian newspaper. He has also won Nigerian awards for his poetry. On Friday he shared "A String Lullaby," one of his poems, with students.

Callon has taken advantage of having a friend that knows African literature. At the beginning of the year, Callon told Nwakanma that he would be teaching

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Wall separates STUCO, Broadcast Club

Charlie Hall
Features Editor

Custodial Manager Ray Manker and his crew installed a wall in place of the door between the STUCO main office and its workroom last Thursday. The newly walled-off room is to be shared by STUCO and the Broadcasting Club.

STUCO currently uses the room, which is located on the corner across from the cafeteria and the men's bathroom, for storing its Blue Crew equipment, computer, printer (which it uses for printing meeting minutes), phone, video camera, and stereo. The room also holds the computer which controls the televised announcements.

Over the summer and in the beginning of the year, Principal Mary Schenkenberg informed STUCO that they would need to share the room with the Broadcasting Club. "There was discussion of splitting the rooms off early in the year, but there was no time-table and no exact date," said STUCO moderator Brock

Kesterson.

The division came as a surprise to publicity commissioner Chris Baricevic: "I came to school on Friday to pick up the video camera, and the wall was up, and I couldn't get in."

Said Kesterson, "For me, it's not that big of a deal, because I still have access to the other room, but for the STUCO guys, we store some of our things over there. Now these guys are having to come to me to get the keys.... There's a number of things that are slowed down a little bit," said Kesterson.

"I understand why they put it up; I just wished they had told us," he added.

During fifth period on Wednesday, a non-STUCO senior—"a young, troubled, rebel without a cause," according to Baricevic—carved a hole through one side of the dry-wall with his car keys. While officers are still allowed to get their books, Kesterson has closed the office for non-business purposes until further notice.

Asbestos removed from Jesuit wing basement

Brian Kane
Editor in Chief

During the first weekend of April, J & S Companies, Inc. removed asbestos from the basement of St. Louis U. High's Jesuit Wing.

According to Facilities Director Patrick Zarrick, asbestos particles located above the ceiling tiles in the hallway of the Jesuit Wing basement had fallen loose.

In response, Zarrick called in J & S to examine the area. While inspecting the area, J & S found that more asbestos had loosened up in the boiler room, and that some asbestos wrapping was coming undone around piping in the painters' room. Zarrick suspects that the asbestos may have loosened up as a result of the pipes vibrating.

J & S began abating and cleaning the asbestos on Thursday, April 1, and continued the work until the morning of Monday, April 5. According to Zarrick, the work was done after hours, and the area of concern was cordoned off during this time.

Pipes in the painters' room were not accessible because the door was locked. Zarrick said that the company is fitting the task into their schedule, and he anticipates that the work will be completed some time over the next week or so. He also said that the remaining work in the painters' room should only take a couple of hours to complete.

Zarrick emphasized that the cleaning was just a cautionary move and not a response to any cases of sickness. "We just wanted to take extra precautions," he said.

Mike McAuliffe, '84, a vice president of J & S, explained. "(Asbestos) is a wonderful product. The problem is that overexposure to it can cause some health problems."

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), overexposure to asbestos can lead to asbestosis, mesothe-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

STUCO wonders about student involvement in administrative decisions

To the Editor:

In the past issue of the *Prep News*, senior Jon Leek wrote that he felt he was poorly represented in regards to SLUH's new announcement system. This topic, among other recent incidents involving the administration, has brought back to light the discussion of how involved STUCO should be in decisions made by the administration. With only a few weeks left in our student lives at SLUH, we realize that the relationship is virtually unchangeable for us seniors. However, because we, too, feel that we are being unjustly overlooked, we are again addressing the issue in hopes of creating an effective means of communication between SLUH students and the administration for years to come.

To be completely honest, STUCO has essentially no say in administrative affairs. The only traditional link between the two bodies is that the STUCO President and Vice President maintain spots on the Student Advisory Committee each year, but these meetings rarely involve any student voice outside the committee members themselves. Decisions are constantly being made by the administration that affect student lives. These are decisions in which we have no say. In some cases, such as the technological advancement of SLUH with upgrades like Smart Boards, we learn of these decisions only through the *Prep News*, and it is not until after they are made. Regarding topics such as the expansion of SLUH, we the students felt like mere spectators, though it is in many cases our siblings who will be most immediately feeling its effects.

I am not bringing these specific issues up to voice an opinion on them. That is for a later time. These issues are being surfaced only to support the main issue here, which is that we students feel completely and unfairly removed from the decisions affecting us. The common student has only the *Prep News* to voice his opinion. As wonderful as this publication has been at getting these opinions to the press, it is not enough. Letters are often and easily ignored. Though a link between Student Council and the administration would not directly give each student a voice, it would provide a medium between the two bodies that the students would choose and be able to firmly place their trust in. St. Louis U. High is our school, not the administrators' business.

Although I believe that it is not the intention of the administration to create this attitude, it is one that is shared and expressed among many of us students. Teachers are not the only faculty members who are expected to provide for the students. The administration's main concern should be the betterment of the student. How can this happen if there is no connection between the students and the administrators? For four years, SLUH students are told by teachers and students alike about the

SLUH family. But in any successful family, when an important decision is being made, it is presented before the entire family before any dedication is made. Why is it that we have to learn about major changes like Vision 2000 through rumors and newspaper articles? Why not present it to us, your family, rather than just the contractors and the businessmen?

What has been created is an authoritarian kind of relationship where the decisions are made and we have no say in them. Students will remember being called to assemblies to be educated on issues like drug abuse and drunk driving. Administrators have talked to us at prayer services about the danger in succumbing to addiction. These are surely very important issues in a high school student's life, and I applaud the push for this education. But as students, we do not want to be told what is right and what we cannot do and then have no say in what happens to us. It seems more like a relationship where the school is being molded rather than growing together.

The issue that brings up the question of the connection between administrators and students is the new announcement system. Although it may seem trivial, it cannot be overlooked. The announcements are now often ignored and urgent messages are not received. We understand that this is a middle ground between reading announcements and a live broadcasting system, but it is not working. And Jon Leek was not entirely wrong in his assessment that the students were unfairly represented. When the subject was brought to the attention of STUCO in the summer, we gave only negative feedback. Even with this negative feedback, there was no student questioning and, as a result, the new TV announcement system now replaces many of the important oral announcements, much to the dismay of many SLUH students.

To resolve this issue, it will be presented to the SLUH family at the Forum meeting on Tuesday, April 21st. We invite Dr. Schenkenberg as well as any other administrators to be present. But more importantly, we want the students to come. This is our problem. It affects us directly. It was presented at the last forum meeting and it was essentially overlooked by those present. The issue is being publicly presented and if we students overlook it now, there is no need for further consideration. Seniors, too, are encouraged to attend. It may no longer affect you directly, but you never stop being a Jr. Bill. You have felt the division between students and administrators. You can help make a difference for future SLUH students. Come to the Forum meeting on Tuesday where we can hopefully begin to mend the rift between students and administrators.

Chris Baricevic
Social/Publicity Commissioner
speaking on behalf of STUCO '04

Scholarship created commemorating Doss, '00

Brian Fallon
Assistant Editor

Since the death of Craig Doss '00 this past November—he committed suicide after having suffered from bipolar disorder—friends and family have rallied together to remember Doss as the lively and compassionate person that he was. Indiana University students and friends Pat Carmody, '00, Tina Ortinau, and Katie Landis have created an annual scholarship fund in his name, hoping to award one St. Louis U. High senior from each year a \$1,000 scholarship to Indiana University. Landis and Ortinau are Parkway South High School graduates.

"It's going to be a recurring scholarship," said Carmody. "That's kind of the point of the (scholarship), to keep Craig's spirit alive. Hopefully it will go as long as SLU High goes."

Vice President for Advancement Thom Digman, who was contacted in December about the scholarship, said, "Obviously, we all want to celebrate Craig and the goodness that Craig was and the struggle that he went through. I think this is also a healing opportunity for (his) mom, dad, sister, and close friends to be able to honor Craig, the friend that they know and love, and to perpetuate Craig's memory. I think that's a wonderful thing. We always want to be helpful."

"We started it as soon as we came back," said Carmody. "We had a good game plan before Christmas break ended. The first step was getting a lot of the graduates together, mainly kids from my graduating class in 2000, on top of family friends and people who went to the wake."

Landis said, "We really wanted to do something to remember Craig, and have something that would be an annual remembrance of Craig. And I think that with a scholarship, it's the best way to really help kids' aspirations and really help other people live through his aspirations and dreams and help someone do something good.... Craig was a great person. I think that he would have loved to have helped someone else attend college, especially Indiana, where he really en-

joyed going to school."

The scholarship will begin in May 2005 because the group is still contacting possible donors to collect additional money.

Craig's father, Steve Doss, explained, "To fully endow the scholarship at the rate that SLUH can get a return, we would need about \$75,000. The idea is that \$75,000 at SLUH's return will usually generate \$4,200. So if we had four kids up there at IU, a freshman, sophomore, jun-

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—Steve Doss*

ior, senior, it would take us \$4,000 a year."

At first the plan for the scholarship was to provide a SLUH student with \$1,000 for his freshman year. However, when more funds were donated than expected, Doss suggested providing that student \$1,000 a year throughout his college career at Indiana University. SLUH currently has 25 graduates who attend Indiana University, with approximately 13 applicants for the 2004-05 school year.

As of now, the scholarship fund has made over \$30,000, and they hope to have more donated. Carmody said, "However much money we make, which could very well be \$50-\$60,000, we're going to put into the bank and basically take the interest off of that and give that to the student."

Landis mentioned how sororities and fraternities at Indiana University have been donating money as a whole to the scholarship, showing how much the students and

the community cared about Doss.

"His junior year (at SLUH) they gave Craig six hours to live," said Steve Doss. "He got bacterial pneumonia so bad, and was in intensive care for a week, and then three days of shock. Then, about eight to ten weeks later he developed Post-traumatic Stress Syndrome, and he couldn't even move out of bed.... For a 16-year-old kid, the brain never resettled."

Psychology teacher Brock Kesterson explained bipolar disorder, saying "It's a disorder where people go through these extreme mood swings and they are so extreme that people have difficulty in functioning in their everyday lives. It can affect all aspects of their life, from family to social relationships to schoolwork."

In the United States alone, 200 million suffer from bipolar disorder. Steve Doss said, "It's just deadly. There's a huge percentage who take their life. A lot of people don't understand mental illness at all, in that regard. It's a chemical problem."

Digman complimented the effort to remember Doss through the scholarship, saying, "They've done it in a way that honors Craig, helps a student at St. Louis U. High, and moves people forward by helping somebody attend Craig's alma mater."

Carmody said that the whole purpose of the scholarship fund is in the remembrance of Craig and his love for SLUH. He said, "Clearly the goal of this whole thing is to keep Craig's memory alive within the confines of St. Louis U. High. Very few people were as proud or were as much a part of the senior class than anybody I've ever met or heard of. If you knew him, he was just a loud, boisterous, unreserved, just incredibly witty, and incredibly humorous. He was a character. And it's so unfortunate that such a bright character was literally debilitated."

Concluded Steve Doss, "What an honor it is to have any type of scholarship made in your name, so that your name continues and will be tied to SLU High and Indiana forever. It keeps your life alive."

Gammonsbills improve record to 10-1

Justin Rottger
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High varsity baseball team has emerged as a definite contender in the metro area. With convincing wins in seven of their 11 games this season, the team has posted a strong 10-1 record so far, the only loss coming from DeSmet.

In the first conference game of the season against Chaminade on April 1, SLUH wanted to start the conference season on a good note, and, with junior Matt Ikemeier on the mound, the Jr. Bills and their fans brimmed with confidence.

However, the field at Chaminade wreaked havoc on SLUH infielders for the entire game. Chaminade struck first in the fast-paced game, scoring one run in the bottom of the second off an error, but a Chaminade runner tripped over third base and was tagged out, ending the threat.

Senior Pat Bommarito walked to start the top of the fourth, and junior Mike Deelo singled, setting up junior Ryan Morgan for the two-run triple over the left fielder's head that rolled to the fence. SLUH then took the lead 3-1 on a base knock down the left field line by junior Brandon Beal.

After Chaminade cut the Jr. Bills' lead in half on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the fourth, junior Ryan Johnson took one for the team in the top of the fifth, putting himself on base. A walk followed to Bommarito, and an RBI single under

the third baseman's glove put SLUH back up by two. Another Morgan hit drove in a run, extending the lead to 5-2.

Bommarito was hit by a pitch in the top of the seventh. Senior Tyler Aholt hit a sharp grounder to short that appeared to be a double play ball, but a misplay by the shortshop allowed all runners to be safe. Bommarito found himself in a rundown between third and home, but with some nifty baserunning and a little luck, he found his way home, scoring the sixth Jr. Bill run of the game and providing some insurance for Ikemeier on the mound.

Ikemeier threw a complete game, giving up two runs on only three hits, walking two and fanning five.

Said head coach Steve Nicollerat after the game, Ikemeier was "in control the whole game...(and) on top of his game." Nicollerat was "impressed with the intensity (of the team)" and sees "a lot of consistency with what our team is trying to accomplish."

SLUH has found themselves on the winning side of most of their games this season, but the true test came on April 6 against conference foe DeSmet. This game followed the 16-3 slaughter of out-of-town opponent Hannibal. The Jr. Bills slammed Hannibal pitching, for the most part in the bottom of the fourth, when they plated 14 runs en route to a five-inning victory.

Playing the host against DeSmet, SLUH put together two runs in the first when Bommarito sliced a pitch to right

field and later scored on a wild pitch. Senior Paul Beck came home on a Morgan single to right center.

A quick pace moved the game along until the top of the fifth, when a defensive breakdown overtook the Jr. Bills and they committed error after error. DeSmet scored six times in the fifth, opening the floodgates and putting themselves up 7-2.

SLUH mounted a comeback, getting three of those runs back in the fifth to close the gap to 7-5. But two more three-spots on the scoreboard in the sixth and seventh proved to be too much for the Jr. Bills, and they suffered their first loss of the season, 13-8.

SLUH quickly recovered, however, with another onslaught, this time against University City at Heman Park. The Jr. Bills scored 17 times in this matchup, with 14 runs coming in the bottom of the fourth.

This season, the Jr. Bills have outscored their opponents 84-28 (including outscoring Hannibal, St. Mary's, and University City 42-5).

SLUH has since recovered from the DeSmet loss, winning three straight games, with their most recent win coming against Mehlville, 4-2, on April 13.

The Jr. Bills' schedule does not ease up at all, with a tough test against Vianney on April 20. This weekend, SLUH will host a tournament at Aviation Field in Forest Park, with the first game likely at 4:15 on Friday, April 16.

SLUH baseball statistical leaders

(current as of 4/14/04)

Hits

Ryan Morgan	16
Pat Bommarito	12
Brandon Beal	8

Runs Scored

Ryan Morgan/Pat Bommarito	12
Paul Beck/Rick Wiese	11
Brandon Beal/Ryan Johnson	7

ERA (among starters)

Jeff Milles	0.51
Matt Ikemeier	2.77
Jason Kertz	4.00

RBI

Ryan Morgan	12
Pat Bommarito	9
Greg Leibach	7

Strikeouts (pitching)

Matt Ikemeier	12
Jeff Milles	9
Jason Kertz/Ryan Morgan	6

ERA (among relievers)

Tom Economon	1.31
Ryan Morgan	1.50
Jared Saeger	3.50

Roddickbills continue to cruise

**Pat Miller
Reporter**

After their season-opening victory against rival CBC, the Tennisbills next faced Althoff on April 5.

Traditionally, the Crusaders have provided stiff competition for St. Louis U. High. This year, however, they crossed over from the east side of the river only to be squashed by SLUH's youth and depth. For the second consecutive meet, the Jr. Bills won every set, this time cruising to a 9-0 victory.

MICDS, often a tennis powerhouse, was next on the agenda for SLUH. This meet was a little more difficult; four of the seven varsity matches went to three sets. Freshman Abe Souza, the team's number one singles player, faced another freshman phenom, and their match did not disappoint. After losing the first set 1-6, Souza turned on his game and overmatched his opponent in the second set, 6-2.

The final set was a classic, neither player wanting to give the other any advantage. Finally, Souza broke his opponent's serve to go up 6-5, and he held serve for a thrilling 7-5 victory.

Souza's match was a microcosm of the team's day, as SLUH managed to

pull out three other 3-set wins en route to a 6-1 victory that sealed head coach Dennis Dougan's first win over MICDS in his 16-



PHOTO BY CHARLIE HALL

Abe Souza serves to his Parkway Central doubles opponents on Wednesday.

year coaching career.

The next day, the Yonexbills made the drive out Highway 40 to Parkway West, where the Longhorns put up as much of a

fight as their namesake. The Jr. Bills lost only two sets on the day and won the match 6-1.

Upon returning from Easter break, SLUH was back at the friendly confines of Dwight Davis to tackle the Spartans of DeSmet. The McEnroe-bills, riding strong performances from sophomore Stephen Hipkiss, junior Paul Eschen, and the doubles team of junior Jason Murphy and senior Pat Austermann, held off SLUH West, winning the meet 5-2.

On Wednesday, the Tennisbills took on the Parkway Central Colts. Because the Central coach wished to play a six-singles/five-doubles format, six Jr. Bills had to play both singles and doubles.

The match with the Colts was far and away the most nerve-wracking meet of the year for SLUH. After the initial doubles matches, SLUH trailed for the first time all year, 2-3.

Needing to win four singles matches to take the meet, the top four singles seeds, Souza, Hipkiss, and juniors Jack Horgan and Eschen, took the meet into their own hands, each overwhelming his helpless opponent for the victory, which SLUH took by a 6-5 margin.

The Tennisbills look to continue their winning ways Monday against Kirkwood at 4 p.m. at Dwight Davis.

Laxbills steamroll Vianney, Chaminade

**Tyler Orf
Reporter**

Over the last two weeks, the St. Louis U. High lacrosse team compiled two overwhelming victories against rivals Vianney and Chaminade. The Laxbills played Vianney last Monday at Soccer Park, winning 10-4 behind a stifling defensive effort. On Tuesday, the U. High faced off against Chaminade at Compton Drew, dominating the Red Devils, 20-3.

The Laxbills came out against Vianney with two strong wins under their belt, and the team was ready for its third win of the season. Senior attackman Tyler Orf scored the first goal of the

game off a quick split, dodge, and dump from junior attackman Joe Hof, beating the Vianney goalie in the top right corner.

Less than two minutes later, SLUH capitalized on a Vianney penalty to make the score 2-0.

The SLUH offense added three more goals in the half against a sluggish Vianney defense, and the SLUH defense overpowered the Vianney offense, allowing only two goals in the half. At halftime the Jr. Bills led the game 5-2.

Coming out strong in the second half, the Laxbills added three more goals before the end of the third quarter, including one by junior attackman Larry Howe, who caught a pass in front of his defenseman and beat the goalie one-on-one for an easy

dunk goal.

However, in the fourth quarter a slight defensive lapse allowed Vianney to fight their way back into the game with two quick goals on left-handed shots from the right wing midfielder.

But the defense, led by goalie Ben Zaegel, shut the door on the Vianney offense, and the SLUH offense added two goals of their own en route to a 10-4 win.

A week later, SLUH was back on the field against Chaminade. This is Chaminade's first year with a varsity team and their inexperience showed during the game. Before the game, coach Ron Kelam gave the team one key to victory: dominate both offensively and defensively.

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Volleybills corral Longhorns with surprise crew

**Ryan Vierling
Reporter**

Painfully close: an apt summation

of Wednesday night's volleyball home-opener against the Parkway West Longhorns. The Longhorns' excitement was second only to the Jr. Bills' growing sense of nervousness, as they fought every step of the way for their 25-20, 25-23 victory.

The game was nerve-wrackingly close all the way through as the side-outs stacked up. Both teams owed 13 rally points to their score in the first game and 11 in the second game. The longest serving run in the entire match was senior Tom Hill's winning run of four consecutive serve points, which won the second game.

Errors once again contributed to the close match as the Jr. Bills had 16 attacking errors over the course of the two games. The digs were still not entirely

there, and the Longhorns' blocking was very effective against most of the Jr. Bills' attacks.

first game. Outside hitter senior Greg Vollmer managed 3 kills, and inside hitters junior Bobby Schuster and sophomore Kevin Heine had 4 and 7 kills respectively.

The team's setting is in better shape. Hill's setting has definitely improved over the season opener against CBC; Hill had 12 assists in the first game against the Longhorns and 9 in the second.

The true root of the team's difficulties against the Longhorns seemed to be the result of a tactical play by coach Paul Scovill. With a major game looming the following night against the DeSmet Spartans, Scovill wanted to keep the DeSmet coach (who was in attendance at Wednesday's game) in the dark as much as possible. Seeing the Longhorns

as a less-threatening team, Scovill decided to use a temporary lineup for the game, while **see DIG, 8**



Senior Andy Halaz goes for a kill against Parkway West.

Still, power hitter junior Joe Guntli managed 8 attacks and 8 kills, and senior Andy Halaz eked out 8 attacks in just the

Rollerbills out-duke Windsor for first win

**Ryan DuBois
Reporter**

Emerging from the frustrations of a winless first half of the season, the St. Louis U. High varsity inline hockey team entered Friday night's game against Windsor hoping for redemption. In what was to be a tight and low-scoring match, the Jr. Bills finally succeeded in putting forth a complete effort for the duration of a game, picking up their first win of the year.

Unlike the Jr. Bills, the Windsor Owls had seen moderate success early in the season, coming into the game with a 3-4 record. Although the Owls lacked the size of some of the Tourbills' previous opponents, they proved to be one of the most physical teams SLUH had faced thus far, battling fiercely along the boards and in the corners.

The Jr. Bills, however, matched the Owls step for step and played superior defense, surrendering a total of only 12 shots to Windsor throughout the entire

game. Although the Jr. Bills had numerous scoring chances during the opening period, they were unable to convert, and the first half ended scoreless.

Hoping to build on their initial offensive pressure and put a few pucks in the net, the Missionbills came out strong at the start of the second half. Two minutes in, senior Pat Sommer, battling behind the net for the puck, evaded two Windsor defensemen and made a quick pass to the slot, where senior Ryan DuBois knocked it past the Windsor netminder to give the Jr. Bills a 1-0 lead.

The Owls stepped up the intensity of their game as they vied to even the score, but they began to get careless, resulting in more penalties. The Jr. Bills took advantage of the situation, putting forth a flurry of shots on the opposing goal during several consecutive power plays. Halfway into the period, Sommer once again came through for the SLUH offense, banking a close-range shot off the goaltender and into the net for the Jr. Bills' second goal.

Although the Puckbills maintained

control for the majority of the game, they nearly allowed the Owls to come back in the game's closing minutes, taking two penalties within the final four minutes of play.

Junior goalie Joe Lombardo performed admirably during the Jr. Bills' shorthanded stretch, but Windsor's persistence eventually paid off, and the Owls cut the lead to one with just 24 seconds to play.

Despite their best efforts, the Owls failed to penetrate the SLUH defense a second time, and the Jr. Bills walked away with their first victory of the season.

With the burden of a winless season off their shoulders at last, the Tourbills moved on to face the Parkway West Longhorns the following Monday evening. Although the Longhorns had lost badly to the same Windsor squad that the Jr. Bills had defeated just three days earlier, they had also nearly beaten several of the league's top teams.

Despite their rather inconsistent **see MONKEY, 8**

Golf's fifth place at MCC disappoints

Sophomore Mike Doherty drops a hole in one

Matt Koch
Reporter

While most Jr. Bills slept in on Monday morning with stomachs full of sweets, the St. Louis U. High golf team was up bright and early ready to take on the competition at the annual MCC tournament at Quail Creek Golf Course in South County. The tournament uses a six-man, 18-hole format where each team counts the top five scores toward its overall total.

The Jr. Bills arrived to a chilly and windy golf course ready to top last year's third-place finish. Manning the varsity ranks for the tourney were seniors Pat Neuner and Matt Koch, juniors Kyle Ortman and Matt Bartch, and sophomores Mike Doherty and Alex Luebbert.

Neuner came out of the gates firin'

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record, the Longhorns were an all-around solid team with an exceptional penalty killing unit, which rendered SLUH ineffective throughout much of its power play time. The Jr. Bills, however, countered with strong forechecking and began to create scoring chances.

Halfway through the first period, SLUH captain Dane Moody blasted a slapshot from the top of the face-off circle that deflected off sophomore Clint Mohs and slipped past the Parkway West goalie, giving the Jr. Bills a one-goal lead. Several minutes later, junior defenseman Jeff King tallied SLUH's second goal on a similar play, firing a sinking shot from just across the red line that beat the Longhorns' goaltender low.

Despite having numerous power plays during the first half, the Longhorns failed again and again to put themselves on the scoreboard as Lombardo stopped a seemingly endless barrage of shots. Thus, when the first half buzzer sounded, the Jr. Bills found themselves in command with a 2-0 lead.

Unfortunately, the lead would not

for the BirdieBills, shooting an even par 36 on the difficult Quail Creek front nine, an impressive feat considering the conditions. Neuner was followed closely by Doherty and Luebbert while Bartch, Ortman, and Koch struggled to find their rhythm.

About five hours and 400-plus strokes later, a wind-beaten pack of Jr. Bills slowly arrived to the Quail clubhouse to tally their scores and await the news of where they placed.

Despite an individual first place finish by Neuner with an amazing round of 75 (+3), the BantleBills placed a disheartening fifth, falling to Vianney, whom they had beaten earlier in the season.

Not to be overlooked in the poorness of the team's play was the shot of the tournament by Doherty. After watching his fellow lefty Phil Mickelson overcome

the odds to win The Masters the day before, an inspired Doherty stepped up to the 125-yard, par 3 16th hole with an eight iron and a dream, and his dream came true. With a soft stroke of the club, Doherty landed the ball just short of the hole and it rolled right into the cup for a HOLE IN ONE!, the first of his golf career.

"I kind of thought that I would be more excited when I got my first one," said Doherty. "But it was still nice."

The eagle on the hole as well as his solid play throughout the round earned Doherty second place on the team.

The Jr. Bills look to rebound from this tough loss when they go up against MCC tournament champions DeSmet and a solid St. Mary's squad later on in the week. Next Monday is also the Webster Cup, a much larger tournament in which the CallawayBills hope to make a better showing.

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keeping the Jr. Bills' true lineup and all of their plays a surprise for the Spartans.

Said Scovill, "Parkway West played well. We had different lineups, which got chaotic at times, but when we settled down, they pulled the games back out."

This lineup change kept the Jr. Bills in an almost permanent state of confusion for the game, even granting the Longhorns a point for a rotation penalty. Captain Halaz was kept out of most of the second game, only coming back for the last four rallies and allowing senior Bob Unger to fill in as team captain for most of the game.

Co-captain senior Matt Huskey said, "We changed our lineups, so we were not ready. We did well, considering the change."

The Volleybills were eagerly awaiting the chance to show their true team dynamics and improvements last night against the Spartans. See the *Nightbeat* (page 12) for results.

last long. Parkway West scored two quick goals early in the second half to tie the game. Then they netted a third on a particularly well-placed wrap-around backhand that beat Lombardo top shelf. The Jr. Bills' failure to prevent odd-man rushes and to challenge the Longhorns' attack pulled them into an even deeper hole, as West scored its fourth straight goal on a hard, high wrist shot from over twenty feet out.

With time winding down, the Jr. Bills regrouped and began to fight back. After a short skirmish in the Longhorns' zone, senior defenseman Josh Tonnie banded in SLUH's third goal on a perfect setup from Mohs to pull the Jr. Bills back within one.

As the clock ticked down to the final minute, the Jr. Bills pulled their goalie in a last-ditch effort to tie the game. Despite several good shots, SLUH was unable to score another goal before the final buzzer, leaving the Jr. Bills with a disappointing 4-3 defeat.

The Rollerbills' next game is in North County this Sunday at 3 p.m., where they will take on the CBC Cadets.

Teske, Tai seriously injured

Tom Fontana
Core Staff

Two members of the St. Louis U. High community, Grounds Director Al Teske and Chinese teacher Ching-ling Tai, suffered serious injuries during the first week of April.

Teske spent Thursday and Friday, April 1st and 2nd, in the hospital after his back seized up when he awoke in the middle of the night. Though no specific injury led immediately to his back pain, Teske said that doctors believe that scar tissue from a surgery on one of his vertebral disks in 1996 may have pinched a nerve in Teske's back, causing it to seize up. While in the hospital, Teske was placed on a morphine pump for approximately a day and a half.

Despite his injury, Teske was able to return to SLUH the following Wednesday. He said, "I was out for four days, but at the doctor's request, I've spent the last couple of weeks on light duty so I don't restrain (my back)."

Yesterday, Teske met with a neurosurgeon to discuss possible treatment options. Teske is currently undergoing physical therapy and rehabilitation and taking a muscle relaxer. The doctor believes that following this course may allow the injury to heal on its own. Teske is seeking a second opinion on May 6, from John Krettek of Missouri Baptist, whom Teske described as a "very good neurosurgeon."

This is not Teske's first bout with back problems. Teske said that he had been coping well after his 1996 surgery until he was rear-ended on St. Patrick's Day last year while driving home from SLUH. "I feel like I'm going through it all over again," said Teske.

Teske attested to a great deal of pain that accompanies back problems, saying, "Anyone who's had back pain before knows what I'm talking about. If you haven't, you just can't really imagine it."

Just days after Teske's injury, Tai was admitted to St. Luke's Hospital on Saturday, April 3, after seriously injuring her left hip by tripping and falling over a

cement barrier in a restaurant parking lot. A friend who was with Tai at the time was able to drive her to the hospital.

While at the hospital, Tai underwent a hip replacement. Her health insurance originally covered her for only two days of hospital care, but Tai received an extension that allowed her to spend a total of five days in the hospital after developing an abnormally high fever.

Said Tai, "I was all right during the day, but my fever would creep up at night. The first night was very scary. My fever got all the way up to 106 (degrees)."

Though Tai's fever would decrease each night, it still hovered around 100.7 degrees at the time of her discharge from St. Luke's. Tai then spent two days in a rehabilitation center. She now spends her days at her home, attended by a nurse and physical therapist three times a week. "I now walk with a walker, but I cannot sit or stand for very long," Tai explained.

While Tai recuperates at home, May Huang will take over teaching duties for freshmen, sophomore, and junior Chinese classes, and Bob Overkamp will take charge of the senior class. Huang has been a friend of Tai's for many years. The two met at the St. Louis Chinese Language School where Huang taught. Thus, Tai did not hesitate to recommend Huang for the substitute position to foreign language chair Mark Tychonievich.

At this time, the date of Tai's return to teaching remains in question. Tai believes that she may be able to return as early as the end of April or the beginning of May, but she admitted that she may not be healed until the end of May.

However, Tai asserted that she will still be able to accompany her students on the Chinese trip this June. Tai said, "At worst, I can get myself a personal visa that would let me leave the group early from China if I need to. Once we get settled with a Chinese speaking guide, Mr. Overkamp will be able to take over."

Tai expressed her gratitude to the SLUH community: "I'm thankful for everyone caring about me so much and for everyone's prayers."

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Unfortunately, Chaminade scored the first two goals of the game. But SLUH battled back with goals on two well-placed shots by Joe Hof. Then, with only ten seconds left in the quarter, junior midfielder Phil Hof cruised past his defenseman, shot, and scored, but the referee judged that the goal was after time had expired. At the quarter the score was tied 2-2, but the U. High offense had controlled the ball for the majority of the first quarter.

SLUH had a man-up opportunity after a Chaminade penalty at the beginning of the second quarter. Quick ball movement caught the defense out of position and allowed Joe Hof to add his third goal of the day.

The Jr. Bills added another two goals before half to lead 5-2.

Strong transition play by senior long poles Brian Heffernan and Adam Shalopin coupled with long offensive possessions created many opportunities to score. The offense, led by senior attackman Jeff Steitz, who had three goals, added nine more goals in the third quarter to extend its lead to 14-2. Six more goals in the fourth quarter gave the Laxbills their first twenty-goal game of the season.

Offensively, SLUH scored on all but one of their man-up opportunities, and the defense dominated Chaminade's mediocre offense. The game ended with the score in the Jr. Bills' favor, 20-3, the team's fourth win in a row.

U. City Invitational Track Meet Results

4x800 m relay (Nagel, Oliver, Welling, C. Samson)	8:20.7 (3rd)
3200 m (Murphy-Baum)	9:53
100 m (Chaney)	11.12 (1st)
400 m (Chaney)	51.32 (1st)

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(from 1) sides into a curb up against the track, and the ballast will create stability in the turf so its movement is limited. Hellman said, "With some (turfs) you can actually reach down and pull it up."

The two sites where Hellman and Zarrick saw the Sportexe turf were Ravens Stadium in Baltimore, where they met one of the Vice Presidents and the Chief Financial Officer, and Twin Peaks Academy in Lafayette, Colorado.

Athletic Director Dick Wehner, who accompanied the two on their trip to Baltimore, said, "You know it's going to be first class if it's in the NFL and you got million dollar athletes playing on this surface."

Since this is Sportexe's first field in the midwest, and since Hellman and Zarrick were "tough negotiators," according to Hellman, SLUH struck a good deal of \$263,000 for the turf, installation, in-laid stripes for football and soccer, and a blue and white center logo.

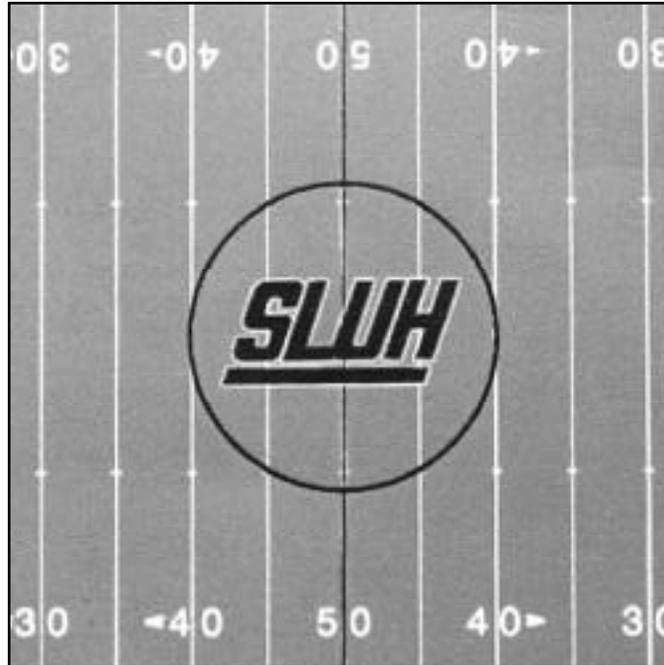
Junior Rhett Lewis's design for midfield earns him the glory of a semi-permanent replication of his artwork and \$50. Sportexe will install the turf on the 94,000 square feet for \$2.80 for every square foot of turf and just over \$3.00 per square foot for the whole process, including the base work.

"To give you an idea about how that compares," said Zarrick, "the general market price that we were quoted ranged anywhere from \$3.25 to \$4.50 (per foot)." For just the turf, that would be an estimated \$305,500 to \$423,000.

In addition to the relatively low price, Sportexe has offered SLUH a sporting equipment allowance for a new outdoor scoreboard, two football uprights, and two portable soccer goals.

Before Sportexe can install the turf, a

contractor must prepare the ground. Hellman said, "We have to take out the old grass (and) take out...nine inches of dirt. We have to put down a new drainage system, then we put down rock on top of the drainage system, and then we put in a curb so that we have a curb in between the track and the artificial surface."



A rendition of the future midfield.

Hellman and Zarrick met with contractors for the site work yesterday and expect to reach a decision soon.

Hellman said the breaking of the ground "will start May 26 as soon as school is out.... We have to start right away because we only have 13 weeks in which to get it done." The first game will be an Aug. 31 soccer matchup against St. Mary's.

SLUH has established a "critical path" timeline as a precaution to ensure that Sportexe will have the turf ready by the Aug. 27 due date. SLUH has also put liquidated damages into the contract.

"What that means," Hellman said, "is if the field is not done by Aug. 27, then the supplier, in this case Sportexe, has to pay us a certain amount per game that we can't play on the field.... So if we have to go rent someone else's field, they're going to pay for it." The fee has been set at \$1,000 per

missed game.

Zarrick said another precaution "is that the turf will be delivered during the week of June 7 so that we will have the material on site so that even though it won't be going in for a while—"

"We wanted the product delivered early so that there wouldn't be any delays in transportation," Hellman finished.

Zarrick estimates that SLUH will have to spend \$5,000-\$10,000 on grooming and maintenance equipment.

One piece of equipment is the G-max tester. The G-max is a reading that tests the hardness or softness of the turf, and can tell the tester whether there needs to be more or less infill in the turf. SLUH plans to run a G-max test once a month.

SLUH knows it will have to refill some of the infill, but is not sure how often or how much. "It's open to debate," Zarrick said. "Some companies have told us annually, some have said every other year, and I would call the cost nominal."

Wehner said, "Once a week you have to drag it to make the fiber stand up." Describing the apparatus used, Wehner said, "It's similar to what you see on a baseball infield but with brush-like turning action."

Wehner also said there are different types of models, but that "we'll go with what Sportexe recommends."

When asked if he was happy with the school's decision regarding the field, Wehner said, "I won't be happy with it until I see it and see the kids play on it."

At the moment, SLUH is considering making the new soccer stadium and two practice fields all turf instead of the high quality zoysia sod as originally planned.

Hellman said, "A lot of that decision will have to do with our experience here."

"We aren't driven by economics here," said Zarrick. "This is more, 'whatever the soccer community feels is the best surface, we'll put that down.'"

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ter of the schools by having programs for the faculty members and the board members to help them develop their vision of the school." In other words, the faculty and board development programs help to get new faculty incorporated into the Jesuit learning style and have them maintain that unique style of teaching throughout their careers.

Meuler is the former principal of Marquette High School, a Jesuit school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

While at SLUH, Meuler talked to a group of students in the STUCO room. In this discussion, students talked about their view of the faculty, both in a teaching and personal sense, their thoughts on retreats for both students and faculty, and the student-faculty and student-administration relationships.

Meuler also met with President Paul Sheridan, S.J., to discuss the formation of the Board of Trustees, and conversed with Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinselmeyer, who was the previous Coordinator of Projects for the two provinces.

In addition, Meuler met with several

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sophomores two African works: *Things Fall Apart* and Athol Fugard's play "*Master Harold*"...and the boys. According to Callon, Nwakanma said that Achebe and Fugard were "two of the three most respected writers in the whole continent of Africa."

In addition to casual chats, Callon mentioned that on one occasion the two stayed up into the night talking about *Things Fall Apart*.

Nwakanma had much to say about *Things Fall Apart*. He explained his personal interest for the "Nigerian classic" by saying that it is simply "a story about a world that I'm familiar with."

Nwakanma was thankful for his invitation to SLUH and concluded, "I think it's a good thing to expose students to these cultures, especially the ones that we don't understand or have not quite been exposed to."

faculty members about their view of the school, their part in the students' spiritual formation, and what they think about their own spiritual formation and what else could be done to enhance the spiritual development of the faculty. Meuler also walked around the school and informally chatted with a few students to try to get a sense of the school.

Many things can come out of Meuler's visit. "We will continue some programs we have already started. There is a program of working with new teachers in Jesuit schools, initiating them to understanding Jesuit education and giving them some experience of the spirituality of Ignatius. That culminates with a retreat in early February where all of the new teachers in the ten high schools gather," said Meuler. "There is also a retreat for veteran teachers that we will continue. We have done one a year, but we will do two a year next year."

"Veteran" faculty members are those that have taught at a school for at least fifteen years.

New teachers presently go through the New Ignatian Educator Program in addition to the retreats with other Jesuit schools. Ralph Huse, S.J., the school chaplain, in addition to Zinselmeyer, meet with the new faculty often during the year.

ASBESTOS

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lioma, and lung cancer.

Asbestos can either be repaired or removed. Repairing asbestos often consists of applying a sealant to it to prevent asbestos particles from escaping into the air. Removal is typically a last resort, as it further disturbs the asbestos.

According to Zarrick, SLUH will not have to pay a lot for the work because of the connection to J & S through McAuliffe. "It's going to be very minimal," Zarrick said.

Zarrick said that the extent of the work was also minimal. McAuliffe confirmed that the problem was very small. "You guys are in great shape," McAuliffe said. According to Zarrick, approximately 90 percent of the asbestos on campus has been abated.

They discuss Jesuit education, procedures at SLUH, and the well being of the teachers in general. The new faculty also have a two-day orientation program in August before school starts.

Principal Mary Schenkenberg said, "I think the two annual retreats that the faculty take have been excellent since I came, and I have been very impressed with the authentic spirituality that is present in those retreats and the coming together of faculty."

While this is true, Zinselmeyer thinks some changes can be made, "What I'd like to see, and I think that (Meuler) does too, is somehow to get more communication between teachers in the different schools. For example, the math teachers at Regis in Denver would have some contact with the math teachers at SLUH, so there could be a sharing of ideas,"

Also, the High School Leadership Group, which presently includes each of the ten high schools' president, principal, Chair of the Board of Trustees, and Jesuit superior, meets twice a year.

The High School Leadership Group "is an opportunity for the individual schools to present what they're doing to the other schools in the provinces," said Schenkenberg.

The meetings also allow for all presidents, principals, Jesuit Superiors, and Board Chairs to meet and discuss concerns common to their specific responsibilities.

The next High School Leadership Group Meeting will be hosted by SLUH this upcoming October.

Tom Cummings, S.J., is SLUH's Jesuit Superior, and John Wunderlich is SLUH's Board of Trustees Chair.

Meuler visits all ten Jesuit high schools in the Missouri and Wisconsin Provinces, which gives him the chance to discuss similar issues to be discussed in the context of each school.

Meuler said that Jesuit high schools need to "train and develop the lay faculty and administrators to so fully understand Jesuit education that it continues to be a Jesuit school even if there were no Jesuits there."

by Tim Huether

Calendar

April 16 - 23, 2004

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Schedule R
 IM Water Balloon vs. Faculty
 Wellness Club Mtg.
 V/JV TN vs. Whitfield @ 4pm
 V VB vs. Marquette @ 5pm
 V BB @ SLUH Tourn. @ Forest Park
 through 4-17
 JV VB vs. Marquette @ 4pm
 Cookies, Pizza and Li'l Charlies

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

V LAX @ CBC @ 7pm
 JV LAX @ CBC @ 5pm
 C BB @ Vianney (Doubleheader) @ 10am
 & 12pm
 C LAX @ Freshman Tourney @ Creve
 Coeur Park

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Schedule B
 First through Fourth Classes
 V T&F vs. Kirkwood and Pkwy Cent. @
 Pkwy Cent. @ 4pm
 V GF @ Webster Cup @ 9am
 V/JV TN vs. Kirkwood @ 4pm
 C LAX vs. Chaminade @ Comp. Drew @
 4:30pm
 C BB @ Vianney @ 4:15pm
 Curly Fries and Pizza

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Schedule B
 Fifth through Seventh Classes
 NHS Sr. Breakfast @ 8:30pm
 Young Republicans Mtg.
 V LAX vs. Lindbergh @ Comp. Drew @
 6pm
 V BB vs. Vianney @ Forest Park @ 7pm
 V/JV TN @ Chaminade @ 4pm
 B BB @ Vianney @ 4pm
 JV LAX vs. Lindbergh @ Comp. Drew @
 4pm
 Funnel Cakes and Chicken Wraps

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Schedule R
 IM Mental Meltdown vs. Faculty
 V GF vs. CBC @ Normandie @ 3:30pm
 JV T&F @ Webster Invit. @ Hixson Jr.
 V/JV TN vs. Vianney @ 4pm
 V VB @ Vianney @ 6pm
 JV VB @ Vianney @ 5pm
 B BB @ Lutheran South @ 4pm
 C BB vs. St. Mary's @ Heine Meine @
 4:15pm
 Pizza Sticks, Mac and Cheese, Meatball
 Sandwiches, and Bratwursts

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Schedule R
 Fr. Eng. Tutorial
 Jr. Rep. Mtg.

College Visits:

Wake Forest University @ AP
 STUCO Blood Drive
 Eating Club Nacho Sale
 V GF vs. Chaminade @ Forest Park @
 3:30pm
 V BB vs. Rockwood Summit @ Forest
 Park @ 7pm
 V T&F @ Ladue Invitational @ MICDS
 @ 4pm
 V VB @ St. Mary's @ 6pm
 JV VB @ St. Mary's @ 5pm
 JV LAX vs. Rockwood Summit @ Comp.
 Drew @ 4pm
 B BB @ Summit @ 4:15pm
 V LAX @ Rockwood Summit @ 4:30pm
 C T&F vs. DeSmet and Hazelwood Cent.
 @ DeSmet @ 4pm
 Bosco Sticks and Chicken Alfredo with
 Garlic Bread

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Schedule M
 Awards Assembly
 College Visits:
 Elon University @ AP
 V VB vs. Francis Howell @ SLUH @
 5pm
 JV VB vs. Francis Howell @ SLUH @
 4pm
 Half Pizzas

PN NIGHTBEATS

Volleybills fall to Spartans, 4-2 on the year

The St. Louis U. High volleyball team lost to DeSmet in Spartan country last night in a three-set thriller, 25-17, 22-25, 20-25. The loss moved the Jr. Bills' record to 4-2 on the year. All three sets were close, but in the third the two squads seemed to exchange points. Senior Bob Unger had an excellent match as the set man, dishing out assists like chocolate malt balls.

Mastersbills defeat St. Mary's 250-264

On a cool Thursday afternoon on the greening Normandie golf course, the Dimpledbills defeated St. Mary's 250-264. Senior Patrick Neuner and junior Kyle Ortmann shot the lowest scores yesterday with a 39 and 41, respectively, on the par-36 front nine. Senior Matt Koch shot an uncharacteristically high 47 going in yesterday.

Neuner wasn't pleased with the 250 team score. "It's probably not as low as it should be," he said. "I'd like to see it somewhere around 240."

STUCO ELECTION RESULTS

Earlier this week, the junior class elected the three senior officers for the 2004-05 school year.

President—Joe Eggleston
Vice President—Tim Heafner
Secretary/Treasurer—Dave Venker

Next week, the three STUCO commissioners will be elected. See next week's issue for a full article on these elections.