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"If nothing else, value the truth"

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Spring art showcase opens

Sean Powers
Core Staff

This past week, the walls of the Jesuit wing have sprouted artwork from the students of St. Louis U. High. The students' art exhibit opened last night and went from 6:30 to 9:00. Parents admired the fine pieces of art created in the art program while tasting art teacher John Mueller's cheesy pancakes. The show premiered the same night as the choral concert in the theater. This was planned so that parents, already at SLUH for the music concert, could view their sons' artwork on display before and after the concert.

Artwork from every art class is presented in the exhibit. The majority of the art wing has been covered with drawings and designs by freshmen in the fine arts survey course. Almost every student who took an art class has a piece on display.

There are many creative pieces on display. Seniors Patrick Kattner and Colin

Tyrell have created a man made entirely of carpentry nails who stands approximately one foot tall and holds a hammer. Another unique three-dimensional piece is junior Michael Twillmann's golf club, twisted and bent in the center to hold an oversized golf ball in the spiral.

Along with the ceramics and 3-D artwork are hundreds of sketches with pencil, pastels, charcoal, chalk, and paints. Mueller is even a subject in one sketch done by senior Greg Leibach on purple paper, Mueller's favorite color.

Some beautiful and interesting pieces came from the juniors and seniors in the advanced art classes. Ceramics teacher Mary Whealon commented on the ceramics pieces, saying, "They were very clean and simple, yet also very elegant and very well crafted and glazed." Sculptures include the old Arena, by senior Matt Leaders, and a SLUH wrestler and opponent by Leibach.

Along with the sculptures are various
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Laboube to study on sabbatical

Greg Fox
Core Staff

Along with 257 seniors and a handful of fellow faculty members, physics teacher Eric LaBoube will be leaving the halls of St. Louis U. High this summer. But unlike those seniors and faculty (English teacher Terry Quinn excluded), LaBoube will be going on sabbatical and will return for the 2005-2006 school year.

LaBoube will begin his sabbatical with a three-week summer course at Arizona State University. The course at ASU focuses on Modeling Theory, which is a technique for teaching physics developed by ASU professor David Hestenes in 1980.

LaBoube called Modeling Theory a "research-based teaching method. Supposedly this technique gets better gains.... In other words, (teachers who use the Modeling Theory) teach by conventional methods, they teach by this method, they pre-test, they post-test.

"They use research techniques to decide whether certain things we do in the classroom work or not," LaBoube said. "This is supposed to work."

According to the ASU website, the Modeling Instruction Program is dedicated to "research-based reform of physics instruction at all grade levels" and "sustained professional growth and support for physics teachers."

In addition to increasing LaBoube's prowess as a teacher of Physics B and Advanced Physics Topics, the ASU course has another purpose, as it helps serve as a base for the work LaBoube will be undertaking during the school year itself.

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CHORUS PERFORMANCE



Led by Choral Director Joe Koestner, the chorus opens their Thursday night set.

Freshman Manary receives service award

Timo Kim
Core Staff

The International Leadership Network (ILN) "recognizes student leaders for their positive achievements and encourages them to further develop and use their talents to be good role models and mentors" through the Young Achievers program. This program has chapters in cities all over the country, including St. Louis.

This year, the St. Louis chapter of the Young Achievers program selected freshman Micah Manary among 12 awardees in the various categories to receive the Service Award for his service to others within and outside of his community.

The ILN selects students who excel in leadership roles to receive special recognition in areas such as community service, musicianship, and leadership.

"(Manary) was distinguished by his

outstanding work in Africa and volunteer work with the Sierra Club, the St. Louis Children's Hospital, nursing homes, and the list goes on," said Jim Eichhorst, the associate director of administration with ILN. "And from his interview, the committee determined that he was one of the best."

Manary and the other eleven awardees each received a \$1000 savings bond and a special acknowledgement along with their other certificates at the award ceremony, which was held at St. Louis University's Busch Student Center on May 2.

The selection for this award began in June 2003, when ILN began sending nomination forms out to schools, organizations, and youth groups. Administrators, moderators, and adult leaders then nominated students that they thought had remarkable accomplishments that merited this award. Nominations filtered in throughout the year with a postmark dead-

line of Dec. 15 when a committee of leaders in the private business sector, education, and the community began evaluating the nominees. In January 2004, this committee finished selecting the 438 Young Achievers and proceeded to choose 50 Medallion recipients.

"Based on the recommendation letters and student resumés, the committee selected the 50 students who they felt were outstanding," said Eichhorst.

In March, the committee held interviews with each of the 50 Medallion recipients in order to determine the 12 students who would receive the special awards. As a recipient of the service award, which is given to the students who have done the most good for the community, Manary was one of these 12 students.

Among Manary's most notable acts of community service is his recent work in Africa. For several weeks each month

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Day trip planned for rock climbers

Andrew Mueth
Reporter

This Saturday, the St. Louis U. High rock climbing club plans to have an all-day climbing outing. The club, moderated by Dan See, has not had an all-day trip yet this year.

"We tried to have one in the fall, but it didn't work out," said See.

The group plans to go to Cedar Bluff, an outdoor rock climbing location in Illinois. The trip is open to anyone, member or otherwise, and See hopes to have as many people attend as possible, noting that "we still need one adult, and good weather" to solidify the existence of the event.

The club climbs every Friday at the Upper Limits climbing building in Union Station, but this will be their first event of the year to an outdoor location.

Although See expects there to be fewer climbers at the event, he is excited about "climbing a real cliff" in a "different setting" nevertheless.

QBs take third in state

Eric Durban
Reporter

On Saturday, May 8, math department chair Tom Becvar and the Quiz Bowl team traveled to Rock Bridge H.S. in Columbia, Mo. looking to capture the 2004 Class 4 Academic Competition Championship. Competing against former Missouri State champs, the QuizBowlbills were able to come away with a 3rd place finish, their highest result in academic competition since the Quiz Bowl started at Saint Louis U. High in 1994.

After coming off a convincing district win to make it to state, the team, composed of seniors Pat Lyons, Mike Mudd, John Hook, Tim Friese, Bo Purcell, and Jake Bell as well as sophomores Timo Kim and Kyle Kloster, was looking forward to competing against the best.

In the morning the Scrabblebills competed in the round-robin preliminaries. Getting stuck with one of the toughest draws, the Jr. Bills were able to come away with a 2-1 record and a total of 830 points, which was just enough to win a tiebreaker with Kirksville and advance as the fourth and final seed into the finals

Although the team squeaked into the finals, the preliminary rounds were quite a display of the Outburstbills' capabilities. They were able to defeat Liberty, the 2003 state champions and a perennial power.

Drawing the No. 4 seed in the finals meant that the Craniumbills would have to face a Parkway Central team that had handily defeated them in the preliminaries, 390-185. With Parkway Central basically employing a one-man operation, the Quizbowlbills were again unable to overcome the Colts, falling 365-330. That same Parkway Central came back later in the day to defeat Liberty in the finals and win the 2004 championship.

However, the Jr. Bills rebounded that afternoon to capture a third place finish with a 310-230 win over Webb City.

"Overall the team did great and we had a great time," Purcell commented.

While competing at the championships, the Jr. Bills faced the same subjects and rules as they had all season. Each match contains four rounds, with the first and third rounds consisting of toss-up questions in which 150 points are possible.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parents commend Class of 2004

To the Editor:

Senior Class of 2004: Four years ago, you started on a journey towards graduating from Saint Louis U. High. The road you traveled had many obstacles along the way. Sometimes you may have thought the destination would not be reached because it was too difficult. However, your perspiration, enthusiasm, and desire to complete your mission allowed you to continue.

Finally, you have achieved your goal. In a few short weeks, you will walk into Powell Symphony Hall and listen to the music and applause as you participate in commencement exercises. You will strut across the stage, receive your diploma, and be congratulated by family and friends.

Was the journey difficult? Was it worth the effort? Would you do it again?

LABOUBE

(from 1)

In addition to his studies at ASU, LaBoube will help develop a web-based interactive lab project at the University of North Carolina. "The interactive labs are kind of based on (Modeling Theory)," LaBoube said. "I need this workshop before I can help the people at North Carolina develop that website."

The interactive lab website will be designed to simulate the complete lab experience. "It's supposed to simulate (a physics lab) as much as possible," said LaBoube. The lab begins with the student choosing the necessary components from a series of cabinets and assembling the experiment itself from there. Equipment available for each experiment will vary and will include, among other pieces of equipment, motion detectors and computers.

Once the experiment is assembled, the student will be able to make use of virtual lab partners. These lab partners will provide either good or bad advice as the student moves through the lab. "Some of your lab partners are really good, and some come up with ideas that aren't really good," LaBoube explained. "As you work through the lab, depending on who you take advice from, you may get through the lab in 30 minutes, but if you take advice from a bad lab partner, you've messed up."

LaBoube further explained that the web-based system is less rigid and allows for more student experimentation. The

We believe the majority would answer yes to these questions because you can proudly say, "I graduated from SLUH."

You will come to new roads in your life that again require hard work. You have been prepared to travel these roads as you enter college and take on life's challenges. As you have realized, the effort you expend is worth the result. Use the skills that you have learned during the past four years for the rest of your life.

We're very proud of you and wish you luck as you enter college in the fall. Know that we will always be there for you.

Proud parents of a graduate from the class of 2004

P.S. Thanks to the SLUH faculty and administration that worked so hard to prepare these young men to achieve their goal. Your many hours of classroom preparation, involvement in extracurricular events, energy, and dedication to SLUH are appreciated.

system is also designed to be done individually. Because the experimentation is not physically hands-on, LaBoube stressed, "It's not going to take the place of the lab experience. That's not what we had in mind at all. It will just give more lab experience."

According to LaBoube, the project will operate in a manner similar to that of the current WebAssign service used by junior physics classes. Students have been asking for web-based conceptual help since the inception of WebAssign, and the interactive lab project will fulfill this desire. "The web-based labs are something (the science department has) been looking for for a couple of years," LaBoube said.

Physics B student junior Harold Carter has mixed feelings about the possibilities of an online conceptual helper. "That seems like it may help, but, for me, it's always been the teacher in the front of the class explaining (the topics)," Carter said.

As for the necessity of the interactive labs, Carter stated, "If the teacher explains everything, I don't think there's any need for (web-based labs)."

LaBoube thinks that the interactive project will be able to help both his junior and senior physics sections. While on his sabbatical, LaBoube will be fulfilling the personal renewal component of the sabbatical by visiting various labs and observatories in the Southwest. "That will go along with the cosmology we do in Top

ics," LaBoube explained.

Former Nerinx Hall physics and calculus teacher Michelle Perrin will be filling in for LaBoube next year. Perrin recently received her master's degree in electrical engineering. LaBoube explained that Perrin has a year off between attaining her degree and beginning her job, which happens to coincide with his absence.

ART MART

(from 1)

Native American-styled pots and sleek modern bowls and vases.

Pieces from the 3-D design class and ceramics classes are featured along with many other art forms in the art gallery, located in the center of the Jesuit wing. Mueller said, "We have some really nice, larger ceramics pieces on display and also really nice 3-D mobiles on display this year."

Fine arts department chair Joan Bugnitz, along with the other visual art teachers and students, were preparing the hallway and gallery for the show all week long. Because Mueller's mother passed away this past week, he had been busy outside of school. According to Mueller, Bugnitz helped out a lot in his absence to make sure the show would be able to open in time. Mueller said, "I greatly appreciate her help and effort."

The art exhibit will be open during the school day until May 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

Committee to re-evaluate seven-period day

Alex Sciuto
Core staff

Beginning in the next two weeks and extending into the summer and next school year, a committee headed by Principal Mary Schenkenberg will re-evaluate the current seven period schedule at St. Louis U. High. The committee hopes to meet at least once during the waning school year to set subsequent meeting dates for the summer.

Four years ago, SLUH replaced its six-period schedule with the current seven-period schedule. The last North Central Committee, which accredits SLUH through the North Central Association, proposed the seven-period day. The committee also asked that the change be evaluated after a few years.

Members of the committee have not been set in stone yet. Schenkenberg said, "We asked for someone from every de-

partment and I got people's willingness (to sit on the committee). I asked them if they would be willing to serve on it and to explain why they would be a valuable member of the committee.... I have a number of people who have agreed. I don't have somebody from every department yet." Besides teachers, Schenkenberg hopes to have at least one student on the committee.

Although all different kinds of scheduling topics will be discussed, Schenkenberg especially wants to focus on the effectiveness of the seven-period schedule. Schenkenberg said, "(The committee needs to) find out if (the seven-period schedule) is doing what it is intended to do (which is) open up the schedule so that more students would be able to take fine arts." Also, Schenkenberg hopes to evaluate whether 45 minutes for a class

gives a teacher enough time to teach compared to a 50-minute or longer class. "Does the 45 minutes serve the teachers' needs as far as communicating their discipline?" Schenkenberg said.

The Instructional Council, a group comprised of department heads that discusses issues in the school, has only 45 minutes twice a week to talk about these issues. Schenkenberg said, "It's difficult to talk about those things with a great big group like the Instructional Council. We decided that . . . we could look at (scheduling issues) also with a small committee that would meet when we have a little bit more time. Our Instructional Council meetings are always running out after 45 minutes."

With more time to discuss, Schenkenberg hopes that, at the end of its meetings, the committee will make definite recommendations to the Instructional Council, faculty, and students.

QUERY

(from 2)

sible. In the second and fourth rounds, however, bonus questions can be answered if a team correctly answers the toss-up, resulting in individual questions worth up to a maximum of 30 points. Questions in the seven subjects range from science to a possible drivers' education question.

Beginning in February, the Scrabblebills practiced twice a week to get ready for competition. The Jr. Bills' strongest subjects, according to Becvar, are math and science, with literature being a potential weak spot. Although the team has been meeting twice a week, Becvar noted that "many schools study book lists and practice for the entire year," creating an advantage, and the Jr. Bills many times rely on their "natural strengths" during competition.

Kim is confident that the team will continue its winning ways next year: "We need to focus on our weak subjects, and hopefully others will come join the team for next year."

Becvar invites all those interested in joining the Quiz Bowl team to contact him in the math office.

MANARY

(from 2)

since 1994, Manary's father, who is a pediatrician at St. Louis Children's Hospital, has traveled to the town of Liwonde in the Machinga province of southeastern Malawi to study the causes and effects of malnourishment in the local children. Previously, Manary had only taste-tested a type of peanut butter that could provide starving children with a complete balance of nutrients. Eventually, because of this new food, malnourished children were able to receive complete nourishment for a year for a cost of only \$2.00 per child.

This year, however, between March 15 and April 11, Manary accompanied his father to help him test the effectiveness of a type of powdered orange juice that reduced the swelling of starvation. During this time, Manary measured children's weights and heights and handed out food to the children.

Of his experience in Africa, Manary responded, "(Going to Malawi) makes you appreciate what you have here, like food and water, and you just want to share it with people who don't have food or water at all. Helping people is fun, and you get a joy out of knowing that you're helping people because you feel like you're

really making a difference."

In addition to his service in Africa, Manary also participates in service in the St. Louis area. He volunteers at Doorways, a home for AIDS victims and for the Sierra Club, where he staffs booths at fairs in order to raise environmental awareness. Last year he organized a demonstration against racial injustice called "Walk as One" for his grade school and taught a Bible study class for neighborhood kids during the summer. At St. Louis U. High, Manary volunteers in the Team Activities for Special Kids through the SLUH CSP program and Amnesty International. He also volunteers at the Family Musical Theater, which puts on musicals in order to donate the proceeds from the production to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

On the community service award, Manary said, "I know that sometimes when people do service, they go unappreciated, so I think it's great that there's an organization trying to recognize young people who do service."

Regarding the savings bond, he mused, "I have to keep it for seven years or something, so I'll probably end up using it to buy Oreos in college."

Basebills split four games over the week

Justin Rottger
Reporter

As the season nears its close, the St. Louis U. High baseball team hopes to use its last four games as needed preparation for postseason play. The schedule wraps up the season with three important conference games against CBC, Vianney, and Chaminade on three consecutive days.

Before those much-anticipated games against MCC foes, the Jr. Bills had to tie up a few loose ends and make up a pair of rainout games against Rockwood Summit and Ritenour High. Thought to be simple tasks by some, the team did not take these games lightly.

Summit, a tough opponent, met SLUH on a warm St. Louis night at Mark McGwire Field in Forest Park. A defensive breakdown in the first inning put SLUH down 5-0 early, all unearned runs for senior starter Jeff Milles.

Unfortunately, Milles only lasted 1 and 2/3 innings and gave way to senior reliever Tom Economon, who struck out the side in the third.

The relief was excellent in the contest, and senior Gordon Schweitzer showed the SLUH faithful exactly why. Schweitzer struck out seven of the ten men he faced in just 2 and 2/3 innings, giving up no hits and no runs.

However, the usually relentless SLUH offense scattered just six hits and scored only three runs in the game. Senior Joe Palumbo touched home twice as SLUH dropped only its fourth game of the year, 7-3.

The offense reared its ugly head on Saturday, though, against Ritenour. The Frozenropebills tagged the Ritenour starter for two first inning runs, one off the bat of Palumbo. Two more found their way home in the second. An explosive bottom of the fourth was in store this game. Six men crossed the plate in the inning, three of them thanks to a triple to left field by senior Tyler Aholt.

SLUH closed out lowly Ritenour in five innings, 11-1. Junior Matt Ikemeier shut down the Ritenour lineup, striking out two men and scattering two hits.

The final week of the season, cer-

tainly one that needed to produce wins for the Jr. Bills, consisted of two games against teams that SLUH had defeated once and been defeated by in two close games.

The TPXBills traveled down congested Highway 40 towards Missouri Baptist University to meet rival CBC in the second of their two-game season series. On four days' rest, Ikemeier returned to the hill and delivered a Gibson-esque

With the bases loaded and one out, senior Pat Bommarito laced a fastball into the right field corner, plating all three runners and extending the lead to 5-1.

Bommarito then scored on a double by junior Ryan Johnson. Palumbo, looking to be an insurance salesman, drove in his third run of the game and later scored, making the deficit even larger for the Cadets. Junior Ryan Morgan closed out the game as SLUH swept the season series with CBC and walked away from West County with an 8-1 win.

The Jr. Bills headed west again on Wednesday, but this time down Interstate 44 to Kirkwood to face the Golden Griffins of Vianney. SLUH sought revenge for the loss to Vianney earlier this season at Forest Park, 3-2, but were unable to exact it.

With gray skies filtering in from the south, the game began with the Jr. Bills bringing a first inning run home with a little help from the Vianney defense, particularly the shortstop, who committed three errors in the inning. The rain picked up with the pace of the game, and Milles cruised on the mound through five, keeping SLUH up 2-0. When the rain let up, however, the Jr. Bills seemed to let up as well. Taking their two run lead into the bottom of the sixth, Vianney put together a rally that seemingly lasted forever, and the Golden Griffins brought five men home in their half of the inning. Jr. Bills players and fans alike were stunned, and SLUH let the fifth win of their conference season slip through their fingers as Vianney proved victorious, 5-2, taking both games of the season series.

SLUH, now 3-4 in the MCC, trails CBC, DeSmet, and Vianney in the standings. Although a conference title is all but lost for the Jr. Bills, a strong run in the postseason is most certainly not out of the question. Wins in four of their last five would give the team great momentum into district play. The Jr. Bills return home for their last two games of the season, and their last conference game of the season against Chaminade could give them a boost for the postseason.

Singles

Ryan Morgan 16
Pat Bommarito 14
Two tied 10

Doubles

Ryan Morgan 5
Pat Bommarito 5
Brandon Beal 4

Triples

Tyler Aholt 3
Paul Beck 2
seven tied 1

Home Runs

Brandon Beal 2
Three tied 1

RBI

Ryan Morgan 16
Tyler Aholt 13
Pat Bommarito 12

performance. The offense also continued its rabble-rousing behavior, but this time they spread out their scoring, rather than doing it all in one inning.

Palumbo pulled a fastball into right field over the second baseman's head for two RBIs and an early 2-0 SLUH lead. CBC answered back with a run, but the Jr. Bills never looked back.

In the top of the fifth, SLUH tagged the Cadet starter with four runs. Junior Brendan Beal reached on an error, senior Greg Leibach laid down what was intended to be a sacrifice bunt (an error by the CBC defense allowed him to reach), and senior Paul Beck found first on another bunt misplayed by the Cadet pitcher.

Styxbills fall to Spartans

Tyler Orf
Reporter

Over the last week and a half, the St. Louis U. High lacrosse team suffered two devastating losses to strong teams. On Thursday, SLUH faced off against the Lafayette Lancers for the conference championship, only to lose 13-4. The following Tuesday, the Laxbills traveled to DeSmet and again lost, 12-5, in a game that was much closer than the scoreboard indicated.

The stage was set for a classic battle between two strong teams as the Jr. Bills and the Lancers took the field in SLUH's stadium last Thursday night. Despite the setting, the Jr. Bills once again came out flat in the first half. A combination of poor defense and an inability to transition the ball up the field allowed the Lancers to bury eight first half goals. The Jr. Bills could not muster any offense and went into halftime trailing 8-0. The Lafayette defense played a pressure man to man, making the SLUH offense unable to settle down and move the ball efficiently.

SLUH's first goal of the game came on a strong drive from the top right by senior midfielder Sean Kelly, beating the goalie to the lower right hand corner. Lafayette managed three more goals in the third quarter, leaving the score at 11-1.

In the fourth quarter SLUH finally began able to string together a few successful offensive sets. Junior attackman Joe Hof scored two goals on drives from the restraining line, and senior midfielder Dylan Kwapy added another goal. Although Lafayette beat the Jr. Bills 5-4 in the second half, the game ended in a disappointing 13-4 loss.

On Tuesday night, SLUH lacrosse team looked to be the first team in SLUH lacrosse history to beat a DeSmet varsity lacrosse team. However, an atrocious first quarter on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball forced the Jr. Bills to play catch up the rest of the game.

At the end of the first quarter, DeSmet had amassed six goals to take a commanding 6-1 lead. Matt Austin scored the lone Laxbills goal, and after driving hard to his left, he beat the DeSmet goalie off stick

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Spikebills defeat Spartans to close regular season

Ryan Vierling
Reporter

Wednesday night's victory in the match with the DeSmet Spartans was the final game of the season and the end of a two-week winning streak for the Jr. Bill volleyball team. The hard fought match ended in a score of 23-25, 25-21, 25-19.

As coach Terry Quinn said, "It's nice to know when you are going into the playoffs that you can beat the No. 1 seed."

The match was a difficult one, with back and forth scoring for the better part of the first two games. The third and final game had St. Louis U. High building a gradual lead during each serve which culminated in a comfortable score difference. Senior Andy Halaz did a commendable setting job during game one, while senior Bob Unger dished out the assists for games two and three. Junior Joe Guntli had his usual run of over eight kills spread over the three games, with offensive support from senior hitters Andy Lowes and Greg Vollmer.

SLUH's other major victory this past week was a crushing defeat of Vianney last Thursday night.

"We dominated all aspects of the game," said senior Sean Crotty. Coach Quinn added, "The Vianney match was our most solid all-around game. We needed a lot of people to have a big night, and they came through for us."

Next week will be the 2004 MSHSAA Volleyball playoffs. For this round of the playoffs, SLUH will be a part of the CBC tourney. The first game is Monday at 5:00 against Kirkwood at CBC. SLUH ended the official season with a commendable record of 12-5.

Wilsonbills take MCC crown

Pat Miller
Reporter

The Agassibills headed into the MCC Tournament this weekend with great confidence after winning the regular-season conference title. With strong performances across the board, the Tennisbills captured the MCC tournament.

In the tournament each team earns two points for winning a singles match and 2.5 points for winning a doubles match. The varsity squad knew they could only score well if both the singles and doubles squads made strong showings, and they did just that.

Sophomore Steve Hipkiss, playing the No. 1 slot, finished second to one of the top players in the area from Chaminade. The other three singles players—freshman Abe Souza, and jun-

iors Jack Horgan and Paul Eschen—each won their respective seeds, gaining a huge advantage for the Jr. Bills. Coupled with a strong showing from the doubles squads, the Wilsonbills ended up taking the title with a score of 18 points. The next highest score was 12.5, placed by Vianney, with DeSmet, Chaminade, and CBC rounding out the standings.

With little rest between matches, the Jr. Bills began district play on Monday, and on the back of strong singles play by the quartet of Hipkiss, Souza, Horgan, and Eschen, SLUH bounced out to a two-point lead over second-place Chaminade. With the singles finals and all doubles matches left to be played, the top two teams in the district will advance to sectionals next Saturday. However, before returning to the playoffs, the Douganbills must first play in the MICDS Tournament early next week.

Sisyphus deeply regrets two errors in the table of contents in the Spring '04 issue: The artwork on page 32 of *Sisyphus* is the work of Jim Lang. The artwork on page 55 is the work of George Caputa.

Linharesbills stumble at MCC; look to districts

Dan Heard
Reporter

Last Thursday, the varsity track team competed at the MCC Championships at Chaminade. Coming into the meet, the team felt they had a good chance of competing for first place overall. However, with a number of sub-par performances, the team finished a disappointing fourth place in the meet.

Sophomore Paul Chaney performed exceptionally well in the sprints, taking second in the 100-meter dash (10.89) and winning both the 200 (21.7) and the 400 (49.7).

Sophomore Ben Murphy-Baum had an excellent performance in the 3200, winning with a solid time of 9:55.8 without any competition.

Now the team looks to have a strong performance at the district meet. SLUH's track team is in a very tough district and will have to run their best races if they hope to advance to sectionals. One key

match-up is that of SLUH's 4x800-meter relay team of junior Charlie Samson and seniors Steve Nagel, John Oliver, and Andrew Linhares against CBC's 4x800 relay team, which took first place at the conference meet.

In the sprints, Chaney will again run against CBC's Kelley Anderson in the 100 dash. SLUH's 4x100 relay team hopes to come back after a debilitating hamstring injury to senior Brent Harvey and challenge CBC for the top spot in the event.

In the throws, seniors Osten Thomas and Tony Cattaneo have a good chance of qualifying out of districts in the discus. Sophomore Cliff Leek, who has been steadily improving all year, looks to have another standout performance in the shot put and qualify for sectionals.

In the jumps, freshman Steve Rivers looks to have a breakout performance in the triple jump to compete for a top spot at districts, and Harvey will return to the long jump for the first time since the

second meet of the season. At the McCluer North Invitational, the season's first meet, Harvey jumped an incredible 20-4. If he can come up with another outstanding performance, he should be able to qualify for sectionals.

All of the coaches are anticipating a strong performance from the team at districts. Following the let-down at conference, the entire team has been working very hard this past week. In a team meeting, head coach Jim Linhares stressed the importance of focus coming into the district meet.

Coach Tim Chik said he is "expecting great things" from the team at tomorrow's district meet.

Sprint coach Spencer McCall is looking forward to "seeing people come out and execute the way we've been practicing all year."

The meet begins tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. at University City. Please come out and support the team.

Birdiebills close out disappointing season

Golf team loses final match of year by 18 strokes

Matt Koch
Reporter

With the district tournament behind them and thoughts of summer in front of them, the Albatrossbills entered their last week of play for this year's season. First, on Monday, was a match against St. Francis Borgia, a team that the Jr. Bills had convincingly defeated earlier in the season. The match took place at Franklin County Country Club.

Seeing as there was really not much left to compete for this year, head coach Greg Bantle decided to let some of the freshmen get a chance to compete at the varsity level. Paul Scioneaux, Sean Hukenbeck, and Steve Klostermeyer all played in their first varsity matches and represented the JV very strongly. Also

playing in the match were seniors Matt Koch, Pat Neuner, and Dan Pimmel, and sophomores Mike Doherty and Steve Azar. Monday marked the last golf match of their SLUH careers for Pimmel and Neuner.

After arriving late to the match, giving them very little time to loosen up, the Bantlebills were manhandled by Franklin County's lightning quick greens and thick rough. Azar shot the team's lowest score with a 42, and the Jr. Bills walked away with a disappointing 18-stroke loss.

Tuesday brought the Golfbills to the beautiful Fairfield Golf Course in Columbia, Ill. to face off against St. Mary's. Looking to spice things up a little bit, Bantle and the St. Mary's coach agreed to let the teams play a scramble. A scramble

is where each player on the team hits a ball from the same spot and they each play the next shot from the best lie, and so on.

The Birdiebills had three pairs: juniors Kyle Ortmann and Matt Bartch, Azar and Doherty, and juniors Steve Lestmann and Tom Junker, and, because they were one player short, Koch played by himself but was allowed to play two balls from each spot. The pairings of Ortmann and Bartch, and Azar and Doherty each shot the low score of the match with a 2 under par, 33. Lestmann and Junker shot 1 under par (35), and in his last career match Koch shot a 36 (+1).

The season is now finished for the Jr. Bills, and although they did not have their best year to date, it was definitely the most fun.

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side.

In the second quarter, the defense stepped it up, led by the stellar play of senior goalie Ben Zaegel, and did not allow a goal. However, the offense was unable to capitalize on a strong defensive quarter and dig themselves out of a hole, and DeSmet went into halftime leading the Jr. Bills by the score of 6-1.

In the third quarter, the Jr. Bills began to move the ball up the field while giving the attack more chances to put the ball in the net. Hof started a four-goal run by beating the Spartan goalie off-stick side. SLUH then received a lucky break when a Hof pass across the crease was deflected into the goal by a Spartan defenseman. Later, senior attackman Tyler Orf added two goals to bring the Jr. Bills to within four goals at 9-5.

In the fourth quarter, a Spartan midfielder received a three-minute

unreleasable penalty for using an illegal stick, and, with the momentum in their favor, the Jr. Bills were poised to make a comeback. However, the man-down defense of DeSmet pressured the Laxbills' usually reliable man-up squad. Had the SLUH offense been capable of moving the ball quickly and smartly, they would have found themselves with wide open look after wide open look. Despite three or four good shots which did not find the back of the net, the man-up offense could not score once during over five minutes of DeSmet penalties in the fourth quarter alone.

Despite the intensity and determination of the team, the first quarter defensive lapse and the unforgivable man-up problems cost SLUH lacrosse a game that could have profoundly changed their season and provided the team with the momentum needed to do well in the upcoming playoffs.

Freshmen pitch in on day of service

In the spirit of the Jesuit motto "Men for Others," last Saturday the freshmen had their day of service. One hundred and twenty-nine freshmen attended, splitting up into four groups at three locations: Klondike park in St. Charles, Suson Park in South County, and Lion's Den Retreat Center in West County. The volunteers moved mounds of dirt and prepared the retreat center for the busy summer season through yard work. Even though a fair number of the freshmen ended up with poison ivy, the general feeling at this day was that it was a great way to help others.

—compiled by Andrew Mueth

2004 water polo

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Tim Heafner

Tim Szewczyk

Students bid farewell to seven at end of the year liturgy



PHOTO BY CHARLIE HALL

Bob Overkamp greets Eric Buchholz at Wednesday's liturgy after Buchholz honored Overkamp with an exuberant, humor-filled farewell speech.

Last Wednesday, SLUH held an all-school liturgy to celebrate Mass with the seniors for the last time before they leave SLUH as students. In addition to the seniors, the school wished a good-bye to faculty members Joe Gavin, Bob Overkamp, Suzanne Walsh, Brian Christopher, S.J., Sally Anthony, Chris Schaeffer, and Sean Conway, who are leaving after this year.

Quillbills: the pens of the SLUH faculty

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What's in a pen? To some people, a pen can become more than just a clever combination of metal, ink, and the occasional spring. Among the St. Louis U. High faculty, some have gotten to the point where they can settle down with a good pen. Others, however, are still on the lookout for something a little more serious than a throwaway Bic.

After Wednesday's all-school liturgy, Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark recognized seniors with acceptable behavior and attendance records. Some received keychains and some received lunch money. But they all received a certificate and, more importantly, an engraved pen. According to Clark, he awarded approximately 120 Navy Twist Laser Deluxe pens to seniors that day.

So what kind of a pen does Clark himself use? "Whichever one Mrs. Maurer hasn't taken yet," he joked. "Every time I look for a pen I can't find it because Mrs. Maurer took it." Clark said that he is now considering alleviating the problem by giving Maurer a box of pens as part of his appreciation gift for her at the end of next year.

Computer teacher Tim Rittenhouse has also found it hard to have fidelity to a single pen. "The only kind of unique pen that I use is my finger when I use the smart board," he said. His work around the computer lab supplies him with a wide variety of pens left behind by careless students. One such pen had an American flag on the end that glowed when it was writing.

At one point in his life, however, Rittenhouse almost began a relationship with a special pen of his own. While Rittenhouse was working at an Abercrombie & Fitch store during college, a customer accidentally left behind a Mont Blanc pen, which was worth roughly \$300 according to Rittenhouse's estimation. Since no one knew who the customer was, Rittenhouse's manager agreed to let him take the pen if the owner did not come looking for it within a week's time. Unfortunately, after five days the

owner did return looking for the pen. "It just wasn't meant to be," said Rittenhouse.

Spanish teacher Charles Merriott, however, has found that special something and has been in a monogamous pen relationship since 1985 when he was given a Gold Cross pen for his work with the DuBourg student council. "I never thought I would have it longer than a year," he said. The road has not always been easy—a few ink replacements have been necessary over the almost twenty years. But the pen is still free of any dents or blemishes and is serving him well. Naturally, Merriott has become very protective of his pen during this time. "Nobody uses my Gold Cross," Merriott said.

"I do like fountain pens," said computer consultant Bob Overkamp. Unfortunately, he recently lost his newest one, which he bought in Milwaukee. "I've found that I can hold on to expensive pens longer," he said. Alas, paying more for a pen does not necessarily make the pen immune to being lost, as he added, "Even so, I've lost a lot of expensive pens."

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English teacher Chuck Hussung is also a fan of fountain pens. He started using Schaeffer fountain pens in college, but he said that they were cheap and got a lot of ink on his fingers. It was not until after he began teaching at SLUH that he started using Parker Vector fountain pens, which he

says run roughly \$5 apiece and do not leave ink on the writer's fingers. However, while Office Max sold the pen, the store did not sell ink cartridges so Hussung was forced to send away for them. Hussung added that, in one of life's little ironies, the store recently started selling the cartridge but it no longer sells the pen.

Hussung said that he has a problem with losing his pens. "The only way I can not lose them is to not take them out of the house," he said. He conceded that this cuts down on their usability. He now owns a Waterman Phileas fountain pen that he leaves at home to write postcards. As for the Vector, Hussung has learned that it is available on the Internet and is hoping to get one for a reunion as a gift for his upcoming birthday. Of course, he is prepared for the possibility that such a happy birthday might not

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Calendar

May 14 - May 21, 2004

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Schedule E
 AP Latin Vergil
 FB Equip. Checkout @ 2pm
 Senior Prom
 V TN @ District Tourn. through 5-15
 V/JV TN vs. Clayton @ 4pm
 Rib Sandwiches and Brats

SATURDAY, MAY 15

V T&F @ District Meet

MONDAY, MAY 17

Schedule R
 Senior Semester Exams through 5-19

English and Theology Exams (Seniors Only)
 V BB @ District Tourney through 5-22
 V TN @ MICDS Tourney @ MICDS through 5-18
 V VB @ District Tourney through 5-20
 Chicken Rings and Mac and Cheese

TUESDAY, MAY 18

Schedule R
 Young Republicans Mtg.
 Math and For. Lang. Exams (Seniors Only)
 Meatball Sandwiches

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Schedule R
 Fr. Eng. Tutorial
 NHS Used Book Buyback
 Science and Econ. Exams (Seniors Only)
 Crisпитos and Burritos

THURSDAY, MAY 20

Schedule L
 Spaghetti with Meatballs and Bread Sticks

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Schedule R
 Bosco Sticks, Pizza, and Li'l Charlies

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 be in the cards for him. When his fountain pens are missing in action, Hussung calls an audible and goes for a gel pen.

The struggle to find the right pen has also proved to be a problem for theology teacher Matt Sciuto, who describes himself as "a frustrated fountain pen guy." Though he would like to use fountain pens, he has yet to find one that he likes. At one point he ordered one for \$40, but he thought the pen was too top-heavy.

For now, Sciuto uses a Pilot Zebra. Though his preference is blue ink, Walmart only sells black ink for the Zebra, so like Hussung, Sciuto orders his ink instead. When it comes to marking student work, he prefers using green over red ink.

English teacher Jim Raterman has switched to blue ink from green ink. He cites messiness as one of the reasons for his decision. When he is grading essays, he uses a Parker fountain pen. At one point he owned a Parker for 15-20 years before losing it in an airport. "I have to have special pens," he said.

Raterman noted the power of pens in general. "What's an essay without a pen?" he asked. He also noted, "The pen is mightier than the demerit card." He paused before adding, "And the sword." He paused again before adding, "Although I wonder about the sword."

History teacher Jeff Harrison, S.J.,

uses a clock pen from RadioShack. He explained that more than 20 years ago, his father gave him one, and since then he has gone through four or five of them. Such a pen is particularly of interest to Harrison, since he does not like wearing a wrist-watch. "They're actually pretty crappy pens, but I love the clock," he said. Harrison believes he has had to replace the pen's battery more often than its ink.

Fellow history teacher Steve Schad also has a unique pen with the autograph of Harry Truman printed on it. He said that he uses it only for special occasions, such as signing contracts.

Art teacher John Mueller at one time bought a nice silver pen. However, he tried to pull off the cap with his mouth while he was in his car, and the cap flew into the car's defrost vent. He was able to reunite with his pen when his windshield had to be replaced, and he could access the vent. Though he still owns it today, he does not put much stock into long-term pens now. "Kids just take them or I lose them," he said.

History teacher Steve Aylward is similarly indiscriminate with his pens. He said that he uses "the cheapest damn things (the school) provides."

AP U.S. History teacher Dano Monahan thinks the school should make sure that teachers have better pens available. He noted, "We don't want to be caught with our pens down."

Latin Mythology Test Results

Last Month, several Latin scholars took the Medusa Mythology Exam, an optional test for Latin students. There were different tests for the different grades, and four freshmen, two sophomores, and three juniors took the exam. Here are the scores:

Freshmen:

Todd Swift recieved a gold medal.

Steve Quinn recieved a silver medal.

Adam Barron recieved a Corona Laurea.

Drew Lucido recieved a Corona Oliva.

Sophomores:

Chris Jennewein recieved a Corona Laurea.

David Mitchell recieved a Corona Laurea.

Juniors:

Andrew Schaeperkoetter recieved a gold medal.

Bryan Glaenger recieved a Corona Laurea.

ART SHOW CHEESY PANCAKES BY THE NUMBERS

252 Cheesy Pancakes made
 4 lbs. Unsalted Butter used
 9 Boxes Pancake Mix cooked
 6 lbs. American Cheese melted