

# Prep News



*"If nothing else, value the truth"*

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## Stephen Pettit Fitness Center dedicated

**Timo Kim  
Reporter**

Last Saturday, during a special Mass and ceremony, the newly-constructed fitness center was dedicated to Stephen R. Pettit by his parents, who donated the funds used to build the center. Featuring speeches by President Paul Sheridan, S.J., STUCO President John Block, Pettit, and his father Ray, the dedication culminated in the unveiling of a plaque bearing Pettit's picture and



Stephen Pettit speaks at the dedication.

a brief account of his contributions to SLUH.

The dedication began at 4:00 p.m. with a Mass that included Pettit's children as lectors and petitioners. Following a homily thanking Pettit for the time and talent he has devoted to the SLUH community, the attendees moved to the basement fitness center, where the actual dedication occurred.

Each of the four speakers focused on Pettit's exemplifying of the Jesuit ideal of men for others, and related

how knowing Pettit has strengthened his drive to help others.

Pettit asserted, "(Men for others) is a way of life here; it's emphasized here."

Pettit's parents, Ray and Peggy, echoed this sentiment. "Up until last year, we didn't know much about SLUH," recalls Ray Pettit, "but after meeting Father Paul (Sheridan) several times, it became quickly apparent to us that SLUH was a very unique place for the young men of St. Louis."

On why they decided to dedicate the fitness center to Pettit, Ray Pettit responded, "We know that Steve is very close to the SLUH system, so we were trying to leave a lasting impression of our son, whom we are very proud of, and

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## STUCO holds first open forum

**Jonathan Kim  
Editor**

Last Thursday, the St. Louis U. High Student Council held its first quarterly forum meeting in hopes of hearing questions or concerns for the upcoming year.

Topics covered at the forum included the responsibilities of the homeroom representatives, a brief summary of the STUCO constitution, the revival of the Belly Brigade, and the Fall Festival. Time was also given for an open forum.

At the time of the forum, the STUCO constitution was nearly completed, but it was not read because it mainly focused on

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## National Merit Semifinalists

*Edward Bulliner*

*David Burghoff*

*Ryan Dubois*

*Mark Duvall*

*Dan Flanagan*

*Tom Fontana*

*Tim Friese*

*Peter Gosik*

*Frank Havlak*

*Ryan Vierling*

*Dan Heard*

*Andrew Hrdlicka*

*Brian Kane*

*Pat Lyons*

*Joe Marincel*

*Kevin McCarthy*

*Kyle Poelker*

*Rob Ryan*

*Nick Speiser*

# PSAT date botched on SLUH calendar

**Tom Fontana**  
Core Staff

Ever since the Egyptian king Ptolemy III added an extra day that recurred every four years to Egypt's 365 day calendar to equal a complete solar year of 365 and 1/4 days, humanity has used its ingenuity to solve the calendrical conundrums and date discrepancies that have plagued mankind since the advent of civilization. St. Louis U. High recently rectified an anomaly of its own regarding the erroneous report of the date of this year's PSAT.

SLUH traditionally schedules first quarter exams so that the PSAT falls on the Tuesday of exam week. According to the school calendar, this year was to be no exception until it was discovered last Thursday that the PSAT is actually set to take place on Tuesday, Oct. 21, which is the Tuesday after exam week.

Assistant Principal for Student Wel-

## E-mail problems resolved

**Greg Fox**  
Core Staff

Last week the Internet was not operating at school, and this week the e-mail system was not working with external e-mail accounts, though it was working with internal accounts. Both are negative side-effects from St. Louis U. High's switch from its old internet service provider (ISP), to its new ISP, XO Communications.

Though it is not known exactly when the e-mail system went down, Director of Communications Joe Patke estimated that it went down one to two weeks ago. "It was not down the whole time. We had periods when it worked and periods when it did not," said Patke. He described the e-mail's performance as "unreliable for somewhere from one to two weeks."

Principal Mary Schenkenberg decided to convene a group of consultants to determine the problem with the e-mail server. Advisor to the President Robert Bannister, who formerly held Schenkenberg's position, called in computer consultant Tom McGee. Also at the meeting were Computer Manager Rob

fare Eric Clark, whose office was responsible for printing the calendar, claimed that he was only printing the dates given to him. "I get all the dates from various constituents around the school," said Clark.

However, it remains unclear who gave Clark the incorrect test date. Though the counseling department is generally most involved with standardized testing, department chair Ken McKenna claimed that this year the counseling department did not give Clark the PSAT date. McKenna said, "(The counseling department) supplied dates dealing with college visits and parent meetings, but not the PSAT." He continued, "(The counseling department has) taken responsibility to supply and check the (PSAT) dates in the future."

McKenna speculated as to the cause of the incorrect date, which is nationally standardized and readily available. He

Overkamp, Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski, Vice President for Advancement Thom Digman, Patke, and another consultant, Verne Matter.

"We needed to bring the people together that could find the solution, and we did," said Schenkenberg. "They worked well together."

The group determined that settings in the mail server left over from the old ISP had not been changed since the school switched ISP's. Overkamp set to fixing the problem himself yesterday.

"A few settings, some of which had been made years ago...identified some internet addresses as important contact points, and it turned out that...those sites no longer had anything to do with what they needed to do," explained Overkamp.

Overkamp finished his repairs on the mail server at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. The entire repair, including the consulting, was accomplished at what Schenkenberg considered a "very reasonable cost."

Schenkenberg commented on the entire situation, saying, "a lot of people worked really hard to fix the problem." Neither Patke nor Overkamp foresee any problems in the immediate future

said, "It seems more like an error of omission than an error of commission.... Someone made an assumption that the date was correct because it was marked down during exam week and didn't check up on it."

The error has caused necessary schedule adjustments for both exam week and the following week. On Monday, Oct. 13, which was originally scheduled as the first day of exams, SLUH will now be on a half-day schedule. First quarter exams will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of that week. On the following Tuesday, Oct. 21, sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT. Freshmen and seniors do not have classes that day.

McKenna added, "The counseling department is trying to get the word (about the new PSAT date) out through a mailing and on (SLUH's) webpage." McKenna concluded by citing an advantage of the new schedule. He said, "Now (sophomores and juniors) won't have to prepare for exams and the PSAT at the same time."

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

## Winker addresses Eucharistic Adoration

To the Editors:

I have been to adoration a lot in the past year. I was at Steubenville Youth Conference St. Louis over the summer, and we had adoration on both Friday and Saturday night. The Steubenville Conference is a nation-wide annual meeting of teenagers and adult group leaders that includes talks, prayer, and music. It is held all over the country during different weekends. I went to adoration the Friday after the conference at my parish. I have been going to adoration on the first Wednesday of every month at Immacolata Parish. I went to Inspiration this past Saturday, September 13, and there was adoration at the closing concert. Inspiration is the Life Teen Tour, which is similar to the Steubenville Conference, though it only includes St. Louis youth groups as opposed to youth groups from across the nation. But the thing is, this hasn't been enough. Once a month isn't enough. With no time after practice to go on Fridays, I need more time with Christ.

I feel that Eucharistic Adoration is the coolest thing about being Catholic. It is so powerful, whether you are with hundreds of teenagers or all alone in a church. It isn't the music in the background with hundreds of teenagers singing with all their heart or the dead silence in the almost empty church. It is the fact that Jesus Christ is present on the altar. The monstrance isn't just a fancy gold holder with a piece of unleavened bread in it, it is

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-George Caputa, '05

## Moramarco urges school to promote inclusive language

To the Editors:

Many people in today's Catholic Church refer to God as if God is a man. Throughout history, men have always referred to God as male because they believed males to be the dominant sex. But this, of course, is not really the case. Accordingly, the language in our liturgies should be inclusive, so as not to offend those in the congregation who believe God has no gender. I am writing this letter so that, as a Catholic institution, SLUH might begin to keep stride with the times and begin using inclusive language. If SLUH prides itself on keeping up to date in all areas like technology, art, and curriculum, then we should keep our theology department and celebration of liturgy up to date as well.

I was first introduced to the use of inclusive language at my parish, St. Cronan's, about three years ago. At first it was hard to get used to, but now it comes naturally, without a second thought. It was difficult for me to change my language because I didn't agree with it, but as time passed, I realized how right it was. It took some time for me to develop a pattern of using inclusive language in all of my speech because the old way had been so ingrained in me.

Assistant Principal for Student Welfare Eric Clark tells each of us every year how to respect women. Using inclusive language would be the ultimate act of respect: to show all women that SLUH recognizes them as the equals of men that they truly are. There are already too many male chauvinists; we don't need to boost their egos any further by continuing the archaic language of our liturgies. This archaic language somehow implies that men are superior. In this day and age, should we really say that men are better? To say that men are better than women is vile. Women have struggled to show themselves to be men's equal. We certainly see it here at SLUH. How can we continue to invite our mothers to celebrate liturgies with us and not be sensitive to them by the language we use? How do our women faculty and staff feel every time they are referred to as "mankind?"

I propose now that we begin using inclusive language in the classroom and in the chapel. There are many men, women, teachers, and priests that agree with me on this issue. I was surprised, actually, to find how many women were offended by the use of non-inclusive language. It may take some time, but in the end, we will be doing a great service to ourselves and our community by broadening our minds. If SLUH really produces "Men for Others," let us show by all of our words that we do not ever mean to exclude those "others" who are women.

Sincerely,  
Michael Moramarco '06

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outlining STUCO duties. However, president John Block stated once the constitution is completed, anyone interested can read it individually.

Before deciding to reinstate Belly Brigades, STUCO brought up the purposes and rules governing the new Belly Brigades. This year, Assistant Principal for Student Welfare Eric Clark will inspect each brigadier for the proper attire before the brigadier runs in the brigade.

STUCO concluded the formal part of the meeting by announcing the Fall Festival, scheduled before the SLUH-Chaminade soccer game on Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. Festivities will include a street hockey tournament in the morning accompanied by several SLUH band performances, video games, and foosball. STUCO has rented out Tropicana Bowling Alley for groups of six people to "cosmic bowl" in 52 lanes after the game.

After all the topics were covered, STUCO opened up the meeting to the open forum with what little time was left. The water polo team raised the first issue, regarding the scheduling of the Fall Ball.

"We (the water polo team) were wondering," said captain Colin Tyrrell, "why the most successful team in the history of SLUH has Fall Ball scheduled on its state game night."

STUCO members responded that a contract was signed and a down payment made last May in order to reserve a time with the facility. STUCO had previously changed the date of the Fall Ball because of a football conflict. Since the football team's schedule was on the calendar that STUCO used and the water polo team's schedule was not, STUCO could not have considered the state game when it planned for the Fall Ball. Furthermore, STUCO was able to change the date for football because they did not yet have a contract or a down payment.

The water polo team still disagreed with this explanation, and eventually Clark stepped in to stop the argument.

Some students also raised the issue of STUCO's relationship to the administration as the elected representatives of the student body, regarding how much say

STUCO has in administrative decisions.

Block responded, "The big thing is that we only can have as much voice as we are given. Part of it is that we are the student government, not the administration. Ideally we would have more involvement in (decisions), but that is just the way it is."

Overall, STUCO thought the meeting went well, although they wished the forum had more time in order to hear what the students had to say.

Religious Commissioner James Erler said, "It went pretty well. We were able to hear what students thought about our jobs.... We might try to cut down on announcements. In future forums we will try to limit it to mainly discussion. I think that will free up a lot of time to talk about what students are thinking about."

Despite STUCO's openness to criticism, the water polo team's questions caught STUCO off guard, but now STUCO is considering possibilities to compromise with the water polo team.

"We can't change the night," said Treasurer/Secretary Tom Economon, "(but) what we are looking at is possibly we will move the dance forward or back a few hours, giving the water polo guys a chance to come to the dance a little late or fans to come to the game."

Regarding their relationship to the administration as the link between the students and the administration, STUCO thinks that there is room for improvement.

"We go to Mr. Clark to get stuff approved, go to Dr. Schenkenberg to get stuff approved, and other than that the (relationship) is not that strong," said Block. "They asked us about the (idea for a broadcast studio) but that was because of the issue regarding (the usage of the corner office). It wasn't like 'What is your opinion on this?' They don't really come to us for our opinion that often."

"(The relationship between the administration and STUCO) is more of an informal connection," said Baricevic. "I don't think it is where it should be. Right now it is at the point where we have to go to (the administration) for any type of input on a decision, not where they come

to us and ask us for input. Now people just look to STUCO for social activities...hopefully we can get them thinking out of that box."

Commented Clark, "There can be a relationship between administration and students, but at the same time, administration will have to make decisions regardless of what someone feels. We have to run the school efficiently. Will we try to involve students in those decisions? Yes, and we do include the students in decisions. There is student representation on board sub-committees. The students on those boards, are they elected by the student body or are they assigned or chosen by the faculty and staff? That is a good point, and that might be something that the school needs to look into."

"I think that if we set a precedent for (being a liaison to the administration), then it becomes expected," said Block, "and that is a big thing. I think that when it becomes expected, then it will get done. I think that there is a limit where STUCO should be involved in. There are bigger things that are beyond us...but things like technology and smart boards we could have a say."

For those in attendance, opinions varied about the efficiency and practicality of the forum.

Kyle Ortmann, a junior social/intramural representative, thinks the forum was "a huge step.... We never did anything before. We were just there and we had no decision in the school at all. I was excited when we got to do new stuff. Before it was a popularity contest and now it has something to do with leadership."

On the contrary, Shane Mulligan, a sophomore pastoral representative said, "The forum didn't really accomplish anything. They could have written it down and saved time. They didn't have a good way to bounce the questions back and forth, and they didn't really have answers—it had a good idea though."

Although this meeting is the first meeting this year, STUCO was disappointed at the lack of student interest from the students and the faculty.

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# Investment club forms new bonds

**Kevin Gier, Tim Huether**  
Reporter, Core Staff

**D**ing, ding, ding! No, that is not the sound of the bell for classes to change. It marks the opening of St. Louis U. High's new Investment Club.

Moderated by Micro/Macroeconomics teacher Peggy Pride, the club was originally the idea of junior Byrne Hobart. After discussing the idea of a club with Pride, Hobart organized a mission for the club and several events.

Hobart has extensive experience in investment already. "I have been picking my own stocks since I was 11; I manage my own portfolio; I manage some of my dad's money, and some money for some of his friends. I also work for an investment company right now, and I do some

analysis for them. I have spoken for an investment book club twice, and I did a guest lecture at New Mexico State University last spring," said Hobart.

"What we are going to do is an Internet game, the Investment Challenge, that gives teams of students \$100,000 and allows them to invest it in any way they want," Pride said. She added that the students could put the fictional money into stocks, bonds, futures, buying stocks on option, or anything they please.

Hobart said, "Eventually it might be fun to invest real money in the market and have the club make investments on its own," said Hobart.

Pride explained that the goal of the club is "to educate the students and make them aware of what the stock market really is. There's been some myths about

it, so I want to give the students some basic knowledge." She said that while no real field trips to area brokerage firms have been made, several parents who work in the financial business have expressed their wish to be guest speakers at meetings to get an insider's perspective.

Hobart said, "Talking to students, I found that there were a number of students who were either interested in the market already or who would like to know more about it."

The Investment Club will meet today at activity period in room 215c for an informational meeting. Anyone who has ever wanted to yell out "Buy! Sell!" is welcome to attend.

"I think we have a lot of potential (as a club)," said Hobart. "It is a club that can have interests from a lot of people."

# Monday is fun day in homeroom

**Tim Huether**  
Core Staff

**H**omeroom activities, a program devised by the faculty earlier this calendar year, is coming to your homeroom. On upcoming Mondays during homeroom, students will take part in a fun activity that aims to liven up the morning.

As senior homeroom teacher Myriam Aliste explains, "(The purpose of homeroom activities is) to make homeroom more fun for the students, to start the day in a better mood, and to get to know each other better." Homeroom activities will also give the homeroom representatives an opportunity to exercise more leadership in the SLUH community.

"If the homeroom reps were (organizing the activities) then it would be a chance for them to exert a little leadership, which is one of the things that we were trying to do this year," said Principal Mary Schenkenberg.

The homeroom representatives and students will alone be responsible for organizing the homeroom activities. If the students and the representatives do not like the idea and stop organizing it, then the program will be discontinued. The

activities are not being forced onto the students and reps.

Homeroom activities will only be for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Therefore, Monday was chosen because the freshmen are in prayer service during homeroom. Schenkenberg and homeroom activities organizer Suzanne Walsh agreed that the freshmen seem to have the most going on in their homerooms, with senior advisors organizing things. Schenkenberg and Walsh both felt that the time would be more beneficial to seniors, juniors, and sophomores, because their homeroom is often less exciting.

"The freshmen have a strong program going right now with the senior advisors, and the senior advisors have some activities for the freshmen," said Schenkenberg, "(Monday) would be a time when the (seniors, juniors, and sophomores) would all be together,"

Examples of activities include putting on a frozen t-shirt fastest and attaching the most clothes pins to one's face. Seniors, juniors, and sophomores will all take part in the same activity on the same day.

The first contest was initially scheduled for this Monday, Sept. 22, but has

been moved back at least a week. It was postponed because, at a meeting with homeroom reps Tuesday morning, Schenkenberg and Walsh did not feel they received enough feedback from the students. Immediately after Walsh finished proposing her idea, the homeroom warning bell sounded. She felt that the best decision was to wait another week and hear what the reps had to say about the idea. The representatives received a survey, and Walsh awaits their return.

Of the ones received by lunchtime Thursday, most were complimentary of the activities, saying that homeroom is too dull now and could use some more excitement. The surveys encouraged Walsh that this is a good idea and she believes that she will receive ample support from the student body because of the positive feedback of the surveys so far.

Walsh said, "So far all of the guys have sort of said 'I think it's a great idea, homeroom is pretty boring now and anything we could do would be neat to get it up and running and doing a bit more stuff in it,'" said Walsh.

Meetings will be held occasionally where ideas will be discussed for future  
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# Marincel spends summer doing math research

**Matt Angeli**  
**Reporter**

This summer, senior Joe Marincel was one of 36 St. Louis metro area students selected for the opportunity to be in the Students and Teachers as Research Scientists research program (STARS). In the program, Marincel worked on a research project with Dr. Probhakar Rao, of the University of Missouri-St. Louis's Department of Mathematics & Computer Science.

Marincel's research paper centered on number theory. He looked at different lines and curves and defined a group structure for them. Marincel worked the equation of the elliptical curve. The equation is  $y^2 = X^3 + AX + B$ . "It's kind of hard to explain," Marincel said.

The STARS program gives high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to work with professors on independent research projects. The students work on independent research projects while the professor is present to help guide the students. Along with the research papers, the students interact at career workshops, tour scientific enterprises in St. Louis, and attend lectures.

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activities. If a representative from a homeroom is not available to make it to the meeting, then he will be able to talk to his class's coordinator. The class coordinators will then inform such representatives as to what they missed at the meeting. Aliste is the senior coordinator, Walsh is in charge of junior events, and social studies teacher Robert O'Connell will head things up for the sophomore class.

There will be another meeting before school sometime next week involving Walsh, Schenkenberg, and the homeroom representatives again, the idea will be discussed further, and students will have the opportunity to voice opinions. After that meeting, the future of homeroom activities will be more certain.

On UMSL's website, Ken Mares, Associate Director of Science Education Programs at UMSL, said, "They write technical reports and orally present their results in seminar format."

This year's STARS program, "Experiencing the Scientific Enterprise," was held from June 16 to July 25 at UMSL. Although the work-hours that individual students put in towards their projects varied, Marincel would sometimes be hard at work from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Some 36 students from 20 high schools in the St. Louis metro area attended the STARS program. Teachers came from Northwest, Wentzville Holt, Westminster, and Central Visual & Performing Arts. Mentors came from UMSL, St. Louis University, and Washington University-St. Louis. STARS was sponsored by Solutia, Inc.

Explaining how he received the opportunity to participate in the program, Marincel said, "I just applied."

## STUCO gets new Billiken costume from Mothers' Club

**Brian Fallon**  
**Assistant Editor**

The St. Louis U. High Mothers' Club has donated a new Jr. Billiken head to STUCO. The old head has received much use in the past, as indicated by its blue tint from the years of body paint exposure. The Mothers' Club also purchased another head for their own use at events including Sneak Peek and Cashbah.

K i n k a i d  
Karacter from O'Fallon, Mo. produced the heads. The company has made more notable characters such as the St. Louis Cardinals' Fredbird, and St. Louis University's Billiken mascot.

Mothers' Club president Sally Cherre was involved in the purchase of the two heads and assorted costumes. She explained, "We wanted to do something to market SLUH."

"We got (the head) for the Parkway West game," said Sports Commissioner Brian Heffernan. "We decided not to use it

for the weekend." Because it was raining during part of the football game, STUCO feared the head would be ruined if it got wet.

STUCO plans to reveal its Billiken head on Friday at the varsity football game against Chaminade.

The new Billiken head also has many features that make it better than the old head. It features a ventilation system at the top of the head, with a fan powered by a nine-volt battery.

Heffernan added, "The weight's distributed a lot better than the other one."

The price for one Billiken head was \$585, but the total purchase, including two heads and a jumpsuit totaled \$1,453.

Heffernan believes the new cranium will provide supernatural assistance to Jr. Bill athletes. He said, "We are expecting a boost in the ability of our players to run faster. We haven't found if (the helmet) makes them kick harder, or throw farther, but for some reason it makes them run faster and jump a little bit higher."



Uppity new Jr. Bill, right, challenges oldie, left.

# Footballbills corral the Parkway Longhorns

**Greg Fox**  
**Core Staff**

Call it first-game jitters. Maybe it was a lack of varsity experience, or maybe just a powerful Riverview Gardens team. Whatever the reasons for the football team's loss in the first week and being held to 3 rushing yards, they weren't there last Friday, as the Jr. Bills shut out the Parkway West Longhorns, 19-0.

As the Jr. Bills offense prepared to take the field, they hoped the opening kickoff wouldn't be a preview of things to come. Tim Beishir sustained a grade 3 concussion, and as a result, he was taken to St. John's hospital Friday night. Concussions are graded from one to three, with three being the highest. Beishir was released from the hospital Saturday afternoon and returned to school on Monday. Though he has experienced short-term memory loss, Beishir said that "little things from (last) Friday night" are beginning to come back to him. Head coach Gary Kornfeld reported that Beishir is not practicing.

The second play, however, turned

out much better. Sophomore sensation Stephen Simmons took the handoff and cut up the field for 20 yards. This would be his first of 32 carries on the night, on which he would torch the Parkway West defense for a total of 264 rushing yards, a new school record. Simmons broke Renato Fitzpatrick's ('97) eight-year old record of 244 rushing yards in a game.

"The offensive line did a great job," said Kornfeld. "We probably ran the inside and outside zone against Parkway West as good as we've ever run it in my career here. Obviously Stephen Simmons has a lot to do with it, because he reads things so well." Kornfeld cited Simmons' best attributes as his ability to read plays, his vision, his low center of gravity, and his strength. Kornfeld feels that these attributes combine Simmons to make "a heck of a running back."

Kornfeld said, "I don't expect him to go out every week now and run for 200 yards, but I don't expect this to be his last good game, either."

After the defense shut down the West offense for a three and out on their opening drive, the Jr. Bills received the ball on

their own 25. They proceeded to drive down the field on mostly rushes with a few passes sprinkled in. They stopped at the Parkway three-yard line and kicker Tim Simon took over from there. Simon kicked a 21-yard field goal, his first of two in the game, giving him five on the season. Simon leads the team in scoring with 16 points (5 FG, 1 XP).

On the ensuing Parkway possession, the 'Horns started to put together a drive, making it across midfield and into SLUH territory. Captain linebacker Jeff Howenstein put an end to the drive, picking off a pass and returning the interception almost the entire length of the field for what most thought was a touchdown. The play, however, was called back on a penalty. The Brickwallbills picked off another pass and forced a fumble during the game.

The Bulgerbills took over deep in their own end and began to drive. The drive nearly stalled on the Longhorns 40-yard line, but sophomore fullback Chris Hoffman came up with a key run on fourth and inches to keep the drive going. The

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## Martel gets 200th win, team wins CBC tourney

**Kyle Poelker**  
**Reporter**

For the first time in 23 years, the St. Louis U. High Soccerbills are the CBC Tournament champions. Starting with their solid tie against the Cadets of CBC in the tournament's premier matchup to open the tournament, the Jr. Bills never stopped, capping the tournament with impressive shutouts of MCC rivals DeSmet and Vianney.

Coming off an emotionally-charged comeback tie against archrival CBC, the Jr. Bills were looking to end their scoring frustration against lower-ranked DeSmet on Thursday, but the chances did not come early nor often. The game remained static throughout most of the first half, with basically a midfield battle between the two teams. Near the end of the half though, the Jr. Bill offense began to ex-

plot the defense's holes when junior Paul Eschen drove towards a goal and ripped a shot that was barely saved by the Spartan goalie. Just minutes later, another Jr. Bills scoring chance was lost on a controversial

no-call on what appeared to be a DeSmet handball in the box, which would have been a penalty shot for the Jr. Bills. Thus, the Martelbills trudged into half-time scorelessly.



Forward Andy Leindecker drives deep into DeSmet territory.

They built off their somewhat strong end to the first half with John Kornfeld rifling a shot narrowly over the crossbar in the half's opening minutes. From then on, the Jr. Bills' shots became increasingly accurate and, 15 minutes into the half, Tim Wier opened up the scoring with a brilliant goal in the upper half of the netting. Sophomore Zach Wies kept the goals flowing with a rocket from the 20 yards out about eight minutes later. Pat Miller finished up the day's scoring with a headball near the game's end that put the game's final score at 3-0 clip the Jr. Bills.

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# H2Obills top Kirkwood, DeSmet, Pkwy South

**Dave Marek  
Reporter**

Relentless as ever, the St. Louis U. High water polo team continued to prove that water polo is a high scoring game by defeating Kirkwood 19-7, Parkway South 11-2, and DeSmet 17-6. Mimicking General Sherman's march to the sea, the Polobills declared total war against their opponents, leaving in their wake a trail of the opposing teams' stunned goalies, confused defenses, and stifled offenses.

Although most SLUH students were busy sleeping late into the afternoon on Friday, there was no rest for the wicked as SLUH was busy chasing their goal of a championship season.

The Polobills once again drew first blood after a goal from junior Tim Heafner on a pass from Colin Tyrrell after drawing a kickout on the Kirkwood defense.

Not to be outdone, Kirkwood immediately answered the Polobills' goal and tied the game 1-1.

Despite this show of strength by the

Kirkwood offense, the Kirkwood defense proved incapable of stopping the speed and muscle of the Speedobills, allowing senior captain Nathan Harris and Heafner to score two consecutive goals each. Kirkwood added another goal, and the first period ended with the score 5-2.

In the second quarter, the Baudbills' depth and stamina was undeniable as SLUH scored seven goals on the helpless Kirkwood defense. This scoring rally was led by Heafner, who scored three of his astonishing seven goals in this period, and senior Andy Withington, who scored two goals.

"The offense was clicking on all cyl-

inders," said head coach Paul Baudendistel.

Kirkwood would try their best to combat the SLUH scoring blitz, but by the end

of the half, the Polobills led 12-5.

The Polobills continued to dominate in the third quarter. SLUH's first goal of the quarter



Colin Tyrrell springs up for a cobra shot against Kirkwood.

came from a skillful cross goal shot by senior Brad Witbrodt that the Kirkwood goalie had no chance of saving. The Kirkwood defense then made the mistake of leaving junior Tim Szewczyk unguarded in front of the goal, which allowed Szewczyk to add a second goal to

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# XCbills stumble to fifth at Findley Invite

**Henry Samson  
Reporter**

Panic, confusion, mass hysteria: words like these would be suitable for describing the start of every racer at McCluer North High School last Saturday. In a field of 39 teams, a runner can not only anticipate a hectic start, but also must get out fast if he wants to establish his place in the race without getting choked up by the sea of runners. In addition to the enormous numbers of people racing, the starting blocks are not even a yard wide. Add to the mix parents, spectators, and judges and you have one crazy start.

The varsity team did not accomplish what they had intended, placing fifth as a team in the varsity race. But in what was considered an off day for most of the varsity team, two runners shined. Ben Murphy-Baum placed second on the varsity for the second week in a row, finish-

ing with a time of 17:18 for 25th place and a medal.

"I'm happy about my overall performance, but I think I need Stephon Simmons to show me how to sprint at the end of a race," said Murphy-Baum.

But the standout SLUH performance of the day was by Danny Meier. Meier, who had been called up to race varsity in order to replace Andrew Linhares, ran a relentless pace and finished first on the team in 19th place, also medaling.

Unfortunately, the rest of the varsity squad had an off day. Alex Muntges, while on pace to run spectacularly with the lead group, tripped and fell after the two-mile mark. When attempting to get up, an unidentified runner from Jefferson City kneed Alex in the head, causing him to drop out of the race immediately.

The team also took a hit from the absence of number two runner Linhares. Linhares had hurt his hip earlier in the

week, to the point that he was not able to jog without pain. The decision was made to pull Linhares in hopes that the injury would have proper time to heal.

The rest of the varsity, which included seniors John Oliver, Dan Flanagan, Chris Arb, and junior Henry Samson, ran poor races, but are hopeful about the next two meets.

SLUH asserted its dominance on the JV level once again by placing 16 medalists out of a possible 30, taking six of the top ten spots in the race. Joe Carlson led the troops by placing second with a time of 17:35. Because of his race, Carlson will be moving back up to race varsity at Sioux Passage tomorrow.

After Carlson, lines of blue and white were broken up only by the occasional opponent. The depth on the JV level is a great thing to have, especially in such an unpredictable sport.

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# SLUH intramurals begin 2003-04 season

**Sean Powers**  
**Reporter**

This week marks the start of the 2003-04 intramural season and the beginning of every homeroom's "quest for the cup." This is the second year of the year-long intramural program at St. Louis U. High.

Coordinator David Barton said, "The program is set up to give both athletes and non-athletes the chance to get involved."

During each season there are both physical and mental events to challenge students from each homeroom. The events are on the second year of a two year rotation of events; therefore next year the events will change.

The fall season started Monday during activity period with music trivia, with enthusiastic participation from every junior and senior homeroom. Music trivia consisted of three rounds of sound clips. From round to round, the sound clips became progressively shorter, featuring songs from the 1950s to modern day. To be considered correct, homerooms had to

## BECKHAM

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the Jr. Bills last Saturday faced the final game of the CBC tournament, with the title on the line. They needed to win, and they needed to win big to have a shot at the tournament title. The Jr. Bills didn't succumb to the pressure; they flourished and came out of the gates quickly with a Germanese goal in the first ten minutes off a rebound shot, and then one minute later, Miller scored his second goal of the tournament to make it a 2-0 Jr. Bill lead.

"We really came out quickly tonight," said coach Charlie Martel. "From the start tonight, our guys were ready to go."

Senior Dave Mueller added a third goal shortly thereafter to extend the lead to 3-0, and there was no chance of comeback for the Griffins. The Jr. Bills failed to extend their lead any further, and the game ended with a 3-0 Jr. Bill victory.

"It was a great win for our team," said senior Joe Germanese.

The win gave the Jr. Bills the CBC

guess both the song title and musician. The top five homerooms from each class went on to the final round during following activity period when they competed for the music trivia championship. Wednesday was music trivia for freshman and sophomores with the championship round being held on Thursday. M219 won the trivia between the sophomore homerooms, while M109 came out victorious among the freshman homerooms.

"Freshman participation was great. It gives them a chance to experience other events during activity period," commented Barton.

In a few weeks, the fall season con-

Tournament title because of their combined total goals, record, and two recorded shutouts. The win was also head coach Martel's 200th.

"It was a great accomplishment for this team and to do it for Martel's 200th win was awesome," goalie Bart Saracino said. It was also the first CBC Tournament win for the SLUH Jr. Bills in 23 years.

With a great deal of momentum, the Jr. Bills steamrolled into the midweek matchup with the JFK Celts Wednesday at the stadium, and they plowed right through the Celts. Behind the solid netplay of senior Ben Brockland, the Jr. Bills scored their first goal 7 minutes into the game with a Tim Wier laser, and just minutes later Germanese added the team's second goal in the first fifteen minutes. The Celts had nothing left to give and folded on the field in front of the Bills, who took advantage and scored three more goals to extend their lead to 5-0, a trounc-

ing with the SLUH Olympics. Students will engage in physical activity with the homeroom relay races. The champion homeroom of each class will face off against the Faculty All-Stars to cap off the event.

After the SLUH Olympics, the winter intramural season begins. The season includes five-on-five basketball and movie trivia, providing homerooms the chance to advance their rank and increase their point total. The spring season is the busiest of the intramural competition seasons, with events from the Mental Meltdown to weightlifting.

Barton added that this year homerooms are "competing for intramural championship T-shirts as well as fighting for the fortune and glory of the IM cup." For more information on this year's intramurals, including current standings, visit the website at [www.sluh.org/intramurals/index.html](http://www.sluh.org/intramurals/index.html).

ing of the Celts.

So with a CBC tournament title in hand and a solid win over a somewhat quality team, the Jr. Bills storm into their St. Charles part of the season with a game against Ft. Zumwalt South on Thursday and a game against a solid, small-school opponent, St. Dominic, on Saturday. The Jr. Bills look to continue their dominance this season, with their sights set on another MCC title.

## PN NIGHTBEAT

*SLUH'S SOCCER TEAM  
BEAT FORT ZUMWALT  
SOUTH 3-1, WITH GOALS  
FROM SENIORS JOE  
GERMANESE AND DAVID  
MUELLER.*

**PIGSKIN**

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Bulldozerbills continued to march on, and Hoffman capped the drive with a 31-yard run up the field and into the Promised Land for six points. Simon's extra point was blocked, setting the score at 9-0.

After another failed West drive, the Jr. Bills took over with a little over a minute left. On the last play of the half, it looked like Simmons might break for a touchdown, but he was dragged down at the West 22. The Jr. Bills went into the locker room up 9-0.

The Jr. Bills began the second half on defense, and after another three-and-out for the Longhorns offense, they were forced to punt. Captain Brent Harvey broke through the West line on the punt and flew into the backfield, nearly blocking the punt.

The offense took over at the 35, and Simmons led them to the end zone, cutting in and out of defenders' arms for successive runs of 17 and 37 yards, which resulted in his first varsity touchdown. Simon added the extra point, making the score 16-0.

West received the ball and almost drove into SLUH territory, but the defense, led by captains Howenstein, Harvey,

**F-16**

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The freshmen started off their XC careers on Saturday in an equally race. Pete Heagny was first to cover the 2.4 mile course in a time of 14:20, good enough for a 4th place finish. Not far behind was Nathan Benet with a 7th place finish. Although the team finished behind Jeff City in the team division, many good things to come were witnessed on Saturday. Commented coach Linhares, "We've loaded up again on the freshmen level."

The Kenyanbills run tomorrow at the Sioux Passage on the infamous hill called "Manmaker." The varsity race kicks off the day at 9:35 a.m. Come and support your mates at what should be one of the most grueling races of the year. Directions can be found at [www.sluh.org/xc/xc.htm](http://www.sluh.org/xc/xc.htm) under the "Schedule" icon.

and John Block, stopped them a yard short. On the punt, Harvey again broke through, and this time, his near full-extension dive blocked the punt, giving the Bills excellent field position at the West's 40.

Simon added his second field goal, putting the score at its final, 19-0. Simon later attempted a 52-yard field goal, a yardage NFL teams rarely attempt, and narrowly missed wide left.

Simmons, however, was not done. Late in the fourth quarter, with the game all but won, Simmons broke open for 24 yards, giving him the school single game record 264 rushing yards.

Simmons deferred credit for his record-breaking performance, saying, "Our line did very well. They played two times better." He also pointed out that the team knew Parkway West's defense.

Howenstein commented on the defense's shutout, saying, "Intensity was

the main thing that got us going." He cited sophomore Jim Sansone's play as a standout performance, saying, "He came up huge for us." The team's 4-3 defense, changed from last year's 5-2, has helped the defense's play. As Howenstein noted, "We stop the sweep a lot better, and we can still contain the interior."

Next up for the Jr. Bills is MCC foe Chaminade, a team that narrowly defeated last year's team 6-3 on a last-second touchdown. Chaminade is currently 2-0, and Kornfeld describes them as "a very good ball club." He added that they evenly mix in runs and passes and that they also have a quality defense.

Howenstein commented on Chaminade's running game, saying "They have a tough fullback, a tough running back. We have to stop them."

The Jr. Bills look to hand Chaminade their first loss of the year tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the stadium.

**FAVORITES**

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his total for the game. Next to score was senior Colin Tyrrell, who slammed a mammoth shot into the upper corner of the Kirkwood goal (see photo on page 8). The Speedobills ended the quarter with a score of 16-6.

The fourth quarter proved to be the nail in the coffin for Kirkwood. Tyrrell, Heafner, and junior Brendan Harris added three more goals to the Polobills' total in the fourth period. Captain Kevin Vincent capped off a great defensive game, taking over for goalie Rick Bettger after Bettger who received a kickout, and saving a shot from the Kirkwood defense. SLUH went on to win the game 19-7.

Despite SLUH's extraordinary offensive performance, many were troubled by their defense. "We should not have given up seven goals," commented Vincent.

Harris cited Friday's day off as the reason that SLUH defense did not display their A-game.

The Polobills continued their war-path on Tuesday and Wednesday in the

Varsity Conference Tournament at MICDS, defeating Parkway South 11-2 and DeSmet 17-6.

The tournament game against Parkway South was again led by Heafner, who scored four goals overall in the game. Paul Guest also performed phenomenally; at one point, Guest made a series of two saves without clear vision due to an out of position contact lens.

Despite playing a game the night before, the Polobills proved to be unstoppable in their next tournament game against DeSmet. The SLUH seniors were invincible in this game. Tyrrell led the team with four goals and two assists, followed close behind by Withington, who added three goals and an assist. With two goals and an assist, Vincent had his offensive break-out game.

Although the Spartans tried valiantly to halt the unrelenting flow of goals from the Polobills' offense, they were unable to shift the game in their favor, and SLUH won, 17-6.

This week, the team plays in the Varsity Conference Tournament.

## PETTIT

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inspire those young men who will use this room.”

Pettit also challenges the students who use the weight room, on his plaque in an inscription that reads: “As you strengthen your body, strengthen your heart by always being a man for others. Remember that this life is but part of a greater journey, so be sure to live your life every day, and make a difference in other’s lives.”

Pettit’s involvement with the SLUH

## FOR

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STUCO Moderator Brock Kesterson said, “The attendance part really disappointed me. Other than the moderators and the teachers who were supposed to be there, there wasn’t a great turnout from the faculty or students,” said STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson. “I think that it is important to show up to show interest in the school and see what the students have to say. It isn’t just a student forum: STUCO puts it together, but all of the leaders of the school are supposed to be there.... If there are any problems, concerns, or issues, this is the perfect time to tell (those concerns). That goes for students or teachers.”

Said Block, “I am not necessarily disappointed now, but I will be if I hear complaints from people one, two weeks from now about things discussed in the forum. I will be disappointed if I hear complaints, especially from teachers, about Belly Brigades, because it was clear that we had the chance to talk about it.”

“I wasn’t as disappointed,” said Baricevic. “I knew ahead of time that people like staying on the outside and letting other people do it. I think that it is about quality, not quantity. I think it is worth it if only 20 people came with ideas.”

STUCO further discussed the topics raised at the forum at their STUCO meeting last Tuesday, and they are still planning their newsletter containing the forum minutes.

community began in 1992 with his participation in the SLUH Fathers’ Club during the freshman year of his oldest son, Tom, ’97.

“The spirit of ‘men for others’ is so vibrant here,” said Pettit when asked about what first attracted him to help out at SLUH. “The environment of SLUH lends itself to giving back to others.”

By his son Tom’s senior year, Pettit was offered the position of vice president of the Fathers’ Club. In 1998, he became the president of the Fathers’ Club, a position that he held until 1999. During his tenure as president, the Fathers’ Club started the Loyola Academy service program, succeeded in bringing the first and only female speaker (Janet Evans) to the Father-Son banquet, and supported numerous SLUH activities, such as Cashbah, the Father-Son Golf Tournament, and Thanksgiving service projects at the St. Francis DeSales parish.

On Sept. 28, 2001, Pettit was admitted into the hospital because of severe back pain and dehydration, and after three days of tests, he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the bone marrow in which a type of white blood cell multiplies uncontrollably. Consequently, other blood cells are not produced in sufficient numbers, resulting in an increased risk of infection and bleeding problems.

Following his diagnosis, Pettit began a regimen of chemotherapy in hopes of shrinking the cancer. By February 2002, he had undergone 96 hours of chemotherapy a month to eliminate all cancer cells before a stem cell transplant. The transplant succeeded, and Pettit’s cancer went into remission.

However, in December 2002, his remission ended, and by January the cancer had relapsed. During April 2003, Pettit’s cancer started to relapse rapidly, so in May he took a heavy dose of chemotherapy called cytoxin, which stabilized the progression of the disease. In June, he started taking thalidomide, which can stop tumor growth, and as a result the disease’s progress decreased significantly.

Currently, Pettit takes blood count tests every week and is continuing to use

thalidomide while trying other medicine, because no medicine can counteract multiple myeloma indefinitely. When he exhausts all forms of medication, Pettit will undergo an unrelated stem cell transplant in which stem cells from a different person are used instead of his own cells. Because his doctors have found a perfect match, the surgery has a 30 percent chance of success and could extend his life for 10 to 15 years. At worst, however, his body may reject the stem cell tissue, and he could die of infection.

Despite his illness, Pettit maintains his optimism, and though he tires easily, he “tries to live life every day,” an attitude that he attributes in part to encouragement from the SLUH community.

“Before (I got involved in SLUH), I thought SLUH was a wonderful academic institution where I knew my sons would get a great education,” recalls Pettit. “As I got involved, I realized it was more of a family.”

Pettit is grateful that SLUH has responded in a loving and supportive way to his illness, especially in the last two years. During his son Mike’s senior year, the varsity football team dedicated their season to Pettit and presented him with the game ball of the single game that he missed.

“They always cared about me,” Pettit remembers. “It was really something special, something I never expected in my life. It helped me; it really boosted my spirits.”

### Quote of the Week

*“A granfalloon is a proud and meaningless association of human beings.”*

*—Kurt Vonnegut,  
Cat’s Cradle*

# Ring of Fire Calendar

September 19, 2003

by Tim Huether

Sept. 19 - Sept. 26

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

Schedule R

College Visits (Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend):

Emory University @ 8:15-9am  
 V FB vs. Chaminade @ SLUH @ 7pm  
 C SOC @ DeSmet @ 4pm  
 Pizza Sticks and Half Pizzas

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

V,JV,B XC @ Hazelwood Invitational @ Sioux Passage @ 9:35am

V SOC @ St. Dominic @ 5pm

B SOC @ St. Dominic @ 3pm

C SOC @ St. Dominic @ 1pm

V POLO @ Rec Plex @ 6:30pm

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

Schedule R

Freshman Eng. Tutorial @ AP

College Visits:

Austin College  
 Bellarmine University  
 Centenary College of Louisiana  
 Hanover College  
 Kansas State University  
 Knox College  
 Lake Forest College  
 Rhodes College  
 Southern Methodist University

JV SOC @ CYC Tourney through 9/27

Garlic Bread and Pizza

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

Schedule B

College Visits:

University of Redlands @ 8:15am

Benedictine College @ 12:45pm

Miami University @ 12:20pm

Pitzer College @ 11:00-11:45pm

Valparaiso University @ 12:45pm

Washington &amp; Lee University @ 12:45pm

V POLO @ Parkway Central @ 5pm

JV POLO @ Parkway Central @ 4pm

Fiestadas, Crisпитos and Burritos

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

Schedule B

Dept. Mtgs.

College Visits (Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend):

Hamilton College @ 8:15am

University of the South @ 8:15am

Duke University @ 9:40am-10:30am

Robertson Scholars @ Duke U. &amp;

North Carolina Chapel Hill @ 10:30

Bucknell University @ 10:30am

Hendrix College @ 12:20pm

Trinity University @ 12:20pm

B SOC @ DeSmet @ 4pm

C FB @ St. Mary's @ 4:15pm

C SOC @ Vianney @ 4pm

C XC @ Hazelwood East @ 4pm

Pretzels, Feticcini with Broccoli

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

Schedule R

Freshman Class Mass

Junior HR Rep Mtg. @ AP

College Visits:

Butler University

University of Dallas

Depaul University

University of Evansville

Lewis University

Lincoln College

Loyola University - New Orleans

Purdue University

St. John's University - Minnesota

St. Joseph's College - Indiana

Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend:

Davidson College @ 11:45am-12:30pm

DePauw University @ 12:50pm

Gettysburg College @ 12:50pm

V SOC @ Westminster @ 4:30pm

B FB @ Gateway @ 4pm

C FB vs. DuBourg @ Comp. Drew @ 4pm

Papa John's and Pizza Snacks

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

Schedule L

Mother/Son Lit. @ 7:30am

College Visits (Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend):

Marquette University @ 12:15pm

Northwest Missouri State University @ 12:15

V FB vs. Gateway @ SLUH @ 7pm

V POLO vs. Lindbergh @ Forest Park

Community College @ 5pm

JV POLO vs. Lindbergh @ Forest Park

Community College @ 4pm

C SOC vs. Granite City @ Comp. Drew @ 4pm

Funnel Cake and Pizza

**WINKER**

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Jesus, present in the Eucharist.

I think that SLUH should give the students the opportunity to be with Jesus. I would do my homework at home if I knew I could go and be with Jesus in adoration for my activity period. We should pick a day once a week, or even a month, to have all day adoration the entire year. Students with unscheduled periods

could just sit down and take time out of their days to be with God. Perhaps we could go even farther and have Benediction after school to end adoration for the day.

I hope that my fellow students will use this chance to increase their faith and grow closer to God.

Thaddeus Winker '06

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Families are urgently needed to host Chinese exchange students. Families would host students for four weeks during the second semester. The students are in the top of their class and have no problems communicating in English. Anyone interested should contact Dr. Tai in the Foreign Language Office at 531-0330 ext. 141.

**THE FAMILY MASS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9:30 A.M. ON SEPT. 28.  
 REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS. ALL ARE INVITED.**