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Prep News

"If nothing else, value the truth"

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STUCO provides money for golf carts

Jonathan Kim
Editor

In order to strengthen the school's security, St. Louis U. High's student council plans to buy SLUH's security guards two new golf carts, valued at about \$3,000 total. This project was one of three projects offered by Facilities Director Patrick Zarrick when STUCO expressed interest in assisting monetarily in school projects. The other two projects are a new sound system for the library and a commercial washing machine for the custodial staff, but STUCO has not committed itself to either project.

Zarrick approached STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson after Kesterson offered to use surplus STUCO money productively around the school. In the

past, STUCO has given CSP, OEC, and other clubs funds for assistance, and this year Kesterson wondered if there were any projects that STUCO could help fund. After Kesterson proposed the projects, STUCO discussed them at their meeting last Monday.

"(These projects) would be a worthy investment (for STUCO funds)," said STUCO Secretary/Treasurer Tom Economon. "It is a good way to show that we care."

"Of course, we want to be able to help

the school," said Kesterson, "but we want to be able to help people throughout the year, so we didn't think that we should put everything in these projects. So we decided that we would pick one of the three. I think the one that the guys enjoyed the most was the golf carts."

"I know that STUCO has done a fair amount (of assistance) for different clubs, and they wanted to do something school-wise," said Zarrick.

In August, Zarrick offered these
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Freshman Fun Day: Gladiator

PHOTO BY JON KIM



Last Friday, the freshman class celebrated Freshman Fun Day. The festivities included jousting (left), bashball, a billiards tournament, and a delectable barbecue. These events were followed by the Running of the Bills and the varsity football game versus Chaminade.

New computers to be installed in lab

Brian Krebs
Reporter

St. Louis U. High's main computer lab will soon have a technological makeover. Computer teachers Tim Rittenhouse and Steve Nicollerat and Computer System Manager Bob Overkamp concluded a month ago that the computers in the lab had become obsolete. According to Rittenhouse, the computers were over a year out-of-date.

The trio recommended to Principal Mary Schenkenberg and President Paul Sheridan, S.J. that the computers should be replaced. Schenkenberg and Sheridan
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Students surveyed about SLUH problems

Arrogance, stealing, substance abuse come out on top

Brian Kane
Editor-in-Chief

In 1959, 1965, and 1968, the *Prep News* conducted surveys of the student body to identify the biggest problems at SLUH.

In 1965, the biggest problem was harsh punishments, followed by the problems of excessive weekend homework, assigned chapel seating and early morning Mass, the deterioration of spirit, stealing, cheating, and pressure.

In 1968, student apathy towards the school and school spirit ranked as the top problem. Other problems included overglorification of the school, cliques, and an inefficient Student Council. Students again brought the strictness of school discipline into question. Stealing and cheating both appeared; however, they were far from the top of the list.

After someone posted these earlier results in the faculty workroom last week, the *Prep News* decided to conduct a random survey of the student body asking students to identify the biggest problems

at SLUH in 2003. The results were broken down according to class.

According to the senior class surveys, arrogance is the biggest problem at SLUH. The type of arrogance varied slightly in some responses. One response jabbed, "There are no problems at SLUH. This place is perfect, didn't you know that?" Another complained that the administration attempts to censor things that make the school seem disorderly and improper. One senior wrote, "Though we call the SLUH student body 'men for others,' we usually end up being men for ourselves."

The second most-mentioned problem was drinking and substance abuse. One of the seniors commented that drinking stories are glorified by students.

Disrespect followed up drinking and drugs. Some surveys also specifically mentioned sexism and homophobia.

Stress and course workloads were the next prominent problems. Specifically related to stress, one senior wrote, "Thinking that we are destined to be this great

super-person, there is an intense pressure to excel in everything you do, and sometimes you can't be the best here due to all the other great guys, and that creates intense stress."

Seniors cited stealing as the next biggest problem. "Students may think that going in someone's locker to borrow a calculator isn't stealing, but boy, are they wrong," read one survey.

Another senior felt that there was not much that could be done to stop stealing "because if people want to steal they are going to find a way to steal."

One senior pointed out on his survey that "people should be close enough in a community like this that they shouldn't have to worry about people talking about them or stealing from them or betraying their trust in some other way."

A gap between the administration and students was mentioned, as was the dangers of students forming cliques.

Other problems included anti-intellectualism, cafeteria prices, a lack of school
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Dougan returns after surgery

Brian Hubbard
Reporter

Counselor Dennis Dougan, who underwent surgery in late August at St. John's Mercy Hospital to remove a colon tumor and to fix a hernia, is back at St. Louis U. High.

Dougan explained that his recovery is going "fairly well," but that his biggest problem is "not having a lot of energy, which is part of the recuperation process."

Because of the surgery and recuperation period that follows it, Dougan is only working until noon and hopes to be back full time next week.

Dougan's absence at the beginning of the year caused some of his seniors to schedule their initial college meetings with other members of the counseling

department. Thankfully, this posed no problem because most of the seniors had already completed a lot of their college visits and were, according to Dougan, "doing what they were supposed to do."

The seniors were divided up between the four remaining counselors. Counselor Ken McKenna said, "It is somewhat awkward sometimes to pick up with someone in the middle of senior year, but it wasn't (too) uncomfortable."

McKenna felt it was a really good experience both for the counselors, who were able to meet some new students, and for the seniors, who were able to hear another voice in their decision making process.

Dougan plans to go into his students' homerooms at some point to talk to them and basically reconnect with them.

"I'm glad he's back," says McKenna.

Zany clothes sold in choral room

Tim Elliott
Reporter

On Tuesday and Thursday during activity period, Choral Director Joseph Koestner began selling and auctioning off funky and crazy clothes in room FA2. The purpose of the crazy clothes sale and auction is to raise funds for the April choral trip, which will not be paid for by the school due to budget concerns. The less extravagant items were sold for two dollars apiece, but the crazier clothes were auctioned off, with the bidding starting at \$2. If two people engaged in a high-priced bidding war, a coin toss decided who would get purchasing rights.

Koestner purchased the clothes from
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EDITORIAL

STUCO needs trust to thrive

The student council proposed at the Mass of the Holy Spirit that, as laid down in their constitution, they aim to be a medium between the students and the administration. But is it possible for STUCO to accomplish their goal of being a link between the two parties if they have no real power in the school? At this time STUCO does not tie the students and the administration together. STUCO is instead a floating body which either party uses for its own agenda and then leaves to drift when they are done. It seems that both the administration and the students only see STUCO as merely a spirit committee that puts together barbecues and dances and designs t-shirts.

The administration should give STUCO a voice to be the representatives of the student body, elected by the student body to serve on boards and committees that directly affect the students. As the relationship between the students and the administration stands now, it seems that the administration makes decisions without first consulting the students. Why doesn't the student body know that cargo pants will be eliminated from the dress code until there is an announcement over the PA? Why do the students first discover what a smart board is on the first day of school? Why do the students not know that a valuable personality at SLUH has been let go because of budget concerns until they walk by the switchboard? It seems that the students, the overwhelming majority of the population of the school, should know when and why such administrative decisions will be made and have a voice in these decisions.

Why not have STUCO members, the people whom the student body has elected by majority vote, have a voice in the decisions made around SLUH? I suggest that the administration give STUCO the voice of the students at important administrative meetings to protect or defend the students' interests.

Likewise, STUCO should, if they truly wish to be the medium between students and administration, push for the administration to give them the responsibility to be the voice of the students. STUCO should make its voice heard whether it is asked for or not, demanding the ears of the administration while proving to the students that they can accomplish the tasks they set out to do.

And STUCO needs to demonstrate that they can handle these responsibilities. Asking for a voice does nothing if the voice doesn't do anything. It seems that past STUCOs have tried to pass off the responsibility and get by while doing as little as possible. These past STUCOs perhaps account for the administration's and the students' limited conception of the role of student council.

However, this year's STUCO is trying to prove that a constructive student government can exist by holding forums and writing a constitution. The constitution and forums represent action towards being a representative voice, but STUCO needs to find ways to demonstrate accountability, like setting up an organized way of distributing excess money from mixers by

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leek questions inclusive language

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to the letter about "inclusive language" in last week's issue. First, I think inclusive language can get out of hand, and I believe that referring to God as "It" would be a prime example of that. What kind of personal God wants us to call Him (that's right, I said it) "It?" Besides, the Bible refers to Him as "He" throughout its text, so just leave it alone (by "it" I mean the issue, not God). I refuse to go to anything referred to as an "all-person" high school, and freedom of speech is, according to the Bill of Rights, one of my inalienable rights as a "hu-person." Secondly, how about working on inclusive action before working on language? It seems to me an all-male (I'm sorry, person) institution (SLUH) run by yet another all-male institution (the Jesuits) has more important things to worry about in the inclusiveness department than whether or not that hole in the street should be referred to as a "person-hole."

Jon Leek '04

Tidings from STUCO

To the Editor:

We've been *Prep News*-ed. We've been *Post-Dispatch*-ed. Heck, we've even been *Prep Sports Show*-ed. But now, STUCO has outdone itself. Last week, STUCO reached the pinnacle of human existence when we were published in the most prominent, well-written publication to ever exist. Yes, that's right fellow Jr. Billikens...last week, the Blue Crew got *Louie*-d.

It seems like all there is to do now is just sit around and wait for the world to end. We'd do it in the STUCO room, but we still haven't cleaned the new couches and a family of roaches moved in. We don't want to be homewreckers. So there we were, standing in the hallway reading and rereading the Holy Grail of magazines as we pondered what to do now that we had done it all.

Should we blow our hundreds of thousands of dollars we made at the mixer on personalized golf carts? Perhaps. Should we buy the entire student body T-shirts declaring our love for the esteemed Bob Barker and wear them to a taping of *The Price is*

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gerber responds to inclusive language letter

To the Editors,

There's no denying the fact that women deserve the highest of regard from men. And I commend Mr. Moramarco for bringing this maxim of respect to the forefront of the *Prep News's* opinion section. I do disagree, however, with a couple of his implicit points made regarding inclusive language in the liturgy (*exclusively*): first, to not offend women, one must do away with "archaic language" and tradition; and two, the only way to be ecumenical is to avoid offending others. Moramarco's intentions are good, but his means to accomplish them are flawed.

Admittedly, I have always prayed to God as though he were a male: "Our *Father*, who art in heaven..." And it's no surprise that I have done such, knowing that it was Christ who started me on it (Mt 6:9). On many occasions, I have sung the "Holy, Holy" at mass with the male-dominated phrase "... blessed is *He* who comes in the name of the Lord." And I won't even mention how many times "He" is used in the Creed and what the priest says when he lifts the body and blood of Christ before the Great Amen.

It is without a doubt that the liturgy is based on sacred Scripture and sacred tradition. Both "Our Father" and "blessed is He" come from sacred Scripture, and yet they are also integral to the apostolic teaching, the Tradition, of the Catholic Church, regarding the Trinity. This is the triune-God, "three in one": Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Is it a mistake in the liturgy, then, to refer to God as "He" when we have a powerful and historical male, Jesus, calling his equally powerful Father, "Daddy?" Is it a mistake when Scripture and tradition continues this? Nope. But what about women? Aren't they being slighted here as Moramarco would claim this archaic language is doing? Nope again.

In Moramarco's letter, he forgot about the richness and fullness contained in sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition, a richness briefly seen in the above paragraphs and which continues into today's liturgy. This deposit of faith does not neglect women; in fact, it elevates them to incredible heights. Take Mary and Eve as two examples. I have always prayed the Hail Mary as if Mary were a woman: "... blessed are you among women...." (Lk 1:42) "... holy Mary, Mother of God..." And I read in Scripture that she bore a son and named him Jesus (Lk 1:31). I read too that she said "yes" to the Lord and became the mother of Christ our Lord—a role whose greatness is immeasurable. Similarly, Eve, in the Genesis creation story, is the "crown jewel" of all creation. God makes Eve out of Adam's rib (the Hebrew word for "makes" denotes intricate, architectural formation); whereas God forms man out of mud. Yee-haw. Woman is made last, after all the kinks of all previous creation are hammered out. And yet, nothing is created after woman; she completes creation. And the sheer number of verses dedicated to her creation outnumbers man's by six to one. Is woman a part of the liturgy? You bet she is—and in the same way man is: through Christ himself, the perfection of all creation.

I give this lengthy list of scriptural points to explicate again a certain tradition in the Church; and that is the important mystery of the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Its importance funnels down to the sacrament of sacraments, the Liturgy, the Eucharist. And I believe it is this deposit of faith, this sacred scripture and sacred tradition that Moramarco overlooks in his attempt to be ecumenical. It is this same Scripture and tradition that so values women. Inclusive language—the de-gendering of the aforementioned—is the result of failing to take into account all the richness in tradition and Scripture and the dignity it affirms in women.

Moramarco suggests that "using inclusive language would be the ultimate act of respect." I disagree. I believe that the ultimate act of respect that a man can give to a

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ZANY

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a Saint Louis U. High benefactress, Elizabeth Wallace, at a yard sale. Her husband had died two years ago and she was selling a collection of eccentric clothes he had accumulated over 30 years. Wallace's deceased husband had purchased many of the clothes at estate sales, which are held after a person dies. The collection included over 125 suits, a few hundred shirts and a substantial amount of vests and ties.

In reference to the clothing selection, senior Peter Gosik said, "Gucci and Prada got nothing on us."

According to Koestner, the idea of purchasing these crazy clothes can be attributed to a SLUH grad. Rick Steiling '97, who enjoys wearing funky clothes, especially those of a plaid variety, suggested to Koestner that there would be interest in purchasing funky attire at SLUH.

In response, Koestner brought a sample of the clothes to test the interest at SLUH. He found a large amount of interest and proceeded to purchase the craziest garments present at the yard sale.

Koestner mentioned that some of the items he purchased could be worth upwards of 75 dollars. Koestner himself expressed interest in purchasing a crazy clothes item, stating, "I'm looking for a leisure suit."

A sale will be held on Friday during the break period. An auction is questionable for Friday due to time constraints. The price will drop on clothing items that have not been sold to encourage people to buy the clothes. Koestner hopes to hold an auction and sale monthly if he can find sufficient amounts of crazy clothes to sell.

Concluded Koestner, "This sale may change the look of formal attire days at Saint Louis U. High."

Quote of the Week

"Time is an illusion,
lunchtime doubly so."
-Douglas Adams

SURVEY

(from 2) spirit, and the fact that theology classes are not taught by Jesuits.

Junior surveys showed that the biggest problem at SLUH is stealing, with too much homework coming in as a close

second. "The academic pressure imposed on us by the faculty/administration by giving so much homework (is a problem). I think teachers could lighten up a little," one junior wrote.

Juniors mentioned cheating as the third biggest problem at SLUH. A junior wrote, "I think lack of honesty is the biggest problem at SLUH, because with honesty, cheating would be eliminated. Plus I wouldn't have to lock my locker or worry about stuff being stolen."

Another junior wrote, "A lot of people cheat without even thinking about it. They might do it on something small like a quiz, but it still counts."

Arrogance was mentioned by the juniors, though less frequently than by the seniors. "Any other person going to some other school is (put in) some 'lower class'," wrote one junior.

A problem mentioned by the juniors that did not appear in the senior class was political conflict. "An overwhelming majority of the school is liberally biased, and anti-Bush," claimed one junior.

"While I believe constructive debate is necessary in our lives and in school, often times discussion turns to argument, and harsh feelings are exchanged. The arguments can end in destructive attacks towards opposite groups," commented another junior.

One junior thought a problem was

"learning for the sake of grades. Granted, some people learn for the sake of learning, but realistically students' motives for learning are elsewhere. Whether it's for grades, pleasing parents, preparing for college, etc. School for the most part

gives (students) the impression that learning is something bad and should be avoided in their free-time, and for those who do enjoy learning, school gets in the way of it."

A few juniors also cited an over-emphasis on sports as a problem.

Sophomores identified stealing as the largest problem.

The second-most prominent problem suggested by the sophomore class was

disrespect in the student body. "Minorities, gays, and other select groups have all been disrespected by the language and actions some of us use constantly and don't realize the negative impression it leaves on others and even ourselves," said one sophomore.

Another sophomore complained about lack of student involvement in the school. "Some people (are) not getting involved in any way or don't use their talents fully for this school. It hinders our school from drawing closer together."

One sophomore did not think that SLUH is on par with other high schools technologically. "(CBC is) moving ahead while we are staying the same, so they are getting the edge over us. If SLUH had some of this technology it would make school a better learning place," he claimed.

"The lack of student opinion in important school policy (is a problem). Maybe through polling it would be done," commented another sophomore.

"The biggest problem at SLUH is when you get to school in the morning. There is nothing to look forward to that is fun. You just try to get through the day," said one sophomore.

The most commonly-noted problems among the freshman class dealt with the schedule. Many did not think there is enough time between classes or during lunch. Several of the freshman surveys suggested block scheduling.

Stealing was mentioned often. One student relayed an incident of stealing on his survey. "I got a candy bar from the machine and when it fell the older kid behind me reached in and ran," he claimed.

Another prominent problem mentioned by freshmen was arrogance. One thinks, "It is evident as I walk in the halls that the student body as a whole believes that it's SLUH's way or the highway."

A few freshmen did not like that SLUH is an all-male school. "In life, there will probably be a lot of interaction with the opposite sex and I think that SLUH could prepare us for life a little more if there were girls here. Personally, I know a lot of young ladies who would be qualified to come here and be up to the challenge of the Jr. Billiken lifestyle," commented one freshman.

One freshman did not appreciate disrespect towards homosexuality. "I fail to see what is so wrong with sexuality that the very word should be used in a derogatory

fashion. Students at SLUH must recognize that there are homosexuals here at SLUH, and they are deserving of no less respect and tolerance than anyone else."

"I think the biggest problem at school right now is the teachers' unwillingness to allow you

to use the restroom during class," wrote one of the freshmen.

Another freshman wrote, "I think that the biggest problem is the way that everybody crowds around lockers during breaks or activity period. I often find it hard to put my books away during this time."

Upperclassmen

- 1) Stealing
- 2) Amount of Homework
- 3) Drinking/Substance Abuse
- 4) Arrogance
- 5) Workload/Stress
- 6) Cheating
- 7) Disrespect
- 8) Cafeteria Prices
- 9) Ignorance towards differences
- 10) Lack of Spirit
- 11) Gap between students and administration

Freshmen

- 1) Scheduling
- 2) Arrogance
- 3) Stealing
- 4) Cafeteria Prices
- 5) No girls
- 6) Workload

GERBER

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woman is that of love: love for her faith, for her mind, and for her body—a love that does not use her as an instrument for sexual gratification, a love that does not impose certain cultural trends upon her personal freedom. It is a love that seeks for her the affirmation of her dignity in all forms, not just in language.

To conclude, I wish to point out that, as Catholics, we will offend others.

TIGER

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projects to STUCO after a need for the golf carts, a library sound system, and a commercial washing machine arose; however, these funds were not budgeted for this school year.

Although he feels confident about security on campus, Zarrick wants to make an effort to increase the security for parents, students, and alumni who park off campus at SLUH events. In order to achieve this, he felt golf carts were needed for greater mobility around the school's premises. STUCO will provide the funds to purchase two golf carts, one used strictly for security purposes and the other to be shared with maintenance and security.

The custodial staff needs a commercial washing machine to wash mops and rags because the old washing machine broke down beyond repair. As a result, SLUH must purchase another used commercial washing machine that costs around \$1,700.

The school wants to install a library sound system because the old podium microphone used for faculty meetings and standardized testing does not work well. Therefore, the school wants to install two mounted speakers in the library and a wired microphone that will effectively put sound into the library for \$1,100 or \$1,200—cheaper than a replacement podium microphone.

If STUCO cannot pay for all of these projects, Zarrick said, "Both of them we have to do. (Custodial Supervisor) Dee Byrd has to have his stuff

We do it with our stance on abortion and on our stance on women in the priesthood; we are accused of disrespecting women on both accounts. If Moramarco's position is to be held, and we are to do away with the "offense" for the sake of unity, we will be unable to hold any beliefs. Pursuing unity—ecumenism—therefore demands dialogue, not mere submission.

Anthony Gerber, '99

cleaned. Somehow we will have to cut here and there to make both (the washing machine and the library sound system) work. The golf carts are an immediate necessity as well, with the upcoming football games and open house, that timing couldn't be better. It will take about a week for the golf carts to come in, and we can use them as soon as they get here."

"If that is a way that the school feels that we can help them out, then hey, we will help them out," said Kesterson. "We are not doing this for publicity purposes; they need help, here we are. Hopefully that can be reciprocated in some way, not monetarily but (in some other way)."

"If a student proposes a project, it is possible (for STUCO to consider funding)," said STUCO president John Block. "As of now there hasn't been any proposals that have really been brought up to us. That is the kind of thing that the forum meeting would be for. Nothing has been brought up to us that the students need or want. If there is a need at the school for something like that, we'd be open to hearing it."

According to Block, an example of a need for the school is the new barbeque pit that STUCO purchased to replace the older, inefficient pit.

For other assistance funds, STUCO is also considering establishing a scholarship for a senior who displays exemplary spirit.

"We are thinking about having a scholarship set up for a SLUH senior who exemplifies the greatest amount of spirit who is not on student council," said Kesterson. "It is something that we are talking about that we would like to implement at the end of the year awards."

EDITORIAL

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setting guidelines for what causes should be considered when it comes time to donate.

For instance, the cause has to directly relate to SLUH. So rather than give to cancer research, give to CSP. If this year's STUCO sets a precedent for future years, then perhaps it will take the guess work out of whether a student council will be good or not.

However, the students need to also see their student council as a link to their administration. In what seemed to be this student council's first attempt at distinguishing itself as the voice of the student body at the forum in the theater on Sept. 11, the student body didn't seem to care, as shown by its poor attendance. It appears that students don't take STUCO seriously as a governing body. Why should the students want to participate if they feel their efforts will go for naught? However, if the administration gives the responsibility to STUCO to have the voice of the student body, then that responsibility trickles down to the students, holding them accountable for their lack of interest in the voting process and for their lackluster attendance at forums where their concerns are welcomed by an open microphone.

Right now the student council is not a medium between the administration and the students. But I call for three actions: the administration to give STUCO the power to provide a political voice for the students, for the students to respond to the administration's action with a new interest and seriousness concerning STUCO, and for STUCO to push for, and not be denied, the voice they need to be the medium they want.

Quote of the Week II

*"Walk this way."
-Young Frankenstein*

Soccerbills win two to improve to 7-0-1

Kyle Poelker
Reporter

The Soccerbills started the grueling St. Charles stretch of their season last Thursday, and during the trek out on Interstate 70, they had one thing in mind: domination.

"These games are important for us to win to prove to ourselves that we don't only get ourselves up for the big games," said senior wingback Richard Winkler.

However, the Jr. Bills did not show that sense of urgency in the early going of their first game against Fort Zumwalt South last Thursday. The game's first goal came after a Jr. Bill foul allowed Zumwalt to create a scoring opportunity off the free kick and to put one away.

The Jr. Bills answered with a goal off

of a quick Joe Germanese pass in the box to David Mueller, who slammed the ball into the back of the net.

Mueller returned the favor just minutes later, setting up Germanese for the game's second goal and what would prove to be the game-winner.

As the half drew to a close, Mueller pushed his second goal of the game past the Zumwalt goalie with a rocket into the upper corner to finish the game's scoring.

"This game really showed the character of our team," Scott Wozniak said.

As captain Germanese summed it up, "Sometimes even David can take a hit at Goliath, but in the end Goliath is victorious."

With their St. Charles winning percentage at 100, the Jr. Bills took an even longer trek down Interstate 70 Saturday

for their matchup with the area's second-ranked small school team, St. Dominic. Though the rankings and expectations for at least a challenge existed, neither proved to be true on Saturday, as the Jr. Bill tromped St. Dominic, 8-0.

Mueller led off the scoring, and the game was all over from there. Seven goals later and with three consecutive goals by Billy Ferris, the solid defense, led by goalies Bart Saracino and Ben Brockland, packed up the game.

"We played well and raised our game to a higher level," said Germanese.

And with this higher level hopefully still under the Jr. Bills, they finish their St. Charles trek next Monday when they face Duchesne. Check out the night beat for details of yesterday's game.

Speedobills lose to MICDS in MCV Tourney

Dave Marek
Reporter

Last Saturday, the St. Louis U. High water polo team suffered a stunning 8-5 defeat to archrival MICDS in the finals of the Missouri Varsity Conference Tournament at the St. Peter's Rec-Plex. The tragic defeat tarnished their perfect 6-0 record. Despite suffering their first loss, the Polobills rebounded to defeat Parkway Central 16-4 on Tuesday.

From the start of the game against MICDS, it was apparent that the defense would decide the outcome. Each team's aggressive defense quickly stifled early attempts to score, causing both squads to have an unusually low-scoring first period.

The SLUH defense was too aggressive at times during the first quarter, which led to kick-outs and a four-meter penalty shot that MICDS failed to convert.

Deep into the first quarter, junior Tim Heafner muscled the ball past the MICDS goalkeeper making the score 1-0. MICDS could not be held down, however, and they quickly tied the game 1-1.

In the second quarter, both teams capitalized off the other's defensive mistakes. An early MICDS foul allowed

for an easy Heafner penalty shot goal that put SLUH back into the lead. Once again, the MICDS offense matched the Polobills'

offensive gains with a penalty shot goal of their own.

Despite the best efforts of the Baudenbills' defense,

the MICDS Rams were able to sneak another goal past goalie Paul Guest.

At the end of the quarter, SLUH trailed the Rams 3-2.

The third quarter was the turning point in the game because MICDS outscored SLUH 4-1. "We made lots of little mistakes, and they capitalized on all of them," said captain Nathan Harris.

At times, the SLUH defense seemed to be struggling against the quickness of the MICDS team, which scored many goals off quick bursts away from defenders. Brad Witbrodt attempted to keep the

score close with a breakaway goal midway through the third period. Despite the offensive efforts, MICDS gained a commanding

7-3 lead.

The Polobills made a valiant effort to regain the lead in the fourth quarter. Early in the quarter, captain Colin

Tyrrell found Heafner in front of the goal for an easy one-timer. Heafner continued to command the two-meter position as he performed a spectacular backhanded one-timer from Witbrodt that left the MICDS goalie flummoxed. Although the Jr. Bills had rallied substantially in the fourth quarter, MICDS was able to hold on to the lead and win 8-5.

The Polobills consider their loss to MICDS a learning experience. The Polobills did not have a special strategy
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Football pitches shutout to Chaminade, 10-0

Greg Fox
Core Staff

The Jr. Bills brought intensity and tough defense into their game against Chaminade last Friday night. Chaminade brought in a powerful running game and a cohort of fans with ThunderStix. The game pitted Chaminade's high-flying offense against the Jr. Bills' defense, which was coming off the heels of a shutout against Parkway West. The SLUH defense continued their tough play, blanking Chaminade en route to a 10-0 victory in SLUH's first Metro Catholic Conference game.

The special teams began the game with fireworks, led by sophomore Paul Chaney. Chaney took the opening kickoff at the 5-yard line and dashed up the field, where he disappeared into a group of Red Devils and Jr. Bills trying to clear his way. Chaney reappeared a few seconds later, sprinting up the line and into the end zone for a 95-yard touchdown return. Tim Simon added the extra point, making the score 7-0 just thirteen seconds into the game.

Commenting on the return, head coach Gary Kornfeld said, "It's gigantic to have something like that occur at the start of a football game. It really takes a lot of steam out of the other team... it takes a lot of thunder away from them." Kornfeld stressed the fact that Chaney had great blocks on the return, especially a good block from Joe Cherre. "There were a lot of key things done on that return to make (Chaney) go the distance," Kornfeld said.

Chaminade took the ball on their own 20-yard line and began to hand the ball off to their speedy running back. After a series of gains, the Brickwallbills put together a string of stops and forced the Red Devils to punt. This would be a recurring theme of the game, with the defense adapting to Chaminade's tough running game to halt a drive in its tracks.

Linebackers and captains Jeff Howenstein and John Block led the defense, with nine and eight tackles, respectively, and each also had four assists. In addition, Howenstein recovered a fumble, his second in as many games, and blocked a punt.

Late in the first quarter, the Jr. Bills were driving deep in Chaminade territory behind a strong running game. Junior quarterback Matt Behr took a shot at the end zone from the Chaminade 17, but his pass was intercepted at the goal line.

The interception was Behr's first after attempting 41 passes. So far this season, Behr has amassed 262 passing yards in just 18 completions, good for almost 15 yards per completion.

The remainder of the first half consisted mostly of Chaminade and SLUH's trading possessions, with no points coming out of any drives. Junior receiver Curtis Hoette had a 34-yard reception, and sophomore running back Stephen Simmons gained 60 yards in the first half, including one 29-yard gain after it looked as if he would gain few, if any, yards on the play.

Simmons would go on to gain 97 yards behind a line whose play on the run was, according to captain Jim Croghan, "pretty bad."

"On the run game, we just couldn't establish our line," commented Croghan.

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Concordebills tackle Sioux, primed for Hancock

Henry Samson
Reporter

It haunts runners in their dreams. It looms in the distance, humbling even the best of runners. It has even been known to make people cry. Manmaker, the infamous hill at Sioux Passage, was waiting for the Jr. Bills last Saturday, and they were not fazed at all. SLUH came away from the Paul Enke Invitational with a fifth-place team finish in the varsity race and a first-place team finish from the JV and B teams.

Sioux Passage, nestled so deeply in north county that only junior Matt Dirnbeck could call it home, was the site of the premier cross country race in the area on Saturday.

The varsity team differed somewhat from the usual varsity squad, because of the decision by the coaches to hold out the top four runners in order to rest for

tomorrow's race. It was also decided that the first three runners for SLUH in varsity would race varsity this week at Hancock.

Chris Arb, John Oliver, and junior Joe Carlson each had a career day by earning their personal best times and in the process retained their spots on the varsity as well as medalling.

Carlson finished first for SLUH with a time of 17:15.

Arb smashed his previous personal best by about 30 seconds, ensuring that he will race next week against Hancock. An excited Arb said, "I like racing at Hancock obviously because it's in the heart of SoCo, where I holla from." Arb added, "But seriously, it's a big meet with lots of good teams and is always exciting."

The rest of the team ran strong on the particularly challenging course, capturing fifth place overall. Dirnbeck, racing varsity for the first time, smiled the whole way up Manmaker, a rare sight since most

runners have looks of anguish on their faces by that point in the race.

Of the meet, head coach Jim Linhares told the team in its meeting on Monday, "People were coming up to me and consoling me on the fifth place finish." Flashing a quick smile, he added, "But that's okay. They have no idea what we have in store for Saturday's race."

The JV dominated its competition as usual, winning by 78 points over DeSmet, a huge margin of victory. Of the many great performances, Joe Welling stood out, flying into a second place finish, in 18:10 to help lead the team to a 29 to 107 win over DeSmet. Nick Speiser, Dan Foldes, and Paul Nappier were close behind, cementing a solid team day led by the core of seniors.

After the JV race, the sophomores beat Fort Zumwalt South in the B race by 24 points. Two racers in particular shone.

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UNDER ARMOUR

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Kornfeld, however, thought the line “did a nice job,” despite the fact that Chaminade’s defense was “better than what (the team) faced the week before.”

After Chaminade’s running back rushed for 117 yards in the first half, the defense made a change. The linebackers had been playing too far off the line of scrimmage, and as a result, couldn’t react to the run as quickly as was desirable. After moving the linebackers forward, the defense was able to “step up on the run and make plays,” according to Howenstein.

“We had to tighten up; we were too far back. It was getting up and shutting the hole down before the hole had a chance to open” that made the difference, Kornfeld said.

In a complete U-turn, the defense allowed Chaminade’s running back only 40 yards in the second half, a half in which they completely shut down the Chaminade offense. The Red Devils fumbled four times on the night, a stat Howenstein attributed to the defense’s intensity.

After Howenstein blocked a punt two minutes into the fourth quarter, Simon kicked a 27-yard field goal, his sixth of the year, which made the score 10-0.

Following a Chaminade fumble, Behr punted the ball away, which proceeded to bounce off the hands of the Chaminade returner as though they were slicked with

oil. SLUH recovered the fumble and started to take time off the clock.

Facing fourth and long at the Chaminade 22, Kornfeld elected to try for the first down on the grounds that, even after a SLUH field goal (the team was well within Simon’s range), Chaminade still could have won the game on two possessions. The attempt failed and Chaminade took over on their own 22.

Chaminade coughed up the ball again, after defensive end Matt Maisak forced a fumble and Howenstein recovered. Kornfeld then put the offense temporarily in the hands of sophomore fullback Chris Hoffman, who bulldozed through Chaminade’s defense before fumbling the ball. However, Chaminade failed to do anything significant on their final possession.

Kornfeld summed up the defense’s play, saying, “Early in the game, we had a hard time with (the run). We had to shut that off. I was very pleased with the way we played the second half.”

This is the defense’s second shutout in a row, lowering its points allowed average to less than nine points per game. The team’s turnover ratio now stands at 10-4 takeaways to giveaways.

Croghan commented, “If it weren’t for the defense, we wouldn’t have been in this game.”

Next up for the Jr. Bills are the Gateway Tech Jaguars, who come in with a 2-

1 record and have also shut out their last two opponents.

Kornfeld called Gateway a “terrific team” that has a good running game and defense. They play a 4-3 Cover 1 or 5-3 defense and according to Kornfeld are “a good ballclub that’s looking to rebound” from a poor last year.

Kornfeld thanked the crowd from last Friday’s game, saying, “We had a great, great crowd. It really means a lot to our club and our kids.”

SPIKES

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Drew Kaiser finished 4th in the race, beaten only by teammate sophomore Mike Jonagan, who took the individual title with an unbelievable time of 17:45. Jonagan’s time would have placed him fourth on the varsity squad at the meet.



Chris Arb leads SLUH in warm-up minutes before the varsity race last Saturday.

Tomorrow will be the Hancock Invitational at Jefferson Barracks. Usually this meet is seen as the mid-year precursor for state. Almost a thousand runners will be racing there on Saturday, with the varsity Jr. Bills racing at 11:15 a.m. The JV race will follow and promises to be an unprecedented sight throughout the cross country world. About 80 SLUH runners will be racing in the JV race and competing for state bragging rights about who has the deepest team.

Assistant coach Tim Chik thinks the fact that “someone from another team could be passed by 15 SLUH runners at once” will be awesome. Please come on Saturday and support your classmates.

SHIRTLESS

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to deal with MICDS.

“We just wanted to play them straight up,” said Witbrodt after the game.

Captain Kevin Vincent thought that the game showed that the team needed to work on its defense and man-up offense.

The Polobills have increased the intensity of their conditioning to build up their endurance. “Swimming in the Rec-Plex killed us,” commented Witbrodt.

On Tuesday, the Polobills bounced back from their loss to MICDS and de-

feated Parkway Central 16-4. Heafner once again led the game with five goals, followed by an impressive four goals from Witbrodt. Junior Adam Trafton and Andy Withington also had an impressive game, each scoring two goals.

This Friday, the Jr. Bills will face the up-and-coming Lindbergh water polo team at Forest Park Community College. The 5:00 p.m. game will prove to be one of the most exciting games of the year, and all students are encouraged to come cheer the Polobills on to victory.

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agreed with the idea and, as a result, went to get permission for new computers.

When ordering the new computers, Nicollerat, Rittenhouse, and Overkamp came up with a different philosophy for buying computers to match a different teaching style. In the past, all the computers were, for the most part, technically the same.

However, this time, the computer staff identified the specific needs of each class. They realized that they could have com-

STUCO

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Right? Maybe. Should we invest millions of dollars to begin an extensive study to try to differentiate between all of Andrew W.K.'s singles? I say let them be. So then what do we do? Well, there's only one thing to do...keep on truckin'.

With an undefeated soccer team that features perhaps the best forward line in the history of the universe, a football team that has not a defense but a 30-foot thick impenetrable steel wall, a water polo team that likes to wear speedos even to the dinner table, and a foul-mouthed cross country squad that is racing tomorrow at 11:15 at Jefferson Barracks (BE THERE!), you would think we would quit while we were ahead. But to our enemies, we refer you to a song by Nas featuring the King of Bling, P. Diddy. "You can hate me now, cause we won't stop now." We will conquer the world as we continue to dominate. We will score until the scoreboard explodes, we will water polo until there is a third molecule of hydrogen in water, and we will cross the country until our yellow and blue Nikes bleed. We will Blue Crew until our blackheads become blueheads. We're not going anywhere.

But you, as a Junior Bill, need to be right there with us. STUCO and Blue Crew commends you on a good start to the 2003-2004 year. The Back to School Dance Party was so hardcore the air conditioners broke. We showed St. Louis how the Martelbills get down to business as we dominated the C.B.C. Tourney with fans 'bout it 'bout it and rowdy rowdy enough to make Master P say, "hush yo'

puters that are specialized for certain tasks. For example, about half of the computers are capable of writing CDs. Of those, about half can write DVDs. Approximately five of the computers have a seventeen-inch "pod" screen which helps with digital imaging. Another five computers are top of the line iMacs. In total, there are twenty-eight computers, including one at the teacher's station. The grand total of the upgrade, including miscellaneous charges, was approximately \$30,000.

This upgrade was done separately from this summer's technology upgrade.

mouths!", and over 200 Froshie-Bills gathered for the traditional Running of the Bills as the football team played so well that I overheard a parent mistaking the U-High Defense for Felix "The Cat" Potvin as they got their second consecutive shut-out. We partied hard at half time with Los Constables featuring The Chris WK on guitar and the next day, 30 or so relentless J-Bills made it all the way out to St. Chuck and helped us throw a unique spin on the Banana Cheer. But the show must go on!

We've been great but haven't even begun to get down to the real nitty-gritty. Keep coming to the games and cheer until your voice is so hoarse that Mr. Chik wouldn't dare to ask you why you didn't sing at the all-school Mass. This is a huge weekend. Football is going for the hat-trick as our Gridiron Heroes take on Gateway in the Stadium at 7 p.m. But get some sleep and find your running shoes, because Saturday morning you've got to wake up early to make it down to the Cross Country Tournament at Jefferson Barracks. Then you can use Saturday and Sunday to get ahead of your homework so you can make the road trip out to St. Chuck on Monday when the soccer team takes on Duchesne and gives them a lesson in spelling. And put on your dancing pants, Junior Bills, because in just 7 periods, we will unleash a barrage of party music into the hallways, creating a black hole of insanity known as the Friday Hallway Dance Festival! Holla if you hear me!

Chris Baricevic and the rest of those Hipcats from STUCO

Rittenhouse explained that other things had a higher priority than the computer lab's upgrades.

Upperclassman may remember the two other times that the labs were replaced. In 2000, the current computers were installed. During the next school year, the iMac lab next door to the computer classroom was set up.

The computers have arrived and are being stored in the faculty computer lounge. There is the possibility they might be installed today. If not, Nicollerat's guess is that the computers will be up and running by the end of next week. The current computers may be obsolete for the computer science courses, but there is a possibility that they will find a new home in the Writing Lab, room M202/204.

To sum up the whole situation, Nicollerat said, "This expenditure and some other budget situations have demonstrated SLUH's commitment to technology."

Rittenhouse added that he was glad the group bought different computers capable of different tasks, adding that the computer rooms now "have appropriate sizes (of computers) for appropriate needs."

Rittenhouse said that the computer lab is still a place for recreation, but looks forward to using the new technology mainly for educational purposes.

Foreign Language Elections

Chinese

- President: Frank Havlak
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- Activities Coordinator: Ed Bulliner
- Secretary: Charlie Hall

Latin

- Consuls: Nick Speiser, Joe Buchmeier
 - Praetors: Andrew Conner, Shane Fogerty
 - Quaestors: Dave Schwarz, Matt Winkeler
 - Aediles: Jack Horgan, Henry Sampson
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Trees succumb to hardships of city life, wither

Charlie Hall
Feature Editor

Amidst the din of chainsaws and splitting timber, six members of the St. Louis U. High family fell into eternal rest during the summer.

Three pin oak trees, each approximately 30 years old, died of hypoxylon canker, a disease fairly widespread in the surrounding St. Louis area. "Forest Park had problems with it the past three or four years and Washington University lost a lot of trees to it," head of grounds maintenance Al Teske said.

Hypoxylon canker is a contagious, airborne fungi that causes severe cankering and premature death of many hardwood trees, according to the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. The cankering causes rapid rotting of tissue that leads to structural weakening, and infected trees pose serious risks to surrounding people and property.

The trees' location in the alley made them very susceptible to the disease, which worsened the stress already put on the trees by their confined living space, their nearness to the highway, and their inhospitable asphalt surroundings.

The disease manifests itself in the yellowing and drying of the victim's leaves, which is followed by the slow falling away of its bark, exposing dark spores and a gray, lifeless surface underneath.

"It's best to remove the trees before (the disease) spreads," Teske said. Davey Tree and Lawn Care was hired to remove the diseased and damaged trees in August.

The trees are survived by five other pin oaks on the alley row.

This summer also saw the loss of two green ash trees from the upper field. Lightning struck one tree on the western side of the theater sidewalk sometime in the early spring, and the strike damaged an adjacent tree enough to warrant its removal as well.

Lightning also struck a maple tree that overlooked Oakland Avenue. "We haven't lost a tree to lightning in six

years," Teske said.

"The reason they weren't replaced immediately," said Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick, "is because the heat of summer's not the time (to plant new trees)."

Teske plans to have new trees planted by the end of October. Red maples will be planted in the alley, green ash in the upper field, and another maple overlooking Oakland.



Death in the family: a pin oak's grave.

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IT'S A PARTY AT HALFTIME!



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Los Constables, temporarily composed of seniors Jake Bell, Dave Marek, Sam Weller, Brian Heffernan and Chris Baricevic (lead singer/guitarist John Randall was stuck in traffic and missed the show), partied hard with the crowd at SLUH's football game against Chaminade last Friday.

by Tim Huether

Calendar

Sept. 26 - Oct. 3

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Schedule L

Mother/Son Lit. @ 7:30am

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

Marquette University @ 12:50-1:20pm

Northwest Missouri State University @ 12:50-1:20pm

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

V/JV/B XC @ Hancock Invitational @ Jefferson Barracks @ 11:15am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Family Mass @ 9:30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Schedule R

Senior Class Mtg. @ AP

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

Office to Attend:

Oberlin College @ 12:50-1:20pm

V SOC @ Duchesne @ 6pm

JV SOC vs St. Mary's @ Compton Drew @ 4pm

B SOC @ Duchesne @ 4pm

Mini Taquitos and Pizza

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Schedule L

Freshman/Sophomore Teacher Meetings

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

Pomona College @ 9:45am

Drake University @ 12:50-1:20pm

Illinois College @ 12:50-1:20pm

V POLO vs. Marquette @ SLUH @ 5pm

JV POLO vs. Marquette @ SLUH @ 4pm

Toasted Ravioli and Cookies

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Schedule R

Sophomore Class Liturgy @ AP

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

Bradley University @ AP

V SOC @ Rockwood Summit @ 7pm

JV SOC vs. Roosevelt @ Compton Drew @ 4pm

B SOC @ Rockwood Summit @ 5:30pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Schedule R

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

George Washington University @ AP

University of Kansas City-Missouri @ AP

Southeast Missouri State University @ AP

Southern Illinois University-Carbondale @ AP

U.S. Marines & Naval ROTC Program

V POLO @ John Burroughs @ 5pm

JV POLO @ John Burroughs @ 4pm

B FB vs Vianney @ SLUH @ 6pm

C FB @ Vianney @ 4:30pm

C SOC @ CBC @ 4pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Schedule R

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

University of Missouri-Columbia

V FB @ Vianney @ 7pm

JV SOC @ CBC @ 4pm

Picture of the Week

Seniors in Mr. Laboube's third period Advanced Physics Topics class sit entranced by the grainy picture quality and warm analog sound of senior Dan Flanagan's 16mm projector and film, entitled *The Restless Sea*. Flanagan purchased the projector and film at the Kirkwood Police Department auction. The film features Sterling Holloway, the voice of Winnie the Pooh, playing a water droplet. "It was the best \$5 I ever spent," Flanagan said.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Thursday, October 2, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day. Pastoral Director Tim Chik says that Adorations will be planned for the first Thursday of each month for the rest of the year.

Families are still 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. If interested, contact Dr. Tai in the Foreign Language Office.