

Prep News



"If nothing else, value the truth"

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Missouri Province settles abuse case *Five of priest's alleged 13 victims were St. Louis U. High alums*

Jonathan Kim
Editor

President Paul Sheridan, S.J., called an all-school assembly at the beginning of sixth period Wednesday concerning sexual abuse by Fr. John Campbell, S.J., who taught, worked, and resided at St. Louis U. High off and on during the 1960s, '70s and '80s. The Missouri Jesuit Province paid a \$185,000 settlement to Kevin O'Connor, '72, for the actions of Campbell, although some sources erroneously reported that SLUH paid the settlement.

"I apologize to (the school)," said Sheridan, "as a Jesuit, an administrator, as

a colleague, and as a teacher. I am ashamed at this type of action."

Sheridan stressed that SLUH's faculty and staff "have merited (the) trust (of students) because I know how compassionate they are in terms of their vocations to serve you. I would not want you to leave this



SNAP spokesman Clohessy outside SLUH Thursday afternoon.

gym with any less reassurance in terms of the respect and good treatment that is

accorded each and every day by our faculty and you." Despite this reassurance, Sheridan added that the school has a set of policies to prevent sexual abuse last revised in 1991, but Sheridan said that "if there are any suspicions of foul play between our faculty, Jesuit and laity alike, administrators, see JESUIT, 13

SAC discusses race in curriculum

Brian Kane
Editor-in-Chief

Commenting on the challenges of teaching a controversial classic novel, English teacher Tim Curdt said, "It's a lot of land mines out there," during Monday night's meeting of the Student Advisory Committee (SAC). Monday was SAC's first meeting of the school year. Most SAC meetings address two or more issues; however, the issue of race in St. Louis U. High English classes monopolized the discussion of Monday's meeting.

The large majority of the meeting's discussion, which was moderated by Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark, centered around Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, which is

currently required reading in all freshman English courses. Several parents were concerned about the novel's perceived racist tone and the prevalence in the book of a derogatory word for African-Americans. Some members of the committee offered their opinions on the derogatory word itself, and others commented on the larger issue of race in America.

Curdt began the discussion by introducing the novel and explaining why he teaches it. According to him, "(The novel) fits so well with what we try to do (not only) in the freshman year curriculum particularly, but in the English curriculum in general."

Curdt further described the story as that of "a sound heart and a deformed conscience" and "an individual trying to see SACAHUISTE, 4

Three break-ins on student parking lot

W. David Mueller
Sports Editor

Three vehicles had their passenger side windows smashed in and their stereos ripped out by thieves some time between 9 and 11 a.m. yesterday morning in the student parking lot on Berthold. An attempted theft also occurred last night when a student left his car in the Berthold parking lot overnight.

Chris Wegan discovered the burgled cars when he and a few other seniors went out to the parking lot for senior lunch. Wegan said, "Dan Bannister and I were walking out to his car to go to lunch, and we walked by Ricky Wiese's car and we see BREAK-INS, 11

Pastoral forum considers liturgical changes

Tim Huether
Core Staff

On Wednesday, Pastoral Director Tim Chik held a forum for students and faculty in J123 regarding the issue of whether or not the SLUH community should kneel during the Eucharistic prayer at masses at SLUH. About 15 students and faculty attended. The forum was held in response to a revision of the General Instruction for the Roman Missal (GIRM) made in February 2002 by the American bishops stating that all congregations should kneel during the Eucharistic prayer at mass. This decree only applies to dioceses in the United States.

Chik explained, "What (the Catholic Church is) still trying to figure out since the Vatican II council back in the 1960s is how to really celebrate liturgy well as a community and to keep both the rever-

ence for the Eucharist and the community expression of belief, because both are very important."

Although the document was released in early 2002, the issue had not really been addressed until now. Said Chik, "I think difficult issues people are sometimes afraid to talk about.... I think people don't want to get upset with one another and they are worried about controversy and so they are more willing to just let something continue to go on and not talk about it rather than confront it."

The idea of holding a forum to hear what students and faculty thought about kneeling in Mass was first brought up in early September in a Pastoral Department meeting, and Chik decided to follow through with it.

Chik said, "Out of those meetings came the desire to expand our discussion, allow more people to say what they

thought, to bring more people in, to just continue the dialogue."

The forum began with Chik outlining the American bishops' revision of the GIRM. He also described other reasons for kneeling, including increased school unity and showing a greater reverence for the Eucharist. The conversation was then opened up to the faculty and students present.

The first concern brought up was what to do of those with medical conditions. With no kneelers, it is much more difficult for those with certain injuries to kneel. Chik explained that the injured would be welcome to sit during the periods that all others are kneeling.

Some believed that whether or not someone kneels at Mass was a somewhat trivial matter, and that the effort should be put into getting more people to 7:20 Mass. Chik, however, felt that kneeling is not a trivial matter, explaining that it is one of the biggest ways we as a congregation can

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Golden Ticket found in *Prep News*

Andrew Mueth
Reporter

There exists, in the second floor work room, a copy machine called a risograph. On Thursday, Oct. 9, the machine printed its three-millionth page. Since the *Prep News* had the honor of running off the copier's three-millionth page, they thought it fit to celebrate this grandiose occurrence. At 11:24 p.m., staff members Tom Fontana and Greg Fox printed the page while Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run" played loudly in the background.

The page, page 5, was printed on a yellow piece of paper: a "Golden Ticket" proclaiming that whoever received the ticket should report immediately to the *Prep News* office to receive a prize. Fresh-

man Andrew Louvier opened up his copy of the *Prep News* and saw the Golden Ticket. Doing as the ticket instructed, Louvier went up to the *Prep News* office during activity period "to find out what (the prize) was." When he arrived at the



Louvier proudly displays the 3,000,000th copy.

Prep News office, he told the editors that he had received the ticket, and upon hearing this, "they embraced me," said Louvier.

The editors explained to Louvier the meaning of his yellow page, and on the following Monday presented him a *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* DVD, 30 One Hundred Grand chocolate bars, and a yellow cactus from Bayer's Nursery. Andrew has only eaten "like, ten," of the candy bars, and has not watched the DVD yet, but it seems that he plans to in the near future. And the cactus? According to Louvier, "It's flourishing."

Progress slow for Sharon Byrd

Sean Powers
Reporter

It has been 13 months since Sharon Byrd, wife of Custodial Supervisor Dee Byrd, underwent surgery at Barnes Jewish Hospital to remove two aneurysms in her brain. Since the two operations, CAT scans show no sign of the aneurysms reappearing. The third brain aneurysm that was too small to operate on also shows no sign of growth and does not appear to threaten her health. Last Tuesday, the insurance company ended Mrs. Byrd's speech treatment at the hospital.

"Right now she's at home making slow progress," said Byrd. Still recovering from her serious surgery last September, Mrs. Byrd is not yet able to talk or use the right side of her body. Doctors are not yet able to diagnose how long her recovery will take, but they say that she may

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parent responds to feature on music downloading

To the Editors:

In an attempt to be objective, I began to examine why we older people seem to have more rigid beliefs on the wrongness of the music sharing issue. We have been indoctrinated into the current system of royalties to the extent that one wonders if singing in the shower is violating someone's copyright. I wonder what the history is on these laws and when this mentality emerged. I think that I might remember helping my dad wash the car under a shade tree in our small town and hearing the "expressed written consent" declaration at the end of the broadcast of a Cardinals game. In my youth we used cassette tapes to record and play favorite songs off the radio (although it was much cooler to have the album). Currently, our social and justice systems are inept at keeping up with technology.

Up front I want to be completely clear—I don't condone breaking rules or laws, but do endorse questioning things so that your opinions can evolve and form future great ideas.

By declaring music sharing immoral, one has to believe that a concrete line is being crossed as injustice is being inflicted on the artist. The infliction is neglect of payment because the social norms predict payment. Kids seem to have a different set of norms here. I don't think that the line is drawn sharply enough in an industry whose core is sharing by artists. Can you play a

purchased CD for all of your friends at a party but not introduce it to a friend on the Internet? Can you explore a song by downloading it but not share it? Can your band learn it by ear and play it at school?

Kids don't understand why there is a difference and exactly what the rules are. Many of them are now sure of only one thing—for some reason Internet sharing is illegal. The music industry, in my opinion, has done a poor job in defining the limits and the reasoning behind them. Beyond that, after being desensitized by mass disobedience, kids just don't buy some of the rules because they don't think they are reasonable. "How could it possible affect billionaire Mick Jagger if I don't pay to listen to his song?" The current extreme access to consumer sharing is like putting a huge pile of coins on an unattended table across from the candy store at the mall with no explanation or adequately defined rules. Yes, I expect kids to realize that free money would be too good to be true, but is a kid who observes the situation, draws his own conclusion and uses a coin in the gumball machine a thief? By knowing nothing of his reasoning can we call him immoral? Short of being a mind-reader and therefore missing some facts, I am uncomfortable judging the morality of another individual's actions.

I don't support illegal downloading, but I am questioning the
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Meyer responds to letter about Harrison's prayer service

To the Editors:

To begin, I would like to thank the two freshmen who authored the letter to the editor in the previous issue of the *Prep News*. It is refreshing to see two underclassmen have the courage to voice their opinions to the whole SLUH family. I have been bottling my anger towards Fr. Harrison for a long time for doing his job. He's always preaching, talking about God, and trying to make a positive Catholic influence on our SLUH community—wait! I'm not angry at Father for doing his job! After all, he's always trying to preach, talk about God, and trying to make a positive influence on our SLUH community (whether or not he succeeds).

Two weeks ago, two freshmen wrote that they did not appreciate Harrison's prayer service and that it was misplaced. I beg to differ on the grounds that morning prayer services are generally expected to consist of a speech on a certain subject tied in to a prayerful context. If anyone would like to demonstrate how Fr. Harrison failed to do so, I would like to hear them explain it. The freshmen explained that, "even if connected to a Bible reading," the issue of weapons in space is not "appropriate material" for a prayer service. I hate to be the one to break it to them, but anything that can be correlated to the Bible is "appro-

priate material" for a prayer service.

They also added that they believe in a clear separation between Church and state. This is of course probably the most cliched concept from the constitution that is not actually outlined within the constitution. The "separation between church and state" was actually first written by Thomas Jefferson in a private letter to a colleague. In addition, the only distinction in the constitution between church and state is found in the First Amendment, which the freshmen claim to respect. The only problem with this distinction is that it protects religious establishments and it protects people like Fr. Harrison from being persecuted. It's a check on the government, not on prayer services. I'll end my criticism of their first paragraph with a question: Who do these two freshmen think they are requesting an apology from Fr. Harrison?

I'd like to start on their next section by pointing out the citation of four sentences from an extensive papal encyclical to try to make their point, and the brilliant notion that Fr. Harrison may have "misinterpreted" the encyclical, being a Catholic priest, while they interpreted it correctly. In addition to these two points, I'd like to point out that the freshmen authors used a quotation of this encyclical to prove that the encyclical is not

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make his moral way in a corrupt society.”

At the request of parent Suzette Carlisle, Curdt explained why he sees the book as valuable in the curriculum. He praised the book as “one of the best stories of initiation in American literature,” adding that the book allows him to spark an introductory discussion of satire.

Curdt also cited as a value the fact that “Jim becomes pretty unambiguously the moral hero and moral center of the novel,” along with the novel’s revelation of the limitations of society, given that “there’s no place for Huck and Jim to build this relationship in this American society.”

English teacher Rich Moran chimed in with his own reasons for seeing value in the book. Having come from “a genuinely racist family,” Moran explained, “my experience of the book was a turning point for me. Throughout that book the one thing that I most rooted for was Jim’s liberation.” He added, “The visceral effect of the book for many readers is for them to see and long for freedom.”

Carlisle then posed the question, “Does that value outweigh the possible negative impact for all students on the perception of African-Americans in general?”

She went on to say, “For some students, this may be their first real interaction with people of color, and the book may be one of the bases for that experience and that perception. If you’ve only got one or two students of color in the classroom, then this book may have weighed heavily in terms of your perception of the whole group.”

Senior Dave Marek commented, “I think (the novel) got down to the two things that I think are essential in our English classes, and that is getting an open discussion in the classroom, while also going deeper into the books.”

The novel received praise from senior Nate Hilliard, who credited it with starting his love for English. He also remembered that his freshman English teacher, Tom Chmelir, asked the class after studying the novel whether or not it was racist. Chmelir did not give the stu-

dents an answer, which let them come to terms with it on their own, according to Hilliard.

Junior Dustin Sump saw value not only in these particular books, but in controversial books in general. “(Controversial books) get us out of this protection inside SLUH,” he said. Sump thought it was much more beneficial to study these books in a classroom setting with the guidance of a teacher, rather than trying to study the books alone.

Parent Susan Chaney was skeptical about the novel because she believed the use of the derogatory word could make students uncomfortable. Chaney said that she thought everyone should read the novel, but she did not know that the classroom environment was the appropriate place for it. She also wanted to know if reading *Huck Finn* benefited students more than it hurt them.

Curdt noted that the dynamic of the meeting’s discussion was very similar to that of his classroom discussions on the topic. He offered an analogy to defend the book, saying that many students would feel offended if SUVs were criticized during a prayer service about materialism.

Answering Curdt’s analogy, James Krings noted that while a prayer service is relatively short, the study of a novel persists for 45 minutes every day for several weeks.

Curdt also reinforced his original reasons for valuing the book, saying, “I came to teach this book because Twain implicates us all (in the problem of racism).” He also explained that after studying the book, the class examines the self-educated, sophisticated Frederick Douglas.

One of the concerns for Director of Diversity Spencer McCall was that he believes Jim is seen as a helpless victim during the novel. “I don’t want to be the victim all the time,” McCall said.

Principal Mary Schenkenberg wondered if there would be a difference in comfort level if the novel were taught after freshman year.

“It’s just so negative to me,” said parent Sheila Simmons. “I just can’t imag-

ine reading it day after day.” She added that her son was originally not very interested in reading, and that *Huck Finn* totally turned him off as a reader.

STUCO President John Block responded to McCall’s earlier points. He explained that in his African-American Voices class, a senior English elective, many black characters are good characters. He specifically noted that the main character of Zora Neale Hurston’s *Jonah’s Gourd Vine* is presented as Christ-like.

Parent Michele Rost, who is a teacher, recognized the value of the lessons that a book like *Huck Finn* could teach. “These lessons are going to stay with you for a very long time,” she said. However, she noted that as a parent she would never want her son to feel bullied in any way, including from a textbook.

Moran responded to McCall’s earlier comments by explaining that there are many offensive moments in literature. He noted that the stories of Frank O’Connor, which are often used in sophomore English classes, depict Ireland as a country of drunkards.

He also added that the concept of a suffering hero is a common element of literature and cited the suffering of Jesus on the cross as an example of noble suffering, which Moran believes is “essentially Christian.”

Special attention was also given to the derogatory word that is used many times in the novel. Curdt explained that before he teaches the novel, he first spends two to three days in class setting parameters for how to discuss the novel, including the rule that the derogatory word not be mentioned during class discussion. He also spends time discussing the dialect of the novel and Twain’s shift of narrative voice from *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

Curdt also examines the power of the derogatory word itself during these first days by having students read Countee Cullen’s Harlem Renaissance poem “Incident.”

Curdt believes that “a reading of the novel ends up undercutting Huck’s use of

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XC hits wall at MCC; JV, C tear it down

Henry Samson
Reporter

Five teams, 35 runners, and one race to settle the score among the area's Catholic schools. The varsity Metro Catholic Conference cross country race, held last Saturday at Chaminade, marked the starting line for the Harrierbills' postseason surge to state championship. Unfortunately, the Jr. Bills walked away bruised and worn with a third-place team finish.

Chaminade and DeSmet had strong teams, and they placed first and second, respectively. Nevertheless, the team still has hope for their postseason success, since

junior Alex Muntges did not finish in his usual position, and Andrew Linhares did not have the race he was looking for. Without its usual one-two punch, SLUH's

The rest of the varsity squad, led again by dynamo Danny Meier, who ran a 17:02 for 9th place overall, competed hard and left nothing out on the course. In an unusually competitive conference race, sophomore Ben Murphy-Baum finished two seconds behind Meier for 10th place with Chris Arb right on his heels in 12th place. These three runners have consistently been key varsity contributors for the team throughout the entire year and should be proud of what they have accomplished.

Rounding out the varsity team were sophomore

Mike Jonagan, Linhares, junior Joe Carlson, and Muntges. Although they see XC, 12



Freshman Pete Heagney takes the lead at the finish of the freshman race Saturday.

varsity could only finish third, unlike its usual history of conference championships.

Football beats Spartans, loses to Bloomington

Greg Fox
Core Staff

As football district contests begin across the Metro area this week, the Jr. Bills head in after splitting their last two games, a 21-14 victory over DeSmet on Oct. 10 and a 27-20 loss to Bloomington (Ill.) this past Friday that dropped their overall record to 5-2.

DeSmet, which brought an 0-5 record in against the Jr. Bills, started the game off on the right foot, as they ran the ball 65 yards for a touchdown less than four minutes into the game. Though their rivals put them on their heels early, the Comebackbills answered minutes later, converting a Matt Maisak fumble recovery into six points. The Jr. Bills marched across midfield, and junior quarterback Matt Behr completed a 24-yard strike to junior receiver Ryan Morgan. Tim Simon failed to convert on the extra point, which left the score 7-6 with just under 11 minutes remaining in the first half.

The suffocating Jr. Bills defense stopped to a DeSmet drive that began at

their own 10 and forced a quick punt. When DeSmet attempted to punt, the ball sailed past the punter and out the end zone. The Jr. Bills walked away with a safety and two points, and the first half ended with SLUH on top, 8-7

Both offenses stagnated for much of the third quarter, and at the beginning of the fourth quarter, Behr was back to punt from the SLUH 25. The ball never touched his foot, however, because he completed a 52-yard pass to David Sonderman on the fake punt. The Jr. Bills drove into the Spartan red zone, and from six yards out, Behr ran the ball for a touchdown. Simon added the extra point to make the score 15-7.

After a possession by each team that yielded no points, defensive back Greg Eschelbach intercepted a pass with 3:50 left and ran the ball down to the one-yard line. The return, however, was not entirely joyous, as Maisak was injured, and taken off the field by paramedics. According to captain Jeff Howenstein, Maisak injured his neck. He will undergo a check-up today, and based on the results

of the check-up, he may play next Thursday against CBC. Maisak left the game with two fumble recoveries.

Behr ran in the ball from the one-yard line for his second rushing touchdown of the night, but Simon again did not convert the extra point, leaving the score at 21-7. The Jr. Bills' minds, however, seemed to follow their fallen comrade Maisak, as DeSmet drove the length of the field on their next possession and scored to pull dangerously close to being able to tie the game with just one minute remaining. Fortunately, the Jr. Bills recovered the onside kick and ended the game with a 21-14 victory.

Last Friday, the Refusetolosebills rode five straight wins into the SLUH stadium to take on a cross-river foe, the Bloomington Purple Raiders. Bloomington, an Illinois powerhouse, brought in a powerful running game. They opened the scoring with a 48-yard touchdown reception less than eight minutes into the game. Their defense pinned down the Jr. Bills, and the first quarter ended

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Water polo defeats MICDS, goes to 18-3

Dave Marek
Reporter

In the last two weeks, the St. Louis U. High water polo team quelled any doubts about their chances to win the state title. Emerging from what some have called their "midseason slump," the Polobills won all of their last eight games of the regular season, but most importantly, they beat their arch-rivals MICDS 11-10 after playing five overtime periods. This victory was key to their overall win in the MICDS Invitational Tournament.

In their game against MICDS, the Polobills did not waste any time getting on the scoreboard. Exploiting a hole in the MICDS defense, Colin Tyrrell was able to get free from his guard and slam a goal past the MICDS goalie. But MICDS struck back and scored a goal of their own, tying the game 1-1. Not to be outdone, the Baudenbills came back to add two more goals to their tally, and by the end of the period, SLUH led 3-2.

Throughout the second period, the Polobills' offense was unable to put points on the board. MICDS took advantage of the situation and tallied two goals.

Although the Speedobills' offense was quiet in this period, their defense stopped many MICDS offensive drives. In addition, the SLUH bench was not quiet in this period. Coach Paul Baudendistel received a yellow card for arguing with the referee about a call.

Also, MICDS was held to only two goals in the period because senior goalie Paul "Spider" Guest was playing at the top of his game throughout the period. By the end of the half, SLUH trailed 4-3.

Much like the previous period, the third period continued to be a defensive battle. About midway through the period, captain Kevin Vincent broke the stalemate with a lob shot that the MICDS goalie had no chance of stopping. Throughout this period, the Polobills demonstrated that they should not be underestimated by any team. Andy Withington, junior Tim Heafner, and captain Colin Tyrrell all scored goals for SLUH in this period and led to the 7-7 tie at the end of the period.

The fourth period tested the nerves of every true SLUH water polo fan. MICDS got out to a quick 9-7 lead at the beginning of the period. At this point, it seemed that all was lost for the Polobills, but despite the new two-goal deficit, the Polobills refused

to give up. Captain Kevin Vincent fired up the Polobills as he snuck a quick close shot past the MICDS goalie. With less than two minutes left on the clock, junior Tim Heafner lobbed a shot from the perimeter of the offense that easily landed in the bottom corner of the goal. This momentous goal tied the game 9-9 and sent the game into overtime.

In the first overtime, both teams failed to put points on to the board. In the second overtime, Andy Withington scored a goal off a pass from senior Nick Konczak, but MICDS countered with a goal of their own, sending the game into sudden death overtime. After two scoreless periods, Tim Heafner skipped a shot into the back of the goal, winning the game for the Polobills 11-10.

"As a team, we just clicked," Kevin Vincent commented after the game. It seemed that everyone on the SLUH water polo team had their best game that day.

Baudendistel was extremely proud of his team's performance. "Colin and Paul played their best games of the season, and Timmy Heafner was okay." Heafner, of course, only scored four goals against MICDS on Saturday, and of the 27

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Soccer takes first loss; ties CBC

Team goes 5-1-1 in two weeks

Kyle Poelker
Reporter

Going into the semifinals of the Rick Hudson Memorial Tournament two weeks ago, the Jr. Bills soccer team had a solid spot in the top 20 of the national rankings. Their record's only blemish was a Sept. 9 tie with CBC, who at the time was ranked sixth in the nation and first in the metro area.

But on this cold October night, the team, riding high from their previous success, came crashing down. That semifinal game against an unranked Marquette team was a turning point in this soccer season. Marquette came out of the gates firing, and scored an early goal off goalie

Mike McNamee. The goal put Marquette on top, but for the rest of the game the Jr. Bills offense took over. With shots from Dave Mueller and Joe Germanese, the Jr. Bills had chance after chance. But these shots were to no avail as the Jr. Bills were unable to score a goal.

Even tougher adversity came later, as Mueller garnered his second yellow card of the game in the second half, resulting in his ejection. The Jr. Bills were still unable to score, and in the game's closing minutes, frustrated sophomore Malcolm DeBaun received a red card and was ejected for using foul language. The red card was a soft red, which means the player is ejected and suspended for the next game, but the team does not have to play a man down.

Unable to score and down two starters, the Jr. Bills gave up their first loss of the year. As John Reagan said, "We had our chances but couldn't finish." Soon to be vindicated, the Jr. Bills were slated to play Marquette again in regular season play less than a week later.

Driven by the sweetness of revenge, the Jr. Bills were not to be stopped last Thursday night. The Jr. Bills started off hot, with Pat Miller netting the first goal in the opening minutes. The rampage continued as Joe Germanese slammed a cross-field pass from Richie Winkler into the back of the net opening up a two-goal lead for the Soccerbills.

Any effort by Marquette after

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RifleBills take second in MBA tourney

Keith Reilly
Reporter

Some sports teams, when defeated in their first game of the year, make up excuses for their performance. Last weekend at the 2003 Montgomery Bell Academy Rifle Classic in Nashville, Tennessee, the varsity rifle team made no such excuses.

At their first match of the season, the team came in second out of 53 teams, missing first place by only seventeen points out of a possible 2400.

Coach William Bresnahan said, "The only reason we came in second place was because (Woodward Academy) has been

practicing for two months. We have been practicing for a week. If we had been practicing for two months, our scores would have been a lot more than 17 points higher."

The varsity team was made up of Chris Seals, Andrew Hrdlicka, Keith Reilly, and Kevin Gentsch.

The team arrived on Saturday and participated in a sixty shot, 3-P Air Rifle match. Captain Seals shot a score of 564 out of 600, Hrdlicka a 579; Gentsch a 574; and Reilly a 562 for a team total of 2279. Woodward Academy, who came in first place, shot a score of 2296.

Hrdlicka's score qualified him for the finals, in which the top eight indi-

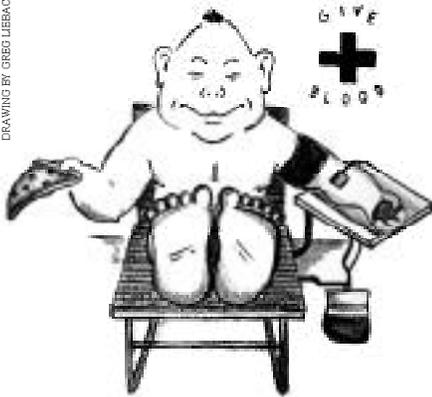
vidual shooters shot ten additional shots for bragging rights in the individual competition. After a couple of scandals involving faulty addition that resulted in unnecessary tiebreakers, Hrdlicka came in seventh place overall.

After the team match was over, there was a coaches-only match, in which all the coaches from each team competed in a ten-shot, all standing match. Bresnahan came out on top with a score of 78 out of 100. He was awarded a \$75 gift card to ACE Hardware and a gold-painted trophy hammer.

The Riflebills will shoot again on Nov. 1, when they will host the team from Montgomery Bell Academy here at SLUH.

BLOOD DRIVE BY THE NUMBERS

DRAWING BY GREG LIEBACH



- 107 signed up
- 92 attempted to donate
- 86 usable pints
- 74 first-time donors
- 65 goal of usable pints
- 4 people turned green
- 0 people passed out
- 8 cases of juice drunk
- 2 cases of choc. chip cookies eaten
- 2 cases of pecan cookies eaten
- 1 case of chips eaten
- 1/2 case of pretzels eaten

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Driver Education applications are available for students at least 15 years old. The course will take place June 1-4, lasts from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and costs \$380. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for the required six hours of driving time and twelve hours of observation time. With parental permission, students will be able to complete their driving time this winter or spring, but spaces are limited. Applications, which were handed out during homeroom Thursday, will be received on a first-come, first-serve basis. Return applications along with the \$380 fee to Mr. Kornfeld in room 108 during the morning, or in his office.

On November 2nd, St. Louis U. High will host an open house for grade school students interested in applying. Tours will be provided by students from 12:00 p.m through 5:00 p.m. Anyone who is still interested in leading tours should contact Mr. Hannick this week. Tour training will be announced next week.

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Hockey beats Rockhurst and Webster Groves

Brad Naert
Reporter

The last two weeks have been a struggle for the Icebills, to say the least. After a humbling 9-3 loss to Parkway South, the Busiebills traveled to Kansas City after exams to compete in a Jesuit schools tournament with cross-town rival DeSmet.

The Bladesofsteelbills came out of the weekend with a disappointing 1-3 record, which included a 6-2 loss to the Spartans. However, rays of hope did shine in the 5-0 win against SLUH's cross-state rival, Rockhurst.

After a couple days rest, the Canuckbills faced off against the Webster Skatesmen in their third game of the Top-Hat Tournament. With goals from seniors Kyle Butler and Matt Pijut, junior Tom DiFranco, and sophomore Eddie Effinger, the team pulled off a 5-4 victory.

Chris Baricevic remarked, "We have a talented bunch of guys and the potential to go far this year. It's just a matter of pulling it all together."

O-LINE

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with the Billikens facing a seven-point deficit. Bloomington struck once more before the half was up, this time with a 21-yard jaunt to make the score 14-0. SLUH entered the locker room at the half down fourteen points and with considerably less time of possession, seemingly caught in a Purple Haze.

"Bloomington had a difficult offense to pick up at first, but after the first quarter, we did a pretty good job," said Howenstein.

The character of the team, however, shone through, and the Neverquitbills came out firing, riding Behr's arm and tall, speedy junior receiver John Warner's legs to a 40-yard touchdown reception on their first possession of the half. Bloomington, however, fired right back, as their running back broke free at the SLUH 44 yard-line and dashed into the end zone.

WATER

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goals that the Polobills scored in last week's tournament, Heafner scored 16. Also, Heafner is second in the league in scoring with 77 goals overall.

But the standout player of the game was senior goalie Guest. Guest played his best game of the season; he had a total of 18 saves in the game. After the game, Guest tried to play down his stupendous performance. "Tim Szewczyk, Kevin Vincent, and Dave Schwarz made me look good." Guest is ranked third in the state for goals against average, at 5.36 goals a game.

Overall, SLUH had a great two weeks. They beat Ladue 11-3, Parkway South 13-4, DeSmet 15-4, Chaminade 7-6, and University City 14-2 in regular games. SLUH also dominated the rest of the MICDS tournament games by beating Kirkwood 7-3 and Chaminade 9-7. This eight-game winning streak put to rest any doubts about the Polobills' capabilities.

Baudendistel summed up the attitude of the team: "As Kevin Vincent would say 'We playing good.'"

The Jr. Bills retaliated immediately, and gave the ball to in-house horse sophomore running back Stephen Simmons, who galloped for 50 yards down to the Bloomington 15. Behr hit Warner in the end zone again, as Warner capitalized on his height to grab the ball from the sky and narrowly bring his feet down in the end zone for six. Simon missed the extra point, and the score stood at 21-13 in favor of the visitors.

"We're starting to get (the passing game) together more," said Warner. "We don't have to rely on the running game quite as much, although that's still solid."

The offenses traded a possession each until Bloomington again found the end zone, this time driving the ball in from one yard out. Their extra point attempt failed for the second time in the game, leaving the Jr. Bills only two scores and extra points away from a share of the lead. The two offenses fired blanks for the next

three possessions before Bloomington attempted to punt.

Eschelbach ran a bungled punt attempt 37 yards into the Bloomington end zone, giving the Jr. Bills a glimmer of hope with less than two minutes remaining, as the score stood at 27-20. Bloomington took over and ran out the clock, crushing the Jr. Bills' hopes for a sixth straight win.

"Overall, we didn't do what we wanted to. We definitely could have beaten them. I don't know if we should have, but if we had played a better first half, we would have had a better shot at it," commented Howenstein. The Bills held Bloomington to just 143 passing yards and DeSmet to only 46 yards, much of which is due to the strong play of the secondary, led by captain Brent Harvey. "Week by week we're getting better," said Harvey of the secondary's play.

The team began District play last night against Roosevelt.

PN Nightbeat

Football gives Roosevelt new deal



Stephen Simmons rushes past the Roosevelt defense towards the end zone.

STATS VS ROOSEVELT

Passing: Behr 7-13-141

Rushing leader: Simmons 29-241

Receiving leader: Hoffman 2-45

The Jr. Bills opened district play last night, defeating the Rough Riders of Roosevelt by a score of 24-14. The Jr. Bills jumped out on an early lead, but were overcome. Despite throwing three interceptions in the first half, the Billikens kept the game close, trailing 14-7 at half. Sophomore running back Stephen Simmons led the 17 point second-half comeback, while the defense stalled the Rough Riders in their tracks. Simmons rushed for 241 yards, his largest total since rushing for 264 yards against Parkway West, a school record. He contributed two touchdowns, and fellow sophomore fullback Chris Hoffman added another. Tim Simon had a field goal and three extra points. The Jr. Bills have outscored their opponents 86-68 in the last four games.

LITURGY

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come together.

Through discussion, it became apparent that those present believed kneeling during all school Masses in the gym is impossible. There is not enough room to kneel in the bleachers, nor is there enough room for one's feet to fit under the chairs on the floor of the gym. However, many present felt that it is not unreasonable to ask students and faculty to kneel at class Masses and 7:20 a.m. Masses in the chapel.

Another fear was that many students simply would not care enough to kneel and would sit, claiming they have a medical condition. It was agreed that this would severely hinder the progress toward congregational unity. Therefore, a possible survey of the student body was suggested as to what the changes, if any, there should be.

Another possibility would be to ask the new Archbishop of St. Louis for a special exemption from the revision, which is a possibility. According to an excerpt from the September 2002 edition of the *Bishop's Committee on the Liturgy Newsletter* which paraphrased paragraph 42 of the revised GIRM, "The only licit posture of the faithful during the Eucharistic Prayer is kneeling, unless they are prevented *on occasion* from kneeling due to 'health, lack of space, the large number of people present, or some other good reason.' The determination of what constitutes 'some other good reason' is best made by the Diocesan Bishop." SLUH could possibly qualify for the exemption, seeing as how it does not have kneelers and lacks the space for them in the chapel.

Chik clearly stated his outlook on the situation, saying that the school has three options in regard to the document: decide that it is too difficult to kneel and ask for an exemption, request that the student body kneel during Mass, or just don't talk about it. The worst thing, Chik said, is to not talk about it.

The option of buying kneelers for the chapel was brought up, but had previously been deemed too expensive and difficult. The extra room kneelers require would eliminate at least five to six rows of chairs from the chapel. Also, the cost of

Conference room is off limits to students

Timo Kim
Core Staff

As announced by Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski on Friday, Oct. 10, students are not allowed into either the North American Martyrs' Chapel or the Ignatian Conference Room without the accompaniment of a faculty member.

The issue arose after a custodian found several members of the water polo team sliding on the tables in the conference room on Thursday, Oct. 9. Thursday being a half-day schedule, the students originally thought they would study and complete some homework before their practice began at 3 p.m. "It's big and quiet, and our whole team can get up there," said one team member, who wished to remain anonymous. Eventually, two students were tired of studying and turned their thoughts to more active pursuits.

Because of their misbehavior, the

was that the money could be better spent in other areas of the school. Instead, we could merely separate the rows of chairs more, creating room for larger people to kneel.

However, most agreed that whatever the decision is, there should not be an option of whether you want to sit or kneel, because then the vast majority would likely choose to sit. This would lead to greater disunity than was present initially.

The forum ended with all being thanked for their input and attendance.

Chik said, "I thought the meeting was a good start. We are going to need to have more discussions. I am going to post the minutes up on the faculty board. I would like to find a forum in which I can get that information out to the students as well. But the conversation needs to continue. My other impression was that a lot of the people at the meeting felt that it would be a good thing at Masses in the chapel for us to kneel. I would like to know if that is the consensus of the student body.... Another feeling was that perhaps the people at the meeting were those who had a lot vested in it. They were the people that go to 7:20 a.m. Mass, and usually people who go to

students received after-school jugs and had to meet with President Paul Sheridan, S.J., to discuss their misconduct. However, Assistant Principal for Student Welfare H. Eric Clark reiterated that this is not a change in policy. "It was never open to students as far as I was concerned," stated Clark, "(The Ignatian Conference room) is basically a conference room to be used by board members when they have very important people come in for meetings or something of that nature." Students are only allowed in the room if a teacher takes the class there for meditation or special activity.

In regards to their punishment, one team member said, "I thought (the administration) handled (the situation) well, without going overboard." However, another team member relays a different view. "I think they were kind of paranoid about (the incident)," he says, "I don't see why I had to talk to the president for sliding on a table."

more at stake when it comes to liturgy."

Theology Department Chair Allen Boedeker said, "I was glad to hear other people's take on the way that the morning Mass is celebrated. In general I felt that the attendees were supportive (of the kneeling proposal)."

Theology teacher Ralph Houlihan said, "The meeting went well in the sense that everyone expressed their opinions. Among those present, there seemed to be a consensus that we could follow the policy of the bishops with kneeling certainly in morning Mass at least."

Freshman Andrew Mueth said, "It was a productive meeting. Preliminary, but productive. I think that more meetings are needed to accomplish something."

The next step will be to write the minutes of the forum and make them available to all students and faculty. Then, Chik will take comments on the issue, hoping to talk to anyone and everyone that feels left out of the discussion. Another meeting will be scheduled, and with that meeting, Chik hopes, SLUH can make a decision about what it wants to do as a community. This decision could possibly be made as soon as next month.

MEYER

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referring to space weapons, but instead nuclear weapons. They directly followed this quotation with, "The Pope is clearly referring to the unnecessary buildup of offensive nuclear weapons." The only problem I found with this logic was that never in the quote was there a mention of nuclear arms, therefore making their evidence absolutely worthless in reference to what they were trying to establish.

The freshmen completed their argument by explaining that "the only space based weapons that have ever been authorized by the Congress of the United States are not offensive weapons at all, but are instead defensive interceptor weapons,

SACCHARIN

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the word at the very beginning, but it's a tricky situation because (students) can't get to that right away."

Clark then gave his opinion. "When I'm in class and the word 'nigger' comes up, you don't know what I'm feeling. What I am feeling is, 'Oh God, everyone's looking at me.'"

McCall saw that the experience in class may help some students mature in their opinions toward race, but also noted that it is at the expense of the discomfort of black students. "All I feel is the anger coming through when I hear that word expressed," he said. "I'm not sure how to balance (the cost)."

Parent Sandra DuVall posed the question, "Why do we have to address this (issue of race) at all to this degree?" She expressed her concern that some students who feel uncomfortable with *Huck Finn* may shut down mentally as a result.

In reference to the offensive word, Block wondered if repetition was the main concern. He explained that if one use of it in a book is too many, then many books in his African American Voices class would not be usable.

Senior Tim Beishir reinforced the power of the word. "This word is still extremely offensive to me," he said. He also relayed an incident from a football

game when an opponent used the word against a SLUH player. After the game, one of the SLUH players made the opponent apologize. Beishir concluded that the issue must be confronted as it was in this incident.

Parent Charles Simmons echoed the sentiments of Clark and McCall, and gave credence to DuVall's points. "When you hear the term, there's not any learning going on at that time in me," he said.

Throughout the meeting, committee members also touched on the larger issue of race relations in America.

"The discussion about race in America is always tricky. It's never going to be easy. I don't want to say that this (novel) is necessarily the best way to do it, but it's a darn good one," Curdt said.

Carlisle relayed some of her concerns, saying, "The academic area of life being progressive, being the one where we try to maintain a standard...of acceptance and embracing others that are different, it concerns me if we are actually not doing that, if we're actually taking a step back."

"If (something) offends one person, then it's something that we have to deal with in today's society," added Clark.

American History teacher Steve Schad mentioned that in his class, students will study pictures of slavery and

weapon!

In conclusion, I would just like to say that every year there is a group of people here at SLUH that throw a fit because Fr. Harrison is not afraid of their throwing a fit, and because they don't want to deal with the fact that religion is undoubtedly mixed up in politics. Abortion is a political issue. It's also a religious issue. Putting weapons in space, so that our country can blow everybody else up faster and easier is certainly a political issue, but only a fool would argue that it is not a religious issue.

Ryan Meyer, '04

slave ships and study the expressions on people's faces in the pictures to learn. Of racism, Schad said, "It's something you cannot gloss over." He further added that he believes that the country is getting away from that "dark chapter" of U.S. history.

Senior Dan Lieser made reference to the play "*Master Harold*"... and the boys, which is taught in many sophomore English classes. He felt that the work portrays racism perhaps more subtly than in *Huck Finn*. However, Lieser noted that the issue of race in the U.S. is very crude, and that in the end "the choice comes down to ignoring it...or to have to address that issue." Lieser believes that, "The merits of (these works) in the sense of literature are greater than any discomfort that could come out of it."

"What's the price of running away (from the issue)?" asked senior Kyle Poelker, who felt that *Catch-22* and *Ellen Foster* were two valuable books he had read in his English classes, but that they were degrading to women and men, respectively. "There's no point in running away from something that's real," Poelker concluded.

As expected, the discussion was cut short at 8:30 p.m. "I still feel that we do have some issues to continue to deal with," concluded Clark.

PARENT

(from 3)

motive of those companies who are prosecuting petty violators if in fact, as the *Prep News* author suggests, studies have shown that sharing boosts CD sales. I am wondering if the reason behind the crackdown in sharing has less to do with the illegal nature of sharing music than the fear of evolution of the industry? In past years, recording companies could pluck a musician from the masses, market him (as their huge budgets would allow) and a multi-million dollar star is created. Savvy marketing personnel would study trends and production geniuses would work their wonders. In the end, popularity varied because our taste (and hence our pocketbooks) did have some effect in driving the market. I believe that future technology could, however, circumvent the need for a record label.

Professional athletes make big bucks, but undeniably, they have a corner on the market. They are the unequivocal best at what they do. There aren't a lot of people

BREAK-INS

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saw one of the windows was broken into and the radio was stolen." Wegan then noticed the other two cars on his way inside to report the break-in.

The three cars broken into were parked on the southeast corner of the lot. Those three vehicles were either tall or parked behind a tall vehicle, and a tree blocked in some way the view of those cars from the security guard's position in the northwest corner of the lot.

Wiese said, "I'm inside trying to be a good citizen giving blood, and outside my CD player is getting stolen." The thieves broke the passenger-side window and stole the CD player from his Ford Ranger pickup truck.

Thieves also struck Chris Lorbert's 1993 Saturn, making off with a Kenwood CD player, a Nokia cell phone, and over 120 CDs. Lorbert and the police estimated the value of the property lost and the damage to his car at over \$750.

in our community who can pitch like Pedro Martinez. By the laws of supply and demand, do professional singers have that same situation or has our legal system enabled big business to use their marketing power TO ARTIFICIALLY CREATE A DEMAND when the supply of talent actually exceeds the demand? There is so much potential for listener enjoyment out there, but the current system affords great wealth to a few and a paltry existence to others (sometimes more talented). I have heard original acts in small theatres that I have enjoyed every bit as much as seeing celebrities in concert. There are very talented people right in our communities. Music titles become as popular as radio stations broadcast select tunes hundreds of times per week. The value of these selections increases over time due to their presence in the creation of our memorable moments. (I can't believe some of the off-key oldies that I actually like.) If you heard the original music from one of the better local bands over and over, COULD the local demand for it parallel that of the media stars?

From Greg Kohler's 1994 S10 Blazer, the thieves stole a CD player and around 30 CDs.

Sometime on Wednesday night, someone threw a large concrete block through the passenger-side window of David Goettelmann's Honda. Nothing was taken but some change. Goettelmann had left his car in the parking lot after Wednesday night's soccer game, since he had left his keys with another student who had left the game early.

Assistant Principal Eric Clark said, "If students need to leave their cars overnight at SLUH, they need to move them to the Oakland lot. Never leave your car on (the Berthold) lot."

Director of Facilities Patrick Zarrick reminded students that they park at their own risk, "with the understanding that the lot is guarded."

Zarrick feels that the new parking garage will eliminate some of the security issues presently affecting the school. "It's

Does being entertained by the fortunate few who achieve recording star status warrant stuffing billions in their pockets? Is this responsible social justice? Are Bob Dylan or Britney Spears really deserving of idol status because their genius is so far above everyone else, or are they a fun product of a media-induced frenzy? I think that with current technology, what the industry executives most fear losing is their hold on the market. Today's kids can find almost any song on the Internet, preview it, and discern for themselves whether or not it is worthy of purchase. Plus, recording capabilities have reached the affordable local level. I could see a market allowing many more musicians to showcase their talent. It seems that we could only gain by adjusting the system to spread the wealth, allowing talented small-time musicians a more realistic opportunity to earn a comfortable wage. Some laws do become obsolete over time. Perhaps the laws on audio material might someday be better written for a different age.

Parent of '03 and '06 students

going to be contained and access is going to be limited.... You won't be able to just walk in off the street."

He continued, "There will be an advanced camera system (in the new garage). This one (in the Berthold lot) is dated, but to update this system and build the new one would cost too much."

The security guard on duty, Bev Vaughn, said that he went to get his lunch around 11:30 and returned to eat his lunch at the lot about 10 minutes later.

Officer Louis Hill, who came to SLUH yesterday to file the theft reports, commented that it is hard to tell whether the robbers could do this kind of damage in that amount of time. "I would say it was two people at least who did this," commented Hill.

Vaughn said, "We just don't have enough people out here."

Clark said, "We have to do a better job at protecting the vehicles on campus."

XC

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were disappointed with Saturday's results, the varsity team now has its sights set only on district.

The JV team once again asserted its dominance in memorable fashion. Hoping to sweep the field, and score a perfect 15 points with a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 finish, the JV team was eager to control the race. At one point in the race, between the first and second miles, a Chaminade fan was heard to have said, "Geez, there are 12 of them up front!" after seeing an endless line of SLUH runners leading the race.

Although a DeSmet runner eventually finished fifth, causing the Jr. Bills to score 16 points, the relentless stream of SLUH runners in the front was a sight to behold. John Oliver and Dan Flanagan turned in standout performances. Oliver was the individual champion, finishing at 17:32, while Flanagan kicked it home right behind him for second place with a time of 17:41. Rounding out the first five were junior Matt Dirnbeck, and seniors Joe Welling, and Dan Foldes. For another week the seniors came through as tough contributors to the JV team's success.

Shortly thereafter, the freshman team set out on a quest to establish themselves as the strongest team in the MCC against an especially talented DeSmet squad. After the first two runners from SLUH and DeSmet finished, the teams were deadlocked at a 5-5. Realizing that they had to step up to win (mainly because just about every team member was screaming at them), Sam Emery, Matt Lawder, and Andrew Vatterott each had breakthrough races. Their determination, especially in mile three, propelled the team to victory.

Tomorrow morning will be the first of the Big Three races for the Jr. Bills. The district meet will be held at Parkway Central and promises to be an exciting day. Many are thinking of setting personal records on the fast course and of proving SLUH to be a force in the cross country world. So please, especially if you hail from West County, come and support your classmates.

YELLOW CARDS

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Germanese's decisive goal was futile. Marquette managed one goal, but they could not match the intensity of the Jr. Bills, who scored two more goals by the game's end, one by Malcolm in the midfield, to truly crush the hopes of Marquette.

The game ended with approval from the Jr. Bill players. "We were more intense tonight," Reagan said, "We took it to them."

In between those games, SLUH crushed Hazelwood West 10-0, narrowly beat DeSmet 1-0, and dominated Parkway South 5-0 and Francis Howell North 6-0, all in preparation for their monster matchup against CBC Wednesday night, a battle pitting the national number 12 versus the national number 17.

A battle for the ages it was, and on Wednesday night, all of SLUH, even senior Colin Dowling, who was attending his first ever soccer game, assembled to watch the battle of the titans. The first half started out slowly, with a back and forth midfield battle and very little in the way of challenges for the goalkeepers. It seemed

BYRD

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never fully recover her speech or the use of her right side. Doctors took her off many of the medications used after her surgery, and "now she's just on her normal medication for blood pressure," added Byrd.

In her fragile health, Sharon Byrd still needs to be cared for by someone during the day. Right now, with her hospital treatments ended, Byrd commented, "We are in the process of finding a person to do adult day treatment at our home." If they cannot find home treatment, they are looking into a day care center for Sharon Byrd to continue her recovery.

Doctors remind Byrd that the recovery is very long and slow process, and takes patience. Byrd said, "There are small improvements, and we must take it day by day." The SLUH community will keep Sharon and Dee Byrd in their prayers throughout her recovery.

it would be a stagnant half until stoppage time, when a second effort cross reached the box, and Scott Brown headed the ball off the post out of bounds. It was the closest SLUH would get to a goal all game. The half ended in a tie.

The second half continued to be as grueling as the first, with no team emerging with dominating play or good scoring chances. A give-and-go from Miller to Mueller set up a good shot that went wide for the Jr. Bills. Regular time ended in a tie, and overtime loomed above the players' heads.

Shortly into the second overtime, with CBC sending a ball long down the pitch and their players chasing it with lightning quickness, goalie Ben Brockland had to give up his goal line to chase the ball out of bounds, and just minutes later he made a save on a high shot that kept the Jr. Bills alive. With little freshness in the overtime period, the Jr. Bills had no significant scoring chances, but with solid defense, the game of national powerhouses ended the way their first battle did, in a tie.

One nationally-ranked team down and one to go this weekend, as the Soccerbills take on number 25 Chaminade at 2 p.m. in the stadium.

NHS Inductees**Seniors:**

Christopher Baricevic	Jeffrey Howenstein
Edward Bulliner	Patrick Kattner
David Burghoff	Nicholas Konczak
Andrew Burr	Thomas Martin
Brandon Bushong	Phillip Matthews
Christopher Dauess	Gordon Schweitzer
Thomas Economon	David Sonderman
Timothy Elliot	Kevin Vincent
Thomas Fontana	Jonathan Yoon
Paul Guest	Adam Zghall
Nathan Harris	

Juniors:

Thomas Cambell	Ryan Johnson
Joseph Carlson	Thomas Junker
Harold Carter, II	Brendan Klein
Luke Dang	James Krings
Joseph Eggleston	Stephen Lestmann
Tyler Faust	Joseph Lombardo
Shane Fogerty	Anthony Molina
Bryan Glaenger	Brian Nienhaus
Robert Goeltz, III	Kevin O'Neill
Michael Granger	Daniel Polokonis
Timothy Heafner	Andrew Schaeperkoetter
Joseph Hejlek	David Schwarz
Matthew Herzberg, II	Dustin Sump
Michael Hill	Charles Ullmann
Philip Hof	Shaun Whalen
Matthew Ikemeier	William Winfrey
Edward Jaeger	Kevin Witbrodt

JESUIT

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staff, and any of our students, I would like to know that immediately.”

Sheridan held the assembly to inform the school community of the settlement before the students or faculty heard the news from the media. Around the time of the assembly, the Survivors Network for those Abused by Priests (SNAP) held a press conference outside the Oakland entrance to SLUH in order to inform people about Campbell’s actions.

David Clohessy, the head of SNAP, said, “We felt it was important now to get Campbell’s name in the public eye because we feel he is a dangerous man.”

According to Barbara Dorris, a local volunteer group leader, SNAP’s mission is to be “a support group reaching out to survivors who were abused by the clergy, and to make it safer for the children.”

“We know there are other survivors of Jack Campbell,” Dorris continued, “and we want to encourage them to come forward to get rid of the shame and to get rid of the terrible secret.”

“We want the school to reach out to alumni in order to help reveal secrets and set up programs to protect kids. There needs to be more (than just policies) because it isn’t working. I think it would be a good idea to invite SNAP to speak to the school.”

Mary Ellen, a member of SNAP who did not want her full name printed because of family concerns, said, “Once some people come forward, it is easier for other people to come forward with their abuse. We hope people who were abused would come forward for the protection of others.” In the case of her son, Stephen, the priest admitted that there were well over 100 other boys that he had abused. “You can’t tell me that the people in the rectory didn’t know. There is a lot of secrecy and a lot of not looking and not telling. That has got to stop for the protection for the young adults.”

Soon after SNAP’s press conference ended, SLUH held a press conference in the Currihan Room to address questions from the press. The provincial for the Jesuit Missouri Province, Fr. Tim

McMahon, S.J. (’73) spoke for the majority of the time, emphasizing, “I am very sorry, not only for what Mr. O’Connor has experienced, but for anyone who has been victimized in any way by anyone in a position of authority for helping a young person. Our primary goal is to offer any help we can to provide healing for anyone who has suffered any sort of abuse.” Although at that time he could not check over records or fully review the circumstances of the case, McMahon was “fairly certain that (Campbell) was not actively working at St. Louis University High at the time. He was certainly not employed by the high school at the time this happened.”

“It became clear sometime in the late ’80s that there were serious concerns about the actions of Fr. Campbell,” said McMahon. “In 1989 Fr. Campbell was removed from any active ministry and any priestly ministry and from priestly faculties.” Since his removal, Campbell has not exercised any ministry, and he was removed to a Jesuit retirement center in Colorado.

McMahon stated that there have been 13 credible allegations against Campbell, and five of those victims have been from former St. Louis U. High students. The Jesuit Missouri Province wrote a \$185,000 check to help O’Connor with the therapy he needs to deal with the abuse.

According to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Campbell was a close friend of the O’Connor family, and he abused O’Connor for a few years around the time of O’Connor’s graduation from SLUH. The abuse allegedly took place in the rectory of St. Francis Xavier (College) Church and not at SLUH. Although he was not employed at SLUH at that time, Campbell was a counselor and a retreat director who worked with SLUH students. In the *Post-Dispatch*, Patrick Noaker, O’Connor’s lawyer, stated that Campbell’s victims have received \$575,000 in settlements or to pay for doctors’ fees.

Before the circumstances surrounding Campbell’s incident, Sheridan said that “there was one person who came to

me two years ago who had been a student here who was abused by Fr. Campbell when Fr. Campbell was here. The person who approached me at that time wanted everything to be in confidence and still does.” Sheridan took the person to the province for assistance with his needs. Sheridan estimated that the abuse happened in the early ’80s.

Sheridan was first informed by the province of O’Connor’s case around last January, although he did not have any role in communication between the province and O’Connor. On Wednesday morning, Sheridan received information that SNAP was going to gather outside of SLUH, so he quickly contacted the province to find out what was happening.

After learning about the situation, Sheridan decided to call an all-school assembly in order to address the issue and to “come before (the student body) and talk the truth about this (situation).”

Principal Mary Schenkenberg was not aware of the allegations in January because she “wasn’t a part of that. I think I knew the province was working on this during my time here, so some time in the last year. I can’t remember exactly when, though I didn’t know the particulars of it. I didn’t know the individual, the victim or the priest.”

Schenkenberg thought that O’Connor wanted to keep the whole situation private, so “it was a complete surprise” when she found out.

“My understanding is that the person who was making the allegation had never wanted this to be a public thing,” said Schenkenberg. “So, when it was suddenly made public yesterday morning, then that’s when we felt we needed to inform the community and call the school together.”

Many of the faculty who knew Campbell were taken by surprise at the sudden news of the settlement.

Computer systems manager Bob Overkamp, a student during the time when Campbell was at SLUH, said, “From what I know of John Campbell, I would need to see some pretty good evidence. If it was a

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by Tim Huether

Calendar

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Schedule R
 Junior Ring Orders
 ACES Mtg.
 College Visits:
 Creighton University @ AP
 Illinois Wesleyan University @ AP
 University of Kansas @ AP
 Northwestern University @ AP
 Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend:
 Bard College @ 11am
 SLUH Investment Club Mtg.
 Pro-Life Club Mtg.
 Pizza Sticks, Taco Sticks, and Half Pizzas

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

STUCO Fall Festival
 V XC @ District Meet
 V SOC vs. Chaminade @ SLUH @ 2pm
 C SOC vs. Chaminade @ SLUH @ 12pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Schedule R
 Junior Ring Orders
 Freshman/Senior IM K.O.
 College Visits:
 Fontbonne University @ AP
 University of Missouri-St. Louis @

AP
 Texas Christian University @ AP
 Truman State University @ AP
 Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend:
 Denison University @ 11:30am
 V SOC vs. Trinity @ SLUH @ 6pm
 JV POLO @ JV Conf. Tourn. @ MICDS
 through 10/30
 B SOC vs Trinity @ SLUH @ 4pm
 C SOC @ CYC Freshman Tournament @
 Soccer Pk. through 11/1
 Steak Fries and Pizza

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Schedule R
 Freshman Eng. Tutorial
 Sophomore Bonus Rdg.
 Sophomore/Junior IM K.O.Tourn.
 College Visits:
 University of Missouri-Rolla @ Ap
 Quincy University @ AP
 Tufts University @ AP
 Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend:
 Rollins College @ 11am
 B FB vs. CBC (JV) @ CBC @ 4pm
 C FB vs. CBC @ Forest Pk. @ 4:30pm
 Bosco Sticks and Papa Johns

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Schedule H
 Parent/Teacher Conf.
 College Visits: (Sign Up in Counseling
 Office to Attend)
 Macalester College @ 9:30am
 JV, C XC @ Findley Memorial Invt. @
 Forest Pk. @ 4:30
 C FB @ CBC @ 4:30pm
 Cookies and Burgers

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

Schedule L
 STUCO Pep Rally
 V FB vs. CBC @ SLUH @ 7pm
 B FB @ CBC @ 4:30pm
 Tater Tots, Chicken Rings, and Hot Wings

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Schedule L
 All Hallow's Eve
 STUCO Crazy Clothes Day
 IM K.O. Tourn. vs. Faculty
 College Visits: (Sign Up in Counseling
 Office to Attend)
 Skidmore College @ 9am
 Kenyon College @ 9:50am-10:30am
 Seasoned Fries and Mostaccioli with Gar-
 lic Bread

JESUIT II

(from 13)
 Jesuit named Campbell, they were all excellent people and I would trust them with my anything."

Martin Hagan, S.J., was a classmate of Campbell's at the seminary, and Hagan always thought that Campbell was a "nice guy, always a likeable guy. I know him pretty well because we have known each other for 65 years." Campbell was known as a person who had quite a following, and Hagan did not see any signs or have any idea of the child abuse. Hagan said, "We were just told that he needed some rest (when he was removed to Colorado).... This kind of stuff is underground."

"He was a very popular, successful counselor (in the '50s), maybe kind of extraordinary," said Ralph Houlihan, S.J., who remembered Campbell's living at SLUH for a year. "It is not something I would have suspected. He is a very out-

going guy. He has got a lot of friends among the alumni going way back."

At the all-school assembly, Fr. Sheridan referred to revised policies that "try to prevent any type of sexual abuse to the students," such as making sure that a student is not alone with a faculty member on overnight trips. Sheridan doesn't think that SLUH needs to group sexual abuse with other student welfare problems such as drugs and alcohol because the boundaries have already been discussed in grade school, but he said that he would not mind reinforcing alertness. Additionally, in response to the scandals of two years ago, the faculty recently went through a program called "Protecting God's Children for Adults," which covered the nature of child sexual abuse and how to spot or prevent sexual abusers from interacting with children.

At the press conference, McMahon

referred to policies that aim "to provide an environment that is safe for young people." McMahon said, "We would never send students on trips, for example, overnight with only one chaplain. All of our counseling rooms have windows so that not only the person being counseled has a certain sense of security because they know that they are visible, and the person doing the counseling has that sense of security."

Throughout his statement McMahon apologized repeatedly. He concluded, "Any case involving sexual abuse with a priest or a Jesuit is too many. I am heartbroken that anyone has suffered any loss of trust in the Jesuits or the Church. I can only say that I extend the victim my regret, sorrow, and my apology to the victim who has suffered any sort of abuse at the hands of any man associated with us."