



O'Connor discusses experience with abuse

**Jonathan Kim
Editor**

Last Wednesday, President Paul Sheridan, S.J., called an all-school assembly in order to inform the school community that former St. Louis U. High teacher and counselor John Campbell sexually abused Kevin O'Connor, '72, during and after O'Connor's time at SLUH. Greatly hurt by the sexual abuse by Campbell, O'Connor went public last week in hopes of providing support to other victims of sexual abuse and to encourage change in the community.

O'Connor gave an hour and a half phone interview to the *Prep News* on Tuesday night to tell his story.

O'Connor gave three reasons for coming forward now, nearly 30 years after the abuse first occurred: "One is to expose Jack Campbell to the world to take the jacket off the candle so that the light can shine here. The second reason is for my own personal recovery. It is important for me to share it, and that kind of segues into the third and most important of the three reasons, and that is to reach out to other victims, primarily other people who have been molested or sexually abused by Jack

Campbell, but I broaden that to say and/or other Jesuits, and/or other clergy of any denomination. I feel a kindred spirit relationship with these folks, and someone needed to come forward and expose this.

"I come (forward) as a fellow St. Louis U. High graduate," said O'Connor. "I hold in the highest esteem one of the proudest things that I have accomplished is graduating from St. Louis U. High."

O'Connor remembers himself in high school as an "avid Billiken. I loved St. Louis U. High when I was there. I was the little kid, and I loved football and made
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STUCO Pep Rally: "Big Time"



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STUCO Religious Commissioner James Erler unleashing his patented move, "The Million Dollar Dream," devours the squirming Sports Commissioner Brian Heffernan. The one-hour long pep rally also featured Blues announcer Ken Wilson as a guest speaker.

Bands will battle tomorrow

**Alex Sciuto
Reporter**

Can you guess what Cheer up Charlie, Brooklyn Deadwood, Never the Less, The Doug Russo Experiment, and Center Point name? Are they movies? Television shows? Words? No. They are bands playing and entertaining along with Los Constables at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Lindell this Saturday.

John Noland from DeSmet High became the driving force of the interschool concert. The Association of Student Councils of St. Louis (ASCSLC), a body of all of the high school student councils in St. Louis, is funding and organizing the event.

Never the Less and Center Point
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Yearbook ships on Nov. 15

Sean Powers
Reporter

The past few years St. Louis U. High's yearbook, the *Dauphin*, has been released to the students later than expected. However, the shipping date of the 2003 will be sooner than usual. "The yearbooks will be shipped out Nov. 15 and may be out a few days earlier than that. It takes the printers a few weeks to print the books," said yearbook moderator Tim Rittenhouse.

The yearbook, which is printed by Herff Jones Printing Company, takes six weeks to print and approximately one week to deliver to the school.

The 2004 *Dauphin* is now underway under the leadership of editor Joe Jost. Their goal for the shipment of next year's book is Oct. 15. "It's a reasonable goal for us. We especially want them in no later than Thanksgiving break so that graduated seniors can come back and pick up

their book from school," said Rittenhouse.

The late release of last year's yearbook and the upcoming release of this year's book is partly the result of not getting the 2000 *Dauphin* out until almost a year after it's due date. "We are finally back on track. It took us three years to catch up," said Jost.

"Mr. Rosenberg had the unfortunate task of walking into a situation where he had to work on three yearbooks at once," added Rittenhouse.

Between finishing up the 2000 *Dauphin* and working on the present yearbook, previous yearbook moderator Randy Rosenberg got the *Dauphin* out as soon as possible, yet it still did not come out until the second semesters of 2002 and 2003.

Travis Bargeon was the editor for the 2003 yearbook until he stopped working around Christmas. "It became a combined effort from junior Jimmy Chassaing, jun-

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Sneak Peek set for Nov. 14

John Castelli
Reporter

On Friday, Nov. 14th, St. Louis U. High will host its annual Sneak Peek, a preview of Cashbah. Not only is Cashbah SLUH's largest fundraiser, but it is also one of the first and largest school fundraisers in St. Louis, dating back to 1971. Sneak Peek, however, is relatively new. Sneak Peek gives its guests a glimpse of the types of items that will be at auction for Cashbah 2004 in a more casual setting, while at the same time providing another opportunity for freshmen parents to get acquainted. Sharon Purcell and Mary Suntrup, along with the current chairpersons, have organized this year's event so that all parents feel comfortable and welcome.

The evening begins at 7:00 p.m., and the cost of the event is \$20. A dinner buffet and cocktails will be served and are included in the price. This year's oral "mini-auction" features a Winter Wonderland Tilles Park Carriage Ride Package, Fox Theatre tickets for *Thoroughly*

Modern Millie, and Super Bowl Party hors d'œuvres.

In addition to the oral auction, 80 to 100 silent auction items, many reflecting this year's 1904 World's Fair theme, will be spotlighted. According to Cashbah's volunteers, most guests will be able to get "reasonable deals on some wonderful items." The opportunity to get the "royal treatment" is also going to be presented. Guests at the premier table will enjoy special food and beverage orders and will be centrally located in the Danis Lobby for a "premier bidding location."

Some of the SLUH organizations represented at this year's Sneak Peek will be a combo from Bryan Mueller's Jazz Band III, performing a variety of jazz and ragtime classics, as well as the water polo team who made dozens of cookies and donated a large outdoor wreath to be given to the winner of this year's raffle.

Cashbah Sneak Peek is an excellent opportunity for the SLUH family to come together, and it always has been a huge success thanks to its dedicated volunteers.

Speech team talks the talk

Peter Gosik
Reporter

Five days ago, in a haunted castle in the middle of a haunted forest also known as Villa Duschene High School, a ragtag band of 11 St. Louis U. High students engaged in a grueling battle of wits and words at the first Catholic Inter-Scholastic Speech League meet of the year. Under the guidance of the infinitely wise and mighty Katherine Whitaker, these brave young lads spoke like no others.

SLUH has always had a very strong speech team, and this year is no exception. The team is lead by President Peter Gosik, Vice President Kevin O'Brien, and Secretary Theodore Makarewicz. Although SLUH has lost the title of League Champions to DeSmet for the past two years, the team is determined to make a comeback this year.

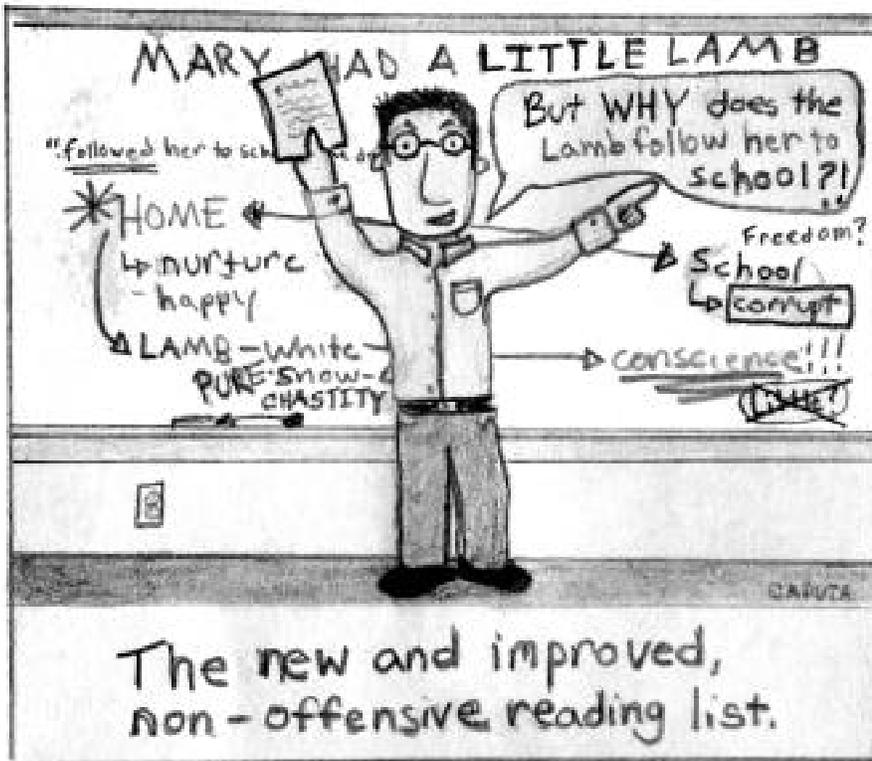
One fresh young rookie on the team, Makarewicz, says that "It...amazes me how much our team can accomplish with the limited time in which to practice...we always pull through with an impressive standing."

According to senior Sam Weller, "This is the year that DeSmet is going down. We're going to take back the crown that they stole from us two years ago, old school!"

Although official rankings have not yet been tabulated, SLUH is expected to be one of the top-ranked schools in the league because every member of the team earned at least a red or blue ribbon. When all was said and done, SLUH had won blue ribbons in Duet Acting (Peter Gosik and Ted Makarewicz, Kevin O'Brien and Sam Weller), Storytelling (Jack Cunningham), and Humorous/Serious Interpretation (Paul Barker) and red ribbons in Original Oratory (John Berosky), Extemporaneous Speaking (Bobby Mudd), Humorous/Serious Interpretation (Sam Weller), Poetry Reading (Peter Gosik and Matt Walsh), Prose Reading (Kevin Boehm), Radio Broadcasting (James Erler), and Storytelling (Marty

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PICTORIAL



—George Caputa, '05

THE GOOD BOOK

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ior Mike Roth, senior John Oliver, Mr. Rosenberg, and 2002 graduate Dave Decepeida,” said Jost. The 2003 yearbook, as Rittenhouse mentioned, was, “for the most part, done at the end of last school year.” With its being shipped out in November, the book will arrive earlier than the previous three years.

Students are looking forward to the arrival of the 2003 *Dauphin* and are excited to look through it. Junior Gabe Gassner commented, “I think it will be pretty cool and look forward to see how it looks.”

Throughout the years at SLUH, many students and faculty have enjoyed the annual *Dauphin*, and the 2003 edition marks the 80th volume. The 2004 *Dauphin*, now in progress, is working on a new layout and format than previous years.

Jost added, “We are planning to make some special pages for topics and activities that haven’t been covered in the past yearbooks. We are making a new yearbook with a style that hopefully students haven’t seen before.”



Rowdy fans, young and old, enjoy last night’s SLUH/CBC football game.

O'CONNOR

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the C football team. But I was 98 pounds, so I started wrestling.”

“The school spirit was intense,” remembered O'Connor. “When there was a football game, 800 kids showed up.”

O'Connor was an average, if also somewhat wild, student at SLUH. “My first two years I spent a lot of time in jug,” said O'Connor. “Our freshman year, what they did we called it the ‘Jesuit Experiment,’ because what they did for our sophomore year is take 30 kids with the highest demerits out of our freshman year

and put us all in one homeroom. They were going to isolate us. Well, it backfired, because I think practically there was a separate jug room for our homeroom each day.”

Although he was in trouble most of the time, O'Connor said one of his favorite faculty members was Charlie Conway, the Assistant Principal for Student Affairs at that time; O'Connor also said that French teacher Dick Keefe was probably his favorite teacher.

“I was academic,” said O'Connor, “and then in my last two years (of high school), things started breaking down (at home). I started seeing Fr. Campbell, and one of the things I did was to go (to the extreme). I got so far into academics that I studied until three o'clock in the morning. I basically was hiding (my problems), taking all these AP courses. My intent was to become a doctor.”

In his sophomore year, O'Connor had family problems and felt that he needed help. He asked for the guidance of Campbell, a family friend who had an office in the rectory of St. Francis Xavier

(College) Church. Since O'Connor was 15 years old, he had to hitchhike to Campbell's office. Campbell suggested that O'Connor come once a week.



O'Connor's 1972 yearbook photo.

According to O'Connor, the abuse “didn't start right away.” After about seven or eight months of meeting with Campbell, Campbell mentioned a new treatment that he thought could help O'Connor.

“I was afraid of everything,” said O'Connor. “Well, by this time I would have stood on my head or jumped off the Arch.”

However, Campbell claimed that he needed to do more research. “What he was doing was reeling me in,” claimed O'Connor. “In a month or two, Campbell said, ‘This is going to be very risky. This is going to be very risky for me. We are going to make sense that if you confronted your worst fear, and got through that, then you can go through any fear.’ He knew my biggest fear was sex. So that is how (the abuse) got started.”

The abuse affected O'Connor's high school life. O'Connor recalled, for example, that he did not attend any dances for the rest of his high school career.

However, after graduation, O'Connor continued to see Campbell.

“(Campbell) said that he was always available to have this type of ‘therapy,’” said O'Connor. “During my twenties I would come back and see him. I never engaged in (the abusive activity) again and never thought about it because I started dating women. I thought that he had my best interests at heart. I was so desperate and vulnerable at that time. I was in therapy for most of my life, but I never shared it with my therapist. I didn't realize the

impact. It was Fr. Jack to me. He was just trying to help me.”

O'Connor realized that people would have a difficult time believing his story. “I would suspect that (disbelief) is very natural. Jack Campbell is very charismatic, very bright. He was one of the most brilliant people I have ever met. He (was the priest that) married my brother. I can go on and on about the people in St. Louis who know Jack Campbell. He has probably affected not tens, not hundreds, but thousands of people's lives.”

“There was more to the picture than just Campbell,” said O'Connor, “but Campbell definitely exacerbated (the problem) at a very prime psychological developmental age, which is 15 to 16 for young men, and he completely took advantage of that. I couldn't share it with anybody. I mean, there was a part of me that was saying that this was wrong, but I was hurting so bad and this was a priest who came to our house for dinner—an Irish Catholic priest. My last name is O'Connor, and my dad loved this Irish Catholic priest. Who do you turn to when you needed some help? Father Jack. It is not to say that prior to that that I didn't have any problems, but he certainly didn't help.”

The effects of Campbell's abuse followed O'Connor long after he graduated from high school. “As time passed, I just sort of forgot about it, and then I kept struggling in my life. I couldn't finish this, I couldn't do this business, I couldn't do that. I was like, ‘What's going on there?’ Being a U. High graduate, you start thinking to yourself, ‘I probably do have an IQ over four, and I do have abilities.’ Then you start getting comparative. You think, ‘All of your buddies are attorneys, CPAs, or doctors, and I am just (nothing).’”

Two or three years ago, O'Connor finally decided, “I gotta tell somebody before I die. Then, I shared (the story) with one of my family members.” O'Connor finally called his family together and told them the whole story.

Having heard of SNAP (Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests) “by chance,” O'Connor contacted the group.

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CBC runs away from Jr. Bills, 41-10

Greg Fox
Core Staff

Traditions clashed last night, as the Cadets of CBC came into SLUH Stadium for the second of three Jr. Bills district football games. In front of a packed stadium and hordes of fans from each team, the Jr. Bills fell, 41-10.

The game started out tough for the Jr. Bills, as they surrendered a touch-down on their first series on defense, though CBC would miss the extra point. Sophomore Paul Chaney checked in at quarterback, and did well on the ground before fellow sophomore Stephen Simmons broke

through the lines. Simmons looked to accelerate through the defensive backfield, but unfortunately fumbled the ball close to midfield.



Matt Behr passes while Stephen Simmons blocks the CBC linemen.

Chaney left the game due to an injury before he could take the field as a

defensive back, and starter Matt Behr moved back under center. After a failed CBC field goal, the Jr. Bills seemed more at ease, as they moved downfield behind big gains from receiver John Warner and Simmons. Kicker Tim Simon added a field goal, making the score 6-3 early in the second quarter.

CBC's quarterback broke free from their 20-yard line on the ensuing possession, but was stopped at the Jr. Bills' 12. The defense, without bulwark linebacker Jeff Howenstein, stood firm against the Cadets' onslaught inside the red zone, but CBC eventually ran the ball in from one yard out.

On their next possession, CBC ran the ball in again from within the **see BLUE AND PURPLE, 7**

Harriers, back in stride, win districts

Henry Samson
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High cross country team raced in the district meet last weekend. Damp air, sporadic rain, a wet course, and temperatures that never exceeded the low 50s made for unfavorable running conditions. Although it wasn't extremely cold, the crisp chill of the air pierced the runners' lungs. But chest pains didn't keep the Jr. Bills from having a day that coach Jim Linhares describes as "one of the most fun days of the season."

Never before in recent SLUH history has the cross country team gone winless before the district race. The pressure was on the varsity team to show their ability and toughness or to go home. Despite the odds of running against Chaminade and DeSmet, the two teams who had beaten SLUH in the conference race, the Jr. Bills ran magnificently and won the race, narrowly edging out CBC on "the most dramatic day of the season," according to coach Linhares.

Throughout the race, the team was in good position. After a blistering first mile, the team emerged from the woods

with junior Alex Muntges looking strong and with an especially smooth gait in third place. The rest of the pack was in serious contention for a first place team finish.

Struggling with an unfortunate nagging hamstring injury, Muntges lost his position. Despite eventually pulling his hamstring around the two-mile mark, Muntges had the guts to finish the race. Coach Linhares said that "it was especially amazing that we won without Alex."

Despite being struck with the heavy loss, the rest of the team bore down on their opponents all the way to the finishing sprint, which Linhares labeled "awesome." Sophomore Ben Murphy-Baum had the biggest breakthrough race of the season for the team on Saturday. Though never before breaking 17 minutes, Murphy-Baum went out of his comfort zone to run a 16:41, finishing sixth in the race and first on the team.

Reflecting on the race, Murphy-Baum said, "I felt really good just trying to hang on for the first mile." Realizing that the last mile was mostly all downhill, Murphy-Baum said, "I kept going and went all out."

Determined to reclaim his number

two position, Andrew Linhares re-established his reputation as a top-notch racer on Saturday by finishing seventh in the race at 16:46. Linhares said he finally "felt like I was back for the first time. Also, it felt good to be top in the area again." He added, "This race shows we're on the rise."

Also breaking 17 minutes for the first time was junior Danny Meier, who churned out a well earned 16:56. The way he has been improving all season points to great things for the last two races for Meier.

Narrowly missing a race in the 16 minute range, Chris Arb dropped his time to 17:02. When asked about how he felt about how close he was to breaking 17 minutes, Arb said, "I had mixed feelings because I was so close, but the team won." Arb hopes to break the 17-minute mark this Saturday on the revised Sioux Passage course.

Rounding out the top five was junior Joe Carlson at 17:09, out-kicking opponents in the last mile. His late-race surge, along with others, proved vital to the team's victory.

Fifabills lose to Chaminade, conquer Trinity

Kyle Poelker
Reporter

The Jr. Bills were winless against Chaminade this season coming into their matchup with the Red Devils last Saturday, following their overtime tie against CBC. No current student at St. Louis U. High, soccer player or otherwise, has seen a victory against the two-time state champion powerhouse in varsity soccer competition. Though the Soccerbills held the upper hand in both local and national rankings entering last Saturday's cold, harsh rain, the void of victory remained for fans and players alike.

It was not a "senior night" to remember, as the game got off to a rocky start in the first two minutes. A Chaminade midfielder played the ball into the Jr. Bills' defensive end, where the Chaminade forward, half the SLUH backfield, and last Saturday's goalie du jour, Mike McNamee, sprinted into pursuit. It was the Red Devil forward who

won the chase and chipped the ball over McNamee into the wide open goal for the game's first and only goal.

It was hard to tell if McNamee slipped



Germanese takes one final shot in Saturday's game.

on his way out to the ball on the wet grass, or if he simply lacked game experience. The SLUH coaching staff has decided to switch goalies every few games to create a

new look for opponents, but that strategy may also detract from the rhythm and confidence of the goalkeeping squad. At any rate, the damage was done, and SLUH fell behind early. With the rain, wind, and the eighth-ranked team in the nation blocking them, the Jr. Bills kept plugging away, not giving up against their opponents.

Shortly after the goal, as the action was transferred to the Jr. Bills' attacking half, Joe Germanese narrowly missed the Jr. Bills' best chance of the half to score.

Though the scoring chances were few during the remainder of the first half, it was the second half of the game where the Jr. Bills took control. Most of the second half's action kept Chaminade on the defensive.

However, the Jr. Bills' dictation of the game play was to no avail, as the bearded Red Devils kept them from scoring despite heavy pressure in the game's

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18-3 Polobills ready to shoot for state

Dave Marek
Reporter

For most teams, the battle for the state title began in August. The whole reason water polo players get up at the ungodly hour of noon in the waning days of summer is their desire for the excitement, glory and pride associated with winning the state title. But for the St. Louis U. High water polo team, the battle for the state title began in August of their freshman year and has continued year-round until now. This is the moment that players talk about in far-off, dream-like terms among teammates in locker rooms. This is the culmination of the Polobills' hard work.

On the eve of the playoffs, the Polobills have seemed poised to win the state title. In one year, the Polobills have developed two new forms of offense to counter the defensive abilities of teams like MICDS. These schemes have added

new depth to the SLUH offensive capabilities.

Both offenses change the position of the hole man. Traditionally, SLUH's hole man plays on the four yard-line in front of the goal. The new offenses either add or subtract a hole man from the center of the pool.

In the no-hole offense, the offense revolves around the right-hand side of the pool, leaving the water in front of the goal open for players to drive through.

In the double-hole offense, SLUH puts

two hole men in front of the goal, hoping that the other teams will not match up their two best defenders to guard SLUH's hole men.

"The new offenses allow us to adapt to the style of any team," said captain Kevin Vincent. Coach Paul Baudendistel hopes that the traditional offensive style will lead them to victory, but, if necessary, the team will use the new offenses.

Defense has also been a key to the Polobills' success so far this year. Led by defensive juggernauts including Vincent, Brad Witbrodt, and

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H₂O POLO STATS

Goals

Tim Heafner - 82
Colin Tyrrell - 28
Andrew Withington - 21

Assists

Nick Konczak - 42
Paul Guest - 27
Tim Heafner - 23

Points

Tim Heafner - 105
Nick Konczak - 58
Colin Tyrrell - 46

Languages battle in tourney

Andrew Mueth
Reporter

Most people think that the World Cup is a soccer tournament in which teams from all over the world compete against each other for honor and glory. Little do they know that there is another World Cup soccer tournament, one in which the linguists of St. Louis U. High compete against each other to determine the top language of the school.

The clubs played the first round of the five-on-five tournament, organized by Spanish soccer manager Myriam Aliste, during activity period on Tuesday in the gym. The Russian Club faced off against the Chinese Club, and the Latin Club opposed the French Club. The Spanish Club had a bye week.

In the Franco-Latin game, the French Club scored right away, giving them a 1-0 lead. Both teams' spirits rose as the French students scored two more times.

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Jr. Bills' 5-yard line.

The Jr. Bills retaliated, though, as Behr and Warner connected for a fade into the corner of the end zone with mere seconds left in the half. The first half ended with the Jr. Bills down, 20-10.

CBC opened the second half with a 69-yard touchdown run, seemingly demoralizing the home squad. The second half went downhill from there, as the Cadets scored touchdowns on their next two possessions, pushing the score to 41-10. The game would end with this score. During the game, SLUH lost the services of sophomores Chaney and fullback Chris Hoffman.

Simmons ended the game with 82 yards on 20 carries, while Behr ended the night with 131 yards and passing a touchdown.

The Roosevelt Rough Riders galloped into Jr. Billiken country last Thursday, looking to upset the Jr. Bills and hand them their second loss in a row. However, the Jr. Bills improved their record to 6-2, repelling the young Rough Riders with a

After halftime, the Tribunals stepped up their defense, ferociously blocking shot after shot, but despite their efforts, the French Club scored once more on the dead-language-defense to win 4-0 .

The Russo-Chinese match was played with equal intensity. The Russians scored once in the fast-paced first half. In the second half, a Chinese Club goal was recalled due to interference with the goalie. The Russians continued their rock-solid defense and speedy offense to confuse the Chinese goaltender enough so that he scored in his own goal, making the final score 2-0, Russia.

Russian teacher Rob Chura commented, "It looked like everyone was having a good time. Ms. Aliste puts so much time and planning into the tournament to make it a neat little event."

All await the next round of the tournament eagerly and hope that it will be as enjoyable as this week's competition.

24-14 win.

The Jr. Bills started out the game strong, as Chaney intercepted Roosevelt's first pass of the night, just three plays into the game. Simmons broke free from Roosevelt's defense on the ensuing drive, and powered through the secondary for a 30-yard touchdown run.

The Faststartbills led 7-0 less than three minutes into the game. The Jr. Bills proceeded to block Roosevelt's punt after yet another three-and-out and started at the Roosevelt 15, but things stalled from there on.

Roosevelt stopped the offense, turned the ball around, and would go into the locker room with a 14-7 lead after scoring a pair of touchdowns and intercepting three passes. The Jr. Bills were (for the time being) grounded, but Simmons worked this to the team's advantage leading the team into the second half.

Simon knocked a field goal through the uprights with little over eight minutes left in the third quarter. Matt Behr connected with Hoffman for a 34-yard touch-

Poem of the

Spirits of the Dead
by Edgar Allan Poe

Week

Thy soul shall find itself alone
'Mid dark thoughts of the grey tombstone;
Not one, of all the crowd, to pry
Into thine hour of secrecy.

Be silent in that solitude,
Which is not loneliness — for then
The spirits of the dead, who stood
In life before thee, are again
In death around thee, and their will
Shall overshadow thee; be still.

The night, though clear, shall frown,
And the stars shall not look down
From their high thrones in the Heaven
With light like hope to mortals given,
But their red orbs, without beam,
To thy weariness shall seem
As a burning and a fever
Which would cling to thee for ever...

The breeze, the breath of God, is still,
And the mist upon the hill
Shadowy, shadowy, yet unbroken,
Is a symbol and a token.
How it hangs upon the trees,
A mystery of mysteries!

down pass with less than a minute left in the third to put the Jr. Bills ahead for good.

The story of the game, however, was Simmons, who rushed for 241 yards and two touchdowns on 29 handoffs. Simmons eclipsed the 1,000 yard mark for the season during the game. In front of Simmons, the offensive line led the way, wearing down a Roosevelt team without much depth.

"We started running the ball well at the end of the game," said defensive coordinator and offensive line coach Mark Tychonievich.

According to Tychonievich, the line had "quite a bit" to do with Simmons' performance.

The defense allowed 318 yards, over 200 of which were passing yards. "We did not play well in spots," Tychonievich said regarding the defense's play. "It was mostly not carrying out specific assignments that got us in trouble.... We didn't play real hard, and we can play better."

Howenstein personified dedication by playing through the pain with a broken head. He did not play against CBC.

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last ten minutes. It was during the game's most desperate time that SLUH had its best opportunities. A cross sent through the box landed on Germanese's foot, but he shot wide, and another shot by Germanese beat the Red Devil netminder, but a Chaminade defender cleared the scorching shot off the line. The game ended without a Jr. Billiken goal, a 1-0 win for the wannabe testosterone producers that made up Chaminade's soccer team.

Said Pat Miller, summing up the team's struggle on the day, "We had the better of the play, but we just couldn't finish."

With only a day's rest, the Soccerbills had to regroup for their meeting with Trinity High School on Monday. This new compilation of the old Aquinas-Mercy and Rosary high schools was a mystery, and even the players didn't know what to expect. But any expectation, no matter how low, wasn't fulfilled by their opponent, as the Jr. Bills unleashed all of their

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juniors Tim Szewczyk and David Schwarz, the Polobills' defense has shut down many key offenses.

"Defense will be the key in the tournament, especially against MICDS," said captain Nathan Harris, adding, "We also might try to score a goal or two."

In the back of every Polobill's mind is a showdown against their archrivals, MICDS. "I'm looking forward to playing MICDS," commented Vincent. This view is not unfounded; in the past 10 years the state championship has been SLUH vs. MICDS seven times. Undoubtedly, the similar rigorous coaching and emphasis on off-season practices by MICDS coach Don Casey and Baudendistel have contributed to the teams' successes.

Although MICDS is the favorite, the Polobills are confident in their ability to compete. "We can play with them. We definitely showed that (in our last game against MICDS): we beat them," commented Baudendistel.

offensive firepower, winning 7-0.

Trinity delayed the scoring for the first 20 minutes with dominating play from the extremely tall keeper. The Trinity goalie controlled his box, prowling the six-yard line ready to pounce off his line and intercept the Jr. Bills' endline crosses. The Jr. Bills made an adjustment, drawing passes out to the top of the box, and finishing with shots from the 18-yard line.

Junior Tim Weir started the scoring with a well-placed finish to the far pole against his North County neighbors. The Jr. Bills continued their scoring with two one-time finishes from runners trailing the play.

The LaLigabills finished the match with four more goals, overpowering the Trinity squad. After being shut out for 160 minutes in games against Chaminade and CBC, SLUH looks to continue its scoring Monday in the first game of districts against University City High School.

However, gaining a spot in the state game will be no walk in the park. There is a good chance that the Polobills will have to face John Burroughs in the quarterfinals. The last time SLUH and Burroughs played, the Polobills barely pulled out a 9-7 win. Burroughs also gave the Polobills a close game in last year's quarterfinals.

SLUH also has a chance of facing Kirkwood or Lafayette, two teams that have consistently played at the top of the league in the semifinals.

Despite these formidable opponents, the Polobills display confidence. Junior Kevin O'Neill expressed the key to victory, saying, "We just need to eat our broccoli and we will win."

SLUH's first round in the tournament will be played at 8:45 p.m. on Nov. 1 at the Rec-Plex. The quarterfinal game will be played at 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 5th at the Rec-Plex. All students are encouraged to come support the team and cheer them on to victory.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"What is true will be beautiful, and what is beautiful will be good."

—Fr. Martin Hagan, S.J.

Theater gnomes: a Halloween mystery

Charlie Hall
Features Editor

A horde of gnomes resides in the backstage of St. Louis U. High's theater, aiding in the construction of sets when called upon and causing all sorts of odd (some might say scary) behavior.

According to well-known but little-publicized stage crew lore, gnomes have been an integral part of the theater for years. "(The gnomes) were here with our previous theater director," says crew member Matt McGraw, adding that the gnomes have been there "as long as the theater itself," although McGraw admits, "If we tell people, nobody believes us."

Some basic information: features normally given to the stereotypical, bearded lawn gnomes apply to theater gnomes as well. They are small, with an average height less of two feet. "They're pretty short, so we have to make sure we have a good supply of ladders on hand," says long-time crew member Kevin Twist.

The gnomes are asexual, which results in "haphazard procreation—they just don't know what they're getting," says McGraw. They also normally eat sugar and typically live in the orchestra pit, although they have been rumored to live in various places throughout the theater facilities, preferring dark, mossy areas, such as stage-left's dimmer room, the crew restroom, and the costume shop.

Technical Director Scott Sanders, the self-proclaimed "supreme leader" of the gnomes, and Assistant Technical Director Eric Elz seem to hold some sort of authority over the gnomes. Elz says that the gnomes' work ethic is "pretty good...but they stay up late, so their quality isn't optimal."

The gnomes are extremely versatile. For the 2003 Dauphin Players' production of *Kiss Me Kate*, the gnomes sewed dresses.

According to McGraw, after the show, "They ate all the lint from the costume shop, and sometimes they eat sawdust from the shop, saving human hands from the tedious tasks of cleaning." Before the recent showing of *The Front Page*, gnomes fixed the typewriters used on the set.

In addition to small tasks, the gnomes do large-scale con-

struction work when needed.

The gnomes do not receive wages, although SLUH's theater department "provides them with room and board," says McGraw.

Crew member Sean Burk has witnessed gnome craftsmanship firsthand:

"One day, I left a flat here, and all I had done was glue it. I came back a couple days later. It was painted."

While the gnomes' work is visible, few crew members seem to have actually seen a gnome. "I've never seen one," admits McGraw, "but I don't see why they shouldn't exist."



McGraw beholds the mysterious work of gnomes.

According to Twist, "You see gnomes, but you don't know they're gnomes." Twist says there is a bit of Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle in gnome-spotting: "By having to look at (the gnome), you affect its position, therefore you can't ever really see one in its natural state."

Mike McHugh, a recent addition to stage crew, claims that he saw a gnome hiding in a spotlight one day while changing a colored gel. "I put the gel in, and I heard an 'Ow!,' and I thought, 'I just poked a gnome in the eye!'" It ran out, whimpering, scurried across the catwalk, but nobody else saw it but me. I know what I saw."

McHugh says that occasionally, during shows, when the lights become unbearably hot, the gnome is forced out of its hiding place and must jump out of the spotlight, falling onto the stage. The gnome is too small and quick, however, for most theater-goers to notice its frantic scampering.

Tonight, on All Hallows' Eve, according to whispers circulating backstage, the gnomes are planning "a huge gnome party."



The nest of a gnome in the costume shop.

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"It took me awhile to get the courage to call (David Clohessy, the executive director of SNAP), and I shared a bit of my story." Since he was thinking about getting legal representation, O'Connor was recommended to Jeff Anderson & Associates, a firm that has been dealing with abuse cases for more than 20 years.

By January 3, O'Connor had sent out a letter to administrators from the Jesuits of the Missouri Province, SLUH, and Saint Louis University.

Due to the statute of limitations in Missouri, O'Connor could not file a civil lawsuit because the statute of limitations had expired, meaning that the case would be automatically dismissed. However, O'Connor and his lawyer met with the Jesuits on April 4. They allowed him to talk for about four hours, and according to O'Connor, at the end he told them, "Before we go anywhere I want you to know something: I ain't going nowhere." The inference of that being, 'I'm going public.' They knew that, but they hoped that I wouldn't. I had every intention of talking, (but) I couldn't do that until my settlement was finalized."

Dealing with the abuse has been difficult for O'Connor. "This is something painful. It hurts, a lot of trust has been violated," he said. "This is the type of abuse that devastates a person on many levels: emotionally, spiritually, mentally, and eventually physically."

For the past 30 years, O'Connor has dealt with alcoholism, clinical depression, and low self-esteem, despite the fact that on the outside he appeared fine. Yet O'Connor has persevered, overcoming alcoholism, getting married, and going back to school, due largely to his strong belief in Jesus Christ.

"I want to let you know that I have been sober for 14 years," said O'Connor. "(It was) mentioned in an article that I became alcoholic, and that is true. I still firmly believe in Jesus Christ and that he is my savior. I obviously have a little problem with the Catholic Church, but I would have not been able to make it through this time without my relationship

with Christ. I have been to many AA meetings, but my Lord has been right there with me. I have been married for five years, and I am going to school. I have had different successes through my life, but have never been able to finish things."

O'Connor said, "The irony here is that I have a lot of compassion. There is a myriad of feelings I have for Jack Campbell. One of them is I feel sorry for him because I know he is a sick man. He is a pedophile and that is an illness. That does not negate what he did, but I actually almost have more outrage at those who knew and did not act."

According to O'Connor, "I got a phone call from someone that made (the difficulty of going public) all worth it. I got a call three days ago... from a guy who was calling from a pay phone because he thought I might have caller ID. This man is 65 years old, and he lives about 10 miles from where I live. This man is crying, telling me that he was abused by Fr. Jack Campbell.... He said, 'This is the first time I have ever told anybody in my life. If you heard my name, you would know who I am and you would know my family's name in St. Louis. I no longer feel alone.' Because so many victims feel alone, they never tell anybody. He and I were mutually crying for quite awhile. My only words right now for someone like that is 'You are OK, and you are not wrong.'"

However, O'Connor added, "I am not expecting people to come forward. (I came forward) just so that they know that they are not alone. Maybe they will reach out and get some therapy, whatever, and that is breaking the silence that needs to happen.

"I am passionate about trying to reach out to other victims, and I am also concerned about St. Louis U. High," said O'Connor. "I am concerned that (the is-

sue of sexual abuse) will be dropped in complacency. If it happened once, it can happen again, and who is to say that it is not happening now or it hasn't? Just because it was 30 years ago, well 30 years ago—that was the present time for me."

O'Connor believes that the Jesuits need to set up a task force to investigate the possible occurrence of sexual abuse, past or present. "1991 was when Fr. Sheridan said was the last time (they revised the rules); well, that was 12 years ago."

"I couldn't share it with anybody. I mean, there was a part of me that was saying that this was wrong, but I was hurting so bad and this was a priest who came to our house for dinner—an Irish Catholic priest."

—Kevin O'Connor

O'Connor thinks that, ideally, the investigative body would be made up of nine to 15 people and would include victims, mental health professionals, law enforcement officials, attorneys, and members from the Board of Trustees of SLUH. Such a task force would serve as a formal way for former and current victims to come forward with stories of their abuse, and could serve to monitor sexual abuse on an ongoing basis.

O'Connor reflected, "On one level, Fr. Campbell probably picked the wrong person. It might have taken me 35 years, but in addition to the Jesuits in dealing with the sense of justice and social justice, my father was an attorney and a retired FBI agent who also left me a sense of justice. It is easier for me to go out to help someone else, so that is why it is easier for me to help other people. I am just doing what needs to be done, so I have to keep my eyes wide open."

Despite his own painful experiences, O'Connor said, "I am proud of St. Louis U. High and I come to the table now, having reached my settlement, saying 'What can I do and what can the St. Louis U. High community and Saint Louis University do to turn this thing around?' I want the proverbial 'to make lemonade out of lemon.'"

PREP NEWS VOLUME LXVIII**PLATFORM POLICY**

As the student-run newspaper of St. Louis University High School, the *Prep News* is a weekly publication which strives to inform the SLUH community about events and people, with its main focus on those pertaining to the school, primarily through the written word.

The *Prep News* is neither the voice of the administration nor the students. Rather, the newspaper serves to gather and disseminate information for the entire school.

The *Prep News* editors and staff members make every effort to be objective in their news coverage and editing, and they strive to be unbiased in their athletic reporting.

As it stands now, the organizational structure of the *Prep News* differs slightly

BATTLE

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both feature students exclusively from DeSmet. St. Dominic presents Cheer Up Charlie.

St. Louis U. High seniors Brian Heffernan, John Randall, Dave Marek, Jake Bell, and Sam Weller compose Los Constables. Juniors Jason Murphy and Eric Venker form half of Brooklyn Deadwood. DeSmet and Chaminade students play in the Doug Russo Experiment.

Van "The Man" from 101.1 FM the River and Cornbread from 105.7 FM the Point hold the fate of these five bands in their hands as the judges of the battle.

Why will it be held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral? Heffernan, STUCO Sports Commissioner, said it "seats a couple or three thousand people and we got a good deal on it."

STUCO invites all students to come to the concert and encourages them to purchase tickets in the STUCO office today. If students purchase tickets today, they will save three dollars from the door price of ten dollars.

The bands will play from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. this Saturday. Directions to Scottish Rite can be found in the STUCO office. According to Heffernan, "We're gonna rock hard and have fun."

from that of recent years. This year the *Prep News* has one editor in chief, one sports editor, one editor, an assistant editor, and a features editor. The members of the editorial staff are co-workers and share the duties of writing, copy-editing, layout, and staff management. The editors are supported by a core staff of regular reporters, who are frequently underclassmen.

Occasionally, the staff will also include such positions as layout staff, artist, photography editor, etc., as deemed necessary by the editors and moderator.

It is the role of the editors to seek out and facilitate the reporting of all significant news at SLUH. While any faculty member or student is welcome to submit suggestions for potential articles, the *Prep News* is never obligated to publish any article idea; the editors reserve the right to deem any potential article un-newsworthy and retain it from publication for this

reason.

Our primary emphasis as editors of the *Prep News* is upon accurate reporting, careful editing, and clear writing. But we do attempt to include some visual expression—photography, drawing, technical aids, or the like—in every issue. Despite our desire to make the paper visually appealing, we commit ourselves not to allow form to supersede substance.

The *Prep News* strongly encourages underclassman involvement, and our office on the second floor of the Jesuit Wing, Room J220, is always open for involvement, criticism, praise, or suggestions. Without student reaction and feedback, the *Prep News* could not function.

If the *Prep News* is inaccurate, we will try to correct any significant error in the following issue.

This is the platform and policy of the editors of Volume LXVIII of the *Prep News*.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The Volume LXVIII *Prep News* editorial section serves the purpose of being the vehicle of personal opinion, whether from students, faculty, or others wishing to voice an opinion. All topics discussed in the section will be related to St. Louis University High School.

Nothing published either as an editorial or as a letter to the editor should be considered the opinion of the school, the administration, or anyone other than its author or authors.

A *Prep News* editorial is the opinion of the editors on a particular topic. In their writing, the editors will make a strong attempt to express their views in a clear and accurate fashion; they will also strive to offer solutions if the focus of the editorial is a problem.

Either in response to anything in the editorial section or simply in an effort to express one's opinion about a SLUH-related topic, every member of the SLUH community is welcomed and encouraged

to submit a letter to the editors.

Every letter received by the editors will be read and given consideration. All the letters must be signed, but the author's name may be withheld from publication by request.

The *Prep News* editors reserve the right to edit any submissions for publication in order to meet grammatical standards, but they will not skew the author's original intent. Also, the editors reserve the right to withhold from publication any submission if it is deemed vulgar, tasteless, or otherwise inappropriate.

All authors wishing to have letters published must submit them by 4:00 p.m. the Wednesday before the letter is to be published.

Letters can be given to any *Prep News* editor or moderator. In addition, letters can be mailed to the *Prep News* courtesy of St. Louis University High School, 4970 Oakland., St. Louis, Mo. 63110, or e-mailed to prepnews@sluh.org.

by Tim Huether

Calendar

Oct. 31 - Nov. 7

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Schedule L
 All Hallows' Eve
 STUCO Crazy Clothes Day
 IM K.O. 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 Garlic Bread

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Feast of All Saints
 V XC @ Sectionals
 V WP @ Missouri District Tournament @ Rec Plex through 11-8
 V SOC @ Districts @ CBC through 11-8
 B SOC @ McCluer JV Tournament through 11-7
 STUCO Battle of the Bands @ Scottish Rite Temple @ 3pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Open House 12-5pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Schedule E
 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 College Visit: (Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend)
 Culver-Stockton College @
 12:01pm-12:31pm
 Steak Fries and Pizza

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Schedule L
 College Visit: (Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend)
 Newman University @ 12:15pm-12:30pm
 Sophomore Retreats through 11-6
 Apple Pie and Mostaccoli with Garlic Bread

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Schedule R
 College Visit:
 Loyola University-Chicago @ AP
 Fr. Eng. Tutorial

IM Freshman B-Ball
 Rings and Grad. Ann. Orders
 Bosco Sticks, Crisпитos, and Burritos

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Schedule R
 College Visit: (Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend)
 Iona College @ 12:52pm-1:22pm
 Tornado Drill
 IM Freshman B-Ball
 Junior Rep. Mtg.
 Social Studies Movie: *1942*
 B FB vs. Mehlville @ SLUH @ 4pm
 Cheese Garlic Bread, and Chicken Strips

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Schedule L
 College Visit: (Sign Up in Counseling Office to Attend)
 University of Puget Sound @
 12:01pm-12:31pm
 Father/Son Liturgy
 V FB @ Mehlville @ 7:30pm
 Pizza Snacks and Half Pizzas

CHEESE MEAT

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The SLUH Speech Team has a long, arduous road ahead of them in their quest for glory, but they are prepared to meet any and all challenges head on. Whether they are extemporaneously orating on issues of modern import, weaving the children's story of Dogzilla, or sending their judges into seizures of laughter with a scene detailing the chaos that ensues when an ailing priest and a dentist-to-be cross paths, they will succeed. Said coach Kathryn Whitaker about her vision for the team's coming year, "I know we will be victorious. These gentlemen are some of the finest with whom I have ever had the pleasure of working."

—PRESS RELEASE—

The St. Louis U. High Board of Trustees has authorized the school's administration to explore the merits of installing an artificial surface in the SLUH stadium.

The artificial surface for the stadium would be part of Vision 2000.

A group of SLUH administrators that includes President Father Paul Sheridan; Trustee and Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee Ted Hellman, '66; Facilities Director Patrick Zarrick, and Athletic Director Dick Wehner are in the process of meeting with artificial surface manufacturers.

"The primary benefit of an artificial surface is increased field usage. Rockhurst

High School in Kansas City, Regis Jesuit High School in Denver, and St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland have installed artificial surfaces on their campuses, and they are reporting field usage as high as 250 events per year. This would represent a substantial increase in usage for our stadium that would enable us to use the stadium for a broader range of activities to include things like physical education and lacrosse," according to Hellman.

The administration will report its findings and make appropriate recommendations regarding the artificial surface to the Board of Trustees at the Nov. 12, 2003 Board of Trustees meeting.

Quote of the Week

"I never liked the idea of sending them to the Christian brothers myself."

—James Joyce, *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*