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"If nothing else, value the truth"

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Summer meetings address student welfare

Geoff Brusca
Editor

During the 2001-02 academic year, SLUH began to address perceived problems in student wellness.

Following a series of speeches by President Paul Sheridan, S.J., to groups of students and faculty, the Administration and counseling department began to discuss various ways to establish a new system for meeting the needs of students, and, in early April, through the Ally initiative and its subsequent effects, the necessity for immediate action became readily apparent.

Thus, in May, the Administration and counselors planned a two-day workshop

for faculty to begin to put together a wellness agenda. That workshop met on June 3 and 4, and out of it came a series of committees to discuss wellness and develop a plan to improve it.

These committees were designated to address the varied and specialized problems in the school, ranging from the quality of student leadership to the needs of homosexual students to respect between the faculty and non-faculty staff. The committees were: Leadership, chaired by STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson; Drugs and Alcohol, chaired by Wellness Club moderator Craig Hannick; Respect, chaired by Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinselmeyer; and Special Needs, chaired by history teacher

Jeff Harrison.

The Special Needs committee was tasked with finding ways to help certain groups of students who have different problems than those that face the average student. The committee identified in particular students with divorced or deceased parents, homosexual students or students with questions about their sexuality, students with special learning needs, and sophomores.

"To help those students who have divorced or deceased parents," Harrison said, "A lot of it is informational, about teachers being more aware." By being conscious of a unique problem, a teacher could help his or her student through some-
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Schenkenberg begins tenure

"I'm excited. This is a great place."

Matt Hoffman
Editor in Chief

New Principal Mary Schenkenberg, "spent the first couple of weeks quietly doing my files and going through Dr. Bannister's things and setting up the files the way I wanted to," after beginning her job July 1.

Schenkenberg played an influential role in the wellness meetings and committees, sitting on the Respect, Student Leadership, and Special Needs committees.



"Pretty quickly I got into being part of the summer meetings and meeting with faculty and some students," said Schenkenberg.

Schenkenberg, however, does not want the Task Force goals to override her own goals, which she cites as interdisciplinary teaching, technology, and student leadership.

Jeff Harrison, S.J., who headed the Special Needs committee, said of

Schenkenberg's involvement this summer, "A school like SLUH has so many
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Endowment down, budget sinks, cuts ensue

Tim Piechowski
Sports Editor

With the stock market in the midst of a two and a half year slump, institutions throughout the country are experiencing budgeting dilemmas. Saint Louis U. High is not excluded from this list, as beginning last Spring a budget cut of 10% was implemented throughout all departments of the school.

The budget cuts were announced after the administration realized that due to poor performance from the endowment fund over the last couple of years, expenses

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Book sales usher in another school year

Brian Kane
Core Staff

On August 19, 20, and 21, St. Louis U. High students began their reacclimation to school as they headed for the book sale.

Many students made a first stop at the student commons, where the National Honor Society made used books available at reduced prices. Student volunteers also validated credit for those who sold their used books to NHS in May.

"The volunteers were great. They were especially helpful for the freshmen, since it was the first book day for most of them," commented NHS President Denis Agniel. A new benefit for the NHS is new basement storage space, which held the used books over the summer, relieving the math office of that

duty.

Students who needed to buy new books then moved on to their second course in the cafeteria. There they were guided through their many selections by SLUH parents who volunteered for the event. Books ranged from \$1 copies of *The Importance of Being Earnest* to a \$118 AP Calculus book. Bookstore Manager Kathy Hylla thought the sale was successful. She also noted the improvement of adding credit cards to the list of payment options, now available for a second year.

Though final numbers will not be available for some time, NHS moderator Jean Elliott has high hopes for their

profits from the sale. Junior Tyler Orf gave a rough prediction of the earnings, saying "It was the most money I'd ever held in my life." The money from the used

book sale will be distributed among several charitable organizations. The Honduras project, Karen House, St. Anthony's food pantry, and the Red Cloud school are among the charities that have been helped in past years.

For those students who still need books, NHS has posted a list of their available books on the bulletin

board in the second floor middle corridor. Bookstore sales have continued, and Hylla invites students down to check out their selection and see their new neon sign.



Charlie Hall re-enacts Book Day.

Monahan falls off roof, loses two teeth

Patrick Stephens
Core Staff

As AP U.S. History teacher Dr. Dano Monahan set out to finish "my one last thing to do" before starting the strenuous school year, he thought he'd be fixing only an out-of-place wind turbine on his roof. Instead, he ended up making an unexpected trip to DePaul Health Center because of a bad fall from that roof, leaving him with eight stitches on his head and a possibly broken seventh cervical vertebra.

The accident happened last Wednesday, and 21st, when Monahan decided to fix a faulty wind turbine that was no longer keeping his attic cool. Already on top of the first story of his house, he laid a ladder up against the second story to get at the wind turbine, something he's been doing for years. Unfortunately, halfway up the ladder, it started to slide to the side and tipped over. Monahan realized what was happening too late, and he fell to the first story roof, leaving him with several bruises.

However his trouble didn't end there. His head at the bottom of the inclined roof and his feet above him, he tried

shifting to where his legs would be on the downslope. Unfortunately, as he put it, "Being a gymnast was never one of my priorities," and, in his attempt to center himself, he rolled on his side and tumbled off the roof. On his way down, his head struck the side of his air conditioner, leaving a substantial gash. The fall also may have cracked his seventh cervical vertebra and poked two teeth out. Completely out of whack, he wiggled his fingers to make sure nothing was wrong with his spinal cord and found everything alright, but he was bleeding badly from the head. So, he found a seat on his patio furniture and held a towel to his head. Because his wife works as a preschool teacher, she wasn't home at the time, but luckily his next-door neighbor 911.

Monahan encountered even more problems once he got to the health center. Two attendants started arguing as to whether he was a trauma two or three case and left him waiting in pain for quite a while. Monahan later commented that "it was like something out of a Woody Allen movie." Monahan then underwent some x-rays and CAT-scans to determine the severity of the injury and the final diagnosis was a concussion and possibly

fractured seventh clavicle. The doctors still aren't sure as to the extent of the injuries though, specifically the possibility of a fracture to his seventh cervical vertebra, prompting Monahan to comment, "I guess that's why they call it the practice of medicine: they're still practicing." He was kept overnight, but was released Thursday and given some painkillers.

Nurse Scott Gilbert, R.N., said that Monahan is a very lucky man to even be alive. "Worst-case scenario that could have happened was the good possibility of sustaining a paralyzing blow, if not death." He also added that the air conditioner Monahan struck on the way down, "may have been a blessing in disguise." It's possible the injuries Monahan sustained would have been worse if he didn't hit the air conditioner and landed squarely on the ground below.

While recuperating, the recently-retired Dr. Richard Mueller filled in for Monahan's AP U.S. History classes. But the injury didn't keep him out long, as he arrived back for a full day on Tuesday. Although he does admit, "My days as a high-wire trapeze artist are over...Hopefully we'll keep some people off roofs."

EDITORIAL

Prep News offers students a chance for formal discussion

Last April's principal search left many students feeling voiceless due to a lack of student participation in the process. Whether or not students should have been given a say in the principal search is ultimately up to the administration. However, at the *Prep News* we aim to provide a forum to all in the community, especially students, to voice their concerns.

Just one letter was written to the *Prep News* about the principal search, as most discussion was held in the cafeteria and hallways. While the editors feel informal discussion is important, we also believe that formal discussion is necessary. Stealing, stress, and the seven period day, among other things, are often discussed, but rarely written about. A well-reasoned letter to the Editor serves not only as an outlet for someone with something important to say but as an asset to the SLUH community. The *Prep News* forum serves to educate readers by advancing read-

ers' knowledge of a subject, and provides viewpoints which may not be accessible elsewhere.

Formal opinion is often far more persuasive than informal opinion. In the past, the *Prep News* opinion section has brought about change in the school by formalizing dialogue which ran from the freshman corridor to the third floor.

The *Prep News* is a forum for all opinions, popular and unpopular. As long as a student or staff member, parent, or alum provides a strong argument, the *Prep News* will give that person a chance to share and explain his or her opinion. Although the student body, the administration, and/or the *Prep News* may disagree with that opinion, we believe that everyone has a right to explain himself and his argument. It is often controversial opinions that most advance thought and spur discussion, which the staff of the *Prep News* feels is vital to SLUH.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STUCO touts opening football games, Mixer of the Millenium

To the Editor,

Hey Hey JuBills and welcome back! It's your not-too-soon-to-be-famous Student Council here, STUCO for short and STUCO for longer (and better looking). We all wanted to welcome you back to a brand new year of learning, and we can tell you can't wait to hit those books! Here's to three hours of homework! SLUH's got plenty of that in store for you!!

If you're NOT, however, very excited to put in some quality time with the pen and paper, don't worry! SLUH's got plenty for you too! This Friday, the Footbills are gearing up to play Washington and Lindbergh in the Lindbergh Jamboree. For those of you who aren't familiar with the Jamboree format, it features Dossie "Air Force One" Jennings, Joe "call me Nelly" Neely, Joe "Snake" Finney, Phinney "I'm Dating Britney" Troy, and the rest of your varsity Footbills stomping all over their opponents.

Also in store for you crazy cats is what is to be the MIXER OF THE MILLENIUM this Friday starting at 8. Bring all the ladies you want, too, cuz they get in for the SLUH family price of only \$5 (the same as you gotta pay). We had planned to hire the best DJ in St. Louis to rock the house, but he was busy and uhm, well, we got the second best!

Some of you, especially the upperclassmen, may think that this year's STUCO is just fun and games. That is, however, a wicked-false rumor. Your very own STUCO put in a ton of hours this summer getting ready for the upcoming year and painted, repainted, and then painted again the STUCO workroom. With

the help from your teachers and BRAND NEW PRINCIPAL Dr. Schenkenberg, STUCO is now better fitted to meet your needs! Look out homeroom reps, because we gotta a whole new agenda for you! It's about time you reps started doin' some work. And hey anybody! Stop by and shoot the roof with us for a couple minutes! (I think that means talk to us.) STUCO is introducing bi-monthly meetings with homeroom reps as well as public notes

and information. Also, STUCO is under new management. New teacher and very strict disciplinarian Mr. Kesterson replaces "Brock," the old STUCO Moderator. Mr. Kesterson says he is excited to work with the new STUCO, and eager to put the old reputation of party-first, get-business-done-later behind them. A few words of advice, however, from us in the workroom: We had to pull some pretty stringy strings to get that COUCH IN THE ROOM ON STILTS! It's gonna be there until one of you crazybills pulls an act of tomfoolery. Then Mr. H.E.

Clark is gonna yank that couch out of there faster than you can say, "Pleasesirleavethecouchontheloft!" SO! Obey the new STUCO Rules Of Etiquette and we'll all be happy. And while you're at it, remind those lovely ladies to wear their most decent of apparel.

Well! Let me be the first, second, third, or fourth to welcome you back to the FUN IN THE SUN 2002-2003 school year.

Truly yours,
Publicist-in-Arms C.J. Baricevic, and the rest of your Student Council



Martel suffers summer blackouts, heart stoppage

Martel is unscathed after health scare

Patrick Stephens

Core Staff

The SLUH family received a scare when varsity soccer coach and theology teacher Charlie Martel suffered numerous blackouts during a three-week period near the end of July and early August. The final fainting spell during this period prompted him to check into the St. Mary's emergency room on August 5.

At first the doctors thought that dehydration or a deficient thyroid was the cause of the unexpected problems, but as Martel commented later as to the actual problem, "They weren't sure. They still don't know."

However, a more serious threat to Martel's health came later that night in St. Mary's, when he was held overnight for observation. Martel stated, "While I was sleeping, my heart stopped for 21 seconds." Doctors came running in with paddles in order to get his heart beating again, but didn't need them because his heart started right back up when they walked in the room. From this episode and Martel's description of his other blackouts, the doctor's diagnosed these incidents as arrhythmias, a condition in which one has an irregular heartbeat, causing a lack of blood flow and blackouts. When he woke up in the morning, he had no idea what had occurred and his doctor recom-

mended a pacemaker be put in. Later that day the pacemaker, which is the size of a silver dollar, was put in right above Martel's collarbone on his left side.

He jokingly said of his cell phone use on his right ear, "I'm left-handed. I have to use it on this side now."

Since Martel's heartbeat is irregularly slow at sixty beats per minute, it will give his heart regular shocks to speed it up. The computer in the pacemaker sends information to tubes that are connected to his heart, which speeds up his heartbeat. He will have to have another put in, in about seven years when the battery is expected to go dead.

SLUH's Nurse Scott Gilbert commented that although he's not sure what exactly happened to Mr. Martel when he had blackouts at his house, the most probable cause of them was Martel's irregular heartbeat, which caused a lack of blood

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PREP NEWS VOLUME LXVII 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 our 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 from that of recent years. This year the *Prep News* has one editor in chief, one sports editor, one editor, and an assistant 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 withhold 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 supercede substance.

The *Prep News* strongly encourages underclassmen involvement, and our office on the second floor of the Jesuit Wing, Room J, is always open, whether 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 LXVII of the *Prep News*.

PREP NEWS VOLUME LXVII EDITORIAL POLICY

The Volume LXVII *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 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, a member of the SLUH community is welcomed and encouraged to

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CSP revamped by new moderator Walsh

Brian Fallon
Core Staff

As another school year begins, so do the preparations for this year's community service. Suzanne Walsh, a theology and economics teacher at SLUH for a year and a half, has taken over the position of CSP moderator for the next two years. "I feel very privileged," said Walsh, "since I see service as a major activity at any school, especially one like SLUH with a motto of being men for others."

Walsh has made several additions to the CSP program, including new sites and times, aiming to allow all students to become more involved with CSP. After evaluating the original sites and discussing options with students, she determined that more students do not participate in community service because of athletics or work grant, or even because of where students live.

The solution to these conflicts is to provide different times and new locations throughout the Saint Louis area. These sites will give more students the opportunity to be more active in service. New

Freshmen run amok: D-Day

Tom Queathem
Reporter

During Direction Day, freshman and senior advisors participated in a ton of fun-filled activities.

The day started at 8:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot, at which point the freshmen split up to meet their senior advisors and start with ice breakers. Once the groups felt comfortable with each other's names, they moved on to an event called the egg drop, the object being to get an egg from the second story to the first without having it break. After this, the students loaded into two buses and took a thirty-minute ride to Green Hills, a beautiful Jesuit retreat center with a field and a pool.

Once there, the seniors led their

locations include places in West County, Webster Groves, Kirkwood, and Crestwood. Some sites begin at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., or as late at 6:30 p.m. for those in athletics or work grant. Walsh has even addressed the problems of people unable to do service altogether by setting up a food bank where people can donate fresh items to be taken to venues that evening. Others can donate non-perishable items such as pastas.

STUCO has even introduced a service and pastoral representative for each homeroom. "All homerooms will now have a greater link with the pastoral center and with CSP," commented Walsh, who was very pleased with this suggestion. "Hopefully, this will spread the idea of men at work, with and for others, throughout the whole school, not just to a select group."

CSP encourages students not to simply talk about being men for others, but to actually do it by becoming more involved at SLUH, especially through service. "Hopefully this will give (the students) the opportunity to see the value of utilizing their gifts and talents to discover that

groups in team-building activities and games meant to challenge them mentally and sometimes physically. After rotating through as many activities as the group could squeeze into a morning, all rested and enjoyed lunch.

After lunch the groups broke up and played each other in waterpolo, wiffleball and the SLUH-exclusive bashball, a combination of football and water polo. When all of the games ended, the students got back on the buses for a very restful ride back to SLUH.

Freshman class moderator Tim Curdt commented, "This was a great experience for the freshmen." At SLUH everyone involved in Direction Day attended, along with the freshman parents, a Mass in the chapel, followed by dinner in the Danis Lobby, thus concluding the day.

by doing service in any capacity, they will not only help other people, but they will certainly be surprised by how much they will get out of it themselves, which is a great reason for them to foster this type of spirit within the school." Walsh wants to give the student body a challenge, stepping out of its comfort zone and discovering CSP. Even if a venue is not what students expect, Walsh noted, the attempt at trying something new will be worthwhile.

Community service venues will begin in September, and if there are any non-perishable items that you wish to donate, place them in the box in the Pastoral Center (next to STUCO.)

KAY QUINN

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flow. He also added that it is impossible to know for sure if Martel's heart ever stopped beating during these times because he wasn't hooked up to a heart monitor, but it is "more than likely his heart didn't completely stop while he was at home."

Gilbert also stated that the heart's "normal contractions need to be...fairly quick and consistent," and that patients who suffer from arrhythmias usually have erratic heartbeats that slow down and speed up randomly. Gilbert commented that typically in patients who have heart problems like this, the heartbeat doesn't just go down to one low level and stay there. It gradually declines to levels of 30 or 40 beats a minute before it altogether stops. That is what probably happened in Martel's case, but this is not for certain.

But his heart problem is only a minor setback for Martel, considering he was back at soccer tryouts just six days after having his pacemaker put in. He will start running next week, but he can't engage in contact sports and golf because if he did, the pacemaker and tubes connected to it would yank out of place. His players say that Martel's condition isn't a big issue. He shrugs it off with jokes.

STUCO, CSP, Band homerooms (mostly) disbanded

Denis Agniel
Assistant Editor

It appears that homerooms come and go with the seasons. Or at least with the school years.

This school year, the lineup of homerooms does not include full-time homerooms for Student Council, the Community Service Program, or Jazz Band III. Over the summer, former Principal Dr. Robert Bannister decided that these groups would no longer have homerooms, in an attempt to "open (these groups) up to other people." He cited "some concerns that these groups looked like elitist groups."

Bannister said that the specialty homerooms for organizations are a relatively recent development. "When I first got here," he explained, "I don't think there was a separate homeroom for any of them, and then slowly but surely, they started carving out these little enclaves of interest."

Therefore, when the administration talked about "making the homeroom as broad and as big as possible," Bannister thought that the best plan would be to return to the system without specialty homerooms, mixing those previously in specialty homerooms with the general homeroom population. He stressed, however, that these groups could still meet and that it wasn't the administration's goal to hinder these organizations.

Bannister also wanted the change in homerooms, particularly in the case of Student Council, to develop more leadership opportunities in the school. He foresaw the change "allowing STUCO to have a more formal type of setting, more than simply those elected people who are seniors."

When Student Council learned of the eradication of their homeroom, which occurred "a couple of weeks ago," according to moderator Brock Kesterson, they approached current Principal Dr. Mary Schenkenberg hoping to re-establish the Student Council homeroom.

"We figured we needed that (homeroom) time," explained Kesterson.

Schenkenberg decided to allow Student Council to meet three days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, on a trial basis during the first quarter. After that time, she will "evaluate (the trial homeroom) and see if it really makes a difference in how effective they are as a STUCO, doing business, generating leadership, holding meetings, keeping minutes, and that type of thing."

The decision to reinstate the Student Council homeroom came in response to meetings over the summer concerned with student leadership. One of the focuses of those meetings was "to really ask STUCO

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to take it up a notch," said Schenkenberg, meaning more serious leadership meetings and activities, better communication with the underclassmen, and more effective use of the homeroom representatives. Because of these changes, Schenkenberg believes that "they really need to be able to get together."

Schenkenberg explained that since the decision was made before she took over the Principal on July 1, 2002 and since Student Council had had a homeroom previously, "This was a way to sort of compromise."

Kesterson refuted the notion that this year's Student Council would have the elitist qualities feared by Bannister. "Instead of being like a clique," he said, "and sitting in that room and laying on couches, we're going to actually get out and publi-

cize."

Kesterson also seemed satisfied with the compromise: "Three days a week is plenty of time to get work done."

On the other hand, Community Service will not be regaining their homeroom. This development is not a surprise to the members of CSP, though, because new moderator Sue Walsh did not want a homeroom comprised only of Community Service participants.

"I want CSP in every homeroom," she said. "I don't want it to just be five people seen as the CSP people." She continued, "I want 1000 kids in this school to see CSP as an integral part of them being at SLUH."

Walsh identified the new Student Council position of Service and Pastoral Homeroom Representative as a better system than having a CSP homeroom. The Service and Pastoral rep will work closely with the Pastoral Office, CSP, and Pastoral Commissioner.

"With or without the (CSP) homeroom," commented former moderator Patrick Zarrick, "there's some good CSP leadership." Zarrick commented that the lack of a homeroom opened up Community Service leadership and planning to anybody that comes to the meetings rather than merely those in the homeroom. He went on to say that widespread leadership is an "integral part of the school."

Likewise, Jazz Band III will not regain its homeroom, either. Band teacher Bryan Mueller sees this as more of a minor setback. "It will make things a little inconvenient when we're trying to find students to volunteer for alumni events."

Mueller noted that the homeroom promoted a "camaraderie" among the students, but he did not think there was any kind of clique. One benefit he sees in not having a band homeroom is that it will be "less work for (him)."

Like many changes, the changes to the homerooms are what Bannister described as an "experiment."

Will this experiment address the problems it sets out to alleviate? "I think you have to find out," concluded Bannister.

NEW SLUH FACULTY 2002-2003

Dennis Dougan
COUNSELOR

Drew Deubner
Reporter

SLUH's newest counselor joins Mark Michalski, Randy Rosenberg, and Peggy Pride in the ranks of faculty with first and last name alliteration.

After attending Hancock High, Dougan left home to be educated at Southeast Missouri State University. He received a number of degrees, including a bachelor's degree in education, specializing in business. Dougan also has a master's in arts and education, along with a specialization in counseling and vocational education.



He has an extensive history in counseling, including a twenty-nine year career at Lindbergh High School. He also stated that he did not choose SLUH, SLUH chose him. "I worked with Mr. Mouldon recently, and he alerted me of a job opening here, so I took it," said the modest Dougan. "I am also very impressed so far about the family atmosphere between the faculty members."

Dougan will certainly bring a great amount of experience with him to his new position at SLUH. He will be a welcome addition to the counseling department and to the SLUH staff.

ASC trio to teach, coach

J.R. Strzelec
Reporter

As Saint Louis University High School starts another year, the school receives another batch of ASC volunteers.

For those who don't know, ASC is the Alum Service Corps, an program that takes alumni from Jesuit high schools and puts them to work, usually for a year, in Jesuit high schools in the Missouri Province.

This year, all three ASC volunteers teaching at SLUH are in fact SLUH alums from the class of 1998. Stephen Casey, Chris Kellett, and John Shen are spending this school year living together in one of the houses which the school owns, next to SLUH, on Lawn Place.

Kellett and Casey are both teaching for the social studies department, while Shen has joined the ranks of the science department. Shen has a desk inside the science office, while Casey and Kellett share M123.

Shen is a graduate of MIT with a

major in chemistry and a minor in political science. During his four years as a student at MIT, Shen assisted with the Upward Bound. His enjoyment of teaching led him to sign up for the ASC and return to his old high school. "It's nice just to be back at SLUH," he said.

In addition to teaching Geometry and Advanced Physics Topics, Shen is coaching football and will coach rugby later in the year. After his term with the ASC is up, Shen says he's "pretty much locked in to med school at Washington University."

Washington University seems to be a popular choice among the ASC teachers. Casey recently graduated from the local university, where he studied political science and business. "Graduation kind of snuck up" on Casey, who found a recruitment letter from ASC in the mail when he was attempting to decide what to do after college. Having coached SLUH lacrosse while in college, it was almost as if Casey had never left the school, and he was interested in seeing SLUH from the other

Tim O'Neil
SOCIAL STUDIES

Patrick Ivers
Reporter

One of the newest members of the social studies department, Tim O'Neil, is looking forward to teaching history, his favorite subject since his years as a student. O'Neil is fascinated by the past.

O'Neil graduated from DeSmet in '96 and moved on to Truman State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in history in 2001 and his master's in education earlier this summer.

O'Neil does, however, have some teaching experience, having taught at both Parkway North and South last year. Looking forward to teaching his sophomore classes, O'Neil offers his own personal opinion that history "is the most important subject you could learn." And as for the rest of the SLUH community, O'Neil says, "Even though some may look down on me because I graduated from DeSmet, I'm glad to be here, and I look forward to teaching here."



Quote of the Week
"It takes a big man to cry, but it takes a bigger man to laugh at that man."

Two new scholastics arrive at SLUH

Pham, Christopher begin three-year stay

Brian Korbesmeyer
Reporter

After the unfortunate absence of a Jesuit scholastic in the SLUH community for the 2001-2002 school year, SLUH now has two new scholastics in its corridors.

One of the new scholastics is Nhan Pham. Born in Vietnam, Pham came to the United States in 1990 and found himself in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Following graduation from high school in 1990, he attended the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota to pursue studies in biology.

While a student at St. Thomas, Pham first began to consider devoting his life to the Society of Jesus, and eventually chose the path of a Jesuit in 1997. The combination of his self-proclaimed "disillusionment" with the guidance of a few great professors caused him to consider a lifestyle unlike one typical of a student in medical school.

Following the first stages of becoming a Jesuit, an intense period of retreats, reflection, and service, Pham studied philosophy at St. Louis University until this past year, when he was assigned to Saint Louis University High. Pham's plans for his first of three years at SLUH include

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side.

Casey is teaching AP US History and AP Comparative Government courses. In his short time getting situated as a faculty member, Casey has found that "It's very surreal calling teachers that I've had by their first name. I still don't always do it." After this year, he is considering moving on either to law school or a public policy institute.

Chris Kellett, who graduated from Mizzou this past December with a degree in History and Politics, teaches US History. For Kellett, "ASC just seemed like a great opportunity to give something back to [SLUH], a place that had given a lot to (him)."

teaching one section of sophomore theology and tutoring in the music department at Loyola Academy.

One specific extracurricular interest of his is the Weightlifting Club. The president of the SLUH weightlifting club, Luke Marklin, is definitely looking forward to Pham's involvement, exclaiming, "He's huge!" Pham also leaves open the option of teaching in the science department during his service at SLUH, preferably as a chemistry teacher.

Brian Christopher also will be seen within the SLUH community this year although he is more familiar with SLUH: Christopher graduated from SLUH in 1993. Christopher credits his decision to become a Jesuit to his high school experience. "I had a great experience (here), and I feel as if had not gone to SLUH, there is a good chance I would have not decided to become a Jesuit."

His experience at SLUH was crowded with both Campus Ministry activities and the liftoff of the St. Louis U. High Community Service Program. After he graduated from SLUH in 1993, he attended Saint Louis University to study both philosophy and Russian.

Christopher, began his official life as a Jesuit in 1997. Like all scholastics, he

In addition to helping with varsity football, Kellett is involved with Fr. Hadel's tutoring program, and is looking forward to the experience of teaching at SLUH. When he finishes teaching, Kellett plans to go to law school so that he can get involved in politics.

The ASC is an opportunity for teachers and students alike, as it narrows the age gap. With only one class of SLUH students separating the three teachers from the current seniors, it becomes apparent that even the current SLUH students are not far off from having the same opportunity. Though teaching at SLUH is only a year-long commitment, its influence on the students continues indefinitely.

began his Jesuit life with reflection and retreat and then traveled to Chicago to study philosophy at Loyola University. After finishing his studies at Loyola, he was assigned to St. Louis U. High and is definitely excited to return. His involvement includes, but is not limited to, leading freshman homeroom 115, teaching junior theology, and participation in both the Community Service Program and Campus Ministry, collaborating with moderators Suzanne Walsh and Rob Garavaglia.

He presently lives at St. Matthew's parish on the North Side along with Jeff Harrison, S.J. and considers it to be a great experience.

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Inexperienced Gridbills bank on speed

Dan Sinnett
Reporter

Along with returning to school, doing homework, and eating chicken wraps, SLUH football marks the return of fall. Coach Gary Kornfeld's version of the 2002 Footbills is a team trying to improve on a sectional appearance last season. With six starters returning on the defensive side of the ball and five returning offensive starters, the team can build on the big game experience it acquired in last season's playoffs.

A key to this team's success is senior quarterback Dossie Jennings. Entering his third year playing varsity football, Jennings, along with fellow captains Chris Price, Joe Neely, Joe Finney and Phinney Troy, must be the leadership this team needs. *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch* lists Jennings as one of the top college recruits

from the St. Louis area. Kornfeld, who praises Jennings greatly, would probably agree. Among other things, he called the quarterback, "the biggest key... signal caller and triggerman... a great asset." Catching balls from one of the premier passers in the area is a group that lacks experience. The receivers this year will include Neely, Joe Moellering, Steve Mathias, and Division I recruit Troy at tight end. Having four seniors running routes for a third year quarterback is defi-



Quarterback Dossie Jennings Takes a snap from center John Orbe.

nately promising, but these receivers are still unproven. There is not a receiver on the team that has caught a pass on the varsity level. The receiving corps is banking on speed as a main weapon. The group lacks a big target outside of Troy at tight end. Kornfeld, though, remains "confident." This core group of skill players will need to continue the success made last season

with the no-huddle offense. The no-huddle style began last year and is meant to use

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Polobills strap on Speedos for new season

Jon Kim
Reporter

With last year's glorious state championship in the back of their minds, the varsity water polo team is looking forward to another phenomenal season. Led by captains Tommy Heafner, Phil Abram, and Mark Gloeckler, this year's team is anticipating that it will blow its opponents out of the water and establishing Saint Louis U. High once again as the dominant team in the state. Throughout last spring and summer, the varsity team has been training hard through the Jungle Cat Water Polo Club in order to prepare for the challenge of the coming season.

Although the team has graduated some of its strong players, senior Mark Gloeckler emphasizes that while last year's seniors played a huge part in its success, the juniors were an integral part in the achievement of the team. He believes that the Polobills have the potential to handle all the responsibilities left by last year's seniors.

Senior Tommy Heafner agrees, "Although those players will be greatly

missed, we have many up and coming players ready not only to fill in the void but eager to succeed the last year's performance." Some of the seniors are anticipating that this year will be their time to shine. Goalie Cliff Reynolds said, "Mike Peterson was unbelievably good, but there was one thing he lacked that I have. The Dent is infallible and nothing will stop me."

The other monsters in the water, Mike Leuchtman, Bill Dahlmann, and Patrick Slaughter, foresee a season of goal-pounding action and success for the whole team. The team is counting on these players to dominate the pool both offensively and defensively, and they hope that with their efforts the team will find success.

Due to faster, more agile players this year, the Polobills are changing their strategy and focus. "We are going to be a totally different team from last year, changing from a slower-paced offense to a run-and-gun counterattack offense," said Heafner.

This change entails more conditioning and swimming, building the Polobills' strength for future games against strong

teams such as Parkway South and MICDS.

New head coach Paul Baudendistel claims that this team will be a swimming team. "If you look at my AP scores, the past water polo records, and just about everything else I do, you will find my record flawless. Don't question my methods, they get results." He added, "I hate swimming."

Part of the reason why the team hopes to do so well this season is the depth of the bench. With junior powerhouses such as Nick Konczak, Colin Tyrrell, and Brad Witbrodt, along with sophomore sensation Tim Heafner, the varsity team depends on its skill and speed to swim their opponents to death.

Baudendistel has high hopes for his team. "We lost a lot, no doubt about that, and while I mean no disrespect to (Cliff) Reynolds or (Paul) Guest, Mike Peterson (named the entire defense of the team last year) will be missed because he was the best high school goalie I have seen. But it will not make a difference because we will definitely project to outscore our opponents."

Martel looks forward to soccer season

David Mueller
Reporter

The soccer offseason workouts began shortly after school ended last summer with the SLUH soccer camp. They picked up over the course of the year through new assistant coach Charlie Clark's conditioning camp, and officially started with tryouts earlier this month. "I am very excited about everybody's commitment (during the offseason)," says head coach Charlie Martel, "I have been very pleased."

This year's squad looks to be a special one. "We have experience," says Martel, "Lots of returners, 15 altogether."

Two of those returners, senior captains Matt McCarthy and Matt Kreikemeier, said "We have eight returning starters. That is really going to help us in the big games." Kreikemeier added, "We are really solid in the back(field)." This is great news, considering so much of SLUH's system requires decisions in the backfield. The defense will be led by senior returner Tim Baldes. If Baldes has a great season he could easily carry the team to a state title run. The starting

netminder, and last line of defence, is a very aggressive junior, Bart Saracino. "This is Bart's first year as a starter," says Kreikemeier, "and we have plenty of confidence in him to keep us in games."

There have been a few physical changes have been since last season. Varsity has gained strong reserves with eight new players and new assistant coach Charlie Clark. "We have a great bench," says McCarthy. Martel added, "I am confident with our depth."

When asked about his new bench-mate, Martel said, "Clark has been an amazing addition... he really loves the game." Clark brings more of a focus to conditioning and fast footwork than before. Says Kreikemeier, "(He) has brought a whole new outlook and philosophy to our practices."

All of this year's strengths shined last Wednesday at the Blue-White game as the Soccerbills cruised to a 4-0 win over

the junior varsity. The team showed all the promises of a contender. The junior varsity hoped to counter the varsity firepower by forming a defensive shell, therefore negating the strengths of the offensive system. However, the team stayed patient and spread the field out, slowly wearing down the legs of the junior varsity until senior Eddie Davis broke the defense and assisted sophomore Tim Weir for the first goal. Then the Junior Bills showed the skill to control the pace of the game. They shut down the JV attack, all the while finding the net three more times.



Matt McCarthy is poised for the season.

This year's squad is a legitimate state contender and poised to step up for big games. The team has been continuously training, and set for the season. All the pieces are in place to start the season with a big crowd to support and a win next Tuesday against St. Mary's in the stadium.

Multiplier rule affects area Catholic schools

Tim Piechowski
Sports Editor

Last March, a petition was filed and later signed into the by-laws of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHAA) to include a "multiplier" rule against private schools. The rule, which counts all private schools at 1.35 times their true size, is intended to take into account an assumption that public schools have a smaller number of students eligible to participate in athletics than their enrollment numbers claim.

Public schools on the whole are believed to have more special needs, more students with two or more F's, and more part-time students than private schools. (There has been no major study to see if these claims are true.)

Since the rule passed through the

MSHAA by a simple majority of schools in MSHAA, private school athletic departments have been in an uproar.

In the St. Louis area, the Superintendent of Secondary Schools, for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Fr. Mitch Doyen, led a group to MSHAA offices in Jefferson City to see if they could get the rule overturned.

"We requested (MSHAA) to review the matter further," Doyen said, "We particularly cited Article VI, Section 1, paragraph b, of the MSHAA's constitution, in order to have the rule overturned."

The rule states that, "When circumstances in the judgement of the Board of Directors warrant it, the Board is authorized to call a special election to amend the Constitution." The meeting would require all schools to revote on the new by-

law.

When MSHAA Assistant Executive Director, Fred Binggeli, was asked about the issue, he said that the board of directors of MSHAA was not able to change rules within the organization, and that they worked directly for what their membership wanted. Therefore, the MSHAA board has not called for a re-vote.

There are major contentions about the true purpose of the rule's change. "I think (some public schools) believe that there is some wholesale recruiting going on," said SLUH Athletic Director Dick Wehner. Recruiting is illegal according to MSHAA by-laws.

"They look at a lot of the state championships and think that there is an inordinate amount of private schools who are winning state championships as compared
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different facets to it. I was amazed by how much time she spent with our group.”

Schenkenberg was herself amazed by the committees’ work, saying, “I was struck by how devoted the faculty was to this school.”

However, Schenkenberg also hopes for some improvements in how the school works. “It’s a concern here, as it is in many places, that communication can be clearer, whether it’s administration and faculty or departments with each other or departments with the school,” she said. There are currently plans in place for departments to meet with each other.

Schenkenberg has met with faculty members frequently since the beginning of her tenure. “Some really good recommendations came out of (faculty meetings). One has to do with the interdisciplinary meetings (between departments) and the other one has to do with evaluating the seventh period.” She also hopes to improve technology in the classrooms.

In addition, Schenkenberg spoke to all of the Jesuits associated with SLUH, with the exception of Ralph Huse, S.J. Said Schenkenberg, “I thought it was important to meet them because I was trying to figure out what makes a Jesuit school Jesuit.” Schenkenberg feels that the Jesuits share a common personality style. “They are really reflective people and I like that. When I make decisions, particularly important decisions, I need time to process the information and be thoughtful about it. That sounds like it comes from the Jesuit tradition.”

Schenkenberg also plans on involving herself with student leadership. “I really want to be available to students,” said Schenkenberg. She is spending the first quarter in various senior homerooms to get to know students, and is considering spending entire school days in the cafeteria to talk to students.

Said Student Council Moderator Brock Kesterson, “She has been very interested and very open with Student Council. Anything that we want, I want, Student council wants, she’s been more than

SCHENKENBERG’S GOALS

1. To direct the efforts of the Wellness Committees begun this summer and implement and finalize decisions around those recommendations.
2. To complete the update of the Faculty Handbook.
3. To work closely with STUCO and moderators to foster student leadership at SLUH.
4. To meet with each department to determine:
 - the goals of the department
 - curriculum needs in the next five years
 - technology plans for the next five years
5. To implement the recommendations of the most recent North Central effort.
6. To explore the possibility of an in-house video studio which would allow instant video communication throughout the building.
7. To celebrate the greatness that is SLUH—faculty, student, staff accomplishments.
8. To work with Fr. Paul Sheridan to meet budget requirements while preserving the excellence in academics that SLUH is known for.
9. To communicate clearly with faculty, students, and parents.

willing and open to talk about and give us whatever we need and give us reassurance that she’s going to work with us throughout the year.”

Along with excitement about teachers and students, Schenkenberg believes that SLUH’s city location could be used as a powerful asset. She wants to integrate places like the Art Museum, the Science Center, and the Planetarium into students’

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thing they couldn’t conquer alone. Some other ideas being considered are discussion and help groups for students or specialized counseling within the school. But students with sexual orientation concerns are much harder to minister to, because, as Harrison pointed out, they would be less likely to bring their problems out in public. But perhaps the solution will be to create a more favorable atmosphere for students to express their problems.

“Sensitivity is being seriously addressed,” said Sheridan, “and there will be a tone of acceptance.” The ideas of support groups for gay or bisexual students are being discussed, and right now the main idea is awareness.

“My number one recommendation is that we educate ourselves,” said Harrison. “And right now we’re asking the right

education at SLUH.

“She’s been wonderful to work with. I like the questions she asks. I think that’s one of her real strengths. She also has some real good skills in a large group,” said Assistant Principal Art Zinselmeyer of Schenkenberg’s leadership so far.

Schenkenberg is enthusiastic about working with faculty and students during her time at SLUH. Said Schenkenberg, “I’m excited. This is a great place.”

questions.”

Members of the Ally initiative are also pleased with the action SLUH is taking. “It’s good that the school has paid attention and is trying to do something about it in a public way,” said senior Joe Moellering. Senior Tom Recktenwald added that, “given the present circumstances, this is a big step for SLUH.” Both, however, warned that if anything is to really work “it needs to be carried out.”

Students with learning needs were also addressed. The school is planning to take a special look at students with certain learning needs such as ADD and figure out better ways to help them take in subject material. They are also looking at particular methods of learning and investigating how different methods of teaching could be used to help different kinds

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of learners.

The worries about sophomores were substantial enough that a separate subcommittee was developed to take a more in-depth look at them and their problems.

Through sophomore interviews, school officials discovered that workload and stress have contributed to a traditionally high rate of attrition among students during their sophomore years.

The subcommittee considered four main topics pertaining to sophomores: finding leadership opportunities for the class, identification of students who are "at risk" because of academics or time management, sophomores with divorced or deceased parents, and sophomores with special learning needs.

Theology teacher Alan Boedeker, a member of the subcommittee, said that due to the stresses inherent with sophomore year, "I see students in my class having difficulty getting work in on time, falling asleep in class." He said the subcommittee wanted only to relieve some of the pressure of sophomore year and hopefully reduce some of the burnout at the end of the year.

The committee also proposed a diversity team to look at all aspects of SLUH diversity which need to be addressed, from race to sexual orientation. The team would further investigate problems that the Special Needs committee identified.

The Leadership committee wanted to reform STUCO and other student leadership programs. "This year needs to be a transition year to make things the way they should be," said Kesterson, who is now in his third year as STUCO moderator. "Some things needed to change."

The committee generated several new ideas, such as clearly identifying the roles of STUCO members and homeroom representatives.

"We want to hold them clearly accountable," Kesterson pointed out.

New ideas also include getting more underclassmen involved in leadership and having regular STUCO meetings. Those meetings, held on Thursdays, would be open every other week and give any stu-

dent the chance to witness the meetings and bring up their concerns.

Still, Kesterson warned that leadership reform would take a while despite some of these immediate changes. "It is going to be a long-term process," he said, "but I'm seeing progress right away." He also stressed the importance of the students in moving things along: "We have to have student involvement."

Drugs and alcohol have been a major concern of faculty for quite some time, and at the June meeting it ranked among the most pressing problems in many people's minds.

"One problem is the easy accessibility of drugs and alcohol," said Hannick. And abuse among all students is steadily becoming much worse. "Statistically, the age of acceptance is decreasing," he added.

To counter that, the committee focused on the idea of educating both students and parents and investigating the root problems involved in substance abuse at SLUH.

"We want to try a two-pronged approach," said Hannick. "With education, (such as) the Wellness Club newsletter and bringing in speakers to talk to students and parents, and the social aspect: providing alternatives to drinking and drugs."

The committee is looking into holding meetings for parents to discuss substance abuse problems or trying to arrange regular speakers from outside the school to educate students and warn them about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

The committee is also working together with the Wellness Club, which has been the school entity that has addressed these problems before. "I see the Wellness Club as the implementation for the committee," Hannick closed.

The Respect committee met twice during the summer, but has not yet made any specific recommendations because it is still in the process of investigating how to improve respect at SLUH.

"There's a lot of subtle (disrespect) that goes on," said Zinselmeyer, "the kind of stuff that makes a kid leery to raise his hand.

The committee is looking at all kinds

of respect, particularly student to student, teacher to student, faculty to non-faculty staff, issues of sexual orientation, sexism, and racism. The committee is divided up into four subcommittees, with Counselor Dave Mouldon heading an investigation of adopting a code of ethics and respect, English teacher Rich Moran developing practical strategies for people to get along, Pastoral Director Rob Garavaglia looking at the idea of having forums, such as formal or informal assemblies, for respect, and Zinselmeyer himself leading an initiative of data collecting, such as sending out surveys or talking to other schools.

Other ideas being investigated include involving students in a program called TAP, or Teens for Peace, who would work with grade school students to help instill respect in the community and having respect be mentioned in many school functions, as when Mouldon talked about it at the Senior Advisor retreat this year. Moran also wants to institute a system that would allow non-faculty staff to bring their concerns up to faculty. "There's a perceived imbalance of power there," said Moran, "and we want to help break down the class barriers.

There are students involved in the committee which was a useful tool for understanding what happens in student to student exchanges when teachers aren't around. "We can see stuff that they can't see," said senior Thomas Moore, a member of the committee.

Moran was still wary of overindulgence in the process, though: "I fear the backlash from sensitivity training, that students might feel like they're becoming part of the orthodoxy," he said. "People might tire of the word 'respect'."

Moore also expressed his reservations: "I hope the students take it seriously," he said.

But despite a few individual concerns, the whole school is looking forward to the results of these initiatives, even though ministering to wellness is just beginning.

Schenkenberg said "It's still a process, there's no question about that."

SCISSORS

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were simply too high.

In the past, the school has depended on a combination of Alumni donations and the performance of the endowment fund to cover the annual budget.

Unfortunately, "The endowment fund has not made money in the last two and a half years," Sweeney said.

The funds in the endowment are managed by the Endowment Committee. "The school hired a professional consultant, Hammond and Associates, two years ago," Sweeney said. "Hammond and Associates (along with the Endowment Committee) recommended that (SLUH) be 100% vested in equities."

In explaining the school's budgetary situation, Sweeney said, "This year we are going to charge \$6,950 per student, tuition and fees. That comes to about \$6.5 million in revenues. Salary and benefits paid to staff exceed \$7.0 million."

Sweeney added, "(SLUH's) bond principal and interest payments are about \$1.2 million."

President Paul Sheridan, S.J., said, "The bulk of the cuts came from cost-saving measures." In particular, he mentioned utilities and shutting down part of the school during the summer for air conditioning. Sheridan also said the school is "giving out just a little less than we normally do in financial aid," and that the school is no longer paying for faculty lunches as they had in the past.

"(Budgetary cuts) trimmed operating expenses from \$1.9 million to \$1.7 million," this year, Sweeney said.

Throughout the school, departments are seeing the effects of the budget cuts.

Athletic Director Dick Wehner said, "The only thing we replaced this year were some (football) helmets (which didn't pass safety tests), and some new football jerseys that were ripped up last year." The Athletic Department also purchased eight cross country uniforms to ensure the entire team could dress out this year. Wehner said he cut \$14,000 from the department's budget this year by not purchasing uniforms. He also said he will most likely need to buy some football

jerseys next year, and that he believes the water polo team is due for some parkas.

"We didn't grow, we didn't order new any software. The last few years we've been able to add to our arsenal. There are some things that have broken down which we have not replaced," said science department chair Eric LaBoube. While LaBoube is concerned about the budget cuts, he has not seen that the cuts have affected the students in the classroom, or will this year. "We still do the same things, every lab," he said.

Theater guru Joe Schulte said that the theater was dealing with its costs by limiting the choice of shows which they might do. Schulte said they were planning to do shows with less expensive sets, and reuse costumes from other shows whenever possible.

Having the faculty lunch program cut, while always enjoyed, seems to not have been a major issue for the faculty.

"I've been really surprised that people aren't all that upset about it at all," said theology teacher Tom Finan. "I'm going to lose ten pounds."

While budget cuts this year seem to be in place, there will likely still be more cost-cutting methods ahead. Some of the methods may include adding to some teachers' work loads.

"We have some teachers who teach two classes, because they have other responsibilities. Well, we want to maybe talk to them and say, 'Can you do three classes?'" Sheridan said.

LaBoube, who is teaching four classes this year in addition to his department head duties, said that teaching four classes this year would be "a little hectic" and that continuing it would be tough. LaBoube will go back to teaching three classes next year.

While Sheridan does believe the administration may ask some teachers to teach more classes, he still does not want to see any teacher teach more than four classes a day.

Due to the budget cuts, Vision 2000, while still in place, seems to be on hold at this point. "We may be looking to move our timetable back to late 2004, even

2005," to begin the first phase, said Sweeney. The first phase is to include the building of a parking garage with the St. Louis Science Center.

"There is no easy solution. It just has to be a careful process," Sheridan said. Starting in October, Sheridan will be meeting with a committee, which will include teachers, to discuss budgetary concerns.

EDITORIAL

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Rev. Daniel J. Gatti, S.J.

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Letters will be collected by the Ambassadors in homeroom on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

The freshmen mothers will be holding their annual cookie sale on September 11 and 12.

by Brian Fallon

Calendar

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

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 Freshman Class Meeting
 Back to School Mixer
 Bosco Sticks and Pizza

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Labor Day-No School

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Schedule R
 B-Soccer vs. St. Mary's @ 4pm
 V-Soccer vs. St. Mary's @ 6pm
 Taters & Taco Salad

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Schedule R
 V/JV Water Polo vs. Parkway West @
 FPCC @ 4/5:00 pm
 Cheese garlic & Chicken Strips

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Schedule R
 C-FB vs. Kirkwood @ Compton Drew @
 4:30 pm
 V-FB @ Riverview @ 6pm
 Latin Club Meeting
 Bosco Sticks & Papa John's

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Schedule R
 B-Football vs. Riverview @ Compton
 Drew @ 4pm
 V/JV Water Polo vs Marquette @ FPCC
 @ 4/5 pm
 V/JV Cross Country @ First Capitol
 Inv. @ 4:30 pm
 JV Soccer at Gibault @ 7pm
 Onion Rings & Pizza

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

JV Soccer @ Jeff City @ 12pm
 V Soccer @ Jeff City @ 2pm

BALL

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 the team's intelligence as another tool in dismantling opposing defenses. Unlike a standard no-huddle offense, which maximizes speed, SLUH implements the system to help pick apart a defense. Kornfeld says he uses it to "make sure we're running the right play."

Stabilizing the offense is the offensive line. "We will win a lot of battles in the trenches," Kornfeld said. Up front, three senior stalwarts are returning: John Niehoff, John Orbe, and John Stathopoulos. This group, along with Jim Crogan and Colin Dowley, will provide an important wall for Jennings to throw behind. Coach Mark Tychonievich says the group will "have to communicate," continuing, "They do a real good job with that."

On the other side of the ball is a

defense that is ready to tear opposing offenses apart. The defensive line is stacked with four returning starters: Chris Price, Joe Gilfoil, Kevin Steffens, and Troy, all of whom had high output last season. Price contributed eight sacks last year and wishes to improve on that. Gilfoil made himself noticeable by adding six sacks. Tychonievich calls the experience "a strong point." Defensive left tackle Steffens said playing with his classmates for a second year adds "a sense of unity."

The line now understands its "strengths and weaknesses and can play off of that," Steffens said. Aside from the defensive line, experience is in short supply for the rest of the defense. Joe Neely and Joe Finney own all of the experience for the whole defensive backfield and linebacking group. Neely, who had three

interceptions last season, stressed that the group's offseason work and speed will make up for any problems inexperience creates.

Making up the rest of the defense are the linebackers. Finney is coming off of a promising season last year, but the group lost some of its umph trying to replace Adam Siebenman and Chris Finney. A player who could fill that hole in a big way is junior John Block, who figures to be a plus for a defense looking for size.

The backfield will be tested next Thursday, September 5, as the team travels north to play Riverview Gardens. Riverview's team is centered around a quarterback who has a chance to eclipse 5,000 yards passing this season. The early exposure to such a prolific passer could improve the defense by forcing them to adapt to a very talented offense.

MULTIPLIED

to the public schools," Wehner said.

"The rule will have no effect on (SLUH)," Wehner said, citing that SLUH's enrollment is already high enough that we would be in the highest divisions anyway.

The multiplier rules main effects will be moving smaller schools up and down throughout different divisions.

To show how a team could be affected by the multiplier, we will use MICDS as an example. First, as a straightforward example of what could happen under the new rule, MICDS could be

moved up into Division A for wrestling, up from Division 1A/2A. "The difference would be immense," according to Maurer.

However, there is another way MICDS, and other schools could be hurt by the change. A private school could move up and, due to a 96-team limit in each division, knock a different school into a lower division. According to Maurer, this is exactly what could be happening in basketball this year. If the rule change stays as it is, Bishop DuBourgh may be moved up into Division 5A, which would knock Vashon down into Division 4A.

This would affect every team in Division 5A state championship.

Maurer commented, "I would not be surprised if (a lot of schools in Division 5A), voted in favor of (the multiplier), just to get Vashon out of the division."

The multiplier rule may never take effect, as recently an injunction was filed against MSHSAA, on grounds of discrimination in regards to the rule.

According to Binggeli, MSHSAA "is continuing with the rule change" until the rule is overturned.