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# Prep News

*"If nothing else, value the truth"*

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## SLUH apparel to be sold online

*Online catalog geared toward alumni*

**Matt Hoffman**  
Editor in Chief

Food Service, the company that operates SLUH's cafeteria and bookstore, will make SLUH apparel available on the internet beginning after the fall edition of the *Alumni News* arrives in an estimated 14,000 households around Thanksgiving.

"We've had the goal of an internet bookstore for a long time," said Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement Robyn Pilliod, who is serving as the link between the school and the bookstore in setting up the online catalog.

The online store, including credit card orders and internet security, will be run by Food Service, which operates the book-

store in the rec room. Currently, the bookstore sells about 20 percent apparel and 80 percent books.

Said Pilliod, "Alumni frequently ask for specific items at reunions and football games," but since the bookstore is only open for a few half-hour intervals during the day, it was difficult for alumni to buy apparel. The online catalog will give alumni and everyone else the opportunity to purchase items that they might not be able to purchase otherwise.

The online catalog will also help the school make money. Said Pilliod, "If the bookstore sells more apparel, the school will make more money." However, she added, "There is some amount of profit

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## J. Thomas scores 1600 on SAT

**Brian Kane**  
Core Staff

Like Luke Skywalker in the Death Star trench, senior Joe Thomas beat incredible odds when he faced off against the SAT and achieved glory with a score of 1600.

Thomas earned a score of 1520 the first time he took the test. That score included an 800 on the verbal half of the exam. Since he

underwent his trial run during his junior year, Thomas attributes his improved math score to more time in algebra class, which gave him more practice with math prob-

lems common on the SAT.

Thomas was optimistic going into the test again on Oct. 12, and realized he had a decent chance of scoring a 1600. Last Saturday, the results arrived at the



Joe Thomas, mastermind

Thomas home. "(My parents) weren't particularly surprised, but they were pleased," said Thomas.

Last year, only .04 percent of the over 1,300,000 students who took the SAT earned a score of 1600.

Unfortunately, a score of 1600 is no longer officially termed a perfect score, since it is possible to miss questions and still score 1600; it is offi-

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## Open house brings in hoards of prospects

**Rico Bertucci**  
Core Staff

SLUH bustled with activity Sunday as hordes of prospective students filled the halls for the school's annual open house. Over 800 families turned out, making Admissions Coordinator and head of the event Craig Hannick "well-pleased with the turnout."

Of the students who toured the school, 42 percent were eighth graders, 39 percent were seventh graders and 16 percent were sixth graders. Of the remaining three percent, there were visitors as young as third graders attending the festivities.

Hannick, with the help of Kim Gohl, made only a few changes to the schedule of Open House festivities. Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski advised Hannick, adding insights from personal experience. Also, Dee Byrd, the custodial staff, and the maintenance staff put in overtime hours working on the school. Finally, the sophomore mothers provided refreshments for the event.

Among the minor changes made were more pauses taken during the tours to listen to presentations. These more-frequent stops lengthened the tour, making the wait for tours as long as an hour and a half. Also, the long lines were influenced by a rush of early visitors. Over 600 families arrived before 3:00 p.m.

Despite the long lines, Hannick received positive feedback. The clubs rep-

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# Electronic grades: a SLUH possibility?

**Tim Piechowski**  
Sports Editor

Over the last two years, numerous high schools in the St. Louis area, ranging from St. Francis Borgia to the Rockwood School District to SLUH's Jesuit brother DeSmet, have begun making grades available to students online.

"I think (online grading) is the way the educational system is moving. At most universities now, all grades are electronic, and a paper grade is only issued by special request," said SLUH's Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski.

DeSmet's program uses a subscription service called EdOnline.

"Our students and parents really like it," DeSmet Principal Dr. Greg Densberger said. "They are able to see what their grades are, when assignments are due, and if any assignments have not been turned in."

"One other thing students have really liked about it is that it lets you create

individualized calendars. You just enter in your class schedule, and tell the system what activities you are involved in, and it will give you a printout of your entire month," Densberger said.

While DeSmet and others have implemented the online system, SLUH is still several steps away from being able to implement such a system.

"Somebody has to have entered that schedule into a format that an online program would accept. All of those teachers would have to get assignments into the program. It would be very difficult to get all of (SLUH's teachers) to do that," SLUH computer guru Bob Overkamp said.

"We don't require our teachers to use (EdOnline)," Densberger said. "About 85 percent of (our teachers) use it right now, and everyone else only needs to report their grades at midquarter, quarter, and semester." DeSmet has eliminated midquarter report mailings since both students and parents can access the site.

Overkamp noted that putting SLUH

students' grades online "is a capability offered by the MacSchool System software we use, and when we looked at it there was no extra cost. But, (Macintosh) said that within a year they would charge to continue using the service. However, we, moving in our ponderous way, didn't start even while it was free, and we are unlikely to start after there is an extra cost involved."

Said Densberger of how DeSmet began using online grades, "We kind of fell into the system. EdOnline just happened to use the grade and scheduling package we had been using." Densberger said, "If that weren't the case this wouldn't be a possibility for us as far as cost goes."

One point of emphasis which has forced SLUH's administration to shy away from online grades is security.

"It is not that grade information is secret, it is just a question of how much information you want to make available to the world," Overkamp said.

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# Woodworth, '96, holds exhibition in art gallery

**Geoff Brusca**  
Editor

This past Sunday, many parents and prospective students saw four paintings by art teacher John Woodworth, '96, in the gallery as part of a display for Open House.

"We thought it would be good for the parents to see that for an alumni...this eventually can happen," said Woodworth.

Prior to the Open House, Woodworth asked art department chair Joan Bugnitz if he could put up his work to show both the school and visitors who came to tour. His work was hung up as part of an exhibition which included pieces from many art students.

The four paintings, all untitled, are based on a theme of "spirituality through art," an idea Woodworth explored in his

thesis of the same name as an undergraduate at Truman State University. Through the use of color and other emotionally provocative techniques, Woodworth hopes

focus on the visual portrayal of rhythm, others on the expression of emotion in the stage just before verbal recognition, before one can explain a feeling. Just as

religion can inspire the seeking of a higher level of truth, Woodworth wants his display to promote spiritual understanding. He pointed out, "Everyone gets something different from religion...It affects (them) in different ways."

Fellow art teacher John Mueller said, "I was impressed. I thought the paintings made the gallery glow." He continued, "I was most impressed by the students, how they came in and thought it was awesome."

Woodworth highlighted one of the main goals of his exhibition, saying, "I think it's important for kids to see that you can do something, taking art classes."



One piece of Woodworth's four-piece exhibit.

they become a catalyst for a spiritual journey in the same manner as religion.

Some of Woodworth's paintings fo-

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Christopher asks for support for protest against SOA

To the Editor:

The time to be prophetic is now.

There is much talk about terrorism these days. In fact, there is more than mere talk—with each passing day, war with Iraq moves closer and closer. Our “War on Terrorism” marches ever onward, and with a new batch of congressional representatives, I wonder what hope we have of a new order—of changing our way of proceeding as a nation. I fear that our chances do not look too good, but maybe I’m just being cynical.

The time to be prophetic is now, and there is no room for cynicism and doubt that makes us want to throw up our hands. Theologian Walter Brueggemann writes about the prophetic imagination as envisioning a world beyond the status quo. The prophetic imagination speaks of the coming of the New Heaven and the New Earth in the midst of the so-called royal consciousness of the dominant culture, where “nothing is new under the sun.” While the dominant culture speaks of filling our bellies full and staying on the cutting edge of fashion trends, the prophetic imagination courageously points out the price we pay for our excess (or perhaps the price that others must pay). While the prophetic imagination attempts to show our national idols to be just that, the royal consciousness complains of the “guilt trip” it is made to endure and instead turns on reruns of “Jackass.”

The time to be prophetic is now. How strange it is to speak of being prophetic in the context of a high school! How strange it is to think that all this could change and stranger yet to think that any of us could play a part! Next weekend, however, November 15-18, seven SLUH students will hop a bus for Columbus, Georgia, where they—and 11,000 others—will gather at the gates of Ft. Benning to agitate and pray for the closing of the School of the Americas (SOA). These seven students do witness to a prophetic imagination that does not roll over and play dead in the face of doubt and cynicism. The prophetic journey they undertake on our behalf bears witness to a new vision of how our world can be and a hope that we can transcend the war-mongering of our dominant culture. Yet we have a long way to go...

Begun in 1946, the School of the Americas was set up by the

United States Army in order to train foreign military personnel, so that they could return to their countries (mostly in Latin America) and defend democracy. For decades, however, human rights groups have documented the human rights atrocities committed by the graduates of the SOA (including the murders of Archbishop Oscar Romero, the four U.S. Church women, 900 men, women and children in the village of El Mozote, the 6 Jesuits and 2 women at the University of Central America...and the list goes on). In 1996, the Pentagon finally admitted that the training manuals used at the SOA permitted the use of kidnapping, torture, and psychological warfare as acceptable methods in the “counterinsurgency campaigns” being carried out by SOA grads. Ironically, the School of America has become a training ground for terrorists; perhaps our war on terror should begin at home. Indeed, the time to be prophetic is now.

These seven SLUH students are on a pilgrimage to make their voices—and those of the thousands of victims of SOA graduates—heard at the gates of Fort Benning, where the School of the Americas (recently renamed the Western Hemispheric Institute for Security and Cooperation) is housed. This trip would be incomplete, however, if their voices were not also heard here in the halls of St. Louis University High school. This coming Monday, Dr. John Slosar from St. Louis University will give a multimedia presentation in room 215C on the School of the Americas and the effort to close it down. I encourage all of you to come and hear the stories for yourself. Come and ask yourself what kind of world you want to live in? What kind of future will you imagine for yourself and your family? What is your vision? What is the vision that God desires to share with you?

And for those not able to make the trip to Georgia next weekend, I would ask for your prayers and support for us and for the thousands whom we will join. The time to be prophetic is now.

You can watch “Jackass” after the SOA is closed.

Mr. Brian Christopher, S.J.  
Theology Dept.

## Queathem praises students at open house

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend our students who devoted so much time to the promotion of SLUH during the Open House. I heard so many positive comments about the spirit of the young men who conducted the tours and assisted throughout the school that day.

While I was preparing this article, I began to reflect on the concept of Open House. I realized that to have a “house” necessitates having a family inside of it. On Sunday, someone asked me what makes SLUH so special. I immediately responded, “It is the genuine care the teachers have for their students, the students’ eagerness to learn, and our combined

efforts to grow in excellence, wholeness, and holiness.” Those characteristics and the spirit that evolves from those dynamics is, indeed, the spirit that distinguishes us. Thank you, guys for being catalysts of that spirit.

With more reflection, I realized that we are a family and our model is the Blessed Trinity...within these sacred walls we have the fathers, the sons, and the spirit. Thank you gentlemen, for all you do to make SLUH a comfortable house in which we can proudly strive for excellence in all things. Thank you for doing us proud.

Mrs. Rosemary Queathem

# SLUH Forum set to reopen for 2002-'03

**Patrick Stephens**  
**Core Staff**

Although no issues of the *SLUH Forum* have been published yet this year, the editors of the politically-oriented student newspaper hope to revive it on the heels of the recent mid-term elections. The *Forum* is moderated by history teacher Steve Aylward and led by senior editors Ryan Max, Jon Mills, John Schranck, and Dan Riley.

The *Forum* was founded last year by Jason Wever, '02, as a way for students to voice their political ideas. Part of the paper's current mission statement is to

"widen the perspective that SLUH students have on the world around them, to enhance their intellectual and physical involvement in national and global politics, economics, and culture, and to provide a forum for new and traditional ideas to be discussed."

Mills said that the *Forum* is "a place for people to speak out where they can't get their say in the *Prep News*" because the latter deals more with SLUH events and ideas. The *Forum*, on the other hand, will discuss local, national, and world issues. However, the editors aren't limiting the focus to just political issues, and welcome opinions on "whatever topics

people want to write on," Max said.

The *Forum* hopes to publish its first issue by the end of November, and then every month thereafter. Some proposed regular features of the paper would be point-counterpoint commentaries and political cartoons for each issue. Possible topics for the first issue are privatization of Social Security, prescription drug coverage, local election issues, the Green Party, the new Cardinals stadium, and socialization of health care.

The editors hope that the *Forum* really catches on this year and that it will discuss issues important to students. Riley said he hopes that the *Forum* will become a "staple of SLUH" and will challenge students to "dig a little deeper and do some more research" on political topics.

## METEOROLOGY CLUB VS. THE EXPERTS

*Editor's Note: Seniors John Schranck and Tyler Friederich believe that, using raw computer-generated data from the internet and studying the patterns of forecasts from other cities, they can more accurately predict the temperature highs and lows for a two-day period than the National Weather Service. Here are their predictions for today (Nov. 8) and Saturday (Nov. 9). The Prep News will print the official highs and lows for today and Saturday, as recorded at Lambert Field, in next week's issue. The Prep News will also make its own predictions using the Hat-O-Weather-Predictometer, our glorified version of the old random hat pick.*

### Schrank & Friederich:

Today: High: 75. Low: 45

A chilly, clear morning will give way to a remarkably pleasant afternoon, marked by unusual warmth, patchy clouds, and a gusty southwest wind. The high will surely flirt with the 70s, but the record of 81 is only in slight danger.

Tonight: It will begin when the sun sets at 4:54. Clouds will generally increase overnight as a slight breeze will persist all night. Mothers may want to remind sons to wear jackets to their favorite outdoor venues.

Saturday: High: 67. Low: 53.

I'm fairly confident that the sun will rise yet again on Saturday. In fact, it will do so

around 6:36. It will be another day of mildness, but clouds will restrict the warmth, and the sky will become overcast by late in the day. As the afternoon wears on, a 30% chance of showers enters the forecast. I wouldn't be surprised to hear a rumble of thunder, given the warmth.

Saturday night: Darkness will befall Saint Louisans at 4:53. The chance for rain will only increase as time goes by. Bring rain gear and a spirit umbrella to any sporting events. Despite potentially dank conditions, the low will only descend to 53.

### Hat-o-Predictometer Prediction:

Friday, November 8

High: 21

Low: 9

Clear

Saturday, November 9

High: 25

Low: 12

Tsunami Conditions

### National Weather Service Predictions:

Friday, November 8

High: 77

Low: 50

Saturday, November 9

High: 70

Low: 52

## YOUNGUNS

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resented in the gym were a "striking presentation." Hannick believes that the dedication of the students, however, is the true substance of the Open House.

The tours were a "most impressive piece of the Open House," said Michalski. He also noted, "It's just the students representing the school and being who they are."

Both visitors and tour guides agree that the tours are the most significant part of the day. Prospective student Michael Day said, "I felt like I really gained a unique perspective" of the school.

Ben Carron agreed by saying, "All my questions were answered."

Junior Tyler Aholt said, "It's great to represent SLUH and help prospective students gain information that truly helps to make decisions."

Freshman tour guide Andrew Miller added, "We really can speak with (visitors) on a personal level."

SLUH continued its tradition of terrific Open House tours through the hard work of the faculty and staff, in conjunction with the dedication of the student body.

# Polobills lose 6-5 to MICDS in district final

**Jon Kim**  
Reporter

Last week, the Polobills tossed away the obstacles placed in front of them on their way to the state championships. After a valiant battle last Saturday, MICDS robbed the Jr. Bills of the state title 6-5 in a painful, anxiety-driven game.

The challenge started with a Wednesday night match against the John Burroughs Bombers. In the first quarter, goals from Tom and Tim Heafner kicked the Floatiebills into the lead, but for the rest of the half, the Jr. Bills could not finish their potent counterattacks or make accurate hole passes, leaving their offense fruitless.

In the third quarter though, SLUH dumped the spice into the soup, spewing fire out of their mouths to burn John Burroughs for the rest of the game. Tim Heafner, grabbing the ball in hole, wrenched his man behind him and pounded the ball through the goalie's body into the goal. Senior Phil Abram, fed up

with his unsuccessful hole work, forced his defender behind him and earned a four-meter penalty shot. Riding on the Jr. Bills' momentum, Bill Dahlmann scored four goals in the second half. Tim Heafner added three goals of his own, giving the Jr. Bills the 9-4 win.

On Friday, the Jr. Bills faced off against the Marquette Mustangs. The Mustangs were a formidable opponent during the regular season, but the Jr. Bills pulled out their own triple crown horse, beating Marquette 11-2.

Losing Todd Patrick to a hyperactive mouth, the Mustangs entered the game without one of their best players. The Jr. Bills powered past guards using quick offensive drives. The Polobills also used a

drop defense—a defensive scheme in which post guards drop off to steal hole passes intended for the two-meter man. The Polobills dominated the offense in the game with Bill Dahlmann scoring five goals, followed by Mark Gloeckler, Tom Heafner, and Nick Konczack each with a goal and an assist. The Jr. Bills' defense held the Mustangs' best player, Kyle Elliot, see **DISTRICTS, 7**



Baudendistel talks to his team during a timeout on Saturday.

# XC wins Sectional, moves to State

**Patrick Meek**  
Core Staff

This past weekend, the St. Louis U. High cross country team continued on the road towards a state trophy with a huge win at the sectional championship at the newly-revamped Sioux Passage course. The Jr. Bills, who were once again led by senior Peter Schaefer, put together an impressive score of 26.

Schaefer, who continued a winning streak that began at the MCC Championship, ran with the leaders at the beginning of the race and broke from the leaders at the first mile mark. From there, Schaefer climbed the hills and rode the flats by himself, finishing with a state medal time of 16:22.

Following right behind Schaefer for most of the race was senior Drew Noblot, who in the past two weeks has become a dominant force on this very talented team.

Because of a strong kick at the end of the race, Noblot was able to blow past Billy Bell of Parkway Central in the last half mile for a time of 16:40 and second place overall.

The rest of the team—seniors Kevin Crean, Kyle Gonnerman, Matt Killiany, junior Dan Flanagan (who was running in place of a sick Geoff Stewart), and sophomore Alex Muntges—once again looked strong running in a closely-knit pack. Following Noblot was Crean (16:59, 7th), Gonnerman (17:08, 9th), Muntges (17:10, 10th), Killiany (17:19, 12th), and Flanagan (17:54, 25th).

"We ran the most planned and disciplined race of the season," said coach Jim Linhares.

On the JV level, junior Andrew Linhares, who has been recovering for the last month from a stress fracture, dominated the field with a time of 17:41. Because of this, Linhares, who had been

consistently one of the team's top runners before his injury, will run in the state meet in place of Flanagan.

Those familiar with Missouri cross country know that this weekend's state meet will be one of the most highly anticipated meets in decades. Behind the hype this year are two nationally-ranked teams which the Jr. Bills hope to dethrone: Liberty and West Plains. These two teams have dominated the local scene since late August and have kept the pace since. Blue Springs and Lee's Summit will also play a major role this weekend. Even though the Jr. Bills have high hopes for this weekend, they are attempting to be realistic in their goals.

"We hope to come away from state saying that we were respectable," explained Linhares.

If the Prefontainebills hope to attain this goal, then they need their senior runners to step up. One of these runners,

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# Cadets upend Jr. Bills in last home game, 28-17

**Dan Sinnett**  
**Core Staff**

CBC dressed up as a winning football team on Nov. 1 to commemorate Halloween. Not to be outdone, SLUH painted their faces surprised, losing to the Cadets 28-17.

The Cadet offense started the night unproductively, thanks to a three-and-out on the first series and cornerback Joe Neely's later interception in the end zone.

The Jr. Bills, however, began as though shot out of the metaphorical offensive cannon. The Jr. Bills' first drive started with a 21-yard catch by tight end Phinney Troy. SLUH then mixed the run and pass well, combining four running plays and three passes before the drive stalled on the 17-yard line. Fortunately, Mr. Reliable, Tim Simon, was able to bang the Wilson through the uprights to give SLUH a 3-0 lead.

Neely's touchdown-saving interception came after a lengthy drive by the Cadets. CBC began the drive on their own 20-yard line, but was in SLUH's territory after one play. CBC running back Kelley Anderson scampered for 46 yards, the first of many big plays by CBC on the night.

"We need to figure out how to wrap up and tackle," defensive tackle Kevin Steffens said. "There were a lot of missed tackles in the CBC game."

After Neely took the ball from CBC's control, SLUH promptly gave it right back. CBC took the opportunity of good field position and ran with it. Anderson scored on a 16-yard jaunt to put CBC up

7-3 as the first quarter concluded.

The second quarter saw both offenses struggling to score. Quarterback Dossie Jennings threw an inconsequential interception, and the SLUH defense forced

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Junior Matt Herzberg celebrates a Jr. Bill touchdown

## Soccerbills blow Roosevelt out; CBC next

**Dave Mueller**  
**Core Staff**

The Soccerbills kept their season rolling with a victory Wednesday in the first district game over the Roosevelt Rough Riders and a draw last Friday with the top-rated Chaminade Flyers.

The much-anticipated Flyer-Jr. Bill matchup brought together what many think will be the two teams in the state final. After all the hype, the two squads made the trip to Soccer Park worth it for the 200 Superfans who came to root for their Futbolbills, going into two extra periods before earning a 1-1 decision.

The game began evenly, with both the Flyers and the Jr. Bills creating dangerous opportunities. Then, midway through the first half, the highly talented Chaminade team began to press forward with its two talented strikers. They kept the Jr. Bills on their heels by playing quite a few balls into the box and thoroughly testing senior goalkeeper Tyler Faulstich, who proved up to the task.

Head coach Charlie Martel said, "even though we were under a lot of pressure we stayed organized... those things are bound to happen." Senior defenders Tim Baldes and Pat Ferrell helped Faulstich by effectively clogging the middle. "We kind of fell back at times," said Martel, "but we were patient."

Before the half ended, however, the Jr. Bills turned the momentum around by creating some good plays and salvaging their confidence. "We were smart and played good defense," said Martel. The half ended with the score 0-0.

The Jr. Bills continued their momentum at the beginning of the second half, pushing forward for more chances than in the first. The offensive havoc the Flyers had created in the first was calmed by the aggressive and organized Upperninetybills' defense, which limited the creative Flyer strikers to only a few looks at the net, and even most of those were quickly taken away.

Despite the efforts of the Tottibills, one Flyer striker discovered a crease in the

defense and earned a breakaway. Before the Flyer could shoot, Ferrell, who tracked him down from behind, fell over, and in doing so tilted the Chaminade striker off balance. The referee claimed that the foul took place inside the box, and Chaminade was awarded a penalty kick. Martel lamented, "I think (the Chaminade player) followed through with zest to actually fall down." Faulstich guessed the wrong way on the shot, and the Flyers took a 1-0 lead.

Then the Nevergiveupbills began to attack. Always pushing the play forward and, for the first time in the game, consistently winning 50-50 balls in the midfield, the Jr. Bills pounded relentlessly into the Flyer defense through the middle and down both sidelines until, finally, with twenty minutes to go in the game, they broke through.

The Jr. Bills won the ball in the defensive third and moved quickly for a counterattack up the left side. Senior captain Matt Kreikemeier slipped around his defender and played a ball into the space behind the Flyer sweeper at the top of the

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to only four scoreless shots.

The game disappointed the team. As head coach Paul Baudendistel pointed out, "11-2 games are not fun. I wish that Todd Patrick had played."

With the first two games of the championship tournament like two small ants for the Jr. Bills' elephant to step on, the Polobills watched out for the mouse that might topple the war elephant. Unfortunately, the Jr. Bills' massive elephant foot unintentionally missed the MICDS mouse, as MICDS snuck past them on Saturday.

The dreary evening sent an ominous message to the confident Jr. Bills as they warmed up for the state battle. From the first quarter, the Jr. Bills fought a brain-liquefying uphill battle against the Rams, and were eventually defeated 6-5.

Cheers from the Superfans flew over the shrill shriek of the referee's whistle, starting the beginning of the first quarter as the Rams and the Polobills churned for the ball. Both teams rocketed off aggressively, boiling the water with their efforts, but after three minutes, a Rams' player

## 12-3 VICTORY

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eighteen, where hustling junior Joe "Dude" Germanese beat the racing Flyer netminder to the ball, toe-poked it past him, and then, with an empty net, passed the ball into the goal to tie the game at one. Martel said, "Joey's goal was a culmination of fifteen minutes of good hard work."

"That is the type of thing championship-caliber teams do," commented Martel. There appeared to be a resurgence of energy from the Jr. Bills after the Flyer goal. The equalizer allowed the Jr. Bills to settle down and once again find a rhythm to the game instead of forcing the play forward.

After the adrenaline from both teams had subsided, neither could pierce the solid defenses for a second time.

Martel noted, "It certainly turned into a chess match."

After 80 minutes of regulation, the game was tied and so, under MCC rules,

managed to take a solid shot outside the seven-meter mark. Unable to match up with the rampaging Rams' offensive work, the Jr. Bills again allowed MICDS to sneak a ball past goalie Cliff Reynolds off of a seven-meter shot.

In the second quarter, another shot from outside the seven-meter mark managed to breeze past Reynolds, putting the team three goals behind MICDS. Surprised at the seemingly huge ravine between the Jr. Bills and the Rams, the Polobills could not gather their juggernaut offense together, losing the ball in a panicking, rushed offense to notch a goal on the board. Finally, after the Jr. Bills earned a kickout, Tim Heafner flung a guided missile through the Rams' net off of a cross-goal pass from Nick Konczack.

A minute later, Mike Leuchtmann dumped a ball past the Rams goalie to bring the game to 3-2. Fighting to tie up the game before the halftime break, the Jr. Bills counterattacked like an angry sea serpent barrelling down the pool. Tim Heafner received the ball on the left half of the pool and attempted to turn his man

to score. Earning a free pass due to a foul from his guard, Heafner saw his older brother Tom Heafner cut into the right goal post at the seven-meter mark. Tim snapped the ball to his elder, who leapt out of the water, flung his arm forward, and skipped the ball over the goalie's head with the speed of a comet into the goal.

As the buzzer rang for the end of the halftime break, SLUH fans hysterically shouted support for the three-goal comeback, and after half, the Polobills dove into the pool invigorated with a determination to win.

Gaining a six-on-five offensive advantage early in the third quarter, the Jr. Bills attempted to pull into the lead, but were unable to score on the power play. The Rams counterattacked and earned themselves a six-on-five advantage. On the advantage, MICDS managed to slip a shot past Reynolds, starting a chain of three goals by MICDS. Offensively, the Jr. Bills could not answer the Rams' goals, losing their traditional cohesive offense to MICDS's strong defense.

In the fourth quarter, a 6-3 deficit  
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two 10-minute overtimes would ensue, with golden goal rules applied.

Both weary squads failed to create any dangerous chances in the first overtime. The second overtime proved more exciting, however, as defenders on both sides appeared to lose their first steps and both offenses thus became more dangerous. Germanese almost knocked in the winner, but an out-of-position linesman made an off-side call to bring the goal back.

"If the game was going to be won, it was going to come off of a mistake," said Martel, "and that mistake never came."

The Chaminade match was the first game all season that the Jr. Bills were losing a match but did not lose the decision.

"It speaks of our confidence that we believe we can win and always have a chance," commented Martel about the comeback.

The Jr. Bills did not forget to take care of business last Wednesday as they defeated Roosevelt 12-3. Martel said, "We scored twelve goals. That seems to say it all."

Senior Ryan Neighbors, who scored three goals and assisted two more, highlighted the match. Much was said about the swamp-like field conditions on which the Jr. Bills must play CBC this Saturday.



DRAWING BY  
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## THIRTEEN POINTS

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two CBC punts.

Near the end of the half, SLUH received the ball on the CBC 44-yard line hoping to score and go up before halftime. Neely was the featured receiver on the drive, catching two passes for 26 yards. However, fullback Matt Herzberg scored the touchdown on a 5-yard catch with 38 seconds to play, giving SLUH a 10-7 lead going into the half.

The Jr. Bills got the first drive of the second half but were not able to score. After gaining one first down, SLUH passed to Troy on first and 10. Troy came very close to getting the first down that would have gotten the offense rolling, but fell short by a yard. SLUH then attempted two running plays but was unable to gain the first down. Up by a field goal, SLUH decided to play the field position game and punt away to CBC.

"We couldn't take the chance of not getting the first down," said Kornfeld, "(and) giving CBC a short field."

The Cadets took any field position

SLUH would give them and scored on a 25-yard catch by Billy Hopkins. Merely three minutes later, Anderson went on a 41-yard jaunt that found him in the end zone to put CBC up 21-10.

The onslaught of Cadet scoring put SLUH in a must-score position. Starting a drive on its own 26-yard line, SLUH had its hands full. Jennings accepted the challenge, however, passing for 96 yards on the drive. (Even though SLUH only had to drive 74 yards to score, they lost 27 yards on sacks and penalties.) Joe Moellering was the featured receiver on the drive, with 50 yards receiving. Moellering had an apparent touchdown after a 34-yard catch, but the refs saw the play differently and spotted the ball inside the one-yard line. Jennings took care of the touchdown from there.

The Jr. Bills were then faced with the biggest decision of the game. If SLUH made the extra point, the score would be 21-17, meaning the Jr. Bills still needed a touchdown to win. If they attempted the two-point conversion, a field goal would

tie the game. SLUH opted for the extra point and hoped to get the ball back with plenty of time.

"I'm thinking I've still got time, I don't want to blow this," Kornfeld explained. "Given it over again, I probably would have gone for it."

CBC's final touchdown, with 3:17 left in the game, rendered the decision moot. Down 28-17, the Jr. Bills tried some trickery to get into the end zone with a wide array of laterals in the final three minutes. These attempts failed, however, and the game ended with the ball inside the one-yard line.

Said Joe Azar, "I wish we would have won."

The Jr. Bills have another chance to today at home when they face off with Mehlville in the final district game of the year. The Jr. Bills need to beat Mehlville by thirteen points to advance to the sectional round of the playoffs. They will have to overcome Mehlville's potent ground attack, which averages 180 rushing yards per game.

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loomed before the Polobills, but they never quit. About two minutes into the quarter, the Jr. Bills managed to pound shots at the goal, narrowly missing each one. Eventually Colin Tyrrell found a rebound in front of the goal, snatched the ball off the water and ripped it through the net. The Polobills had further hope for a glorious comeback when an MICDS player flagrantly fouled a Jr. Bill, giving the Jr. Bills a power play 6-5 advantage.

Passing the ball around the perimeter, Tim Heafner found senior Dahlmann in front of the goal. Cupping the ball by whipping his hand out like a snake, Dahlmann threw his body around for a powerful backhand shot that blew past the Rams' goalie. Only one goal behind the Rams, the Jr. Bills battled unsuccessfully for another goal. The Jr. Bills had one last chance to tie the game when Tim Heafner burst towards the MICDS

goal on a breakaway and launched a shot that hit the Rams' crossbar. The final score was 6-5, MICDS.

As the Rams jubilantly cheered and jumped into the pool, the Polobills morosely sat on the side in a team huddle.

Baudendistel commented, "It doesn't get any better than a SLUH-MICDS game, and we came in knowing it was going to be a one or two goal game. MICDS managed to come out on top, and although it is a tough loss, we know we did our best."

Captain Mark Gloeckler added, "We played well, but a lot of our shots were unlucky. Although we hit the posts the majority of the time, we still managed to fight back from a 3-0 lead and a 6-3 lead, but we just couldn't find a shot to tie up the game."

## SLUH FACULTY VETERANS

*Veterans Day will be observed next  
Monday, November 11th.*

**Tom Becvar (1971-72)**

**Tom Brandy (1953-55)**

**Charles Busenhart (1969-71)**

**Raymond Manker (1964-68)**

**Daniel Shelburne (1968-70)**

**Al Teske (1970s)**

**Mark Tychonievich**

# Should SLUH go coed?

**Denis Agniel**  
Editor

Regis Jesuit High School in Denver recently announced its plan to open an all-girls' school on the same campus as the boys' high school. The press release on the Regis website (regisjesuit.com) identified "the magis of St. Ignatius Loyola" as the reason for Regis's involvement with educating women. On the website, Regis President Walter Sidney, S.J. defined the magis as "the ever greater glory of God, the ever fuller service of our neighbor, the more universal good, the more effective apostolic means."

So what does that mean for SLUH? Does that mean that the Jesuits in St. Louis should open an all-girls' school, too? Or perhaps SLUH should go coed? Wouldn't that be the more effective apostolic means, the magis, to serve both young women and young men?

There have been four main arguments against going coed: students learn better in a single-sex environment; the school could lose alumni support; it would adversely affect girls' schools in the area; and there is no need for more girls' education in St. Louis.

There is conflicting evidence regarding the benefits of single-sex and coed schools.

"There's arguments pro and con in terms of (a single sex student body); you pick your side and argue it," said President Paul Sheridan, S.J.

Many are proponents of single-sex education.

"The single-sex identity is a good thing," said theology teacher and Jesuit superior Jim Knapp, S.J. "In my own experience and from guys I've talked to...there's a lot less social undertone when it's an all-boys' school."

Sheila O'Neill, A.S.C.J., principal of Cor Jesu Academy, agreed. "That pressure of impressing one another, all of that, is taken away in a single-sex environment." An all-girls' school, according to O'Neill, allows girls "to have the opportunity to grow into their own person."

Junior Nick Odem said, "In an all-male environment, it's easier to concentrate on academics."

"There's really no reason to look fashionable since there aren't any girls here," said freshman Phillip Powell; he said he appreciates looking however he wants to at school without worrying what others might think.

In addition to freedom from social tension, history teacher Jeff Harrison, S.J., observed that boys seem to make better friendships at an all-boys' school.

One of the benefits, said Rockhurst High School theology teacher Sean Agniel, '96, is "that the school can focus on forming young men and can focus on and address the needs of young

men...It allows for specialization."

Many also believe that girls especially do better in single-sex schools.

"Women actually do better in a single-sex environment," said Knapp, "because they emerge as leaders." Harrison agreed.

In 1992, the American Association of University Women published an article suggesting that public schools shortchange girls. A more recent report, "Separated by Sex: A Critical Look at Single-Sex Education for Girls," released on March 12, 1998, "challenges the popular idea that K-12 single-sex education is better for girls than coeducation." Overall, the report stated, as long as the factors of good education are present, both boys and girls excel.

A March 12, 1998 *New York Times* article casts doubt on the definitive benefit of single-sex schools. "In many of the studies where students at girls' schools seemed to perform better," read the article, "the differences could be explained away by such

factors as their parents' greater income and educational achievements or such measures as how much homework the school required and how selective it was. In some conflicting studies involving Catholic girls' schools, there was no apparent explanation for why students did better."

Dr. Paul Shore, professor of education at St. Louis University, responded to the study, saying, "It is indeed possible that girls may not learn 'better' in one environment or another, if 'better' means higher test scores. But school is about more than scores. The contacts obtained through institutional affiliation, the prestige of the school, and the self-perception that comes with being a student at a particular school all shape later success."

There are disadvantages to single-sex education as well.

"You only get to see girls on the weekend," said sophomore Brian Lovinguth, "and if (SLUH) went coed, you'd be able to establish a better sense of who they really are."

Harrison commented on the limited perspective of an all-boys' school: "When you bring all boys together, the female point of view tends to get shut out; it tends to reinforce this kind of male thing."

Agniel recounted his own experience: "When I went to college, I was shocked there were girls in my class that were smarter than me. I don't think SLUH intends to create an atmosphere of sexism; sexism is present in our society. We need to fight against sexism, and I think it's hard when there aren't strong female role models around, faculty and students."

O'Neill recognized that some young women in all-girls' schools are shy and don't see the opposite sex often. She said those girls might not know how to act around boys. But she said, "I think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages."

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-Jim Knapp, S.J.

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With no clear conclusions available about the benefits of single-sex education, might alumni support convince us of not going coed? Would the alumni pull support from the school if SLUH went coed?

"No," said Sheridan. "If the decision is made wisely and for the right reasons, most alumni would be open enough once they understood the reasons to proceed on any issue."

"Every major change that this place has done, that's been said (that alumni support would vanish)," said Knapp. "I don't believe that. I don't believe it's a valid argument, and even if it were true, if it was the right thing to do, we'd have to lose the alumni support."

Harrison said the school could lose support from some alumni whose sons did not get into the school because of going coed. Agniel also warned that any time any drastic change is made, some will be against it. In any case, there have been other Jesuit schools who have gone coed, with the number of coed Jesuit schools in the U.S. totalling 14 now, and they have not suffered greatly from lack of alumni support.

If not alumni, what about the girls' schools in the area? Might SLUH hurt some all-girls' schools if it were to accept female applicants? Similarly, is there a need for more girls' education in St. Louis?

As Tim McMahon, S.J., the Assistant to the Provincial for Secondary Education, pointed out and Knapp, Harrison, and Sheridan reiterated, "St. Louis is a very different situation than Denver." In Denver, there are five Catholic high schools, while St. Louis has six boys' schools and nine girls' schools, not to mention coed schools like DuBourg and John F. Kennedy.

"This city (St. Louis) is such an exception," said Sheridan. "You have so many private Catholic girls' schools and private Catholic boys' schools that are very, very strong, and it's an exceptional city in that right."

In addition, added Knapp, "(The Catholic schools) are very diverse," meeting the needs of many different types of people.

How different are the cities' situations?

In Denver, there were 500 fewer seats for girls than for boys in Catholic high schools. In St. Louis, there are 346 fewer girls enrolled in Catholic high schools across the archdiocese, according to Terry Edelmann, Community Relations director of the Office of the Superintendent of Religious Education of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Are those 346 seats a problem?

O'Neill doesn't think so. "I think there are enough spots (for girls in Catholic high schools)," she said.

Five hundred seats are proportionately more in Denver, where there is a "transient" Catholic population, according to Harrison. In St. Louis, there are more than 15,000 students in Catholic high schools; however, in Denver there are far fewer. So relating the cities is not quite so easy.

Sheridan cautioned against making a direct analogy from Denver to St. Louis, "To change that (situation) and put it out of

context and say, 'To serve girls, is that a magis for St. Louis U. High?' I don't think it would be; I think it would hurt many, many young people." He continued, "We could probably put one or two private girls' schools out of business."

Harrison said, "I would think that (accepting young women applicants) would profoundly affect Nerinx, Ursuline, St. Joe, Villa, whatever. I would not be surprised if one or more of those would have to shut down, if we said...we're going to eventually have 1,000 girls as well as 1,000 boys."

O'Neill disagreed on this point, and so did Principal Mary Schenkenberg, who formerly occupied the position of principal at Nerinx Hall. They both thought that the girls' schools would be affected, but not too adversely.

"It depends on what girls are looking for," said O'Neill.

Regardless, Knapp doesn't see Rome approving the accepting of female applicants. "The Father General of the Society has made it real clear that a Jesuit school cannot go coed or start a girls' division if it's going to adversely impact an existing girls' school that's providing a good education."

"The Jesuits may not open any new venture," elaborated Harrison, "no matter what it is, without looking at the impact on the local church...In other words, we don't act alone; we're members of a larger church. How does what we would propose to do affect the other groups?"

Sheridan answered that question, "It would basically lessen their applicant pool

and maybe sorely affect their existence. I think that'd be true of any school (which began accepting applicants of the opposite sex)."

Knapp discussed SLUH's position in the community. "If the Society was going to get into a discussion about that it would have to include the girls' schools; it would have to include the archbishop. I think if we were to undermine either a really good girls' school or one that's struggling, you'd have to ask yourself if for us to do something that would put a perfectly good school in jeopardy or under the gun: would that be for the greater glory of God? I don't know."

The impetus for such a measure as going coed or starting a girls' division would have to come from the community, said Harrison. "If people perceive a problem," he said, then the Jesuits should act. "Rather than us saying, 'Here's what we're going to do for you, and we've already decided, and we've got it all figured out what I'm going to do to or for you.' But if it comes from the people then you evaluate it that way."

Knapp also identified the Jesuits' inexperience with teaching girls. "I would want to be real careful about being so arrogant to think we could do something better than some of the girls' schools that have been at it for a long time. I wouldn't want us to feel like, well, we're the experts."

In lieu of accepting girls, perhaps SLUH should address what it can, like sexism.

"It always comes back to the magis," said Agniel. "You can always do more."

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—Jeff Harrison, S.J.

# Sophomore retreat format revamped

**Tim Huether**  
Reporter

After copious amounts of planning, the sophomore retreat format was revised as of Oct. 21. Members of Teens Acting for Peace (TAP)—theology teacher Tim Chik, Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinselmeyer, art teacher John Mueller, Pastoral Director Robert Garavaglia, and Spanish teacher Greg Bantle—organized the revision. A group devoted to respect, TAP travels to local elementary schools to promote respect for self, parents, friends, and God in school, home, and social life.

There are many reasons for the change in the retreat format. This year, organizers felt that they should try something new. Last year, Campus Ministry made it a goal to completely change the idea behind the retreat. One question remained: How should the retreat be changed and what ideas should be incorporated?

In September, TAP members attended a training seminar. The group included 17 sophomores and three freshmen. Organizers Zinselmeyer, Garavaglia, and Chik also attended. TAP members decided that the retreat should be centered around respect. Commenting on the theme, Zinselmeyer said, "The idea really fell into our laps during the TAP seminar."

Other changes in the retreat include a change in location from an outdoor facil-

## PERFECTION

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cially referred to as the highest possible score.

Thomas's performance is one that SLUH has not recently seen. Occasionally, a SLUH student will score an 800 on the math test and an 800 on the verbal test, but will do so on different dates. However, Thomas is the first SLUH student to score an 800 on both tests at the same time in at least seven years.

"This is an unbelievable accomplishment," said guidance counselor Nina See-

ity to a retreat house. New activities include journal writing and a reflective period where participants try to connect with themselves in a new way.

All of the activities "help participants to continue building their model of life, and how it can be respectful and disrespectful," said Garavaglia.

In addition, faculty members, instead of seniors, will lead small group discus-



Sample collages from this year's sophomore retreat.

sions. Another change is that one theme will now run the entire day, as opposed to several smaller themes in previous years. The symbol will be light. The theme will be focused on being guided by light and serving as the light of the world.

An art project has also been added to the retreat, creating a thought-provoking experience. The art project was planned by Mueller and Garavaglia. Mueller, who had previously not been involved in the retreat, came up with the project. Each student was given a board, then made a collage of his experience at SLUH and how it is both a respectful and disrespectful experience. They also thought about how they could change their experience to make it more respectful to all. The boards are going to be compiled to make boxes. After completion, the boxes will be stacked in towers for display at the sophomore class mass on Dec. 5.

All of these things fit into the retreat format and correspond to all four retreats throughout a student's tenure at SLUH. In this way, ideas can be reflected more fully to students and one can see how all of the retreats tie in together.

Student response to the retreat was mostly positive. Sophomore Joe Burch said, "The retreat was both enlightening and entertaining."

Art Zinselmeyer said the retreats went "very well...although some students didn't appreciate all of the music."

## STATE

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Schaefer, is hoping to redeem himself after a disappointing finish at last year's state meet. The team also needs Noblot, who put together a strong race at last year's meet, earning 40th place and garnering all-state honors.

Few, however, are nervous at this prospect. "I am going to run a top ten finish, nothing less," said Schaefer.

The Quickfootbills also need their younger runners to step up. One of these runners, Linhares, has been out for the past month. Although Linhares does have experience in several big meets, such as the Hancock and Mizzou Invitationals, he has never run in the big one. Killiany and Muntges, who are the other runners on the

team with no state experience, also have aspirations of glory this weekend.

"I am a little nervous about my leg, but I think we are looking better than ever," said Linhares.

Muntges echoed this sentiment, saying, "I am nervous but rather excited. I will be trying to be in all-state position by the end of the race."

Coach Linhares is not worried about their nerves. "Muntges has the security of the pack working for him, and Killiany is by nature a very steady personality."

Even with this pressure, many do not believe that inexperience will be an issue.

"I believe we will rock and roll at state," exclaimed coach Tim Chik.

by Brian Fallon

## Calendar

Nov. 8 - Nov. 16

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

Schedule L  
 Father/Son Liturgy  
 Alumni Reunion, '47  
 Football Pep Rally @ 3:30  
 V FB vs Mehlville @ 7 pm  
 College Visits:  
   Texas Christian University @ 12:51  
   Notre Dame, University of @ 2:00  
 Seasoned Fries & Pizza

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

XC @ State Meet @ 11:45  
 JV SOC @ Chaminade @ 11 am

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

H2O Polo Banquet

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

Schedule R

Sophomore Retreat  
 Technology Mtg.  
 Alumni Reunion, '37  
 College Visits:  
   Brandeis University @ 8 am  
   Central Missouri State @ AP  
   Harris Stowe State College @ AP  
   Xavier University @ AP  
 Onion Rings and Pizza

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

Schedule B  
 SOC @ Sectionals  
 Spaghetti with Breadsticks

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

Schedule B  
 Sophomore Retreat  
 Department Meetings  
 Hot wings & Mac 'n Cheese

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

Schedule R  
 College Visits:  
   Earlham College @ AP  
   Southwest Missouri State University @ AP  
 Pretzels & Papa John's

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

Schedule R  
 SOC @ Quarterfinals  
 CSP Jesuit Teaching  
 Alumni Reunion '72  
 College Visits:  
   Whitman College @ 11 am  
 Bosco Sticks & Pizza

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

FB @ State Quarterfinals TBA  
 CSP Jesuit Teaching

**TECHNO**

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The EdOnline system used by DeSmet works much like an e-mail account, where an individual receives a screen name and a password. On the EdOnline system both the student and the student's parents are given a password.

"Management of those passwords adds another layer of cost to the school," Overkamp said, noting that "Someone has to take care of telling everyone what those passwords are after they've lost every copy of them."

"Someone at the hiring end has to say, 'We'll hire a person to do this'; this would have to be a full-time position of four to five years," Overkamp said.

Densberger, who declined to speak about the specifics of DeSmet's online security, said, "Even if someone were to hack the EdOnline system, they would only be able to change the grades on the internet; they would not be able to change their grade on (DeSmet's) network."

In addition to its calendars and grading system, EdOnline has given DeSmet's faculty and administration the capability to communicate with the entire school with just one e-mail.

"We received a bomb threat last week,

and after the issue was resolved, I was able to send out an e-mail to 1600 people about what had happened," Densberger said. The e-mail was received by most individuals in the DeSmet community because students frequently check their e-mail while checking grades on the system. Densberger will also be e-mailing the entire school on snow days.

"Students each receive an e-mail address here at SLUH," Overkamp said. "However, it may still be a little while before students have an incentive to check

their school e-mail address."

"I think the online systems open up new lines of communication between teachers and parents just because of the ease of accessibility," Michalski said. "I don't think online systems should ever replace face-to-face conferences between parents and teachers, but I do believe this could reduce the time between when a parent can find out about problems their son is having in class, and when they can start helping (their son) resolve those problems."

**SPIDER**

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involved, but it's not a significant amount."

While no profit is made from selling books, the school does receive a percentage of the total dollar amount of apparel sold. Last year the bookstore made about \$68,000 through apparel sales; of that \$68,000, SLUH kept \$26,298.

Pilliod emphasized that despite the online focus on apparel, "The bookstore will always have the main focus of supplying books for current students."

The next edition of the *Alumni News* will have an order form for apparel, which will be almost identical to the online cata-

log.

The site is technically online, but as of now no one except the faculty knows of the site. "We're testing it on an internal basis right now," said Pilliod. She continued, "We are asking people internally to look at it...to make certain that if there are any comments, suggestions, or revisions, (that they are addressed)."

According to Pilliod, the online store only has "a small sampling" of the items available in the bookstore. The items available may be changed depending on popularity. "We've never tried this before, so we'll have to see how it goes," said Pilliod.