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Clark enforces policy on cell phones

Brian Fallon
Core Staff

Within the past two decades, the world has seen immense advances in technology. From the microwave to DVDs, the past twenty years have provided people with access to anyone in the world at any time or place, within seconds. One of these innovations has been advancement in cellular phones. Now capable of taking pictures and text messaging, these wireless phones have become an issue at SLUH, with students talking to one another in class and creating a disturbance to the classroom environment.

The main concern of the administration is that distractions will arise if cell phones are used during class.

Assistant Principal for Student Wel-

Debating bug bites SLUH

Schranck, Bargeon, JSA will debate in theater line," said Bargeon.

Denis Agniel
Editor

The Donkey and the Elephant are at it again. Today, two seniors will debate the major tenets of the two biggest American political parties.

"Basically," explained Travis Bargeon, "it's the Democratic party's ideology, which is what I'll represent, versus the Republican Party's ideology, which (John) Schranck will represent."

The debate will be moderated by history teacher Steve Casey, with fellow history teacher Steve Aylward also in attendance. As moderator, Casey will "ask the questions and make sure everyone's in

fare Eric Clark explained, "The rule is that if a student would like to have a cell phone or pager, I need to be aware of that and they need to have a note on file from their parents stating why they need the phone. Most people need it to make ride arrangements, and also for emergencies.

The rule is: they need to have a note and it needs to be in their locker, off."

The Parent-Student Handbook states: "If a student needs to have a pager/cell phone at school, he must have the specific

approval of the Dean of Students. Otherwise, pagers/cell phones will be confiscated."

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SLUH alumni at St. Louis Film Festival

Festival to feature movies directed by Hickenlooper, '82, Hohlfield, '75

Charlie Hall
Reporter

The St. Louis International Film Festival (SLIFF) enters adolescence tonight, beginning its 11th year at three theaters across the St. Louis area. The festivities feature one film directed by SLUH graduate George Hickenlooper, '82, and one by Brian Hohlfield, '75.

During his youth at the Backer Memorial, Hickenlooper was a masthead artist for the *Prep News*. He was also involved in theater, and two of his recent films feature theater director Joe Schulte in bit parts. During high school, Hickenlooper, along with other SLUH alums, was part of a consortium of young amateur filmmakers in St. Louis known as "The Splicers."

Hickenlooper's film, *The Man from Elysian Fields*, debuts in St. Louis Saturday night at the Hi-Pointe. The independent film's colorful cast stars Mick Jagger, Andy Garcia, James Coburn, and An-

gelica Huston. The basic plot of the movie involves a starving novelist in a struggling marriage who turns to an escort service for work.

Mick Jagger (yes, "that" Mick Jagger) plays a major role in the film.

"He's really terrific...we hope to get him an Oscar nomination," Hickenlooper told KMOX radio in late October.

Working with Jagger was a Biblical experience for the SLUH grad: "Walking through a crowd with him is like walking with Moses," he observed.

Elysian Fields has opened to mixed reviews, although Roger Ebert called it "one of the best films of the year." Mark Cummings, knower-of-all-things-cinematic-and-Shakespearean, is "not sure what to expect."

Hohlfield's film, which he both wrote and directed, is titled *Another Christmas* and debuts Sunday afternoon at Webster University. Hohlfield, writer of 1991's *He Said, She Said*, began his theatrical career in SLUH's theater, and his first publicly

performed works were Senior Follies sketches. His film is an examination of a family's Christmas gathering. It is "alternately funny and moving and always emotionally acute," according to the SLIFF's official brochure. *Another Christmas* features a cast made up entirely of St. Louisans.

Many of the other films showing are directed by, written by, or have casts of St. Louisians. Of SLUH's involvement in the film fest, Cummings feels, "It's nice to see some of our guys doing something."

Executive Director of the SLIFF Cliff Froehlich believes that the festival's films are a "great way of exposing youth to material outside the mainstream." To those who feel that the films will be boring, dull or "like bad-tasting medicine," as Froehlich says, he assures them that "these films, from the documentaries to the foreign films...are just as fun, just as exciting, and more challenging than the mainstream, and for people used to seeing

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Extended-time exam surveys tabulated

New exam schedule will return at semester

Jonathan Kim
Reporter

After compiling all of the faculty and student data regarding the extended time exams, Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski released a summary of the results. Based on the survey results, Michalski decided to use the extended exam schedule again for the first semester exams.

The summary basically collaborated all of the exam proctors' and teachers' surveys along with the students' thoughts and feelings about the exams.

About 13 students on average remained in the classroom after the 60-minute exam period, and 96 percent of the classes still had people taking their exams after the regular exam period finished,

which means that just over half of the students stayed after the regular time period to finish their exam. Most of the proctors observed that students seemed more comfortable during the duration of their exams, but they felt that these exams did not help students prepare for timed exams.

The faculty responded positively to the extended time schedule: 67 percent of the faculty reported a positive effect on testing performance, while 31 percent did not see a significant effect. Although one fifth of the teachers expressed strong dislike towards the extended time exams, 61 percent of the faculty supported these exams, and almost all of the faculty felt able to adequately judge their students' progress with the 90-minute schedule.

On average, students stayed longer

than 60 minutes for about three exams, using about two-thirds of the time for completing answers and about a third of the time for reviewing answers. Additionally, contrary to the faculty's complaints, the distracting sounds of students in the hall did not bother a large majority of the students, and three-fourths of the student body felt that these exams allowed them to perform better than on the previous years' exams.

After reviewing the procedures of the new exam schedule, the faculty wanted to extend the 10-minute passing time between exams and to ease the noisy distractions of students' exiting the room and wandering the halls.

Some faculty also noted that the schedule lacks efficiency and does not

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Hennelly argues that words change meaning with time

Editor's note: Earlier this week, STUCO put up flyers promoting the Fall Ball. Some teachers found the flyers offensive, so STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson decided to take the flyers down.

To the Editor:

Wednesday morning, I walked into school and was horrified, petrified, and disgusted. In front of me was the most perverted thing I have ever seen. Sickened, I ran to the bathroom, and much to my surprise, I saw another copy of this flyer sent by Satan himself. I will not write down what was written on that letter. I am too embarrassed, too shy, too ashamed. This Freudian slip of obvious sexual innuendo from the early seventies, of which I, an eighteen-year-old in the year 2002, should be fully aware, was staring right at me.

Suddenly, it occurred to me. I wrote this flyer. My only explanation for doing so is to say that Lucifer entered my body, taking total control of my paper-writing capabilities. Upon recognition of the meaning of this word, I quickly ran to Jason LaFlore, captain of our varsity basketball team. He mentioned in reference to this week's tryouts, "I've been balling since I was six years old and really hope the coaches noticed my skills in the gym." I could not believe what he just said! How could these atrocious shenanigans take place in our very own gymnasium? I had to go home and have myself a cry.

While at home, I tuned into ESPN television and saw the New York Knickerbockers engaging in a balling match. Apparently they were still warming up due to the fact that they had their team-issued jerseys on. Time had to be taken out for another cry.

My mother entered my room during my cry session and gave me a letter from Ball State University that came in the mail. Even our United States Postal Service was involved in this horrendous tomfoolery! I silently cursed them as a shiver ran down my spine. This postman, sent by Beelzebub in the flesh, was probably sending this same piece of mailing to my very own neighbors. It seems as if we have a whole country of ballers! Horrified by the current state of the world, I went to bed to recuperate.

In the morning, I awoke and looked at my calendar. It read November 14th, 2002, not 1972. I breathed a sigh of relief and got ready for another day at school. Thank the Lord balling means playing basketball, not having sex.

With Love,
Mark Hennelly '03
Your STUCO V.P.

Author's Note: This letter was written in response to a flyer Student Council put up concerning your upcoming Fall Ball. On it, the words "Ball Till You Fall" were written. In no way did we imply for students to have sex until they fall down, but some faculty members thought we did. Nowadays, balling means playing basketball or having fun. It does not mean having fun in a sexual way; just good, old-fashioned fun. I remember my junior year in Fr. Harrison's history class. He mentioned once that rock n' roll implied having sex. When I rock out, I am not having sex. I am listening to some really hip music. Times change, and so do words.

Barron praises football team for encouraging pride and spirit

To the Editor:

Wow. That football game was amazing last Friday. You guys were awesome. The entire season was awesome.

I have to admit in my first two years at SLUH, I really didn't get out to the games all that much; the Vianney and CBC games were about it, and I'm sorry for that. But these last two years, the football team gave me something to look forward to on Friday nights. I went out of my way the last two years, sacrificing other social opportunities and my job to come out and see the Jr. Bills cream some other school. While that always didn't happen, I have never regretted the hours I've spent yelling cheers at the top of my lungs, the money I've wasted on gas and greasy concession stand food, or the experience of laughing at Blue Crew's antics.

All of SLUH's sponsored sports have a role in the school's identity, but football seems to have a special role. Football for the U. High does so much more than give the Sports Commissioner permission to annoy us on Friday afternoon, telling us to come

out and see the games that weekend. Where else could I get that enthusiasm in Pep Rallies? Where else could I get the unique wisdom of C.J. Baricevic or Joe Azar in theology classes, the massive figure of Stope scaring freshmen, or the friendly smile of Phinney Troy as I pass him in the hallway?

The fact of the matter is football does so much for the school. Besides the qualities I've already mentioned, football helps keep the life of the school going by encouraging spirit and pride in who we are and fosters dreams in repeating freshman classes.

All that I've said here and the recognition that you guys get doesn't even come close to what you guys deserve. All I can express is my heartfelt gratitude for the past four seasons. Thank you.

Peter Barron '03

SLUH Robotics Club prepares to compete

**Dave Marek
Reporter**

Whether they are building our cars, cleaning our floors, or mercilessly tearing each other to shreds in front of hundreds of screaming fans, it is undeniable that robots have become an integral part of modern society. Therefore, it caused little surprise when the St. Louis U. High Robotics Club was established at the beginning of this year.

Moderated by Physics Topics and Geometry teacher John Shen, the Robotics Club allows students to create a functional and useful robot to be entered into a regional robotics competition.

"I think the SLUH Robotics Club is a great opportunity for students to use what they have learned in science and math to create something of use," Shen said of why the club was started.

The club meets after school and is still welcoming new members, especially underclassmen who will play a key part in making sure the Robotics Club continues.

At the present time, the Robotics Club is in the fundraising stage; the Robobills need to raise \$5,000 for the entry fee and parts required to participate in the regional robotics competition. To pay the fee, the club is sponsored by St. Louis-based Boeing Aeronautics and is currently awaiting a reply from NASA, which gives money to help sponsor robotics clubs throughout the United States. The members of the Robotics Club were very confident about receiving money from NASA.

"NASA gives out many grants in the St. Louis area, and I'm confident the SLUH Robotics Club will receive the money," said senior Mike Smallwood.

Once the SLUH Robotics Club moves out of the initial fundraising period, the team will prepare for the regional competition, which begins in January. The type

of robot necessary to participate in the regional contest will not be revealed to the Robotics Club prior to Jan. 3, but one can assume that this will not be a battlebot but a robot that performs some kind of useful task, like picking objects off the ground.

After the club receives the information on the type of robot they will have to build, the club will have six weeks to design and create the robot.

Despite the limited time to create the Robotbill, the members of the club remain confident in their abilities.

"I think we will be up to the challenge because we draw strong support from stage crew, who also have similar six week

deadlines for plays," said junior Kevin Twist.

The Robotics Club will be at a slight disadvantage in the competition because this is SLUH's first year creating robots,

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movies at the mall, also a lot more interesting."

"One of our missions is to bring movies you wouldn't normally see, especially international films," Froehlich said. However, many people are hesitant to see foreign films because of the subtitles. Froehlich questioned such hesitance, claiming that "they are a good experience." It is not "words, movie, words, movie," he said. "(Films with subtitles) don't require a lot of work."

Moviegoers also tend to quietly shy away from documentaries, but the SLIFF boasts more than a dozen documentaries. For music fans, Froehlich cites *Gigantic*, a documentary about the band They Might Be Giants, as a fascinating film. For comedy fans, *A Harold Lloyd Tribute* features two of the late silent actor's best performances. "If you like Keaton and Chaplin,

and at other schools, Robotics is often a class. Despite the fact that the Robobills are rookies on the robotics scene, they are still fairly confident that they will hold their own in the competition.

"I think we will do very well even though it's our first year because the students participating in the club know or have some experience with robotics," Twist said, defending the honor of the club.

The Robobills will also be receiving assistance from the gracious engineers at Boeing, who have volunteered to help the club in their rise to the top of the robotics world.

"I'm excited to work with the professional engineers and learn from their years of expertise," explained senior Bob Purcell.

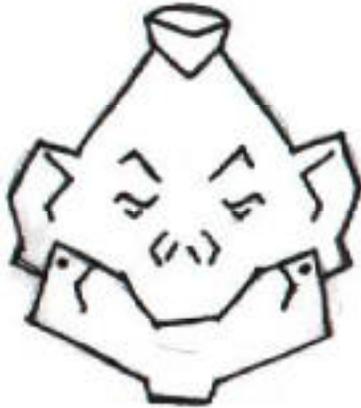
In the next few weeks, the Robobills will begin working with the tools necessary for creating the ultimate SLUH robot. The club is still open to new members, and anyone who is interested in designing, creating, or controlling the first SLUH robot can talk to Shen in the science office.

you'll love Harold Lloyd," Froehlich insists.

Absolute Hundred and *Hi! Dharma!* are films which Froehlich thinks the high school audience will enjoy. *The Emperor's Club* is a film starring Priory graduate Kevin Kline and "deals with high school issues," according to Froehlich.

Tickets are still available for all shows, but St. Louis' Circus of Cinema will last only eleven brief nights. Froehlich warns that the international films sell out regularly, and over 10,000 passes are already in circulation. Students with ID can purchase tickets at the theater showing the film for \$7. Films show at the Tivoli, the Hi-Pointe, and at Webster University's Moore Auditorium. Visit www.sliff.org for more information.

"If you have any interest in film as an art form," Froehlich added, "give it a chance."



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XC Bills finish season with fifth place at State

Patrick Meek
Core Staff

When the Jr. Bills cross country team left Oakland Avenue last Friday for the State cross country meet following a series of strong races, many had hoped that they would be able to either upset perennial powers Liberty or West Plains or come away with a trophy. Unfortunately for the Jr. Bills, they were unable to do either, ending up one away from a trophy, in fifth place.

Going into the state meet, the Jr. Bills planned to run the race in the way that they have raced all year: in tight small packs, while Peter Schaefer went for the wins. This way of running, which leads to low scores, has been successful throughout the year for the Harrierbills.

Schaefer, who had hoped to achieve a top ten finish, led the Jr. Bills right from the gun, crossing the first mile mark in an impressive time. However, gradually the strong wind hurt many of the runners,

including Schaefer, who were chasing Liberty's Adam Perkins.

"Coming in after the mile mark, the wind forced me to tuck in instead of closing in on Perkins and the rest of those guys," said Schaefer.

Luckily, Schaefer was able to keep up pace in the second and third miles, including on the infamous Heartbreak Hill. His second effort enabled him to cross the line with an impressive time of 16:56, in the process allowing him to gain all-state honors with 16th place.

"Peter ran a very specific race plan," said coach Jim Linhares. "Even though he

got very tired in the middle of Heartbreak Hill, he was able to put the hammer down in the last 200 meters."

However, for the other Jr. Bills, who included seniors Kevin Crean, Drew

Noblot, Kyle Gonne rman, Matt Killiany, junior Andrew Lihares, and Sophmore Alex Muntges, the large size of the race caused many of the prearranged packs to be broken up. Because of this, the team gradually began to string



Senior Kevin Crean (right) kicks in the last 100 meters.

out at the mile and two-mile marks.

"A Marquette guy tripped in the first mile right in front of us, causing us to break up from one another," said Crean.

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Footbills fall to Mehlville 19-9, finish 3-7

Dan Sinnett
Core Staff

The SLUH football season ended last Friday night as the Jr. Bills fell to the Mehlville Panthers 19-9 at home. Despite the loss, the Jr. Bill defense dominated Mehlville, holding them to nineteen points. The Panthers had previously averaged 26 points a game, a whole touchdown more than the Jr. Bills allowed them.

The Jr. Bills' defense forced six turnovers to give the team a chance to win the game. Safety Joe Azar led the defense with a fumble recovery, an interception, and a safety off of a blocked punt in the end zone.

Azar explained the team's solid defensive play: "Some of the seniors got it in their heads that this could actually be our last game, so let's go out there and play as hard as we can."

The Jr. Bill offense, however, did not take off as it normally has this year. The

Jr. Bills managed only 184 yards for the night, with 142 coming from a typically dangerous passing game. The Panthers defensive line made it a night full of harrassing the Jr. Bills, sacking quarterback Dossie Jennings nine times. The Jr. Bills managed to punch the ball into the pot of gold at the end of a 100-yard rainbow with a two-yard Jennings touchdown run. The score put the Jr. Bills up 7-0, a lead they held until the Panthers scored to tie the game with 4:43 remaining in the first half.

The Jr. Bills punted the ball away and the defense took the scoring game into their own hands. Joe Moellering's punt smothered the Panthers on their own six-yard line. Mehlville ran for one yard and then threw an incomplete pass. The defense then got into the Panther backfield and tackled the runner for a three-yard loss. Mehlville hoped to punt safely, but the Jr. Bills had other ideas. Azar, along with a host of Dontkicktheballbills, ar-

rived at the punter before he was able to get rid of the ball. The safety made the score 9-7 and it stayed that way until the second half.

Azar defered all the credit to John Niehoff, saying, "He opened up a great hole for me."

The Jr. Bills offense started off the second half with mistakes. Punting for the second time of the half with 2:06 left in the third quarter, the Jr. Bills appeared to recover a fumble by the Panther return man. The referee signaled for Jr. Bills possession and the offense began to set up for another scoring opportunity. Before the Jr. Bills could run a play, however, the referee changed his mind and gave the ball back to Mehlville. This hurt the Lowonluckbills because Mehlville scored quickly to go ahead 13-9.

Junior long-snapper Matt Green, who allegedly recovered the punt, said, "That play was the turning point of the game. It

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Icebills defeat Ft. Zumwalt South Bulldogs, 4-1

Chris Wojcicki
Reporter

Following a mediocre but promising preseason, the Hockeybills had a two and a half week layoff. Needless to say, they were itching to get back on the ice against the Fort Zumwalt South Bulldogs Friday night. The Bulldogs were ranked in the top ten in preseason polls and are the defending St. Charles Division champions.

Despite some first period penalties, the Jr. Bills came out sharp. Less than five minutes into the season, junior Matt Pijut netted a wrist shot from the slot on passes from freshman Eddie Effinger and Phil Abram, who looked promising in his first game back after the water polo season. The Jr. Bills dominated the remainder of the period, allowing few shots to get to junior goalie Charlie Effinger. The period ended with a 1-0 Jr. Bill lead.

To start the second period, the Icebills came out with their gas stove lit, but the Bulldogs were determined to switch the burner off. Pijut scored his second goal of the season on a deflection from junior Kyle Butler's slapshot. Following the goal, however, the Jr. Bills eased up on the Bulldogs due to a defensive breakdown.

However, the wall of blue known as Charlie Effinger would not allow the Jr. Bills to fall behind. Effinger stopped shot after shot, preserving the Icebills' lead by giving up only one goal in the period.

As the team took the ice in the third period, they were back on track. It wasn't long before the "Under 18" line struck again, this time with Eddie Effinger putting away the rebound from juniors Pijut and Brad Naert. The line was not done yet. Before the game closed out, Effinger and Naert assisted on Pijut's hat trick goal, giving the Jr. Bills their fourth and final goal. The team did not ease up this time,

maintaining pressure throughout the rest of regulation and the 4-1 win.

After the game, coaching genius Charlie Busenhart said, "Pijut was on fire. Charlie (Effinger) made some good saves. It came down to the fact that (Fort Zumwalt South) thought they could play with the MCC (Metro Catholic Conference). They obviously cannot."

The team now looks ahead to the beginning of their own MCC schedule, facing Chaminade tonight, and Vianney on Monday.

Senior Howie Place commented on tonight's game, "It's going to be a sad day for the Red Devils."

The Jr. Bills face off against the Red Devils of Chaminade tonight at the Affton ice rink at 8:00. Monday's game against Vianney should also be a thriller, taking place at 7:00 p.m. at the South County Ice Complex.

UNDERCLASSMAN SPORTS WRAP

TEAMS AMASSED AN IMPRESSIVE OVERALL 273-32-8 RECORD

Compiled by Tony Bertucci

JV Cross Country

Undefeated Season

Record: 96-0 (compiling the total number of teams in each meet)

Freshman Cross Country

Undefeated Season

Record: 73-0

JV-2 (third-best seven runners)

Record: 38-10

Coach Jim Linhares: "Clearly this was the most talented C and JV group we have ever had at SLUH. There are signs for lots of success in SLUH cross country for years to come."

JV Water Polo

Suburban Central Conference Champions

Undefeated Season

Record: 17-0

Stats: Eric Appelbaum - 35 goals, 10 assists, Dave Schwarz - 28 goals, 15 assists, Rick Bettger - 69.2% save percentage

Coach Baudendistel: "The boys played

well, but we need to improve to get our varsity state title back."

C Water Polo

Record: 3-1

Stats: Ben Favier - 11 goals; Alex Luebbert - 2 goals, 6 assists

Mark Abram - 5 goals, 2 assists

Baudendistel: "We came, we played, we ate donuts."

JV Soccer

Record: 10-3-4

As a JV team, they competed well in varsity tournaments, shocking varsity teams with big wins. They won the CYC varsity tournament, beating Gibault's varsity, who got fourth in the Illinois State Tournament. Junior Mark Lubus said that this win over Gibault was one of their biggest wins of the year.

B Soccer

Record: 15-7-1

Competed well and defeated many JV teams. Received third place in McCluer Tournament.

C Soccer

Record: 12-3-3

Coach Steve Schad: "The majority of the freshman improved both the mental and physical parts of their game so they can hopefully move up to the higher levels in the soccer program next August."

The C soccer team would also like to thank assistant coach Ted Hellman for his devotion to SLUH soccer this season.

B Football

Record: 4-5

Highlights include defeating MCC rivals Vianney and DeSmet.

Overall Rushing: 200 rushes for 611 yards, 4 TDs - Avg. yds/carry: 3.05

Overall Passing: completed 68 of 162 for over 1,000 yds, 5 TDs

C Football

Record: 5-3

Coach Tom Wilson: "It was an enjoyable season. The boys learned a lot, and hopefully the learning experience will continue throughout their football career."

Soccerbills headed for state quarterfinals

Dave Mueller
Core Staff

Last week, the Soccerbills defeated the Cadets of CBC for the district championship and Cape Girardeau Central in sectionals.

Saturday, the Jr. Bills soccer squad matched up against the Cadets on a SLUH stadium which was steam-rolled to flatten its bumpy surfaces. The field was essentially clear of grass.

The field, combined with weather described by head coach Charlie Martel as "really, really windy," made for a match distinctly broken into halves: one half with the wind, the other without. The Jr. Bills played with the wind for the first half.

In the first half, the Jr. Bills kept it in Cadet territory, winning the 50/50 balls in the midfield and making it easy to put continuous pressure on the Cadet defense. One such instance came when senior

striker Adam Twellman won a ball just outside the box, dragged it to the middle, and then pounded the ball squarely off the far goalpost. The Jr. Bills were unable to recover the rebound and the chance was lost.

The Cadets worked to get behind the ball and kept the Sidenettingbills scoreless in a crucial first half.

"I thought (CBC) played a great game," Martel said, continuing, "When we couldn't get the goal in the first half, it was a mental letdown. I knew we had to score in the first; otherwise we would start second-guessing (ourselves)."

In the second half, the roles reversed, with the Cadets pushing forward and using the wind to keep the ball in the Jr. Bills' end of the field.

"Those were tough conditions," Martel said, "but it was tough for them, too."

The Cadets won the balls in the grassless midfield, and despite the hard

work of the Shutoutbills to get behind the ball and remain organized in the backfield, the Cadets earned great opportunities.

"We were under pressure," Martel said, "(so) we ended up dropping a forward back for an extra midfielder...Then, when that forward came out of the midfield we started attacking."

The adjustment relieved some of the tension from the defense and allowed the Beckhambills to work the ball to the Cadets' end.

After the second half ended in a scoreless tie, the Jr. Bills went into overtime going against the wind. However, the goal came quickly when the extra midfielder, junior Joe Germanese, won a dangerous ball just outside the Cadets' box.

Martel noted, "He cut the ball, then he just beat his guy, and lofted the ball into the corner. That was a huge sigh of relief. We know we can't let (this sea

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2002 FOOTBALL ALL-MCC AND ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS

ALL-MCC

1ST TEAM

Joe Finney
Joe Gilfoil
Brent Harvey
Dossie Jennings
Joe Neely
John Stathopoulos
Phineas Troy

2ND TEAM

John Block
Jim Croghan
Joe Moellering
John Niehoff
John Orbe
Chris Price
Tim Simon

HONORABLE MENTION

Joe Azar
Colin Dowling
Kevin Steffens

ALL-ACADEMIC

Joe Azar
John Block
Jim Croghan
Colin Dowling
Joe Finney
Joe Gilfoil
Matt Green
Brent Harvey
Matt Herzberg
Matt Maisak
Steve Mathias
Nathan McMahill
Joe Moellering
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John Niehoff
John Orbe
Chris Price
Chris Sahrman
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son) slip away.”

With a district title in their collective back pocket, the Cornerkickbills traveled south to Cape Girardeau where they faced off against the Cape Girardeau Central Tigers on a field that was wide, long, flat, astro turf, and windless.

The Jr. Bills started off slowly, trying to get used to the fast surface, and gave up a few early chances. Tyler Faulstich proved up to the challenge of high-flying goalie acrobatics, making the early save while buying time for the team to catch up to the pace of the field.

“If they would have scored first, we would have had our hands full for eighty minutes,” Martel said.

In a mediocre first half the Jr. Bills struggled to earn chances, but when they did, the squad finished. The first goal came when captain Matt Kreikemeier found streaking junior defenseman David Mueller, who received the ball and burned his marker on the end line. After receiving the ball, Mueller crossed the ball to the foot of goalscorer Adam Twellman, who,

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“From there our race plan kind of got shot to hell.”

Nonetheless, the Jr. Bills were able to keep pace behind the tireless work of Crean, who was able to kick in for 17:17 and 33rd place. Following right behind Crean were Gonnerman (17:27, 44th), Noblot (17:29, 46th), Killiany (17:46, 71st) and Linhares (18:09, 99th).

“I was looking for Kevin to have a breakout race,” said Linhares. “Luckily he had it at the state meet.”

Unfortunately, during the race not all was well for newcomer Muntges. Muntges, who has been a dominant force for the Jr. Bills since the first race of the season, lost consciousness on notorious Heartbreak Hill, which is less than a half mile from the finish.

“I don’t think we could have asked any more of Alex,” said Schaefer. “He ran to the point that your body just shuts down from exhaustion.”

as assistant coach Charlie Clark said, “kept his stick on the ice” and nutmegged the Tiger netminder.

After the goal the Tigers brought more ferocity to the field but were denied any opportunities by the Jr. Bill defense.

“The back four were patient, calm, and communicating,” Martel said “(The Tigers) couldn’t do anything because the defense kept their shape.”

The Jr. Bills solidified their lead when, just before the half, sophomore wingback Brent Zang crossed a precarious deadball to the far post where, amongst all the runners, Mueller found a way to knock the ball into the net, giving the Adidasbills a 2-0 lead going into the second half.

Martel commented on the half, saying, “We weren’t really playing well at the time, but we got the goals.”

In the second half, it was pure domi-

Even with these results, many of the team members were not satisfied with their final place.

“It would have been nice to cheer for someone other than one guy, like we have done for the past three years,” said Crean.

“To win a race like this everyone needs to be clicking,” said Noblot. “We didn’t have that.”

Nevertheless, the Jr. Bills’ score of 144 was not a failure by any means. The

nation as the Jr. Bills used the bumpy surface to their advantage by playing the ball shortly on the ground to work the Tigers, and then long, over the defense, to put them in an uncomfortable situation.

“Playing long balls to the corners really helped (in the second half),” Martel said.

With the majority of the half played in Tiger territory, the Jr. Bills found the net twice more. Goals came from Saturday’s hero, Joe Germanese, from a super strike on a volley from sophomore

Timmy Weir off of another cross from Zang.

The Jr. Bills continue their playoff run Saturday.

“I cannot imagine us being in a better position right now,” Martel said, “Everyone is contributing, the chemistry is there. It is a good sign to see.”

four teams, who were in front of the Harrierbills, West Plains, Liberty, Blue’s Spring, and St. Joseph’s Central, were all either from the Kansas City area or rural Missouri, thus proving to all that the Jr. Bills are still the dominant force in the St. Louis area.

“The further from the day I get, the better I feel about our overall performance,” said Linhares. “Fourth place was in our grasp, but no other team beat us.”



John Kornfeld and Brent Zang converge on a CBC striker.

PIGSKIN

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was huge.”

If the Jr. Bills had retained possession of the ball and scored, they would have been a mere field goal away from the playoffs. Unfortunately, the call gave Mehlville the ball back, since the referee ruled that the ball hit the returner’s leg. According to the rules, a ball that hits the leg of a returner is not considered an intentional touch and is therefore not a

fumble. When the dust cleared, Mehlville had possession on its own 42-yard line.

After the questionable call, the Jr. Bills could do little to stop the Panthers. The offense could not score and the Panthers put in one more touchdown to stretch the lead to ten. The Jr. Bill season ended with a 19-9 loss two minutes after Mehlville scored. The Jr. Bills finished with a record of 3-7.

WHITE BLOOD

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cell phones) have no place here.”

Although the policy at SLUH is clearly stated in the Parent-Student Handbook, some students have not turned in a note from their parents.

One student who has not turned a note in said, “I just keep forgetting to get a note.” There are a number of students who have not turned in a note to Clark, simply because of the effort necessary to get a note from their parents and turn it in to the main office.

One senior without a note commented, “Why do I need a note? If the school is ever under siege, then I’ll be happy I have my cell phone.”

Clark also explained how one school in the United States has been petitioning to allow cell phones during school in case of emergencies of a higher scale, such as the atrocity that occurred at Columbine High School. The argument was that the parents wanted to be able to reach their children if something like Columbine were to ever occur again. Clark said that SLUH would never approve of this petition.

Junior John Berosky explained his opposition to cell phones, saying, “They distract from the learning experience.”

Freshman Ed Szewczyk said, “I put in a note that I have to have a cell phone because I live over in Illinois, and I think it’s pretty necessary.” Szewczyk explained

that he makes sure that his phone is off before class so that he won’t get in trouble.

Junior Dan Foldes expressed his concerns when he said, “Someone always has their cell phone on, at the wrong time at the wrong place, and it always goes off. And they don’t turn it off. I hate that.”

Another junior noted how his cell phone went off in a class, but the phone was not confiscated: “(The phone) went off, and (the teacher) said it was a pretty ring. So I reached in my pocket, turned it off, and (the teacher) really didn’t care that much.”

Physics teacher Kent Kershenski explained, “Why would a student need a phone at school in the first place? None of (the students) are important enough to have to get ahold of someone unless it’s an emergency.” Kershenski explained that the only reason he has a cell phone is because it is cheaper to have a wireless plan than to set up a phone at home. He continued, “I’m not a big cell phone fan to begin with. I think they’re really obnoxious. If a student had a cell phone at school, I’m not going to sit there and cry about it. I just think that it’s pretty rude.”

Senior Tim Mudd has brought his cell phone in on occasion: “My girlfriend will text message me because she’s in school and just to ask people what they’re doing after school,” said Mudd. “I’m not one of those kids that brings their cell

phone to school every day. I’ve just brought it to school on Fridays.”

Math teacher Beth Kissel told a story about one of her students who had a phone go off in her class. “He immediately shut it off and was pretty embarrassed. I didn’t know the policy at the time, so I had to go check,” said Kissel. She went on to explain, “He got in trouble from Mr. Clark. I have not had it happen since.”

One teacher had to take a cell phone away from a student on the first day of school this year. The student’s excuse was that he was unaware of the policy because of his recent arrival at SLUH. The teacher abided by the policy and took the cell phone away. “The weird thing was that whoever it was called back. But after class he explained that he was a transfer student,” the faculty member commented. The teacher returned the cell phone and warned the student not to let it happen again.

Mathematics teacher Rebecca Ferrigni noted how in one of her classes a cell phone rang and she confiscated the phone from the owner. The student, however, said that one of his classmates was the person who had called him. Since the accused student had a cell phone in his pocket, both students had their phones taken away. The truth of the matter was that the second student had not called the first, and the first student was trying to lie so that he would not get in trouble. Once the incident was sorted out the accused student received no punishment.

The students are not the only ones who have had cell phones ring during class, however. English teacher Tim Curdt had a cell phone go off in his class because he was awaiting a call from his wife, who was expecting to deliver their child. Fellow English teacher Terry Quinn has also had a phone go off in class, but he also was awaiting an important call. For teacher emergencies such as these, exceptions have been made.

“Why would you need to receive a phone call during class?” asked Clark. “It’s a sign of the times. We’re in a technological age right now where that’s the ‘in’ thing.”

THE PEP RALLY BOX



Last Friday, STUCO held a pep rally in preparation for the final home football game. The event featured hockey great Chris Pronger. After bringing out senior Dave Mahach dressed as the Blues captain, the true Chris Pronger entered and threw the imposter to the floor. C.J. Baricevic kept the pep rally running, chatting it up with Pronger. The event ended with the classic Who’s High, Who’s High cheer led by Pronger.

DEBATE

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paucity of conservatives among our faculty," said Schranck while feeding his pet elephant. "It's important that the values of the Republican Party be instilled in our student body in some sense of organized fashion."

But both Schranck and Bargeon hope the debate will spark more political awareness in the student body and "generate excitement about politics in general," according to Schranck.

"We both feel passionately about our party and we wanted to let SLUH guys be informed about our politics," said Bargeon.

Casey noted, "They are both well-versed in their points of view." He expected that the debates would "raise the level of political discourse." He said that the school's political interest had been piqued because of the recent election and continues through and because of these debates.

Casey hopes that students will take the ideas of the debates outside of school. Casey said, "Whether (students) agree or disagree with (the debaters)...maybe they will start to talk about it among themselves; maybe start talking about it with their parents, or their classmates, or their girlfriends, or whatever."

Predictions of the size of their audience differed between the two debaters. While Bargeon would be "happy" with 100 people, Schranck expects "a loud, ample audience."

In the end, though, Schranck admitted ignorance: "As far as my time here at SLUH is concerned, this is unprecedented. I can only imagine (what it will be like)."

While that debate will take place today, the Junior Statesmen Association (JSA) plans to hold another debate, which was previously scheduled for yesterday, on Tuesday. This debate was rescheduled in deference to the debate between Schranck and Bargeon; according to an

announcement over the PA, JSA decided to reschedule its debate to "make way for" the Schranck-Bargeon duel.

The event will feature juniors Tim Friese and Dan Lieser arguing their positions on school vouchers. Junior Dave Marek will moderate the event.

The JSA, according to Marek, is a



Schranck and Bargeon have a pre-debate stare-down.

group of politically-minded students with varying political persuasions.

"Everyone's (political views are) encompassed in this (club)," said Marek. It is one chapter of a larger group, which, although not as strong in the Midwest, has organizations across the country.

Marek stated that JSA's reasons for holding a debate are nearly identical to those of Schranck and Bargeon. "I think we should raise political awareness in our school," he said. He said that he wished to give students reasons to back the candidates that they do, rather than relying on dubious sources such as *Saturday Night Live*.

The Tuesday debate will debut with a different format from the one today, allotting 5-7 minutes to each debater for a prepared speech and questions from the audience. After that, each will be allowed either one or two rebuttals, totalling three minutes.

"We still have to work this out," said Marek. "We're still relatively new at (organizing debates)." The group plans to draw on the knowledge of librarian Eleanora McCarthy, who, Marek reports, has previous experience with debates.

Marek expected a good turnout if the response of those in his homeroom is any indication of the student body.

"Kids know who Tim Friese and Dan Lieser are," he said, and since students know these verbal sparring partners, they will show up to hear them speak.

CREEDENCE

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play. The scales and exercises were the same for each competing band participant.

John Schranck, Mike Havard, Tony Kroeger, and Ben Anderson earned spots in the band.

First chair spots were won by three other SLUH band members. Sophomore Paul Florek, playing the trumpet, won for concert band. Senior Joe Gilfoil, playing the lead trumpet, won for jazz band. Sophomore Charles Ullman, playing the tuba, won for concert band. These students will

participate in the district band concert on Nov. 24.

Florek, Gilfoil, and Ullman will also participate in the state band audition. This will be held on Dec. 7 in Columbia. Preparing for the state audition is similar to preparing for the district audition. The state band will have a concert in January.

Gilfoil said, "I'm excited and hope that the state auditions go well."

Band teacher Bryan Mueller responded to these achievements by saying, "I feel that the band members were more prepared than in the past."

Charley's Aunt cast prepares for Nov. 22 opening

Brandon Bieber
Reporter

Things are getting busy as the Dauphin Players prepare for the open of another full-scale production: the nineteenth century farce *Charley's Aunt* by Brandon Thomas. One hundred seventy-nine hours remain to re-upholster the mahogany furniture, set lights, finish painting sets, gather more period props, solidify lines, get the men in tails and the girls in corsettes (and J.R. Strzelec in a dress!), and prepare the entire cast and crew for the two hour rollercoaster ride that is *Charley's Aunt*.

Farce (n.) from the French, meaning "to stuff." Farce is an extreme form of comedy that depends on quick tempo and flawless timing by the actors. Since farce is "stuffed" with improbable events and far-fetched coincidences, the audience must not be allowed time to think things through.

Farce dates back to the satyr plays of Greek drama and was seen in *favula atellana* of the Roman empire, in the

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make students perform under time constraints.

The students' comments echoed the faculty's observations, mentioning extra passing time between exams and places for students to study. Both the faculty and the students wanted other specific gathering places after the exams for students. They also want to ensure that teachers keep their exams only to a sixty-minute length.

The first semester, in order to collect more experimental data, will have an extended period exam schedule, using basically the same format as the first quarter exams. These extended exams will hopefully make life easier, simplifying the difficult senior exam schedule by combining just two regular scheduled periods as one exam.

Additionally, Michalski added that the administration wants further experimental data because a few colleges started

commedia, in early English comedies, and the plays of Moliere, Brandon Thomas, and Arthur Pinero.

In the society of 1895, it would be disastrous for two young college gents to bring two young ladies to their rooms without a chaperone. Thus, Jack (junior Sam Weller) devises the plan to dress Babbs (senior J.R. Strzelec) as Charley's aunt, so that he and Charley (senior Brian Cunningham) could have their girls, Kitty (Villa senior Tina Schlapprizzi) and Amy (Nerinx junior Miryam Andrews-Ohlman) for lunch.

The two boys, head over heels in love, neglect to recognize the magnitude of their actions, which cause a whirlwind of engagements, mishaps, garden chases, and quarrels, and it all goes spinning when Charley's real aunt Donna Lucia (Caitlin Bundy of St. Joe's) decides to drop in!

In addition, the show features juniors Kevin O'Brien, Peter Gosik and Nerinx sophomore Margaret Murphy, as well as Ted Makarewicz as the bitter butler Brassett.

to use open-ended exams instead of timed tests, and changing the exams could possibly help to further prepare students for college.

The administration is experimenting with extended exams partly because they want to create an equal environment for extended time students without creating different testing situations for them. Extending the exams for the whole student body would fulfill the extended time students' requirements while allowing an equal testing situation for the rest of the class. The majority of the extended time students felt more comfortable or the same when taking the test with the class, but one third of the students felt they did not test as well as last year.

The faculty expressed the concern that extended time does not teach students to deal with timed tests, and Michalski stated, "We want to ask teachers their purpose of exams, whether they are looking for progress and the demonstration of

The show has come to life under the creative efforts of Kathy Whitaker, along with stage manager Tom Recktenwald. They have worked to achieve a bright, crisp, comical world in which the madness of this play can take place.

Also helping to create this world, the crew has been working with fervor since they demolished the set of the last show. With a large, modular set designed by Scott Sanders to reduce clutter backstage, precision is essential, and the crew of about ten works efficiently under the direction of master carpenter Eric Elz. The set design concept is one of elegance and opulence, without fussiness—focusing around a daring green floor and recurring keystone border to tie it together.

The lighting is broad and general; the furniture, props, and costumes specific to the time period.

Be sure to catch *Charley's Aunt* next weekend, Nov. 22, 23, and 24 at 7:30. Tickets are \$5 for reservations and \$6 at the door.

that progress on the exam or the recollection and analyzing of data within a given time frame. Both of these methods of assessment are valid, and we must grapple with these ideas to come to a conclusion."

Math department chair Tom Becvar stated, "Every test throughout the year is a timed test; therefore the extended time allows a student the chance to do good work when it has a greater effect on their grade."

Chuck Hussung, English department chair, concurs, commenting, "Extended time raises the chances of quality work on exams."

Although these numbers give the administration some statistical impression of the exams, they still want more data before making a permanent decision. Ultimately, the final decision on the exams will consider department heads' and administrators' opinions along with faculty input.

by Brian Fallon

Calendar

Nov. 15 - Nov. 24

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Schedule R
 CSP Jesuit Teach-In
 Yearbook Picture Retake: Formal Attire
 Political Debate in Theater @ AP
 Intramural Basketball @ AP
 "Tour de France" @ AP
 Final Ring and Grad Inv. orders @ AP
 Wiffle Ball Tournament @ 3:15 pm
 V HOC vs Chaminade @ Affton Rink @ 8 pm
 SOA Trip Departs @ 9 pm
 Alumni Reunion '72
 College Visits:
 Whitman College @ 11 am
 Bosco Sticks & Pizza

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

CSP Jesuit Teach-In
 V SOC Quarterfinals @ Soccer Park @ 7 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Mother/Son Mass & Brunch @ St. Joseph's & the Chase

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Schedule R
 PLAN Exam for Sophomores
 Steak Fries & Belifino pizza

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Schedule R
 Senior Moms' Bake Sale
 Cheese Garlic Bread & Club Wraps

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Schedule R
 Junior Class Liturgy
 Senior Pallotine Retreat through Nov. 22
 FB Banquet
 Bosco Sticks & Crisпитos

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Schedule R
 Pizza/Taco Sticks & Mostaccioli

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Schedule R
 Dauphin Players Present: *Charley's Aunt* @ 7:30 pm
 Pretzels & Little Charlie's Pizza

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Dauphin Players Present *Charley's Aunt* @ 7:30pm
 V SOC @ State Final
 V HOC vs Althoff @ Affton @ 10:30 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Senior Kairos Retreat through Wednesday
 Mothers/Fathers Club Food Basket
 Mother/Son Rec Night
 Dauphin Players Present: *Charley's Aunt* @ 7:30pm

METEOROLOGY CLUB VS. THE NWS

SLUHcast by John Schranck and Tyler Friederich: (1 Win, 0 Losses)
Friday: High: 43 Low: 32

Whatever showers and thunderstorms linger will taper off by mid-afternoon, leaving the gray skies behind. The temperature won't climb much from the morning low in the upper 30s. A front from Canada will advect cold air into the area overnight, though clouds should insulate us a bit. Look for things to chill to near the freezing point before midnight.

Saturday: High: 35 Low: 26

A persistent northwest wind will slap us with a cold day—probably the coldest of the season so far. Look for clouds to dance about, perhaps half-filling the sky. As afternoon gives way to evening, cloud cover should lessen. Break out the long underwear! It's a gonna be a cold one.

National Weather Service Prediction: (0 Wins, 1 Loss)

Friday: High: Mid 40s Low: 25-30
Saturday: High: Mid to Upper 30s Low: Lower 20's

When faced with the Meteorology Club's resolve to defeat the National Weather Service at their own game, the *Prep News* has entered into the competition with the employment of the Trash-Bag-o-Weather-Predicterometer. The TBOWP is a revolutionary new way to predict even the most complicated weather. We simply place a variety of weather conditions into a common black trashbag, and then pull out the predictions. With such a system, how could anyone beat our predictions?

Trash-Bag-o-Weather-Predicterometer Prediction: (0 Wins, 1 Loss)

Friday: High: 40 Low: 18
Raining Cliches
Saturday: High: 99 Low: 00
Full Moon

Announcements

Teens Acting for Peace: Next Thursday, November 21, freshman and sophomores will be randomly assigned table numbers so that they hopefully end up sitting with people they haven't met before. This is a great opportunity to promote diversity and make new friends, and is part of the nationwide "Mix it Up" program. Table numbers will be distributed in homeroom on Wednesday.

If you have taken the SAT, but have not taken a Psychology course, you can be a part of an exciting experiment. Steve Risse (M116), Dan Sinnott (M118), Tom Sullivan (M118), and Joe Tyra (M120) would like your help. Interested guinea pigs can see the aforementioned students in their respective homerooms.

Colin Akos lost an envelope full of Mexican money (pesos) that was supposed to be donated to Mr. Merriott as a donation to the Honduras Project. If you have found this envelope, please return it to Mr. Clark or Mr. Merriott or locker number 1054. It is your duty as a "Man for Others".