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# Prep News

*"If nothing else, value the truth"*

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## Schenkenberg: the first hundred days

**Denis Agniel**  
Editor

As the sun rose on Dec. 3, Mary Schenkenberg, the eighteenth principal of St. Louis U. High, awoke to her 100th day since the beginning of the school year. The first 100 days have seen changes and new ideas, as well as traditions kept and standards left unchanged.

The most immediately evident change since Schenkenberg's arrival has been the revamping of the exam schedule. Whereas exams previously lasted 65 minutes, they now last 90 minutes while keeping the same content. The administration decided to establish the new schedule in

order to alleviate some of the "time pressure," as math department chair Tom Becvar put it.

Senior exams have also changed to fit the new exam schedule. Unlike the rest of the student body, seniors take their semester exams before Christmas; these exams, when lasting 60 minutes, required a "senior exam schedule," consisting of three 60-minute classes, and four shorter periods. Now the 90-minute exams will take place during two regular 45-minute class periods and will require no change in schedule for the rest of the school.

In addition to tweaking the exam schedule, Schenkenberg has inspected the school's technology situation. In an inter-

view last year, Schenkenberg identified working with technology as one of her strengths: "My ability to work with faculty to integrate technologies in the classroom...I think I would bring that experience to St. Louis University High School" (*Prep News*, Nov. 30, 2002).

This year she has used that experience by evaluating the school in the area of technology.

"I've undertaken an effort to kind of assess where we are in terms of technology," said Schenkenberg, "and so I'm surveying the faculty right now to find out what they have, what they would like to have in their classrooms, what could help  
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## Sciuto proposes more summer school options

**Patrick Stephens**  
Core Staff

Although his previous proposals for an expanded summer school program had not been accepted, theology teacher Matt Sciuto remained undaunted. This time the administration was more receptive.

SLUH now offers only three summer courses: a computer and a health class for freshmen and, in conjunction with Nerinx Hall, Literature of Men and Women, an English class for students who have completed their junior year.

Sciuto hopes to expand the summer school programs because "there are too  
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Three inches of snow fell on St. Louis Wednesday morning, covering the streets and lengthening the drive to school.

# President's Ambassadors and Fathers Club sponsor annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner

**Nick Odem**  
Reporter

Last week, dozens of students helped less fortunate families have a happy Thanksgiving by volunteering at St. Henry's and St. Francis de Sales parishes.

On Sunday, Nov. 24, over 220 SLUH families pitched in to help less fortunate families in St. Henry's parish have a splendid Thanksgiving.

The President's Ambassadors and the Fathers Club worked together with the members of the parish, including Fr. John Gavin and Azzrena Henry, to help match the needs of St. Henry's families with SLUH families that had shown an interest in donating.

SLUH families who volunteered were notified of what they should buy; items ranged from canned food, toys, and clothing, to gift certificates for turkeys on Thanksgiving. Students were encouraged to help buy the goods, thus making the entire experience more personal. The families also received cards. SLUH President Paul Sheridan, S.J., commented that, "Everything was done with such tenderness and generosity."

The President's Ambassadors, along with Mary Ann Gentry and other volunteers, helped to direct the SLUH families who brought gifts to St. Henry's.

Junior Andrew Linhares was one of the students who helped carry the gifts into the parish center and place them in the

proper location. He "was surprised to see how many SLUH families actually came."

In addition to helping out with families in St. Henry's parish, students also helped at St. Francis de Sales parish. While most students were happily sleeping on Thanksgiving morning, about thirty students were helping there so that the less fortunate residents could enjoy a hearty Thanksgiving.

Students and their fathers began the morning at 7:00 by picking up turkeys at various hospitals around the St. Louis area. Vans came to the hospitals, students piled the turkeys into them, and then drove to the parish. There were about eighty turkeys—or 1000 pounds of turkey—de-

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## SLUH holds first pottery sale

**Brian Fallon**  
Core Staff

As the Christmas season approaches, many flock to the nearest retail store, hoping to find a present which will show the love they want to express for their loved one. Ceramic students hope their pottery will become the perfect gift for the holiday season.

This Sunday and Monday, ceramic students from SLUH and Fontbonne University will be selling their pieces of artwork in the art gallery on the second floor of



Pottery created by SLUH students

the Jesuit wing. Ceramics 2 students will be the only SLUH students selling items, since other students might not have the experience needed to produce the quality of artwork being sold.

The idea for a sale was conceived

after ceramics teacher Mary Whealon was asked if SLUH would ever consider having its own sale, since some of the items produced by SLUH students are of exceptional quality. SLUH has participated in sales at Fontbonne University in the past, and since the students have managed to sell many items, it seemed appropriate for

SLUH to have its own sale as well. Fontbonne's pottery sale takes place this weekend on the university's campus.

Some of the ceramic students who will have work displayed are seniors John Mills, Todd Miltenburger,

Alex Bayer, and Nils Carlstedt. All of these students have a "creative eye," according to Whealon. Other students who do not have as much experience might participate in the sale as well. These stu-

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## Russians return home after three-week stint

**Steve Mathias**  
Reporter

Last Wednesday, Nov. 27, as students began to head home for a long weekend filled with family and food, a group of Russian exchange students prepared to do the same.

The nine Russian exchange students have spent the last three weeks here at SLUH learning about American culture and the American school system. The Russian students lived with several SLUH host families. These families were chosen from a group of students who are planning to go to Russia in March.

However, just getting the exchange students here this year was more difficult than in the past. Russian teacher Robert Chura commented that the visa process "took longer than usual" due to a more comprehensive government process in place after the events of Sept. 11. The

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Hilliard, '01, pleads for masthead to be changed

To the Editors:

Last week I came home to find the newest issue of *Prep News*. After hugging my family, I settled in for a long Thanksgiving break of reading the *Prep News* and catching up on SLUH events.

Stories of the continued rivalry between the *Prep News* and STUCO brought joy to my heart as I filled myself with turkey. No matter who won the baseball game I'm sure the battle was valiant, and its tale will be told for years. I was also pleased with the calendar, which now features the entree of each lunch period, very "la de da."

However, as I flipped back and forth I noticed the masthead on the cover. My heart sank when I saw the 3-D shaded design was still present. When the masthead changed my senior year, many students felt the design was out of place. Maybe it's that the shading does not fit with the text. Or perhaps the fleur-de-lis never looks quite symmetrical. Most probably the masthead does not fit because it was not created by a member of the student body.

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year, but he thinks that learning experiences in the summer could be beneficial. He adds that additional summer classes would offer increased flexibility for teachers as well as students. Teachers could offer more field trips, have guest speakers, and have more freedom in scheduling. Also, students in the summer could earn credits in physical education, fine arts, and theology that could free up time in their school year and allow them to make better use of their summer time.

Sciuto's proposal is now in the hands of the Instructional Council, a group consisting of four administrators and department heads. The council met Nov. 19, but whether Sciuto's proposal will be accepted for next summer is still unknown.

The Instructional Council has some initial concerns about the proposed program. Assistant Principal of Academics Mark Michalski said, "We need to see the data first." He cited the council's questions: What kind of courses would be offered? Would they match the rigors of a semester or full-year course?

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complication caused the students to miss some potential time abroad.

Finding activities for the students in St. Louis was another factor involved with the planning. Faculty offered to teach the students during their free periods. English teacher Tim Curdt taught a class focusing on Mark Twain. Art teacher Mary Whealon instructed a ceramics class. Economics teacher Peggy Pride, who took a sabbatical to Russia in 2001, schooled the students on both United States and Russian market systems.

During their time outside of SLUH, the students enjoyed

The *Prep News* has always prided itself on being an important part of SLUH created by the students.

I want to urge the editors of the *Prep News* and the students as a whole to create another masthead for the front page of your paper. I am sure there are plenty of student artists at SLUH right now who are more than willing and very capable of designing another image. For a school that requires very little in the fine arts, I believe SLUH has an amazing art department. Make a trip to the Jesuit Wing and you can take in displayed art which students have created over the semester. I am certain that Mr. Mueller and Ms. Bugnitz know students whose work would fit well in the *Prep News*. If students at SLUH want to keep a 3-D look, Ms. Whealon must know students capable of creating a sculptural inspiration for the design.

However you do it—whether you use a vote, a fight to the death, or another baseball tournament—choose a new masthead design created by a student for the student paper.

Josh Hilliard, '01

Would they have a large enough administration to accommodate the interest from students? Would enough students be interested to warrant the research into the program?

Other council members, however, are taking various immediate steps in investigating the proposal. Michalski said Principal Mary Schenkenberg is gathering information from other high schools about their summer programs. She is also researching whether other area schools would be interested in offering summer programs in conjunction with SLUH. Michalski plans to survey students to determine if their interest is high enough to expand the summer program.

Despite initial concerns, Michalski and others are excited about the possibility. He said, "You can do some really neat things in the summer" by informing "interesting and different courses."

The Instructional Council, however, is unsure about the feasibility of the expanded program or whether the program can begin as early as this summer.

trips to such key St. Louis landmarks as the Arch, the St. Louis Zoo, and Anheuser-Busch brewery, along with a Jr. Bills hockey game.

Junior host Matt Green said, "(It was) nice to be able to take the Russians places and show them around St. Louis and the halls of SLUH."

According to Green, both the hosts and exchangees learned "an overall awareness of a different culture," accomplishing the primary goal of the exchange.

Russian exchange student Natasha Pisarskaya said, "It was interesting to be in an American school...I don't want to leave."

# Theologybills trip the field to St. Joe's

**Jim Fox**  
Reporter

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, the day of the Thanksgiving Mass, about twenty formally attired Jr. Billikens and a theology teacher went on a field trip to St. Joseph's Academy. The field trip was a part of Rob Garavaglia's Christian Life Choices course.

Having recently covered many issues regarding dating and sexuality in class, Garavaglia wanted to give his students a chance to gain a female's perspective. Garavaglia said the lack of a female viewpoint in class discussion had resulted in "shared ignorance."

The field trip, although not a previously planned part of the course, was put

together on a whim by Garavaglia with the help of student Nate McMahon. McMahon knew a teacher at St. Joe's who taught a course similar to Garavaglia's Christian Life Choices, and whose class had recently covered the same issues as Garavaglia's.

Once at St. Joe's, the students were led to a conference room that contained a large circle of chairs. They were encouraged to intermingle with the St. Joe's students as they waited. Once all were assembled, the students were split into small groups of about two SLUH students and five St. Joe's students. The groups were given sheets of questions which they had formed on their own to guide them in their discussion. The topics ranged from sex and sexuality to spirituality to male

and female equality, and finally double standards.

After a short small group discussion, the students were rounded up for a large group discussion to share what they had learned. Although opinions varied, many were surprised to find out how much the SLUH and St. Joe's students had in common. Mark Gloeckler, one of Garavaglia's students, remarked, "I thought our viewpoints on several issues were very similar. They're still just teenagers."

All in all, the field trip was deemed a success. "It was beneficial being exposed to a woman's perspective on dating, relationships, and equality between men and women," said Garavaglia. "It was my first time doing this with a Christian Life Choices course. It's something I want to do again in the future."

## Bugnitz's art goes on display at Left Bank Books

**Greg Fox**  
Reporter

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. tonight, Left Bank Books will feature an art exhibit by fine arts chair Joan Bugnitz. The exhibit, which is Bugnitz's fourth at the Central West End bookstore, will run from tonight until Jan. 12. All students and staff are encouraged to attend the exhibit.

Bugnitz was approached by Left Bank earlier this year because it had been a few years since her last exhibit. Her inspiration for the exhibit of sculptures came from the plants that she was using to create the works. In a departure from her normal medium, Bugnitz decided to use ceramics. These are her first ceramic sculptures to be displayed at Left Bank.

In addition to using ceramics, Bugnitz recycled the old tabletops that used to be in the Chemistry and Physics labs. The tops, which were to be sent to a landfill, are made of solid oak. The tops were sanded down and then were hand-rubbed to what she calls a "beautiful" finish.

Bugnitz used them as the bases for the sculptures, which are made from a variety of ceramic and non-ceramic materials.

Bugnitz describes her works as "whimsical." Said Bugnitz, "They're characters, mostly characters from children's books."

Her choice of characters from children's books is extremely fitting, considering the type of charity work Left Bank does. Each month, artists and customers from Left Bank participate in the Clark Elementary School Reading Project, which benefits underprivileged students at Clark Elementary. Each month, teachers select a book the students will read, and patrons of the store purchase this book. The students, in turn, read the book with their parents.

"At the end of the year, they have nine books," Bugnitz said.

Left Bank, which is independently owned, is located at 399 N. Euclid. The opening is tonight from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bugnitz's works will be on display until Jan. 12.

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dents are seniors Kevin Mills, Peter Schaefer, and Kevin Pape. "They've done very well given that they have not taken Ceramics 1," explained Whealon.

Senior Kevin Mills explained his purpose for selling his artwork, saying, "I've never sold art before." Mills continued, "I'm just interested in seeing what my class can sell."

Students will receive 75 percent of the cost of their artwork, and SLUH will receive the remaining 25. Whealon noted that she will be selling works of her own and the works of alumni which were left behind, and are now taking up space in the artroom's storage.

Whealon noted her only concern, saying, "I hope that some people will be able to find the art they like and the quality they like."

For the exceptional Christmas present for your loved one, at an exceptional price, please stop by the second floor of the Jesuit wing on Sunday from 11:30 through 4:00 p.m., or on Monday, December 8, from 7:30 to 4:00 p.m.

# Paul Schmieder, '99, recalls Arctic adventure

**Rico Bartucci**  
Core Staff

Last year Paul Schmieder, '99, was given the honor of participating in AMORE, the Arctic Mid-Ocean Ridge Expedition. Schmieder, a junior at the University of Tulsa, was one of two students invited to take part in the voyage by Professor of Geosciences and chief scientist of the expedition Peter Michael. Michael described the experience as an "epic adventure" in *Tulsa Magazine*.

The main focus of the mission was to study the mantle of the earth through active geothermal vents in the Gakkel Ridge near the North Pole. Another goal of the expedition was to map thoroughly the Gakkel Ridge.

The National Science Foundation's Office of Polar Programs funded the mission with \$1.1 million.

Although the crew had many obstacles, the mission was an overwhelming

success. The *Healy*, a 42-foot icebreaker, performed better than expected crushing its way to the North Pole.

"We got it to where we could look at a compass and take ten steps and west would change directions," said Schmieder.

The crew would take turns spending time monitoring the sonar. Schmieder commented, "After 65 days, that chirping got really annoying."

The crew found more geothermal vents in one expedition than others had in 20 years of searching the mid-Atlantic ridge, and the quality of the maps was astounding. In the first three days of dredging, the cable broke, leaving only one backup cable, but that was the only mishap.

Along with the scientific breakthroughs, the crew knew how to have fun. "We had some pretty great mud fights while we sorted through the dredges," said Schmieder.

They also began a version of the

polar bear club, as they partook in arctic swimming, using ingenious safety precautions: "We would tie a rope around them so if they passed out they wouldn't die," reminisced Schmieder.

Finally the crew docked with a Swedish vessel and played a mock World Cup on the ice beside their boats.

Math department chair Tom Becvar played a key role in bringing the Tulsa senior back to SLUH. Becvar e-mailed other teachers asking whether or not they would be interested in a visit. Both chemistry teacher Bill Anderson and AP Environmental Science teacher Pat Zarrick responded enthusiastically.

Both Becvar and Zarrick had taught Schmieder during his years at SLUH. Becvar remembered Schmieder as "a very good student."

Schmieder spoke during activity period and to Zarrick's AP Environmental Science class.

# Copious free periods of retreat week discussed

**Geoff Brusca**  
Editor

Due to senior Pallottine Retreat over Nov. 20, 21, and 22, the junior Whitehouse Retreat, and senior Kairos Retreat over Nov. 25, 26, and 27, many teachers were gone, leaving upperclassmen with several free periods. Six teachers were gone one week, and then twelve the next, leaving many seniors with four or five unscheduled periods in one day.

"When teachers are out of the building because of something like retreat, it is up to that teacher to do what he or she thinks is best for their class," said Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski. "Sometimes, based on where they are in terms of their lesson plans, in terms of the calendar for their course, a free period to allow their students time to work makes sense, and sometimes it doesn't."

But concurrent retreats resulted in the problem of school days with more free time than class time, especially because of the number of retreats held at once or in

a short block of school time. But the scheduling of simultaneous retreats could not be avoided.

"A lot of it has to do with the availability of retreat houses," said Pastoral Director Rob Garavaglia. The retreat houses can only be reserved at certain times, and thus retreats must run when they can.

The policy for giving free periods when teachers are gone was first implemented several years ago, and its purpose is to encourage more independent study among upperclassmen.

"I'd love to see more free time when students would work on their own and have more opportunities for tutorials with their teachers," said Michalski.

There have been conflicting opinions regarding students' having so many free periods.

"At first I thought it was good; I thought I'd get some work done, but it turned out to be this droning, incredibly boring day," said senior Dan McDougell, who had six free periods on one day. "I got some work done, sure, but what am I

supposed to do with the other three or four hours of time? It was way too much free time. I was actually upset."

"I had gotten behind with the play, so (the free periods) gave me time to catch up on work," said senior Brandon Bieber, who had five one day.

English teacher Rich Moran, who went on the Pallottine Retreat, didn't think that so many teachers' being gone was good for classes. "I think the teacher being away hurts learning...The demands of retreat are in conflict with the demands of academic work, but the school believes both are of value," he said. "I know for a fact almost no (independent study work) got done, but it just seems to be burden-shifting for the seniors. What they didn't get done then, they had to do over Thanksgiving break."

But Michalski thought that, when teachers are gone, they have to decide the best way to deal with it themselves.

"I really have great faith in our teachers that they make the appropriate decisions...that those students aren't missing out. I think you have to look at it looking at individual classes," he said.

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them in their teaching, and how they're using what they have."

She plans to meet with one member of each department to "sort of dream for an hour, hour and a half" about what technologies could be integrated into the curriculum. She explained, "It's a change to sort of think about what technology is out there and how can we bring it to SLUH."

For Schenkenberg, it all comes down to communication. "I think that's the essential question: how can we help the teacher communicate with the student or the student communicate with the teacher or the family communicate with the teacher?" she said.

There will be a technology in-service day on Jan. 16.

In this year's first issue of the *Prep News*, Schenkenberg identified encouraging interdisciplinary teaching as one of her goals. The idea for interdepartmental communication came from the most recent suggestions from North Central which is an institution granting accreditation to high schools. While no action has been made on any interdisciplinary teaching, some departments have held their meetings together, like the science and English departments or the math and foreign language departments.

"At the beginning of the year," said Schenkenberg, "I asked department chairs to make (those interdepartmental meetings) happen...(in order) to share with each other: what are you doing in your discipline, what are we doing." She said the meetings were "to raise awareness of where the two disciplines fit together." For example, in the math-foreign language meeting, the math department showed the foreign language department how to make flash cards on the students' TI-83 calculators, reported Becvar.

The new principal was surprised by how much the administrative tasks of an all-girls' school resemble those of an all-boys' school. She said, "(The responsi-

bilities of being principal at SLUH) were more familiar to me than I expected, having been in a high school, having been in a college prep school, having dealt with a lot of the same curriculum issues and a lot of the same uniform issues."

Schenkenberg identified working with Student Council as a goal of hers at the beginning of the year. Coming out of the summer meetings, the Leadership committee made recommendations about Student Council. Schenkenberg has worked with both STUCO and the Leadership committee, in order to more fully develop leadership in the school. To further aid STUCO in planning and organizing, Schenkenberg reinstated the Student Council homeroom, which was abolished over the summer. It now meets three days per week.

In spite of her previous ten years' experience as an administrator, she still felt somewhat apprehensive about being a female principal in an all-male school; her fears were quickly assuaged.

"I was thrilled with the welcome feeling that the students gave me, and I appreciated that because I did not know what to expect coming to an all-male school."

She further responded to her first days as principal: "I didn't know if I'd feel like a stranger, an outsider, and to some extent I do," she observed. "But not to the extent I expected."

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livered to the parish. Upon their arrival at the parish, students carried the turkeys and other food, such as mashed potatoes, pies, and corn, into the basement. The basement was fully decorated, including paper-bag turkeys at all of the two dozen tables.

"Everybody is so generous," said Mary Ann Hartman, a nun working at the parish. She added, "(There is) always an abundance of volunteers (on that day)." After helping set up for this feast, students were encouraged to attend Mass at SLUH with their families.

Later in the day, dozens of local citizens come to enjoy a terrific feast. Junior

Many faculty members feel she has made the transition well.

Becvar submitted his analysis of the beginning of Schenkenberg's tenure: "She's been great to work with so far. She's a good listener; she runs efficient meetings." He continued, "She's a person who tries to gather lots of information about (a) topic before she makes a decision (about that topic), which shows good leadership."

While her contact with faculty has been extensive, her contact with students has been limited. Addressing student concerns was one of her goals at the outset of her principalship.

"I miss the interaction with the students," she said, "and I want to do more of that. I think initially when you take a job like this there are a lot of meetings you have to attend just to understand how the institution functions."

In order to make more contact with students, she has planned a listening session for next Wednesday to be held in the cafeteria. She said she wants "to be there to talk to students and see how things are going and see if they have anything they want to share with me."

Overall, Schenkenberg, along with much of the faculty, feels like it's been a good year so far. "It was a wonderful start," she said.

Chris Arb said, "(I was) amazed by all the food (SLUH) can give these people for Thanksgiving."

Sheridan commented, "Fathers and sons are working together sharing part of (their) day with those in need."

**PREP NEWS  
DEFEATS STUCO  
IN BASHBALL  
MATCH!**

Correction: The box printed in today's issue of the *Prep News* is incorrect. STUCO defeated the *Prep News* in the baseball match.

# Headlockbills crush Hazelwood West in opener

**Mike Smallwood  
Reporter**

Over the past several years, the Jr. Bills' wrestling program has been developing into a powerful force in the area. Although the wrestlers face individual challenges out on the mat, it takes a team to keep developing talent and keep pushing each wrestler to his fullest potential. To help prepare for this season, the team attended the University of Missouri, Columbia wrestling camp over the summer.

Head coach Tim Curdt said the camp "developed the younger wrestlers' technique and got the older guys used to competing."

Additionally, most of the wrestlers work out and attend tournaments to get ready for the season and go to open mats during the fall sports season.

Curdt commented, "This is one of the first years where all three levels have the chance to do very well....the freshman and JV team has a bunch of good athletes that are working hard."

As far as the varsity squad, they are looking even better. Curdt said, "The ba-

sic body positioning is doing fine" which is important at the varsity level as technique becomes so much more essential to being able to compete.

At the core of the squad there are two main factors: both the actual mat experience as well as the knowledge of the work it will take to have a chance to win every time one steps out onto the mat. A group of nine seniors, the biggest group in recent history, will lead the way.

Returning state qualifiers Rob Nahlik, Boyd Gonnerman, Justin Clerc, and Chris Wagnitz, who also happen to be captains, are setting even higher standards for themselves, all hoping to place in the state meet. There are also five returning sectional qualifiers, many of which were just a match away from going to State themselves: Pete Mahoney, John Orbe, and John Stathopoulos, who is also a captain, and juniors Nick Born and Mike Smith.



Mike Smith tosses his Hazelwood West opponent.

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## Hoopbills are young, optimistic for '02-'03

**Kyle Poelker  
Reporter**

After a nine month hiatus, Jr. Bills basketball looks to build on one of its most successful seasons in recent memory.

Gone from last year are nine seniors, including second team All-MCC standouts Kris Lowes and Matt Wyrwich, and the rest of the starting five, all of whom combined for 85% of last year's scoring and rebounding.

Despite losing so much varsity experience, Ross is trying to build on the advantages that this year's team has over last year's. Ross points to the fact that he has been here for one year and the team "knows my system and what to expect."

These advantages could possibly make up for the apparent lack of varsity

game experience.

But varsity experience isn't completely gone from this year's version of the Rossbills. Returning are senior tri-captains Jason Laflora, Pat Ostapowicz, and Phinney Troy, along with last year's super sophomore Andy Lowes. Ross expects these four stars to have breakout years and fill the voids, not only in production but also in leadership, that were left behind by last year's seniors.

A plethora of first time varsity Jr. Bills also joins the four returners for a team that should have a contrasting style from last year's Basketbills. Juniors Mark Lubus, Chris Luth, Dan Pimmel, Jeff Howenstein, and Jeff Milles moved up from last year's B-team, along with sophomore sensations Dave Goettleman and Danny Henry. Also new this year is John Kaminski, a transfer student from

Batesville, Indiana, where he competed on their varsity team. Kaminski should make a significant impact on this year's team.

Another new face on this year's varsity squad is assistant coach Kent Kershenski, who will now be strutting the sidelines with the likes of assistant coach Tim Rittenhouse and Ross. Kershenski was promoted from the B-Team assistant coachship he held last year because, with his unique approach to the game and his unparalleled knowledge of the Jedi, "He fits the program better" as an assistant on the varsity team, according to Ross.

So far, Ross likes what he sees. "They look fantastic, very athletic, and they shoot very well. I'm very happy with them," he reports. But trying to live up to last year's success maybe quite hard to do for this year's team to do.

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# Busiebills win three; set to face MCC rival CBC

**Chris Wojcicki**  
Reporter

The Jr. Bills had three games over the Thanksgiving break. They started off against division foe Althoff on Nov. 23.

The team came out strong, applying pressure until they scored an early goal, which was disallowed. Althoff then scored a go-ahead goal in the second period on a shot that looked more like a pinball game than a slapshot.

In the third period, the Icebills came out motivated. Soon after junior Matt Pijut tied the game, junior Adam Shalpin followed it up with his first goal of the season. Sophomore Larry Howe's goal with 3:31 left sealed the 3-1 victory.

The team got another fast start last Saturday against Hazelwood Central with Andy Wolterman starting in goal. After Howe's breakaway goal started things off, Phil Abram managed to score a near-zero-angle shot from the corner.

Central came back, scoring three

straight goals, with one banking off a skate in the crease and another being deflected in by a high stick. Before the second period was over, Tim Mudd netted a power play goal to tie the game at three.

Defenseman Howie Place then took over, roofing a wrist shot to the back of the net and then hip-checking a Central player over the boards and into the Jr. Bills bench. Mudd was not to be outdone, though, scoring another power-play goal.

Dressed as a forward, Charlie Effinger, who usually plays goalie for the Jr. Bills, got his first and only shift of the game. Doing just what goalies hate, Charlie went straight to the front of the net. Then, receiving a pass from his brother Eddie, Charlie slammed the puck home. His goal finished the game with a 6-3 score.

The Icebills then went into Monday night's game with no Jr. Bills' students present in the crowd. This game, against Parkway South, may have been the team's most solid all-around game thus far in

their season. The scoring started with Matt Pijut's wrap-around goal with 4:30 left in the first.

In the second, Tim Mudd put away one goal, and the team had another goal disallowed.

In the third period, the domination finally turned into goals, one early in the period by Brad Naert from Eddie Effinger and Jeff Neyer. The team then had two late goals, one from Derek Winters's offensive prowess and another by Abram from Mike Hutchison and Paul LaMartina during a scrum in front of the net.

The Jr. Bills carry this momentum into their biggest challenge of the season tonight, facing an undefeated CBC squad, which has already proven itself by defeating DeSmet twice. Today the Jr. Bills have the opportunity to move into first in the MCC. Today is the Jr. Bills' chance to prove that they are a force to be reckoned with. Today is the Jr. Bills' Independence Day. As Captain Justice says, "Today is Judgment Day." Affton Ice Rink. 9:45.

## Riflebills pick off old records, competition

**Kevin Gentsch**  
Reporter

The top five members of the rifle team left school on Friday, Nov. 22, for their weekend-long sojourn to Xavier University's 46th Annual Walsh Rifle Match. After a six hour drive to Cincinnati and a night's slumber, the team shot both smallbore and air rifle on Saturday. The match consisted of a full course of smallbore (.22) and a 40-shot international (standing only) air rifle match. A full course consists of 40 shots each of prone, standing, and kneeling. Twelve of the top college teams and thirteen of the top junior teams represented 17 states.

At the helm for his first match as captain was Scott Isaak, coached by commander in chief Will Bresnahan. The two were flanked by Adam Hilkenkamp and juniors Chris Seals, Andrew Hrdlicka, and Kevin Gentsch. Hrdlicka shot

smallbore only in his first varsity match, commenting, "It was great to shoot well enough in my first varsity match to help our team set a new record." Air rifle guru Gentsch shot in Hrdlicka's air rifle slot.

Starting the season off with a bang the Riflebills came in first in the high school category. The team score of 4417 out of 4800 in smallbore and 1470 out of 1600 in air rifle broke both previous team records of 4368 and 1453.

Individually, Isaak, Hilkenkamp, Seals, and Hrdlicka shot smallbore scores of 1110, 1107, 1114, and 1086 out of 1200

respectively. In air rifle, Isaak, Hilkenkamp, Seals, and Gentsch shot 373, 369, 365, and 363 out of 400 respectively.

"Though we didn't do as well as we

had hoped to, it was still an all-around solid performance for the first match of the season," Isaak said.

The team has a schedule fuller than *Wino* on a Ryder's overcoat, with a match every

week but one until March 1. This Saturday, the Riflebills will face archrival Quincy High School's Blue Devils in 3-position air rifle. Air rifle is shot from 10

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Scott Isaak takes aim in the rifle range.

# Soccerbills' title hopes end in penalty kicks

**David Mueller**  
Core Staff

Nov. 22, two Fridays ago, the SLUH soccer team lost the semi-final match against the Rockhurst Hawklets on the last regulation penalty kick in shootouts.

The Jr. Bills dominated the first half as they controlled the ball, playing most of the half deep in the Hawklets' end. The first half proved to be a moot point in a match which lasted over 120 minutes; the Jr. Bills merely wore down the initially stingy Hawklets defense.

In the second half, the Finalfourbills watched, mouths shaped the same as their score on the scoreboard, as a mediocre Hawklet shot that would have drifted wide deflected off a well-positioned Jr. Bills defender and past senior goalkeeper Tyler Faulstich, who could only stand and stare at the sphere dribble over the endline. "My first reaction was 'Ouch!'" said head coach Charlie Martel. "It was totally unexpected."

The Jr. Bills had lost control of a game they had worked to corner, and they never truly regained that control despite tying the game quickly after the Rockhurst score.

The varsity squad stormed off the restart, pushing all potential scorers to the mouth of the Rockhurst goal. Senior captain Matt McCarthy dribbled down the right side by his defender and crossed the ball on the endline to the foot of Adam Twellman, who, at last, put the ball away.

Martel said, "We came back, equalized, and then we attacked." He continued, "It was a great goal; we answered."

The rest of the half seemed to take place in the Rockhurst goal box as the Jr. Bills owned the Hawklet endline, burning tired defenders at will. The Pelebills had the ball on their foot in front of the net plenty of times but could not find the mark.

Much of the same continued in the four overtime periods, which lasted exactly 10 minutes each.

"I think (Rockhurst was) relieved when the fourth quarter ended," said

Martel. The Jr. Bills put the ball continuously in front of the goal, but, tragically, they beat everybody: the goalkeeper, the defenders, and themselves. McCarthy said, "We had a lot of opportunities, and I think mental fatigue had something to do with our struggles." Martel added, "We didn't get the final foot on the ball. We did everything to build up for it, but...it's just unexplainable."

"I was drained, but my adrenaline was pumping," said senior captain Matt Kreikemeier. As the overtime periods went by one after the other, and the minutes piled up, so did the Penaltykickbills' desperation. They lived to take the ball and to create an opportunity, but they gradually exhausted as every play failed methodically, over and over and over.

Kreikemeier said, "I was just shocked. I couldn't believe we couldn't score." Martel agreed: "I think there was so much adrenaline out there. I don't think (fatigue) was a factor."

After the end of overtime, and before the penalty kicks could even begin, the Jr. Bills looked helpless, like they had just got home to find their house missing; mesmerized, confused, damned. Their shins and ankles pounding with the pain of feet kicking them, their own feet tired and sore from running on cleats, their minds incapable of a logical thought as fatigue settled in from 120 minutes of punishment.

Faulstich came to the team halfway through the season when the goalie situation appeared to be in disarray. He got the opportunity when some of the players went to the coaches and suggested that he would be a good fit.

"Charlie Clark called me into his office," said Faulstich. "I thought I was in trouble...but he asked me if I wanted to try out and I said, 'Yeah I'll try out.'"

Martel said, "I thought we needed a keeper that would deal with the pressure of big games...and we saw in Tyler the ability to do that."

Prior to the shootout in the Rockhurst match, Faulstich had never defended, nor taken a penalty kick in his soccer career. "I figured they had the better chance with

the more experienced goalie," Faulstich said. He almost saved a shot that went to his left. He dove, but the ball slid under his hand.

The Jr. Bills made their first four shots, as the shooters—Kreikemeier, McCarthy, Twellman, junior John Kornfeld—were confident, and all had good shots, low and hard.

The fifth shooter, sophomore Brent Zang walked up with poise, and with his best shot, hit the post, so that the ball came directly back to him. McCarthy said, "It didn't settle in, but I was devastated."

When looking for penalty kick shooters, Martel said, "We look for players who are mentally tough in game situations." He continued, "We would have been comfortable with any of the ten (field players)."

Another player was asked to take the fifth PK over Zang, but denied the request, reasoning that he didn't have the confidence to make it.

Senior Adam Twellman said, "It takes courage to say, 'I don't feel confident.'"

Clark said, "Some guys feel comfortable taking them and other guys don't."

"I feel guilt," said Zang. He continued, "It feels like (the season) should still go on. I kind of miss practicing everyday with the guys, and playing games." He described the miss saying, "It was fast. I didn't have time to react. I just put my hand on my face and I was emotionless. I couldn't move." Noted Zang, "Everybody was nice and consoled me. It lifted my spirit and I think theirs, too. I really appreciate my teammates."

"It was just shock...it felt like everything was over," sighed Kreikemeier. He continued, "My first thought was, 'I don't want to play (on Saturday),' but I decided I owed it, not only to myself, but to everybody, and the alumni, to give it (everything on Saturday)."

On Saturday the Jr. Bills came out angry. "I wanted to kill DeSmet," said McCarthy, "It was my last game as a Jr. Bill."

Seniors played most of the game, and controlled the Spartans, beating them 3-0. Two goals came from Eddie Davis, one of

# Linharesbills look back on successful season

**Patrick Meek  
Core Staff**

If there was one word that would describe the 2002 Jr. Bill's cross country team's season, it would be success.

"(The season) was outstanding. We were one of the strongest teams in (this school's) history, in terms of talents and in terms of times," reflected coach Jim Linhares.

The Jr. Bills started out the season strong under the leadership of captains Peter Schaefer, Drew Noblot, Kevin Crean, and Kyle Gonnerman, with wins at the First Capitol Invitational and the Mizzou Challenge.

The only bump along the way in the early part of the season for the Jr. Bills was the Hancock Invitational, in which the Jr. Bills received second behind powerhouse Liberty's amazing score of 28.



The season continued to roll with wins at the Jesuit Invitational, MCC Championship, district championship, and the sectional championship.

"This team was able to remain tenaciously competitive throughout the season," Linhares said.

Going into the state meet, the Harrierbills had hoped to upset either of the perennial powers, Liberty or West

Plains, or come away with a trophy. Unfortunately, the Jr. Bills were unable to do either, accomplishing the next best thing: fifth place. Although disappointed with the finish, the Harrierbills proved to Missouri that they are the best team in the St. Louis metro area.

"When the teams' only loss during the season was at Hancock and at state, that is pretty amazing," Linhares noted.

Unfortunately, many of the seniors were still disappointed with the results from state. At the state meet 25 runners are recognized, as well as the top four teams; the Jr. Bills had one runner in the top 25.

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

Even though the season was marked with a somewhat disappointing finish, none of the success that the Harrierbills had would have been possible if not for a strong group of leaders on this team. As with any team, it is obvious to point to the captains for leader  
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# Swimbills win tri-meet season opener

**Michael Leuchtmann  
Reporter**

Thursday night, the Speedobills dove right into their season with a tri-meet against Clayton and Cape Notre Dame at the Center of Clayton. The team was able to put up their first mark under the "win" column by beating the both opponents with mainly JV swimmers. The final score was the Jr. Bills 135, Cape 128, and Clayton with 68. This victory is a reflection of the team's anticipated success for the season.

With the loss of both swim coaches Terry Murray and assistant Steve Schad, the team was forced to look for new leadership this year. The jobs went to Fritz Long, a history teacher at Rosati-Kain High School, and Jim Knapp, S.J. as his

assistant.

After many years of rebuilding, the team's fifth place finish last year was a major step. This year, Long's goal is to finish in the top three at the state meet. With tough competition from the Parkways, DeSmet, MICDS, and Chaminade, this will be no easy task, but SLUH has plenty of overflowing talent on its side.

The Swimbills have kept many of their star swimmers from last year and are looking to them for state repeats. Captains Tom Heafner, Winslow Tandler, Kevin McEvoy, and Nic Rottler will attempt to lead the team to number one with help from the speed of seniors Carl Thompson and Patrick Slaughter. Juniors Kurt Doll, Gabe Toennies, and Nathan Harris are anticipating repeat state appearances, and sophomores Tim Szewczyk and Tim Heafner will provide the young talent

between the lane lines for the varsity team this year.

Thursday's meet was an impressive showing, with many swimmers already qualifying for the final state meet and others easily beating last year's times, even with touchpad timing problems causing a major point loss for the team in the first race of the meet. Their success, though, was obviously directly related to the pre-meet cheer for "D-D-D-Defense." Tom Heafner, however, offered up a different reason, stating, "It's all about the lucky blue toe."

The meet came to a suspenseful finish with SLUH pulling ahead in the final relay race for the win. Those qualifying during the meet for state competition were junior Gabe Toennies in the 200 IM and freshman Wes Going in the 100 backstroke. SLUH also qualified in the 200  
**see TRI-MEET, 14**

# Jingle Bells, Villa Falls, CJ Pulls a Leg

**CJ Baricevic**  
**Reporter**

It was the day after Fall Ball, when all through the town Mark Hennelly began stirring, putting chalk on the ground, for he was preparing the field for the game Villa vs. SLUH—field hockey its name.

Both teams rose from their comfortable beds  
With visions of victory filling their heads,  
The Villa girls dreamed of a winning attack,  
But the Jr. Bills boys knew they'd win back-to-back.

The game did begin at a quarter past two.  
The players were pumped, the fans there were few  
When suddenly the Jr. Bills jumped on the board!  
Dossie Jennings smacked the ball for a wonderful score!

The fans all were screaming, howling with glee!  
The Jr. Bills' play was fantastic to see!  
But Villa fought back, with strength and with clout.  
And they scored before the Jr. Bills could claim their shutout.

The Jr. Bills looked sloppy; to this game they were new,  
And both teams did score, to lock the game now at two.  
The Bills blamed the dance of the previous night.  
Said Casey Barralle, "Were we tired? Quite."

Now Villa soon found the power they had been missin'.  
Alex Twellman scored twice; that Comet was Blitzen!  
The Jr. Bills didn't let their heads start to drop,

Clark Taylor saved the day with a goal, what a pop!

Coach Luzecky then stood on the top of his chair!  
"COME ON GUYS!" he screamed "We're almost there!

On Finney and Troy, On O'Toole and on Jost!  
On Baricevic and Costigan!" Said he with a toast.

The Jr. Bills did respond to this beckoning call  
Dave Mahach did score, to make it four all.  
"It's ours!" Matt Hof yelled "The next goal is mine!"  
Villa's daring defense sent the game to overtime.

"Overtime will be played with seven guys (sic) on each team.  
The first to score wins," the ref said with a beam.  
So the first OT passed without any score.

The game remained tied! You couldn't ask for more!

But into the second OT, the game ended quick  
When Jennings scored his second goal, a shot off his stick!  
The whole SLUH team jumped up! It was quite a sight to see,  
And both teams agreed: Jennings was MVP.

So the Jr. Bills ended up winning, lifetime two and oh  
Against those Villa girls who put on quite the show.  
But they were not upset. They called out, "Don't you fear,  
Just wait and see! We'll beat you next year!"

And that is the story of how our Jr. Bills  
Beat Villa with hooplah and plenty of thrills  
But there were only winners. When you total the amount,  
\$200 went to charity—the only score that counts.

## Racquetbills capture first win of the season

**Chris Guilfooy**  
**Reporter**

The Racquetbills continued their season with a strong win against Parkway West. With another 7-0 showing, the Jr. Bills have not lost a match to opposing players.

Junior Eric Weber spoke of the wins, "Our team's 14-0 match record has shown that (we) are indeed a team to contend with."

On Sunday, the Racquetbills won by an even larger margin by allowing no more than six points in any one game. Playing the longest match, number two seed Chris Guilfooy was awarded an honorary racquetball from coach Joe Koestner for his inability to defeat his opponent as quickly as the rest of the team had.

With indeed the strongest showing, top-seeded junior Phil Mathews smoked his opponent with a hard-hitting slugfest. His hard work and dedication has been truly paying off in his strong opening of the season.

The remainder of the singles seeds played strong matches and easily won against their opponents. Returning from the varsity soccer season, junior John Reagan played his first match of the year against Parkway West. After allowing two points in the first game, Reagan held his own in the second game and

continued his dominance with a win.

More strong play came from the doubles team of Jon Mills and Tony Sneed. Sneed, who injured his shoulder playing football while on Kairos retreat, played a powerful game despite the injury. The Intimidatorbills only allowed one point in the first game, and relaxed in the second game and allowed six points.

Mills spoke of the doubles win and his team's performance, stating "The amount of time we have put into the season has really shown. (We) should be proud of how hard (we) have worked."

On Saturday, the Rbills will play in the Gary Hendren Tournament at Concord-Vetta Sports Complex at 9:30 a.m. In this team tourney, each player will play three of his opponents in his respective seed. The team will gain one point for each match won; as a result, a team can record a perfect score of twenty-four if all of its players win. Last year's state champion Racquetbills won this tournament by earning clutch points by winning 17 of 24 matches. Sophomore Eric Durbin is stepping up to help the Varsitybills in this tournament.

However, Koestner is looking at this tournament from a coach's perspective, stating that it is not the winning that counts in this tournament: "It is important that each player watches his opponents and gets a feel for the competition for later in the season."

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Curdt said, "Mahoney and Orbe are absolutely key. They add stability to the lineup because they know how to go out and win each time they wrestle." Curdt said of Born, "It looks to be his breakout year."

For the team to reach its full potential, many other talented wrestlers will have to step up. Greg Book and John Kister also add experience to the mix, while junior Ryan Stevenson and sophomores Jeremy Bledsoe, who was a varsity wrestler near the end of last year, and Andrew Poulin look to get comfortable at the varsity level. Sophomore Chris Cahill also hopes to get some action at the varsity level.

After several emotionally flat Thanksgiving break practices, the team came out to practice on Monday with fire. This change came because on Tuesday evening, the team took on the always-tough Hazelwood West team at SLUH. That fire, which was so evident in wrestlers themselves, spread to the large crowd on hand to support the Jr. Bills.

Rob Nahlik (119) got the team off to a great start. After he got taken down first,

he was able to get a reversal and took over from there. He nearly pinned his man twice in the second period before finally doing so at 3:40. It was all downhill for Hazelwood after that as the Jr. Bill wrestlers picked up pin after pin. Born (125), Gonnerman (130), Clerc (140), Wagnitz (152), Stathopulos (275), and Bledsoe (103) all pinned their opponents in the first period.

The more competitive matches of the night included Chris Cahill's (135) 14-5 major decision victory in his varsity debut. This match caused an eruption of excitement and fired everyone up.

Ryan Stevenson (160) was able to gut out a victory after a slow start. Late in the second period, he was able to roll his opponent and get a reversal. Then after a quick takedown at the beginning of the third period, he had his opponent on his heels and running scared after going for several pinning attempts. With Stevenson's 17-10 win along with Mike Smith's 14-4 domination and Leibach's and Book's additional pins, the Jr. Bills shut out Hazelwood 77-0.

Curdt noted, "We didn't expect to do that at all...They're a good team!"

**DYNASTY**

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"The MCC is very up this year, it's hard to predict wins and losses. We'll see," said Ross.

Captain Jason Laflore echoed that sentiment, calling this year's Rossbills "smaller but quicker," then adding, "We'll see how we do."

Other team members seem to ostensibly have a more cautious optimism, like junior Dan Pimmel. "People don't expect much from us," Pimmel said, "but we're going to surprise them."

After months of hard work, including several summer tournaments as a team, the Basketbills are ready to start this year's season. Pacific High travels to SLUH tonight for the premiere of the second edition of the J-Ro Bills. Tip-off is at 7:00, and all are encouraged to come. No one should miss out on Laflore's ball handling wizardry or behemoth Phinney Troy's awe-inspiring acrobatic post maneuvers.

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meters at bullseyes the size of the period at the end of this sentence, using Olympic-style air rifles made by Ansch'tz, a German manufacturer of world-class precision target rifles. Each competitor will shoot 60 glorious shots of pure pneumatic power: 20 each from the prone (laying on the stomach), standing, and kneeling positions each.

It all goes down Saturday at 10 a.m., when the varsity team takes the line here at SLUH in the legendary rifle range.

*Quote of the Week*

*Max Fischer: I like your nurse's uniform, guy.*

*Dr. Peter Flynn: These are O.R. scrubs.*

*Max Fischer: Oh, are they?*

*Mr. Blume: (snickers)*

*-Rushmore*

**ADIDAS**

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which came off a great effort from Tim Baldes to keep the ball alive on a head ball that would have gone out of bounds, giving Davis the opportunity to find the net.

Martel said, "Seniors in the second half came to me and told me, 'We want to win.' They responded well, too, three times in fact. Our guys just seemed to want to win the game more."

The season concluded with the uneventful victory over the Spartans, but Martel maintains the season was a victory, "Everyone exceeded expectations."

When thinking of the team and the season, Martel said, "The one thing that comes to mind is the level of play, brilliant at times, consistent, really smart defending, and our ability to keep the

ball."

This season was the first Clark acted as assistant coach, replacing Terry Murray, after coaching as an assistant at CBC for six years.

"The kids were perfect," Clark said. "This is my seventh year coaching, and this has been the most fun." Clark believes he will come back next year even more determined, "I'm going to dedicate myself for preparation for next season to get us over the hump into the finals."

The further a team goes into the postseason, the harder the final loss becomes, and if the loss comes nobody knows what to say because nobody thinks about losing.

Twellman seemed to sum up the season when he said, "I guess it helps to think we had an unbelievable year."

# Charlie Clark's former life as a city cop

**Matt Hoffman**  
Editor in Chief

Director of Security Charlie Clark is one of the more colorful characters at SLUH. He turned around the lackluster security system into a near-flawless one in a year. However, he is surprisingly friendly, full of stories from his old life.

Before miraculously surviving a near-death injury, Clark worked as a policeman for ten years, some of which he spent as a street policeman. As a street policeman, Clark was assigned to what he calls a "drug neighborhood," and was totally immersed in the culture.

In the neighborhoods he worked, the crime was 100 percent drug-related, according to Clark. He said he worked to "do good for the good people," which meant he had to "get to know the bad guys."

"It's not like TV," said Clark. "You know every bad guy. You're with them every day." The "bad guys" in his work were dope dealers, ranging mostly from 15 to 20 years old. "They were kids, guys like you with a different life. (However,) they knew if they messed up, I had every intention of putting them in the penitentiary," said Clark. His job was to respond to radio calls or just "drive around and make cases. Look for bad guys selling drugs on the street."

Clark got information by simply going up and talking to the kids on the street. "Everybody wants to be listened to. Everybody wants people to care about them," said Clark. Clark said he would "talk to them. Talk to them about sports. Get to know them a bit." If they looked suspicious, Clark would give them a quick pat down. According to Clark, "They don't even know you're patting them down it happens so much to them."

Clark gathered information about the neighborhoods through these informal conversations. Things like nicknames, new tattoos, and where people worked came in handy for Clark to make cases. He also gathered information through arrests. Once Clark made one arrest, he would try to take whatever information he could from the person he arrested and build another case. "You bargain for information," said Clark.

Most of the guys weren't hardened drug dealer-types, just "kids hanging around each other. The only thing is they start getting pistols, they start selling dope." Clark became part of the neighborhood, knowing most of the inhabitants, forming relationships with the dope dealers because, according to Clark, "I was fair and nice to them and I listened to them and talked to

them."

Clark recalled one dealer on whom he was trying to make a case: "He knew I was trying to put him in jail, and I knew he was selling dope, but we coexisted...we had a good relationship. It's like yin and yang. I don't want to say friendship, but you're comfortable with certain guys."

Often Clark would be confronted with someone he knew was selling dope, but couldn't find anything on him to make a case. Clark says he was "very good at finding guns and drugs," but some of the dope dealers "are great at hiding drugs."

"If they were standing on the corner and they were selling dope, and I couldn't find any, I didn't hold it necessarily against them. They were just better dope dealers than I was a policeman."

"It's kind of like a game," said Clark, "Everybody lies. Policemen are lying; bad guys are lying. We're all lying."

The policemen would lie about why they were talking to the dope dealers, and the dope dealers would say they weren't dope dealers. Clark knew the dealers were lying, and "of course the dope dealer knows I'm lying," said Clark.

"I respect a good dope dealer. I didn't respect what they did, but their life was hard," said Clark. He added, "Most dope dealers have ulcers. You've got to worry about your friend snitching you out, your girlfriend snitching you out, people trying to kill you, your money, your family snitching you out."

Clark said he cared about such people. "I hated when those guys got killed. I liked them. Those guys are tough. It's a hard way to go."

Clark's career as a cop ended with a car crash that should have taken his life. Clark was hit by a car going 53 mph. "Everyone dies when they get hit on the highway," said Clark. But astonishingly he didn't.

He rode the grill of the car for 125 feet and the car threw him another 90. As he was being thrown from the car, Clark remembers thinking two things: "Try to keep my head off the ground, and of all the things I've done in police work, this is the dumbest possible way I can die."

Not only did Clark remain alive, he didn't break a bone. He was released from the hospital in three hours, with spinal cord, shoulder, and elbow damage.

The "bad guys" from his neighborhood sent him a get-well card.

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-Director of Security Charlie Clark

by Brian Fallon

## Calendar

Dec. 6- Dec. 13

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6**

Schedule R  
 Happy Saint Nicholas Day  
 Sophomore Class Liturgy @ AP  
 FCA Meeting @ AP  
 Science Meeting @ AP  
 Senior I.M. Basketball @ AP  
 V HOC vs CBC @ Affton @ 9:45 pm  
 V/B BB vs Pacific @ 5:30/7pm  
 Trivia Contest @ 3pm  
 C-blue BB vs Pacific @ 4pm  
 V SW @ Lafayette @ 4pm  
 Dauphin Players present one acts: *Does a Tiger Wear a Necktie & The Indian Wants the Bronx* @ 7:30pm  
 Pizza Snack & Lil' Charlie's Pizza

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

V Rifle vs Quincy @ 10am  
 Mothers Club Mass & Brunch @ 10 am  
 Loyola Christmas Party @ 12-4pm  
 Dauphin Players present one acts: *Does a Tiger Wear a Necktie & The Indian Wants the Bronx* @ 7:30pm  
 V HOC vs St. Mary's @ Affton @ 7:30 pm

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

CISL Speech Meet  
 Science Club hike  
 Grandparents Mass @ 9am  
 Pottery Sale @ 11:30-4pm  
 Instead of War Rally @ 1:30-3:30pm  
 SLUH Pro-Life Mass @ 4pm

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

Schedule R  
 Reconciliation through Friday  
 Freshman I.M. Basketball @ AP  
 Pottery Sale @ 7:30am to 4pm  
 Cardboard Castles @ 3pm  
 V/B BB vs Kirkwood @ 4:30/6pm  
 ACSA Mtg @ 7pm  
 Fiestada & Belifino Pizza

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

Schedule R  
 Reconciliation through Friday  
 Junior I.M. Basketball @ AP  
 Pro-Life Club Meeting @ AP  
 V/JV/C WR @ CBC @ 6pm  
 C-White @ Priory @ 4pm  
 Cheese Garlic Bread & Mostaccoli

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

Schedule R  
 Reconciliation through Friday  
 Freshman Class Liturgy  
 V BB @ Webster Classic through 12/14  
 TBA  
 TAP @ Grade Schools  
 Bosco Sticks & Chicken Wraps

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

Schedule R  
 Reconciliation through Friday  
 XC Banquet @ 6:30pm  
 B BB vs Ft. Zumwalt South @ 5:30pm  
 C-Blue BB vs St. Mary's @ 4pm  
 Pretzels & Crispitos

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

Schedule R  
 Reconciliation  
 Fine Arts Assembly @ AP  
 V HOC vs Fox @ Affton @ 9:45 pm  
 V/JV/C WR vs Ft. Zumwalt North @ 6pm  
 V SW @ Marquette Relays TBA  
 Seasoned Fries & Lil' Charlie's Pizza

**ANGRY NATION**

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ship, and the team did just that with Schaefer, Noblot, Crean and Gonnerman.

"Leadership is always crucial. If you have a leadership vacuum it is going to lead to bad things. This year was pretty unique (as far as leadership). Every one (of the captains) had their own approach to leadership," said Linhares.

However, leadership was not just limited to these individuals. A few of the guys who stepped as leaders throughout the season were Matt Killiany and junior Andrew Linhares.

"Matt Killiany was a key leader by being a smart runner, a respectable guy, a guy who people enjoyed being around," Linhares said.

With this success comes pressure for the Jr. Bills in this upcoming season. If one were to look at the Jr. Bills' team for

next year on paper it would be a scary sight: five of the runners from this year's state team are graduating. However, the coaches are not in the least bit scared by this scenario.

"We will more than reload for next year. There are guys like Brennan Connor, Andrew Linhares, and John Oliver that we have who are not on anybody's screen," Linhares said.

**TRI-MEET**

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medley relay and in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays. Also helping out the team in its victory were divers freshman Zach Berndsen, finishing second, and junior Colin Tyrrell, third.

When asked about the meet, Knapp said, "The relays really did what they needed to do."

**PN Nightbeat****RACQUETBILLS WIN, GO 21-0**

The Rbills lengthened their win-streak to three games with a win over ParkwayCentral last night. With another shutout win, the Notallowalossbills are 21-0 in individual matches so far this season. After a strong showing this week, the bills are ready for the Gary Hendren Invitational at Concord Sports Complex Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m.

**SINGLETBILLS DEFEAT WINDSOR**

The Singletbills had five pins Thursday night as they defeated the Windsor Owls 60-15. Junior Nick Born, sophomores Chris Cahill, Chris Wagnitz, junior Ryan Stevenson, and junior Greg Leibach pinned their opponents.