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Linhares to go on sabbatical

Humanities course will be planned

Jonathan Kim
Reporter

After fifteen years of service, St. Louis University High School allows a faculty member to propose a plan for a sabbatical leave, and theology teacher Jim Linhares plans to start his sabbatical at the beginning of next semester.

Linhares optimistically anticipates his upcoming leave as a chance to rejuvenate and improve himself spiritually and intellectually. During his sabbatical Linhares plans to prepare a humanities course for students and work on neglected writing interests. He plans to focus mainly on the humanities course.

"I took a humanities course in high

school, and it was an illuminating experience," said Linhares. "A humanities course is an all-encompassing, interdisciplinary course which connects a vast array of disciplines to each other. For example, examining the art of the Renaissance can help you understand God through its style and portrayal, and the development of military weapons relates to cultural and scientific advances."

Creating the humanities course offers a daunting challenge because Linhares needs to find a way to shape the course and find a focal point to avoid a haphazard curriculum. Although the course's place in SLUH's curriculum is currently undefined, Linhares anticipates to make progress in the layout and structure of the

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Fake fire foils fine arts class

Brian Fallon
Core Staff

Yesterday afternoon, as sixth period was coming to an end, the fire alarms sounded in the building. Students quickly but cautiously exited their classes and proceeded to make their way towards Lawn Place.

Band teacher Brian Mueller had dismissed his class from their room in the Fine Arts wing to place their instruments into their lockers when the incident happened.

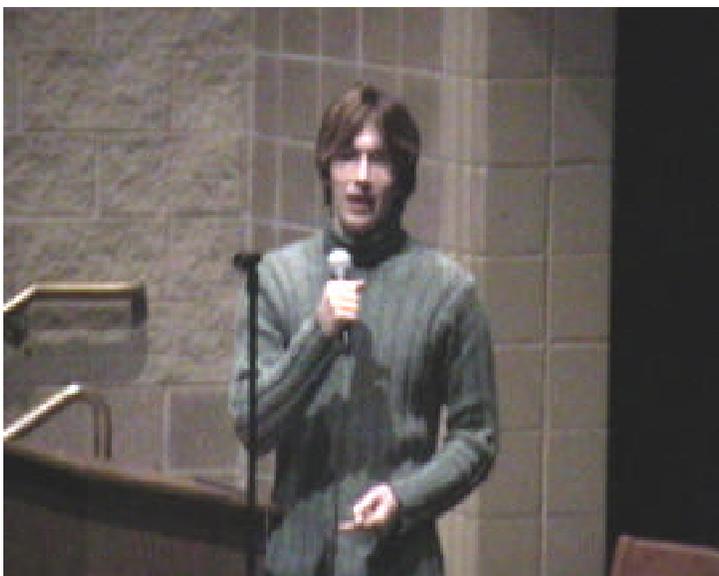
"All I know is that we were finishing with our activities for the day in the band classes, and I said to go out in the hall, as usual, and put your instruments away. I was working with some other students at the end of the class, and then we heard the sprinklers go off, and saw the water coming through my doors," explained Mueller. "I don't know who was out there in the hall, but when the alarm went off, soon one student came in and said what happened."

"I think it's fair to say that there was some horseplay going on among students," said Assistant Principal of Academics Mark Michalski. "Accidentally a sprinkler head was hit, and the water came pouring down."

When Mueller had dismissed his class to place their instruments into their lockers, two students had begun to roll a quarter on the ground. When one got up to toss the quarter to the other, the quarter went up to the ceiling and triggered the sprinkler system, sending a mixture of water

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JSA debates gun control



The Junior Statesman Association held its first debate yesterday during activity period in the theater. Juniors Tim Friese (left) and Dan Lieser argued for and against gun control, respectively. The debate was moderated by junior Dave Marek. The JSA hopes to hold more student debates throughout the year.

Dangerous vans to be phased out of SLUH

Zarrick discusses safety of school vehicles

Brian Kane
Core Staff

An article in the Dec. 30, 2002, issue of the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* described safety hazards inherent in bigger-sized vans. According to the article, a study conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found "that 15-passenger vans with 10 or more occupants are nearly three times as likely to roll over in single-vehicle crashes than vans that are lightly loaded." In the past 21 months, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued two consumer advisories on the risks of the vans while fully loaded. St. Louis U. High currently owns a fifteen-passenger van.

The danger of larger vans lies in their tendency to roll over. According to Facilities Director Patrick Zarrick, putting

two much weight on the van's back axle,



making turns too sharply, as well as trying to overcompensate for a sharp turn can all increase the odds of a rollover.

SLUH's fifteen-passenger van, nicknamed "Big Blue," is used by a variety of

extracurricular groups. Sports teams, fine arts classes, and the Outdoor Experience Club all use the van to transport people and equipment.

SLUH purchased the van in 1996. Zarrick says that it was not until the last year or two that serious warnings about the vans began being issued.

Zarrick says that the school became aware of the van's safety issues last year, and he plans on getting rid of "Big Blue." However, the change will have to wait until July 1, when the budget for the new year is made.

For the time being, Zarrick hopes to improve the situation by making sure whoever drives the van is educated on how to handle it. He also thinks instructing people on how to load cargo into the van will make the situation safer.

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FIRST National Robotics Competition begins

Tom Fontana
Reporter

The newly-formed SLUH Robotics Club has entered this year's Organization of Science and Technology (FIRST) National Robotics Competition. FIRST holds these annual competitions to promote interest in engineering and robotics and to encourage students and corporations to work together toward a common goal.

The Robotics Club applied for a grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). NASA centers around the country, one of which is in St. Louis, grant sponsorships to FIRST competition teams every year in their respective regions. NASA particularly likes to help new programs, and they selected SLUH's club to receive one of their grants this year. NASA supplied the \$5,000 registration fee for SLUH's team to enter the contest, and also donated an additional \$1,000 in funds for any additional expenses. Boeing also contributed by send-

ing a representative to aid the team in the construction process.

On Saturday, Jan. 4, the Robobills and teams from all around the Midwest congregated at the St. Louis Science Center to launch this year's contest. A satellite broadcast from Manchester, New Hampshire, officially kicked off the event. Each team received a large box of parts, including wheels, several motors, and optical sensors that can help the robots lock on to reflective tape on the outside of some of the boxes used in this year's robot game.

Teams now have six weeks to design and build their robot, which will compete against other robots in a game. This year, two robots will face off against another team of two robots. The robots will attempt to move as many boxes as possible from a central platform to their team's scoring zone and place them in stacks. After several rounds of competition, one robot will emerge as the regional champion. That robot will continue on to the national competition.

The team now faces the daunting task of designing and constructing a robot in

only six weeks. In addition, the Robobills will be facing some very tough competition.

Junior David Burghoff remarked, "Some teams have nearly sixty people working on their robot. We only have about ten."

The personnel shortage has been compounded by Senior Project, which has kept some seniors from attending all of the club's meetings. Burghoff urges any interested students to join the club and help out in any way they can.

Robotics Club moderator John Shen echoed Burghoff's remarks and encouraged not just students but also parents with mechanical or engineering experience to assist in construction.

Shen also commented on the Robobills' chances for victory. "Since this is our rookie year, I would be surprised if we won the entire regional. But I think we have a good chance of being pretty successful this year," Shen said.

Whatever the result, Shen is already proud of the team's initiative. "I really see **ROBOCOP**, 10

Historical film series set to debut Jan. 23

Sean Rapp
Reporter

Beginning Thursday, Jan. 23, and continuing to the end of the year, the social studies department will show films in 215c every Thursday at 3:10. The films will be shown as a supplement to the history curriculum. A list of the films and the dates they will be shown is posted throughout the school.

Each film is chosen by the social studies department for its portrayal of an historical event or period. All films "R"-rated will require students under 17 to turn in a permission slip, which can also be found on the bulletin board outside the social studies office.

Sophomore history teacher Tim O'Neil played a major role in initiating

the film series.

"This allows teachers to show films that they don't have time in class to show," said O'Neil, who added that students can see for free "films they might not go out and watch."

Another idea behind the film series is that "after watching the film, (the students) can see how Hollywood portrays the historical event," said O'Neil. A hand-out will be given after each movie detailing its historical precision and its inaccuracies.

"Anyone is welcome, students or faculty," O'Neil said. He said as far as extra credit is concerned, "It is up to the individual teachers to offer it if they want."

"I think it's a great idea," said junior Shane Rapp. "It should generate a lot of interest among guys that have to stay after

school anyway, and it will give other guys another reason to stay after."

Student turnout for the film series will determine whether or not it will be repeated next year. *Braveheart* will be the first movie shown, followed by movies including *Schindler's List*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *Enemy at the Gates*.

On the movie selections, O'Neil said, "I basically offered a list of as many history movies (as I) could think of and discussed them at a department meeting where (we) came up with a rough draft." After the meeting, the social studies department narrowed the list of movies to the one posted around the school.

"I am glad to see such a list of informative, quality-made films, not a list of necessarily popular films," said senior Tim Altepeter.

Klez virus infects SLUH computers

Nick Odem
Reporter

Because of current technology, computer technicians must be ready for almost anything. Any computer which has access to the World Wide Web could be a potential target for thousands of viruses, and the computers at SLUH are no exception.

The Klez computer virus has recently been circulating at SLUH. According to computer consultant Tim Rittenhouse, this virus was created around 1999. The virus is sent via e-mail. Although the letter is blank, once it is opened, the virus will then go through the entire computer and randomly select e-mail addresses. Any addresses that are saved on old e-mails, sent e-mails, or other e-mails are potential targets. The virus then sends itself to those randomly-selected addresses, adding a random title that is stored inside the virus. One of about 150 of these titles, from such things as innocent as "Happy Birthday" to others which advertise pornographic websites, will randomly accompany the

e-mail. The virus works fairly effectively.

In addition to sending annoying blank e-mails, the virus could possibly render a computer useless, requiring reinstallation of all the software. Fortunately, this virus will not damage any Macintosh computers, as it only infects Windows computers. According to Overkamp, there are Windows computers here which could possibly become infected with the virus.

Rittenhouse said that an anti-virus application could be installed and run periodically in the Windows computers in the school to ensure that the virus does not infect any of them. Some large corporations run such anti-virus applications daily to prevent infections. The majority of computers at SLUH are made by Macintosh, and these computers are not in danger of becoming infected.

If a new e-mail which contains the virus is checked on a Macintosh, it is simply a "nuisance," according to Rittenhouse.

Since most of the school's computers are Macintosh, most people do not have much to worry about, as far as damage to

the computers. On the other hand, some of the randomly-selected titles can be offensive.

According to Rittenhouse, about twenty people have recently reported having received blank e-mails that carried the virus.

Another method to avoid an unwanted virus is to "be very prudent with e-mails that you open," according to Tim Rittenhouse.

Rittenhouse cautioned, "Never open an attachment unless you know what you're going to get."

He added, "Don't answer (e-mails) from people you don't know."

ANNOUNCEMENT

Drivers' Ed classes will be offered to students at least 15 years old from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 2-5. The classes will be held in the SLUH theatre loge and will cost \$350. See Mr. Kornfeld during homeroom in M108 or in his office during activity period for further details.

Snow sabotages return

W. David Mueller
Core Staff

Last week inclement weather kept the student body from resuming classes on Thursday, Jan. 2, and created a week of school with only one class day. School for Thursday was cancelled the night before at around 11:00.

Principal Mary Schenkenberg said, "My philosophy on something like (snow days) is I tend to not ever call school until I actually see the precipitation... I'm pretty conservative."

"The predictions were ice followed by snow followed by ice. As it turns out, it wasn't that bad," Schenkenberg said. "You just have to trust your experts."

The day off left one day remaining in the week, as if to complete the four-day week that preceded the break.

Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinselmeyer said, "It was just

Tai schedules Jan. 25 puppet show for Chinese New Year

Greg Fox
Reporter

In an effort to broaden the cultural horizons of students, Dr. Ching-ling Tai will be hosting the sixteenth annual Chinese New Year Celebration in the theater on Jan. 26. In past years, Tai hosted the event at a different restaurant every year, but, in an effort to "open (it) up to everybody in the school," Tai decided to host a puppet show in the theatre. The puppet show will be produced by Oregon's Dragon Arts studio, a travelling production studio that is producing a number of shows around the New Year.

The show is 45 minutes long and will feature five small stories: *The Crane and the Tortoise*, *Old Man and the Monkeys*, *A Donkey's Best Friend*, *Super Duper Ping Pong Match*, and *The Dancer*.

a number of days thing... If there will be two or more days in a week, we will come back."

Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski recalls there was a good reason for the schedule being the way it is, but, as he said, "I just don't remember it."

Former Principal Robert Bannister said there were a lot of factors. "We try not to go to June if we can (avoid it)." He continued, "The schedule is (set up) so students don't feel a crush or pressure to get the work or assignments completed... while trying to give a comfortable time for Christmas vacation."

One suggested reason for the odd scheduling is to allow the freshman history classes to have another meeting before exams. Bannister said, "Trying to balance the number of days, exam scheduling, special classes, and senior projects makes it tough."

Traditional New Year celebrations include firecrackers, puppet shows, and "a lot of food to eat," according to Tai. SLUH's celebration, however, will feature only a puppet show due to space and city restrictions.

Tai had planned on making a trip to Chinatown in Chicago to ring in the New Year. This trip, however, would have been "too expensive and limited to 50 persons." In the best interest of the community and the students, Tai decided to keep the celebration in the area and open it to everyone.

Tickets for the show are \$5 and Tai encourages all to "bring your family to enjoy it."

For more information on Dragon Arts' puppet show, go to www.scanews.com/spot/2002/january/s593/museum/museum.html. The celebration begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25.

A new face at the U-High

Brian Fallon and Greg Fox
Core Staff, Reporter

This semester, another new teacher will be added to the faculty, Jesuit novice Tim Main. As a novice, Main is in his second year of Jesuit formation, which will take around 11 years.

Main first felt his calling as a young Baptist growing up in Norman, Okla. He described the calling to become a priest as "a growing sense from when I was a kid... that I wanted to do something to give back to God and His church."

Main went through the Norman pub-



lic school system and Trinity College, then moved on to Oklahoma Baptist College in Shawnee, Okla. On Easter of 1994, Main converted to Catholicism, beginning the first steps of his journey to becoming a Jesuit.

Since becoming a Catholic, Main has taken many steps to become a novice. "It's been a long decision. I guess I made the decision two years ago at this point." After deciding to become a Jesuit, Main "confirmed the desire to serve God's people and the Church" through "those weekends of prayer and experiences of what the priesthood would be like."

Main believes in the Jesuit virtues of chastity, poverty, and obedience, though he has not yet taken vows. As part of his formation, Main is participating in the

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B-Bills defeat DeSmet, go 3-5 over break

Kyle Poelker
Reporter

Do you believe in miracles?" senior basketball manager Nate McMahill wants to know. After witnessing possibly the biggest basketball upset since Duke's mysterious loss to UConn in 1999, the resounding answer should be "yes."

Indeed, our own Jr. Billikens defeated the then-metro area number one DeSmet Spartans in the game of the year, maybe the century.

The Jr. Bills made the trek out to D-World on Dec. 20 as heavy underdogs against a DeSmet squad that had been state runner up the past two years. But on that night, nothing was going to stop the Basketbills from destiny—an upset against DeSmet that had eluded the basketball squad since a 66-62 victory in 1995.

The Rossbills came out firing, hitting three consecutive treys by Dave Goettelman, Pat Ostapowicz, and Jason LaFlore, that opened up a 9-2 lead for the Jr. Bills early in the first quarter.

After the Spartans made a run to tie the the game early in the second quarter, the Spartans and Jr. Bills battled each other for the remainder of the first half, with the Spartans taking a 27-25 lead into the break.

But, there were better things to come for Jr. Bill fans. To start things off, the fans assembled a team of CJ Baricevic, Joe Finney, Matt Arnold, Joe Azar, and Tim O'Toole that dethroned the DeSmet fan team in an entertaining, if fundamental-less, halftime game.

With a halftime championship in tow, the Basketbills returned to the floor to start the second half fired up and ready to go. Despite their halftime deficit, the Jr. Bills started this half off the right way, and with a John Kaminski basket, the score teetered in the Jr. Bills favor at 29-27.

For the rest of the third quarter though, DeSmet seemed to regain the requisite poise for a number one ranking, and even-

tually went on a seven-point run, which ended the quarter with a 36-31 Spartan lead.

The deficit never scared the Jr. Bills though, and they battled back.

Eventually, after 3-pointers by junior Andy Lowes and Goettelman, the Jr. Bills regained the lead once more at 39-38, and after a Goettelman free throw, the Basketbills had opened up a 43-40 lead with 37 seconds left in the game.

JR. BILLS CHRISTMAS RESULTS	
Dec. 20	Jr. Bills 57 DeSmet 54
Dec. 26	Jr. Bills 51 Triad 59
Dec. 27	Jr. Bills 61 Riverview Gardens 58
Dec. 28	Jr. Bills 65 Eisenhower 59
Dec. 28	Jr. Bills 48 East St. Louis 58
Jan. 4	Jr. Bills 45 DuBourg 54
Jan. 6	Jr. Bills 51 St. Charles West 70
Jan. 7	Jr. Bills 46 Beaumont 62

But even this wasn't enough to stop the resilient Spartans, whose star player and Southwest Missouri State recruit Blake Ahearn hit a 3-pointer to tie the game with just 23 seconds left, and soon overtime would determine who would earn the Jesuit bragging rights.

The overtime slugfest was much the same as the rest of the game, and opened up with Ostapowicz scoring to open up a two-point lead. It was Pav again just 48 seconds later who gave the Jr. Bills another lead at 47-45 with just two minutes left. But it was the next play that will be etched into Jr. Bills' memory forever. Super sophomore Goettelman not only hit his fastbreak layup but got fouled. With noth-

ing but poise to describe his demeanor, Goettelman iced the subsequent free throw to give the Jr. Bills the lead at 50-45. Once up by 5, the Basketbills never looked back, and even a last-second three by DeSmet gave the Jr. Bills a 57-54 win. Ostapowicz finished with 18 points, and Goettelman added 12, while Phinney Troy pulled down 20 rebounds.

Such a game could hardly be described by the players who played in it.

As junior Dan Pimmel said, "That game was awesome."

Others were able to expound more, like junior Jeff Milles, who said, "We hit our shots; we played good defense; everything just came together. It was the perfect game."

After having such success, the Jr. Bills attempted to sustain their passionate play over the Christmas break at the prestigious Collinsville Tournament. But the tournament got started off on the wrong foot with an unspirited loss to metro east team Triad. The tournament was a mix of results, with the Jr. Bills eventually winning two and losing two to finish in third place in the consolation bracket.

After their stint in Illinois, the Jr. Bills headed to DuBourg to face the Cavaliers. In this game, too, the Rossbills lacked the spirit and will to keep up with their opponents. After a passionless effort, they

ended up with a 54-45 loss to small school DuBourg.

Next, the Jr. Bills were on display at the Fontbonne Classic, where they lost to St. Charles West 70-51 in a Monday night battle, and again fell to the Beaumont Blue

Jackets on Tuesday 62-46.

JR. BILLS INDIVIDUAL LEADERS			
Point Leaders			
Player	Games	Total	PPG
Pat Ostapowicz	14	228	16.3
John Kaminski	14	111	7.9
Dave Goettelman	14	105	7.5
Rebound Leaders			
Player	Games	Total	RPG
Phineas Troy	14	192	13.7
Pat Ostapowicz	14	99	7.1
John Kaminski	14	69	4.9

Swimbills go 1-1 during Christmas break

Michael Leuchtman
Reporter

All the way back on Dec. 20, the Swimbills went up against Marquette High School in a one-on-one competition and ended up drowning the Mustangs in their own pool by a score of 134 to 46. Unfortunately, more recently, the Jr. Bills also suffered their first loss of the season to Parkway Central this past Tuesday. The meet ended in a depressing 90-96 score against the Jr. Bills and took away all hopes for a perfect season.

The meet against Marquette turned out to be very quick due to the lack of JV heats and a low number of divers. The

whole meet went in the Turbobills favor, and many swimmers ended up qualifying for the state meet. Juniors Kurt Doll, in the 50 and 100 freestyle, Nick Konczak, in the 200 freestyle, Nathan Harris, in the 100 butterfly, Gabe Toennies, in the 100 breaststroke, and seniors Tom Heafner, in the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke, and Carl Thompson, in the 200 individual medley, all qualified in their respective events.

Sophomore Tim Heafner made the most impressive showing at the meet. Not only did he qualify for state in the 50 freestyle and the 100 backstroke, but he broke the Jr. Bills' previous record in the 50 freestyle by .04 seconds with a time of 22.43 seconds.

Coming off a long break and an impressive win, the Fishbills went up against Parkway Central on Jan. 7. Even though the team was the favorite in the meet and well rested, the Colts nonetheless outswam the Jr. Bills.

Partial blame for the loss could fall upon the loss of state sophomore swimmers Brendan Harris and Adam Trafton, who both cut their feet on broken, sharp, dangerous tiles on the walls of the pool at Forest Park Community College. Trafton's injury to his foot was more of a puncture wound than Harris's, which required a total of five stitches. These unfortunate injuries caused the team to be without both swimmers.

Also taking some of the blame for the loss was head swimming coach Fritz Long. He admitted that he "didn't plan the meet well and didn't swim them hard enough." The Jr. Bills swam many of their JV swimmers in varsity events, and by the time they realized that they had truly underestimated the Colt talent, it was already too late.

Whatever the reason for the loss, it does not in any way harm the Jr. Bills' chances at winning in state due to the individual nature of qualifying for state. Any teams' dual meet record does not matter when it comes to the state meet.

Junior Chris Dawes best summed up the general attitude of the team when he said, "I'm really excited about the team this year despite the loss."

However, the Jr. Bills will have to wait a while longer to show teams what skills they have in the water. Their meet on Jan. 7, against CBC, was cancelled, and the meet today against Cape Central has been cancelled as well. The meets were cancelled because the water level at Forest Park Community College had to be dropped a foot and a half so that the broken tiles could be repaired.

Until their next meet, the Jr. Bills are being forced to practice hard and to think about their mistakes in order to come out with a strong finish to the season.

Jr. Bills grapple through X-Mas

Mike Smallwood
Reporter

While most people take time to rest and relax over the Christmas break, the Jr. Bills' wrestling team had its energy focused on the annual Spartan Classic held at DeSmet on Dec. 27-28. The grueling two-day tournament tends to be one of the tougher ones in the area and usually signals the swing into the second half of the season for the Jr. Bills.

The Jr. Bills started out by wrestling three dual-meet-style matches against Westminster, Hazelwood West, and Parkway North. The Westminster team looked quite strong, but both the earlier and later parts of the lineup stepped up to make sure the team pulled ahead by a large margin at the end. Junior Nick Born (125), Boyd Gonnerman (130), and John Kister (171) all got pins in under two minutes while Chris Wagnitz (152), sophomore Jeremy Bledsoe (103) and John Stathopulos (275) also pinned their opponents. The team eventually racked up a 53-19 victory in the round.

Earlier this season, the Jr. Bills defeated Hazelwood West handily in a 73-0 win. West had made several lineup changes since that match, but that would not stop the Singletbills from rampaging

through their lineup and handing them an 83-0 loss, just one point short of the maximum number of possible points. It was quick pin after quick pin as each wrestler took the mat with such intensity and confidence that no West wrestler stood a chance.

In another rematch from previously that week, the Jr. Bills were then slated to take on Parkway North. They gave up several points from open weight classes, but Eppy Clerc (140), Wagnitz, junior Ryan Stevenson (160), and Stathopulos pinned their tough opponents on the way to another impressive win with a 66-16 final.

Jr. Bills wrestlers then had to fight their way through an eight-man bracket within their pool, which included wrestlers from DeSmet, St. Joe-Central, Windsor, and Parkway South in addition to the previously wrestled teams.

During the semifinal round, there were several very intense matches to be won. Pete Mahoney (135) was able to take control in the third period of his match and score two nearfall points to take a commanding 7-4 lead for the win. Clerc won by the same score over his opponent by taking him down throughout the entire match. Additionally, Wagnitz was in a tight match until he came out quickly in the third period

Rifle records full at Missouri Jr. Olympics

**Chris Seals
Reporter**

As 2002 came to an end, the Boltactionbills engaged in a number of matches in the rifle range. Hoping to continue the record-setting trend of last season, the varsity and JV teams practiced diligently and went into the matches hoping to put their scores in the record books of SLUH rifle. Although most shooters came out of the competitions satisfied with their shooting, a few emerged with achievements worthy of recognition.

In the Missouri State Junior Olympic Air Rifle 3-Position Championship, captain Scott Isaak shot a 585 out of a possible 600. With this score, Isaak beat his previous school record of 583, and holds the current record for highest score in a 3P air rifle match.

On the weekend of Dec. 21, the Jr. Bills held a smallbore tournament in their own rifle range, inviting shooters from all around the state to compete in a full course, consisting of 120 shots and a possible 1200 points. Junior Andrew Hrdlicka posted a score of 1124-38x (an x denotes a center shot or bullseye), beating the school record for a full course. When converted into a half course score,

Hrdlicka's 562 also beat the half course school record of 561.

However, Adam Hilkenkamp posted a score of 1124-51x the following day, taking the school record by having 13 more x's than Hrdlicka. In the case of a tie in a rifle match, most tie-breaking methods decide the winner by whoever has more x's.

Head coach Will Bresnahan, '00, won the match with an 1140-57x. He shot alongside his past teammates Jon Neff, '01, Bill Everding, '01, and Giles Walsh, '02, who all took a break in their Christmas vacations to form an Alumni Rifle Dream Team.

This past weekend, the Riflebills traveled to Quincy, Ill. to face off against the Quincy Blue Devils. After emerging victorious from an air rifle match against the Devils earlier in the season, the Jr. Bills shooters hoped for another win. The var-

sity team, consisting of Isaak (561), Hilkenkamp (560), Hrdlicka (557), and sophomore Kevin Witbrodt (548) posted a score of 2226 out of 2400, beating out Quincy's varsity score of 2120. The JV

team, made up of juniors Chris Seals (550), Kevin Gentsch (518), Keith Reilly (488), and sophomore Kevin Niehaus (509), posted a score of 2065. Freshmen Patrick Zelaya and Brian Carlin tagged



A Jr. Bill takes aim in the basement rifle range on Thursday afternoon.

along for their first match, shooting scores of 389 and 460 respectively.

This weekend, the Jr. Bills will take part in a match that gives them the opportunity to qualify for a trip to the Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs. The match will consist of smallbore and air rifle shooting, both requiring certain scores of shooters if they wish to go to the Olympics. The Riflebills look forward to this weekend, all hoping to qualify for the trip to Colorado.

Hockeybills place second in Christmas tourney

**Chris Wojcicki
Reporter**

The hockey team's Christmas schedule started back on Dec. 19 against a strong DeSmet opponent. Looking to make an impact in the standings, the Puckbills came into the game fired up. However, their enthusiasm was soon crushed by a DeSmet goal just three minutes into the game. The team kept fighting, though, and it paid off late in the second period as Phil Abram and Kyle Butler combined for a 2-on-1 that resulted in Butler's goal to tie the game.

The numerous penalties in the game hurt the Jr. Bills, though, as DeSmet scored

a power play goal to take the lead just minutes into the third. That goal was followed by the Spartans' insurance goal soon after, putting the Jr. Bills down by two. The Icebills fought back though, scoring a power play goal with two minutes left in the game. However, his effort was not enough as the Jr. Bills fell 3-2.

The team's next game was Dec. 23 against Francis Howell Central. This was really a story of two games. The first was highlighted by Jr. Bill dominance that resulted goals from Derek Winters, junior Tom Fucoloro, and junior Dane Moody, putting the team up 3-0 at the end of the second period.

Francis Howell netted their first goal

halfway through the third. A fight less than a minute later changed the tide of the game. After the fight, Howell Central rallied to score three goals in 3:46 to earn the 4-3 win. It was a breakdown of disastrous proportions.

The Puckbills then took their Christmas trip for a tournament in Indianapolis. After winning the tournament last year, the team came in with high expectations. Unfortunately, in the final game they lost to the very school they had defeated the previous year in the championship. They still brought home a respectable second place finish.

The Icebills played their New Year's Day game against Lutheran South. Andy
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to get a takedown of his opponent directly to his back and earned three nearfall points to win 9-4.

After a disappointing 8-7 loss in the semifinal round, Boyd Gonnerman (130) came back strongly in the wrestleback bracket to earn his way into the interpool eight-man bracket. He won by technical fall in his first wrestleback and then had another decisive 12-0 final wrestleback match to keep his chances alive. Junior Greg Leibach (189) also continued his impressive tournament with a 13-0 win in his final, earning himself a good seeding in the rest of the tournament.

The Jr. Bills sent a total of 10 wrestlers to the interpool eight-man bracket where the matches would become a lot tougher. Rob Nahlik (119) had several chances to pin his first round challenger but had to settle for a technical fall with all his nearfall points.

Born continued his strong showing with a pin in a mere 1:05. Clerc was down by three points going into the second period of his match but immediately went to score with a takedown. After getting reversed, he worked his way around to the back of his opponent to get a reversal of his own. He squeezed the life out of his opponent until the referee's hand finally smacked the mat, indicating the pin just as the buzzer sounded.

Wagnitz also won his match 11-0 and Stathopoulos pinned in 1:35.

Unfortunately, the semifinal round would not be as impressive for the Jr. Bills, despite Clerc once again turning up his intensity to win. He was in a close match going into the final period but earned himself two takedowns in the third despite his body's exhausted appearance. As Curdt said, "(Clerc) is really coming back and wrestling like the captain he is."

So with six Jr. Bills wrestlers making a finals appearance, the team had put itself in a position to win some medals if the Jr. Bills won their finals matches.

Rob Nahlik was in a very tough first-place matchup against a wrestler from Lafayette. Nahlik got an escape and a

takedown in the middle of the third period to make the score close, and despite extensive efforts of strength and maneuvers, Nahlik was unable to get his opponent turned in the last moments of the match and lost 8-7 to finish in second place.

Born, who had to wrestle an opponent from DeSmet several times in the tournament, faced off against him once again in the finals. He had given Born his only losses of the tournament and Born had improved against him every match to make it even closer. This time Born would gain a victory due to an injury sustained by the DeSmet wrestler during the second period. Born was up in the match and looked to be on his way to completely earning his third place finish.

After such intense matches, Clerc had an even tougher opponent to face in the finals. Unfortunately, he suffered a 12-6 loss in a hard-fought battle and earned second place honors.

Overall the team finished fourth in the tournament, behind Lafayette, DeSmet, and CBC. Only three team points separated the Jr. Bills from CBC.

Curdt said, "The guys need to start wrestling better in the big lights...They know this." He added that they have the determination to win the big matches to get to the finals but have had problems winning those matches. "We are scoring much more and wrestling well, but we just have to gain more poise in the the finals; that will only come with experience," he said.

The Jr. Bills were once again in action on Tuesday evening against the MICDS Rams. Sophomores Andrew Poulin (112) and Phil Clerc (119) started the team off in a good direction with pins at 1:26 and 1:10, respectively. The middle of the lineup was not able to pin as quickly but looked just as strong. Juniors Mike Smith (145), Stevenson, and Wagnitz (160) all pinned in the second period while John Kister (171) pinned at 1:32. Stathopoulos had no problem in the final match of the night with a pin at 1:02. Overall the team racked up 57 points and only gave up 20 for another dominating dual meet.

The team has three tournaments over the next three weekends. The season is becoming shorter and shorter with still much more wrestling to be done. This Friday and Saturday both the JV and Varsity squads will be wrestling in a tough Vianney tournament and looking to improve with success.

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RACQUETEERS DEFEAT MICDS RAMS, NOW 6-0 IN MATCH PLAY
The Racquetbills continued strong play with another shutout win against the Rams of MICDS last night. They are now 6-0 in match play and have only lost one individual game all season long. Their next match is Thursday, Jan. 16 at 3:30 p.m. at the Concord Sportsplex against Vianney.

Linhares's XC Legacy: Tradition, Class, Pride

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Twelve trips to the state championship. Nine MCC titles. Nine district championships. Seven sectional championships. One state championship.

As most sports enthusiasts know, stats never tell the whole story of a game. The same is true for the story of head cross country coach Jim Linhares, who in the past twenty years has transformed SLUH's cross country program from a bunch of runners with little or no ambition to one of the top programs in the St. Louis metro area.

Linhares began his odyssey of long distance running when he was runner at the now-closed Prep North High School. However, none of it could have happened if it were not for a challenge from a classmate.

"I came out for cross country in high school on a challenge from a kid that came from my grade school, who said, 'Hey, I thought you were so fast; why don't you run cross country?' I didn't know what cross country was at the time," said Linhares.

According to a story recounted in the 2002 Dauphin Yearbook, Linhares said, "I was standing, terrified, on a starting line at McNair Park with 300 other varsity runners. I vividly remember my coach taking off my number just minutes before the gun and pinning it on the alternate. The team won its first team trophy in school history that day without me. I was miserable about it, but in the JV race I set a freshman record and earned my way back onto the top 7. The handshake and grin from my coach when he found out was something I will never forget."

When Linhares began to figure out what cross country and long distance running were all about, he soon began to be influenced by legendary coach Ron Jorgenson, who at the time was coaching at Prep North. Jorgenson eventually lead the Prep North squad to a state title. To this day, Linhares still treasures the values Jorgenson taught him.

"He really worked us hard, but it wasn't just about the work. It was about taking pride in the tradition, and the first year I was a freshman at Prep North was the first year we won any kind of trophy at Prep North," said Linhares.

"When I arrived, Fr. Jim Goeke was in his second year as the coach. When he took the program over, it was pretty rag tag. It was a very small group of guys who were not very into it or ambitious. It was 'come as you go; come as you like.' When I came on there was a core group of six guys who were kind of focused on doing well in the season, not many off-season trainers," recalled Linhares.

Slowly but surely the program began to gain momentum, while still being influenced by Jorgenson's focus on pride. The gain can best be seen by the sheer number of runners that the program soon began to draw. By the late 1980s, Linhares was able to draw one of the largest teams in the area with roughly fifty runners.

"The first workouts that I created (in 1982), that whole couple seasons was just going back in my memory banks and trying to remember, 'What did coach Jorgenson use to do?'" said Linhares.

The early 1980s brought more success and continued support from the students. Rob Behm was the first State qualifier for Linhares in 1982, and in 1989, the program took a turn for the better, when Mickey Luna became the first runner in the Linhares era to gain the prestigious all-State honors.

"A guy who still holds a special place in my heart is Mickey Luna, who was all-State back before we had a program able to support a guy like that. I think he did a lot of that on heart and desire," said Linhares.

To this day Luna still attributes much of his own personal success to Linhares.

"The same values that he taught I still hold dear to myself," said Luna. "He helped you achieve personal goals no matter who you are." Luna went on to name these values as being determination, a caring personality, and competitiveness.

Two years later, Linhares had perhaps his most talented runner in Sean Lock, who ran for Linhares in his junior and senior years after playing football in his first two years at SLUH. Lock finished fourth at State in both years. Lock praised Linhares for his ability to lead a successful team.

"He is a great motivator. He made running at SLUH a positive experience by fostering camaraderie. It is a testament to Coach that he can bring out, year after year, one of the biggest programs in the state," Lock remembered.

However, as the trophies and banners began to pile up in Linhares's office, the team hit a bump that caused everyone to take a step back and re-evaluate what they were doing. That bump came in 1996 when the cross country team traveled to Jefferson City for the state cross country full of high hopes.

"That was the first year that we set the goal of winning State," said Tim Chik, '96.

Unfortunately, the team ended up finishing in last place at the state meet. "It was a very bitter pill to swallow," said Linhares. "Recovering from a day like that, after you knew you had potential and you knew you had talent, that was a low point."

Luckily the result did not get Linhares or the rest of the team down. "We ended up working through it by saying, 'That result does not define who we are,'" said Linhares.

"He taught me an important lesson in learning how to deal with failure. It was a hard lesson to learn," said Chik, who is now one of Linhares's assistants.

Three years after this disappointment, behind runners such as Ben Rosario, '99, and Murphy O'Brien, '99, the cross country team was able to capture that one elusive thing: a state championship. This honor, however, was not about just being able to claim that they were the best in the state, but something deeper for

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Linhares.

“It was the symbol of all the things that guys over many, many years had done and contributed, including those guys who took sixteenth at State,” said Linhares.

Chik agreed, saying, “We needed to hit rock bottom before we could go up.”

Whether Linhares was leading the team in its early years or helping them through a last-place finish in State, Linhares has remained loyal to the philosophy with which he started off in 1982.

“My philosophy as a coach has a couple of hallmarks. One of them is inclusion of everyone, from the slowest to the fastest. A deep respect for the fact that you are fortunate to be able to be an athlete. Respect for your opponent. Respect for your body. An awareness of the spiritual component that is running. Trying to create a team in which there is a spirit of fun, openness, and willingness to communi-

cate with each other as far as what we are thinking and feeling,” said Linhares.

Runners coached by Linhares can testify to the spiritual component Linhares mentions. As many runners have sadly found, one can train all summer long, but if he or she does not have the spirit or competitive mentality needed in long distance running, and particularly cross country, success will not come. In a unique way, Linhares attempts to tap into this resource to get the most out of his runners.

Senior Kevin Crean, who was on the most recent varsity team, said, “You need talented runners to build a strong program, but what Coach is able to do on the spiritual side of running is something that makes good runners what they are. I have thought about this a lot recently, and I don’t know how Linhares does it. It is something that is hard to put your finger on. I think it might be the fact that Coach

is one of those guys who you don’t want to let down. You just don’t want to let him down. It might be brainwashing, but Coach is able to do something to inspire us.”

Whether one is looking at Linhares’s funny little ways of communicating with runners, his intense personality, or his ability to connect with everyone on the team, Linhares’s personality brings something to the table that others can not. Whatever it is, it inspires his runners so much that some have called the team a cult. If so, it is a cult in which its leader tries tirelessly to make the last place runner feel just as important as the first place runner; a coach who is able to fire up something deep within each runner just before he toes the line for a race; and a coach who feels so strongly about what he is doing that he has never considered quitting.

MAIN

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long experiment, in which Jesuit novices spend time at a Jesuit institution for the second semester of a school year.

According to Main, the experiment is designed to “help me pray about (becoming a priest). If the decision (to become a priest) is that I should take the vows, that could happen mid-August.”

Main said he considers teaching at SLUH “a chance to interact with people’s lives...It gives (me) a chance to help people out when they’re going through a hard time.”

Main arrived at school on Monday and has taken up residence with the Jesuits. He has been very impressed with SLUH so far. “I like what I’ve seen. I’ve been very welcomed...I’ve heard a bit about the academic standards, and that’s great.”

Main will be helping Dan See with his math classes and Joe Koestner with music.

Main’s future with the Jesuits is still a work in progress. If his long experiment is successful, he will continue his formation as a Jesuit. Since he is from the

Missouri Province, this will most likely happen at SLU, one of three training facilities for Jesuits in America. His studies will be in either philosophy or theology. Finally, if all goes well, in nine years he will be ordained as a Jesuit.

ROBOCOP

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like how student-oriented our club is,” Shen said.

The St. Louis Regional will be held at the St. Charles Family Arena from March 6-8. It will feature teams from many midwestern states, including Missouri, Indiana, Kansas, North and South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Anyone interested in joining the Robotics Club should see Shen in the Science Office or e-mail him at shen@sluh.org. The club plans to meet every day after school, usually in room 221c, and promises to be both educational and fun for anyone interested in math or science.

VANS

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Furthermore, the fifteen-passenger van had its rear seat removed to reduce its capacity.

Though the modification should improve safety, Zarrick noted, “It’s still not an ideal vehicle.”

SLUH recently traded in a used minivan and a ten-passenger van to buy a 2003 GMC Savanna. The Savanna can seat eight passengers.

“To the best of our knowledge...GMC has paid very close attention to safety,” said Zarrick.

High schools and church groups have been using fifteen-passenger vans less in recent years. In fact, when Zarrick was scouting dealerships to find a van, one dealer was not willing to sell a fifteen-passenger van to the school.

Missouri state law prohibits public schools from buying larger vans. Because the school is a private Catholic institution, it is exempt from that law. Despite this immunity, Zarrick still plans on phasing out larger vans. He said, “Even though we were outside of the law, we wanted to put safety first.”

FIRE

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and black carbon down on the students. Fire alarms accompanied the sprinklers, sending the student body and faculty outside.

Freshman Drew Deubner, one of the students involved, said, "I was playing with my friend Andy Bonner in the hallway. We were killing time by rolling a quarter around. Then Justin Vilbig came up and stopped the quarter and stuff like that. We got the quarter back from him, and I threw the quarter to Andy, and it hit the little red thing in (the sprinkler) on the ceiling."

"Apparently they were flinging quarters," said Facilities Director Patrick Zarrick, "and there's glass that holds lead (on the sprinkler) which would warm up if there was a fire, which somehow sets off the sprinklers. By shattering that glass, it made it impossible to shut off the water."

Professionals were called immediately to help clean up the water which had spread throughout the band room, into a storage room, and throughout the Fine Arts hallway.

Some had thought that there actually was a fire due to the smell in the Fine Art wing after the evacuation. Instead, the smell was of stagnant water, which has sat in the pipes since their installation in 1997.

When the maintenance staff determined that there was not a fire in the school building, the next step for administrators not involved in student evacuation was to shut off the valve of the sprinkler which had been set off.

Initially, there was some confusion about which main valve was needed to be shut off. SLUH has two main valves: one located in the boiler room behind the weight room, and the other on the mezzanine above the theater. After having tried the valve in the boiler room, theater technician Eric Elz helped direct the staff to the valve above the theater.

Some cleanup of the water was done by the maintenance staff and by Mueller, but it was deemed safer to wait for the professionals to arrive.

"At that point we were just trying to contain the water from flooding too many

areas," said Zarrick.

The owner of Flood Masters, the company hired to remove the water, informed Zarrick that because of several thousand gallons of water, they would be at SLUH until 11 p.m. Thursday evening.

Flood Masters will also put a chemical into the floors called Mildecide. Because of this, band classes have been moved to another location so that they floor may dry, and the Mildecide will prevent any mold or bacteria from growing.

Because the sprinkler lines are all connected, all of the water from the third floor down has to drain out of the system. An estimated 6,000 gallons was drained yesterday afternoon. Zarrick estimated that the water ran out of the sprinklers for a time of 45 minutes.

"The actual damage, thankfully, is minimal because the tiles sit on concrete, and there's not a lot of drywall there," explained Zarrick. "Also, everyone was able to move all of the (musical) equipment before there was any more damage there."

The initial estimates for the cleanup are anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000. More than one inch of water will be removed from both the hallway and the band room. Luckily, not much damage was done to the Danis Lobby, Mueller's office, or the choral room. No damage was done to any of the instruments, since all of the students' instruments were already inside their lockers.

Zarrick summarized the experience as a test for how well the school is prepared for this type of situation. "I think that it was a learning experience with dealing with a facility emergency, if you will. This was a case for us to test an emergency plan where there wasn't any life-threatening issues. We're going to review communications, actions, those kinds of things, against our plans to determine what we did right and what we could have done a better job with."

There has not yet been any discussion about repercussions for the students involved, since the administration has not had the chance to discuss any of

yesterday's events.

"I don't think there was any malicious intent to empty the school," said Michalski, who thinks that this incident was merely an accident.

Dean of Students H. Eric Clark has noted that there has not been any discussion of disciplinary action due to the number of admissions interviews Thursday evening. Clark also mentioned that there will not be severe punishment, since the incident was not deliberate.

Deubner wanted to inform the students and the faculty that he is truly sorry for what he did, and that he did not mean to do anything which would eventually cause so much damage. He said, "I could sit in the hallway trying to throw a quarter at the sprinkler for 30 years, and probably wouldn't be able to hit it again. It was a freak accident."

Mueller said, "What a mess!"

SABBATICAL

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course. Because of his goals for the humanities course and interests in Western culture, Linhares plans to travel for awhile to Florence, Italy, in order to study Medieval and Renaissance art while absorbing western European culture.

Although he plans to travel to Europe, Linhares plans to spend the majority of his time in St. Louis and hopes to be able to start writing again. Having always considered himself a writer, Linhares wants to create a habit of writing routinely, and he looks forward to possibly publishing writings in theological journals and developing other creative writing projects.

Additionally, Linhares plans to attend a retreat and a Jesuit educators conference, the JSEA, during his sabbatical. At the JSEA conference, Linhares will meet with other Jesuit theology educators to discuss ideas about teaching.

Summing up his goals for the sabbatical, Linhares said, "I have taught at SLUH for about 20 years, and I still have a lot left in me. I want to take this as an opportunity to ask what kind of teacher I want to be."

by Nick Odem

Calendar

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Schedule R
 V/JV WR@ Vianney Tournament @ 4:00pm through 1/11
 V HOC vs. CBC @ Affton @ 8:00pm
 V SW vs. Cape Girardeau Central @ FPCC @ 4:00pm
 V BB @ Fontbonne Tournament @ 5:30pm
 C-White BB @ Jennings @ 4:00pm
 C WR vs. Kirkwood @ 4:30pm
 Emergency Drill @ AP
 Cheese Sticks & Pizza

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

PAAS 10am-12pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Semester Exams
 Science
 English
 C-White BB @ Fox @ 4:00pm
 Burgers & Pizza

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Semester Exams
 Theology
 Math
 V/B BB vs. Hazelwood West @ 6/4:30pm
 C-Blue BB @ Marquette @ 4pm
 Burgers & Pizza

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Semester Exams
 Foreign Language
 History
 TAP @ 12-5pm

Senior Retreat through 1/17
 Burgers & Pizza

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

No Classes
 Freshman Retreat through 1/17
 Faculty In-Service
 V HOC vs. Kirkwood @ Queeny @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

No Classes
 V/B BB @ Vianney @ 7:00/5:30pm
 V SW vs. Vianney @ FPCC @ 4pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

V HOC vs. St. Mary's @ Affton @ 8:45pm
 V WR @ Rockwood Summit Tournament @ 9am
 C-Blue BB @ Oakville Tournament TBA through 1/22
 C-White BB @ Chaminade Tournament TBA through 1/20
 C WR @ Fox Tournament @ 9:00am

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Pro-Life Trip @ Immacolata @ 3:15pm through 1/23
 Senior Kairos Retreat through 1/22

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Martin Luther King Day
 No Classes
 V HOC vs. Althoff @ Fairview Heights @ 8:15pm
 Junior Retreat through 1/22

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Schedule R
 STUCO Freshman Elections through 1/22
 V/B/C-Blue BB @ Chaminade @ 7/5:30/4pm
 C-Blue BB @ Chaminade @ 4pm
 V SW vs. DeSmet @ FPCC @ 6pm
 Garlic Bread & Club Wraps

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Schedule R
 Freshman English Tutorial
 Soph. Movie Trivia
 V SW vs. Mehlville @ FPCC @ 4pm
 Bosco Sticks & Spaghetti

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Schedule R
 NHS Meeting
 Respect Committee Meeting
 Fresh/Junior Movie Trivia
Braveheart in 215c @ 3:10pm
 C-White BB @ Riverview @ 4:30pm
 V/JV/C WR @ Chaminade @ 6pm
 Pretzels & Taco Salad

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Schedule R
 Fresh/Soph/Junior Movie Trivia
 All State Chorus & Band Concerts through 1/25
 V/B BB @ CBC @ 7/5:30pm
 C-White BB vs. Westminster @ 4:30pm
 V SW 24 @ Cape Central @ 5pm
 Season Fries & Pizza

SLIPPERY ICE

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Wolterman got the start in goal and highlighted the game. The "Wallrus" made numerous huge saves to keep the team tied during a first period barrage. After the Wallrus' exhibition, Larry Howe and Matt Pijut netted goals before the first intermission. The team continued its domination into the second as seniors Tim Mudd and Phil Abram combined to score two goals in a span of just 13 seconds.

The Wallrus then was forced to come back to life as the Bills bunkered down for

the win in the third. He was up to the task, stopping every shot and leading the Bills to a 5-0 victory capped by Mike Hutchison's goal with just 3 minutes left.

The Bills were then challenged by Chaminade last Saturday in a tough match up. The team came out flying though, with Matt Pijut assisting on Tim Mudd's goal just 35 seconds into the game. Eddie Effinger extended the lead with a power play goal late in the first.

The Red Devils came back in the second, scoring goals to begin and end the period, surrounding Larry Howe's breakaway goal which kept the Bills on

top, 3-2 heading into the third. The lead did not last long though, as Chaminade was soon able to tie the game. Matt Pijut then stepped into the hero's role, scoring the game winning goal with 6:40 left in the third.

The IceBills face CBC again tonight, hoping for a much stronger performance than they showed in early December. They plan to avenge that 5-0 loss at 8:00 at Affton Ice Rink. Next week they will face Kirkwood on Thursday, 7:30 at Queeny Park, and St. Mary's Saturday, 8:45 at Affton.