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"If nothing else, value the truth"

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Sprinkler flood cleanup costs school estimated \$9000

W. David Mueller
Core Staff

On Thursday, Jan. 9, the sprinkler system went off in the band hallway after a quarter tossed by a SLUH student struck the sprinkler. 6000 gallons of water, intended to put out a fire, instead rained down on harmless floor tiles, carpet, molding, and drywall. Following this flood, SLUH faced the task of cleaning up the black liquid mildew that had stagnated in the system since its installation in 1997.

The students most affected by the catastrophe were those involved in band.

"We moved to the lobby and finished up exams in there," said band director Bryan Mueller. He continued, "They did

a good job of cleaning up."

No band instruments were damaged in the flood, and the school only needed to replace a small amount of drywall, because most of the band area was built with stone.

The maintenance crew made a large contribution to the cleanup. Maintenance Director Ray Manker said, "We repainted and did some tile replacement."

Custodial Supervisor Dee Byrd added, "My crew waxed the floors, mopped, and cleaned them up."

Most of the cleanup, however, was done by Flood Masters, a company that specializes in soaking up water from flooded areas. The spill required six days

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Freshman voting shows STUCO election reforms

Greg Fox
Reporter

The freshman class conducted its first officer elections this past week. After narrowing the field of nineteen candidates to four on Tuesday, the class of '06 elected Scott Rice and Darryl "Woody" Jones as its class officers on Wednesday.

In an effort to improve the way elections are conducted at SLUH, STUCO made a few small but noticeable changes in this past week's freshman elections. STUCO asked each of the candidates two questions, which they were to answer and would take the place of making a formal speech to the class.

The biggest change that STUCO made this year was requiring freshmen to show either their ID or demerit cards to vote in order to "try to legitimize the process to stop any sort of stuffing the ballots," said STUCO Moderator Brock Kesterson.

STUCO officers did not know the number of freshmen who voted, and Kesterson was unavailable for comment after the elections.

In addition to requiring ID to vote, STUCO previewed each candidate's response to filter out speeches based on humor and popularity.

"We actually wanted them to try," said junior Brian Heffernan. STUCO was trying to avoid what Kesterson called "ridiculous and outrageous responses to those (questions)."

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Technology Town Meeting shows off "smart" classroom possibilities

Brian Kane
Core Staff

On Jan. 16, the St. Louis U. High faculty got a peek at the future during a Technology Town Meeting.

The main venue of the day was room S201, which had the honor of temporarily being a so-called "Classroom of the Future." Two representatives from Sonacom Inc., President Mike McNeil and Resource Manager Robert Fowler, converted the room and were on hand during the day to assist in demonstrating the equipment.

Sonacom is a St. Louis-based company that deals in technology integration. "We design, build, and install technol-

ogy," said Fowler. Sonacom is the company that designed the technology at the new CBC campus.

The most important element of the classroom was a 3M Wall Display. This portable unit works as a self-contained projector with a built-in speaker system. The unit's portability and durability have won it popularity with the United States military. However, the Sonacom representatives, along with SLUH teachers Steve Kuensting and Steve Missey, demonstrated educational uses of the technology.

McNeil began the demonstration by overviewing the general functions of the

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Pro-Lifers march in Washington, D.C.

Brian Fallon
Core Staff

On Wednesday, 25 SLUH students and five chaperones joined hundreds of thousands of participants who marched for life in Washington D.C. Opposition to *Roe v. Wade*, the 1972 Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion in the United States, was the main purpose of the march. SLUH's contingent was part of a group of 900 teens from the Archdiocese of St. Louis who took part in the "Life Matters" retreat set up by the Office of Youth Ministry.

The retreat began on Sunday afternoon, when various groups met at satellite locations throughout St. Louis, taking their buses to the Basilica where Mass was celebrated with Archbishop Justin Rigali. Buses then left the Basilica at 7 p.m. to begin making the 18-hour trip to Washington, D.C.

The "Life Matters" program was started in 2001, when parishes in the archdiocese expressed interest in creating a youth caravan.

"I think young people care about this

Winter *Sisyphus* prepared for release

Charlie Hall, Robert Matschiner
Reporters

The bitter cold of January brings frostbite, dreaded semester exams, treacherous driving conditions, and, as always, the winter issue of *Sisyphus*.

This year's issue is chock-full of vivid prose and thought-provoking poetry, and, like moderator Rich Moran's famed layout-day chili, full of bits and pieces only the most diabolical minds are fit to create, much less edit.

The fiction in this year's issue is an eclectic mix of teen angst and maturing philosophical observation. Longtime editor and sometimes-bearded Geoff

issue a great deal," said Director of Youth Ministry Fr. Bob Smoot, who has helped run the program since its founding. "(The retreatants) want to find a good way to do something for the (pro-life movement.) 'Life Matters' is a great way to do this, and that's why numbers have grown so much." In 2001, 300 people came with the program, 600 fewer than this year.

Sr. M. Beata, FSGMA, was the event coordinator for the program.

She said, "'Life Matters' helps young people see an amazingly large church community who all support life. The witness of community helps to strengthen their own convictions."

Auxiliary Bishop Robert Herman was in attendance on the trip, celebrating Mass on Tuesday and assisting the archbishop on Wednesday before the march.

He said, "I believe Jesus has called youth to pro-life to touch the hearts of others."

Also on the trip were 14 archdiocesan priests, 42 archdiocesan seminarians, and 14 religious brothers and sisters, including two Jesuit scholastics, Mark Doherty, S.J., and Kevin Dyer, S.J., who accompa-

nied SLUH as chaperones.

Doherty complimented the group, saying, "I would have to say that I am impressed for the second year over the comportment of the young men, and how they hold themselves in various functions, whether during touring, liturgy, or receiving instructions."

Dyer added, "I think I'm impressed at the intelligence of students' convictions, and their readiness with which they share them with others."

Programs were held every night in the ballroom of the Doubletree Hotel, where the archdiocesan contingent stayed. Talks included visits from Serrin Foster of Feminists for Life, youth leaders Chris Rudebeck and Greg Robeson, and skits from master of ceremonies Dennis White. The sacrament of reconciliation was also administered by 40 priests from both St. Louis and Washington.

Junior Matt Paradise, who has gone on each trip since he was a freshman, said, "It's always gotten better. I know so many more people this year, and I realize more clearly that we share the same belief that
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Brusca's highlights include "Car Button Cloth," relationship story focusing on music as its central component of discussion, and Brandon Bieber's work "Things Get Messy," a dark, seductive piece whose main character is a plumber who has a risky affair with his middle-aged client. "Crash," a Matt Mohan work, recounts a calamitous evening at the narrator's restaurant job.

Nonfiction also makes an appearance in the issue. Matt Paradise's essay "Southbound Zen" describes a young man's, in this case Paradise's father's, step into the larger world of strange people and uncertain territory.

Poetry fills a significant number of

the winter issue's pages, with selections from sophomores, juniors, seniors, and teachers. Sophomore editor Paul Barker's subversive humor in "So That the Man Who Stole Our Van Knows I'm Thinking of Him" shows a victim's vengeful thoughts with subtlety and wit. Senior Joe Thomas's "Blinking Yellow" and "Leaf-fall" include simple yet beautifully understated observations of normal and not-so-normal events. The issue also features elegant poetry by junior editors Charlie Hall and Jake Bell, the latter of whom makes his editorial debut with the winter issue.

Never to be overshadowed by the abundant works of literature, senior art editor Howie Place, whose artwork graces the cover of the issue, has carefully chosen over a dozen zestful works of art to gracefully guide the reader from page to

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Band's best prepare for State Music Festival

Tom Fontana
Reporter

After many hours of practice and dedication, the best efforts of SLUH's premier musicians and singers will reach their peak tomorrow at the Missouri State Music Festival. This year's festival will be held at the Tan-Tar-a, located on the Lake of the Ozarks.

Sophomore Paul Florek and seniors Alan Naylor and Brandon Bieber will participate in this year's showcase of Missouri's finest musical talent. Florek will be playing in the All-State band, and Naylor and Bieber will sing in the All-State chorus. Sophomore Charles Ullmann

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all life matters, and that we make known our beliefs."

Senior Maria Kremer from Cor Jesu attended the trip with SLUH for the third time. She said that she enjoys the trips "because they're there for the right reasons, and it shows in their actions. They're very pleasant to be around."

Junior Dave Sonderman enjoyed the trip, saying, "It was amazing to be one of thousands of people coming together to celebrate life at our nation's capital."

Some media sources have projected that as many as 750,000 people were present at Wednesday's march, almost three times as many as last year.

Students were shown videos on their buses, explaining the graphic methods of abortion, recounting personal testimonies from women, and showing messages from Missouri congressmen and senators.

Although many were exhausted on the way home, students still had time to relax, watching film classics *Zoolander* and *The Princess Bride*, as well as serenading each other with songs like "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'."

Among the chaperones for SLUH were theology teachers Randy Rosenberg and Tim Chik, who have gone on the trip three and four times, respectively.

Rosenberg explained what the trip means to him: "What struck me the most

won an alternate spot for band, and he will play if someone in the band is unable to reform.

To win the honor and prestige of performing at the festival, students endured grueling rounds of auditioning. They competed for the festival's 100 spots against approximately 1100 other students. Florek placed third out of the 106 best trumpet players in the state. Musicians who placed high earned the option of choosing which slot they will play. Florek chose to play first chair orchestral trumpet.

All of these accomplished performers departed for the festival on Wednesday, Jan. 22, and will remain there until

about the march was how large the pro-life march was, and how many people were there. Every day people were there for the reason that they wanted to defend life. The trip allows 25 guys that are convicted on this issue, that oftentimes feel alone. They're not alone in the struggle for the protection of life, witnessing thousands of people around the country. I think that's pretty powerful. That's why I come back."

Chik was the captain for SLUH's bus, which had groups from Cor Jesu and

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On the whole, the candidates took the election process seriously and didn't try to capitalize on humor and popularity.

Most of the freshman class felt that almost all the candidates took the process seriously. Many of the freshman were surprised by the seriousness of the elections, but thought that was a good thing.

Andrew Guenther said, "The kids who weren't taking it seriously most likely didn't go on" to make the final four candidates.

Jones attributes his success to "telling the truth." Both candidates went out to personally talk to as many freshman as possible.

the show on Saturday. They will undergo rigorous rehearsals to prepare for Saturday's performance.

Band teacher Bryan Mueller expressed his enthusiasm for the trip. He commented favorably on the opportunities that confront the performers. Mueller said that in addition to rehearsals, the performers will be able to attend instructional clinics taught by major artists.

Mueller noted that having students selected to perform at the state festival is "not that rare with the large amount of talent present (at this school). But it's not every year" that students win the honor to perform with the All-State band and chorus.

LIFT (Life Information From Teens).

He said, "For me it (was) the most powerful trip yet. The sheer size of the crowd and the immensity of the wall of humanity was overpowering."

Chik also mentioned how the students realized they moved others and that people were impressed by the number of teens. "I think that they've been touched and that they're proud of the statement they've made. They showed maturity, grace, and a delightful combination of solemn purpose and teenaged fun."

Though neither candidate asked for votes, both simply tried to get their names out among the freshmen. "I started talking to my closest friends and then went out to the classrooms and into the hallways," said Rice, who plans to "see what (he) can do" for his classmates if they need anything.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, Jan. 24 (today) and 31 the PETA documentary *Meet Your Meat* will be showing at Activity Period in room 215c. The video is 13 minutes long and has graphic footage of the the treatment of pigs, chickens, and cows in slaughterhouses. After the film, vegetarianism and veganism will be discussed.

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Wall Display. Some of these functions include a drag-and-drop capability, which would allow teachers to move images from their sources into a separate program where annotations could be made on the images. Images from documents, the internet, and even still-frames from videos can be acquired with this method.

Synchronization is another feature of the system. When students log into the classroom's network from their laptops, the teacher can synchronize them all so that any actions done by the teacher on the main screen will appear on the individual laptops. Absent students could also access the network from home and follow the actions of their teachers throughout the day.

While the teacher is using the system, all actions on the computer are recorded and saved. This feature allows students to keep the teacher's notes from classes. Furthermore, the actual key and pen strokes are recorded. Through this feature, students could review the progression of the class itself, rather than confronting one unorganized mass of notes. McNeil demonstrated this feature in reference to a mathematics class, where teachers and students could correct their mistakes by following a recording of their work.

Teachers would also have the power to unsynchronize individual computers or put the entire class into interactive mode. While the computers are unsynchronized, students could modify notes on the main screen of the classroom. Unsynchronizing individual computers would allow specific students to input answers into their computers, which could then be viewed on the main screen by the rest of the class. Using the interactive mode would facilitate group work. However, in this mode, any student could freely modify notes on the main screen or the work of any other student. The problem is complicated further by the fact that the teacher has no way of knowing who makes any given change.

"You're definitely opening a can—more like a bucket—of nightcrawlers," Kuensting said of the interactive mode.

However, he expressed confidence that these kind of class management issues could be worked out.

Kuensting then demonstrated how he could use the new technology in his biology classes. He would be able to display pictures of various plants and animals, as well as playing different animal sounds. He could then make notes on the pictures and highlight certain features of the plants or animals.



Teachers Steve Missey, Kevin Moore, and Greg Bantle look on during a presentation.

Missey showed how the technology could be used in an English class. Using Wall Display, he showed a scene of the movie *Brazil* on the screen with a DVD player. Missey could then assign different groups of students to write interpretive sentences on given details of the scene by activating the interactive mode. He said that this method allows students to stay actively involved in analyzing the movie. It would also let him assign group work, then quickly bring the class back together to go over what the students had written by synchronizing the students again.

Theology teacher Tim Chik thinks the new technology could be put to good use in his classes. For example, Missey's demonstration of *Brazil* could be adapted to Chik's showing of the movie *The Matrix* in his sophomore classes. Also, he thinks the system could enhance his student's presentations on the epistles during the year. He likes that students could create their presentations on their individual laptops and then upload them to present them from the main board.

"The technology would complement people with different learning styles," Chik continued on the more general advan-

tages of the system. "It enables kids to become more involved with their learning. That's what makes it more fun for me, and when it's fun, people learn."

While he would not be opposed to other teachers' using the technology, history teacher Jeff Harrison, S.J., does not think he would use it in his classroom.

"I'm happy with the level of technology I have now," he said. He relies more on slides and music to meet some of his goals.

English chair Chuck Hussung is also hesitant about the new technology. "It looks to me like there would be some classroom control problems," he said. He pointed out the interactive mode as one such problem and compared it to a student's being able to anonymously write on the dry erase board during class. Hussung also echoed Harrison's opinion. He thinks a projector hooked up to his computer would meet his needs just as well as the Wall Display unit.

"SLUH is constantly integrating new technology," said Principal Mary Schenkenberg, who was very pleased with the demonstrations. "We're working on a long-range technology plan...Some of what we do (with technology in the future) will come from this day," she said. For instance, she thinks the school could benefit from being more involved in video technology, which was displayed earlier in the day.

Schenkenberg also said, "As individuals become more interested in certain things, we will try to give them the chance to see it put into action." Schenkenberg pointed out that the main focus of integrating new technology is to enhance students' education.

Fowler thinks that the new technology can improve education techniques. He cited Harvard studies that indicate that the retention of the spoken word is around 30 percent, whereas the retention rate with the use of video and audio is around 70 percent.

Fowler did note that the technology itself will make the improvements. "What's important here is the creative use of technology (by teachers)," he said. "It's about content, not hardware."

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Basketbills go 2-2 over the fortnight

Kyle Poelker
Reporter

Although the Fontbonne Tournament had started poorly for the basketball team, which was blown out in its first two games, the Jr. Billikens looked to the consolation game of the tournament for something good, anything really, to come from the tournament.

Judging by the beginning of their game against Ladue, this seemed almost impossible. Through the first half of the game, the Rams outplayed the Jr. Bills, taking a four-point lead.

This lead continued until midway into the third quarter, when Pat Ostapowicz finally started to take charge, and by the end of the quarter, the Jr. Bills finally held the lead, 36-32. The Jr. Bills, without the services of starting point guard Jason LaFlore, finally started to pull away from the Rams and ended up winning 48-43 behind the efforts of Phineas Troy, who had 12 points.

The Jr. Bills looked to build on this

victory in their next game against Hazelwood West, a game which coach Kent Kershenski stated the team "needed to win." But the result of this game seemed in question early in the first quarter, as the Jr. Bills traded baskets with the visiting Wildcats. But the Jr. Bills eventually pulled away in the second quarter, outscoring Hazelwood by eight to take a 24-16 lead at the halfway point.

Coming out of the break, though, the Jr. Bills lacked the intensity that they showed earlier in the game. They seemed stagnant and without purpose, and while

not necessarily allowing Hazelwood any chance back into the game, the Jr. Bills never did anything to build upon their lead. Despite their lackluster second half effort, the Jr. Bills emerged victorious, with a 54-42 win.

"They were a pretty weak team, and we didn't play to our expectations, but in the end we came through," concluded junior Andy Lowes.

However,

there was little time to perfect the flaws shown against Hazelwood, as last Friday the Jr. Bills traveled out Highway 44 to face the first part of the MCC's Lindbergh contingent, Vianney. At a time when the Jr. Bills have been less than hot, Vianney

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Andy Lowes pulls up during a recent practice.

Busiebills continue on the road to State

Chris Wojcicki
Reporter

On Jan. 10, the hockey team faced the CBC Cadets. While they played strongly against the top-ranked Cadets, the Jr. Bills were unable to win.

Five minutes into the game, junior Matt Pijut banged home a rebound from a Tim Mudd slapshot, for an early lead. CBC netted two goals before the period ended, though. Pijut then tied the game with another rebound from yet another Tim Mudd slapshot. It was not until the middle of the third period that CBC took their final lead, finalizing the game at 4-2 after an empty-netter.

The following Thursday, the Jr. Bills faced Kirkwood. This game went 30 minutes before the team woke up. The Puckbills allowed four unanswered goals until the closing minutes of the second

period, when Mudd one-timed a pass from junior Brad Naert into the back of the net. The scoring then came to life, as the team managed to score four goals in the first five minutes of the third period. Phil Abram, and juniors Kyle Butler, Mike Tangaro, and Pijut scored the Jr. Bills' goals. However, Kirkwood was able to tie the game before they went home, leaving with a 5-5 tie.

The next two games were Jr. Bill blowouts; they dominated their opponents by a combined score of 21-2.

In the first game, after an opening goal from Derek Winters, St. Mary's managed to take a 2-1 lead, which they carried into the second period. In the second period Mudd scored the first two goals, regaining the Jr. Bill lead. Pijut put away a shorthanded goal before Mudd completed his single-period hat trick. Junior Dane Moody opened the third period by deflecting a Derek Winters slapshot

into the net. Junior Colin Dowling then netted his first goal of the season. Pijut followed, scoring his second goal of the game before Abram, and sophomores Tom DiFranco, and Larry Howe completed the game's scoring.

Against Althoff, the Crusaders' weak goaltending showed as the Jr. Bills scored three goals on long rebounds in the first period from Howe, Tangaro, and Abram.

Pijut opened the second period scoring and Howe soon completed a hat trick, scoring two consecutive goals.

The opening minutes of the third period saw Paul LaMartina ejected from the game on a butt-ending call. Butler took advantage of the fact that there were only nine skaters on the ice, scoring a shorthanded goal. Tangaro later completed his own hat trick before the game ended with a 10-0 shutout for goalie Andy Wolterman and the Jr. Bills.

Backstrokebills smite and burn MCC rivals

Michael Leuchtman
Reporter

The Swimbills' first loss back on Jan. 7 awakened in them a ferocious beast unable to be stopped by anyone or anything. Since then, neither Griffins, Spartans, nor Cadets have been able to derail the Jr. Bills' state-bound freight train. In their past three meets, the Turbobills have outscored their opponents by an impressive combined total of 376 to 180. As if this score were not impressive enough, all three teams were major competitors because each belongs to the Jr. Bills' MCC division.

This past Friday at Forest Park Community College, the Fishbills looked for revenge after their first loss, and the Vianney Griffins were their first victim. The Jr. Bills swam circles around the winged creatures, winning the meet by a final of 133-53.

"It was a big moral comeback for our team after that first loss to get back

on track," said captain Nic Rottler. "The team needed a crushing victory to prove we still got what it takes to get the job done."

Before the meet was over, the team qualified swimmers in a total of eight events for the state final. Captain Kevin McEvoy said, "The moral support of the team was definitely a key to the numerous state qualifying times. You might qualify individually but you get there by working and sticking together."

The Jr. Bills' next win came as an unexpected punishment for a usually top-notch team. The DeSmet Spartans didn't know what hit them after the Sharkbills commanded the meet at Forest Park Community College on Jan. 21 by winning 122-63.

"Just beating DeSmet would have been great, but we absolutely ripped them apart. We practically doubled their score," said Patrick Slaughter. "They are always a top team in the state and we spanked them good."

Junior Kurt Doll said, "We had our

good lineup in, beat their key guys, and won our key races."

The team had multiple best times and boasted an impressive list of qualifying state times to show for the meet. Swimmers qualified in the 200 medley and freestyle relays, the 400 freestyle relay, in each of the 200 freestyle, the 200 individual medley, and the 100 freestyle.

The Jr. Bills also qualified two out of three swimmers in each of the following events: 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke and the 100 breaststroke.

If you do the math, this adds up to a whopping total of 12 qualifications, proof of the capabilities of the team and the winning effort put forth for the crucial meet.

The Bubblebills' third consecutive win came this past Wednesday, Jan. 22, against the CBC Cadets in a meet originally scheduled against Mehlville. Because of the inclement weather in the afternoon, the meet, which had been changed to a tri-meet, was changed back
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Remingtonbills hit bullseyes, stay undefeated

Kevin Gentsch
Reporter

Last week was a busy one for the rifle team. Despite semester exams and senior project, the Riflebills had three matches in eight days. The Missouri State Junior Olympic Rifle Championships for both three-position smallbore and international (standing) air rifle were held at SLUH on Jan. 11 and 12. This was the qualifying match for the National Junior Olympics, which are held in April at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

For this match, smallbore was shot on a target slightly more difficult than the normal international target.

Super-sophomore Kevin Witbrodt placed first among Jr. Bills with an 1117 out of 1200, a score unheard of for a sophomore. Scott Isaak and Adam Hilkenkamp shot an 1106 and 1100,

respectively. Witbrodt, Isaak, and Hilkenkamp qualified automatically to attend the Junior Olympics in smallbore. Juniors Andrew Hrdlicka (1096) and Chris Seals (1094) shot strong scores, and may be selected in late February as at-large qualifiers. Captain Isaak won the air rifle portion of the match with a 568 out of 600. Junior Kevin Gentsch came in third in air rifle with a 553. Isaak qualified automatically, and Gentsch may be selected as an at-large qualifier.

Last Wednesday, Jan. 15, after exams, the Riflebills traveled to Mexico, Mo., to shoot against Missouri Military Academy. As usual, they came out on top. The varsity bested Mo-Mil's score of 1034 with an 1107 out of 1200. The varsity was led by Isaak, Witbrodt, and Hrdlicka, who shot scores of 283, 279, and 276 out of 300, respectively. The JV, led by Gentsch (276), cruised to a victory with a 1023 to the Academy's 942.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, the Riflebills traveled to Highland, Ill., for the NRA four-position sectional in which national ranking is determined. The team hoped to improve on last year's national third-place finish. The varsity team shot a 1551 out of 1600, breaking the two-year old record by three points. The JV team shot one point above last year's varsity score with a 1526.

Two underclassmen had remarkable performances. Witbrodt won the match, shooting a 392 out of 400. He commented that "our top five shooters were all capable of winning this match; it just came down to me having a great day."

Also, freshman Patrick Zelaya shot an unbelievable 379, a score normally shot by sophomores or juniors.

It's a lot of numbers, but what it translates to is three matches of excellent shooting by a strong team very deep in underclassman talent.

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Grapplebills continue tournament success

Mike Smallwood
Reporter

As the schedule of weekend tournaments began two weeks ago at Vianney, the Wrestlingbills looked ready to take on their competition. Teams at the Vianney Tournament included Northwest, CBC, DeSmet, Fox, and Columbia-Hickman, making up what coach Tim Curdt referred to as "one of the toughest tournaments in the state."

Rob Nahlik (119) had an impressive victory in the first round with a pin at 1:41. In his semifinal match, Nahlik had several chances to pin his opponent. He made that pin with only eight seconds left in the match to earn himself a first place finals match.

Nahlik had an excellent first period in his finals match at Vianney—escaping from his opponent and then getting a

takedown and a nearfall of his own. His opponent made a comeback and pushed the match into overtime, but Nahlik refused to let this match slip away and immediately pounced at his opponent, getting a takedown, a sudden-death victory, and a first place medal.

Said Curdt of Nahlik's championship victory, "He has got to get used to winning in the championships...The attitude and prestige that comes with such wins will do him well at state, where one just can't be impressed to be there."

Also having an impressive meet was Chris Wagnitz (152). After beating his competition in the quarter- and semifinals, he faced in the finals a DeSmet wrestler who had previously defeated him. After getting a quick escape at the beginning of the second period, the DeSmet wrestler got a quick takedown to pull within one point of Wagnitz. However,

during the third period, Wagnitz picked up two more nearfall points and a 5-2 win to earn first place.

John Stathopoulos (275) had to take the longer road to his third-place finals match after a disappointing semifinal loss. He had no problem recovering and winning his wrestleback match, slamming his opponent to the mat and putting him in a half-nelson for the pin and the third place victory.

This past weekend, the team faced more competition at the Rockwood Summit Tournament. During this tournament, those who performed strongly at Vianney were able to "bring along more of the team to those final rounds," as Curdt said they would have to do if the team wanted to have success as a whole.

The entire team performed more solidly at every weight class. Sophomore Jeremy Bledsoe (103) started the day off

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Racquetbills smoke foes at Winter Rollout

Chris Guilfoxy
Reporter

Last weekend, the racquetball team competed in the annual Winter Rollout Tournament at Concord Sports Complex. Because of the individual and team competition, this tournament is a good preparation for the state tournament, which will be held on Feb. 1. Scattered throughout five divisions of rankings, the Racquetbills faced opponents both old and new.

Scoring in the brackets depended upon how far a player advanced in his bracket. Players received a certain number of points for each win and the points accrued to a team total. The Racquetbills conquered their competition with 705 points, 110 points greater than second place DeSmet's 595.

A high level of play and strong consistency was the key in the Jr. Bills' victory at the Rollout. With three first places and one second place in the top three brackets, the Winanotherturneybills have

their success down to a science.

In the top bracket, junior Phil Mathews captured first place overall with a consistent game and an uncanny ability to use his head. Mathews was so on top of his game that he even dove once, a rarity for him. By defeating Kirkwood's number-one seed, Clayton Reeves, in the final round, Mathews proved that the state tournament in two weeks will be exciting.

Of the team's success in the tournament, Mathews said, "If the team keeps playing as consistently as (we) did on Saturday, we have a sure shot at a repeat for State."

Other keys for the win came from junior Tom Carrow and doubles player Jon Mills, who took first and second, respectively, in the second division. Carrow, who was seeded first in his division, played at the same level for which he has always been known. After easily defeating his opponents from Ladue, Kirkwood, and DeSmet,

Carrow faced Mills in the finals, which turned out to be the hardest match of the day. After a mediocre performance in the first game, Carrow pulled out the win with a 11-7, 11-3 victory.

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After scoring a point, Jon Mills and Tony Sneed share the racquetball equivalent of the high five.

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has not mirrored their results, and came into the game one of the hottest teams in the area. As head coach John Ross said, "Vianney is one of the best teams we will see all season."

Despite the high expectations, the Jr. Bills kept the game close in the first quarter, clinging to a two point deficit at quarter's end. But the team did not take any of its competitiveness in the first quarter into the second, and Vianney started to put the Jr. Bills out of reach, taking a half-time lead of 37-25. This second quarter onslaught was never countered by the Jr. Bills, and the game ended with a 69-58 loss at the hands of the Golden Griffins.

"We didn't adjust well; we fouled a

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into a dual meet against the other opponent. CBC would be the ones the Jr. Bills freight train fueled over.

Almost matching DeSmet's final score against the Jr. Bills, the Cadets lost with a final score of 121-64. The meet mimicked the DeSmet and Vianney wins in that it was another impressive showing of Jr. Bill talent with many State times. The team had qualifications by the 200 medley relay, sophomore Tim Heafner in the 50 freestyle, Tom Heafner in the 100 butterfly, junior Gabe Toennies in the 100 freestyle, and freshman Wes Going in the 100 backstroke and the 200 freestyle relay.

The meet was the last scheduled home meet of the season for the Jr. Bills. All the rest of the competitions will be away until the final state dance in St. Peters.

Head coach Fritz Long admires the team's great success in the past three home meets. While all wins are wonderful for the team, "beating MCC teams is always sweeter," said Long.

After the CBC meet, Knapp taunted the Speedobills' biggest supposed competition, saying, "Bring on Chaminade."

lot; we didn't hit our free throws," said Ross. He continued, "Vianney had really good balance and hit tough shots."

Overall, the game was never out of the striking distance of a Jr. Bills run, although one was never made. So while the game wasn't a total loss, the Jr. Bills needed to retool for their matchup with Lindbergh's other (and probably better) half, the metro area's number one-ranked team Chaminade.

The Jr. Bills came out smoking in the first quarter, and led by Troy and Ostapowicz, took a one point lead at the end of the first quarter. The Jr. Bills stayed strong throughout the half, and with the help of their 3-2 zone defense, trailed the Flyers/Red Devils 27-26 at the end of the half.

They kept their intensity up through

Two Soccerbills named to All-State

Pat Meek
Core Staff

On Dec. 17, two Jr. Bill soccer players were named onto the All-State soccer team: Patrick Ferrell and Adam Twellman. Twellman, a team leader this season, helped the Jr. Bills to a third place finish in the state tournament, ending the season with 20 goals and 14 assists.

"Adam was a dominant force on the team," said head coach Charlie Martel.

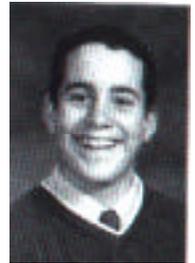


Pat Ferrell

"He was always able to score the big goals."

The other selection to the All-State team was Ferrell, who was a devastating defender throughout the season. Ferrell's amazing speed set him apart from the rest of the field.

"He was one of the fastest players I have ever coached," said Martel. "Having Pat on the field was like having an extra man on the field."



Adam Twellman

FATHER-SON BANQUET

Junior Billiken fathers and sons will once again celebrate together at SLUH's Father-Son Banquet, featuring guest speaker Wayne Hagin, 46, the new Cardinals Radio announcer for KMOX.

Hagin started his career in the major leagues in 1981 with the Oakland Athletics, and was a member of the San Francisco Giants and Chicago White Sox broadcast teams. Before Hagin came to St. Louis, he worked as the lead broadcaster for the Colorado Rockies since the team began to play in 1993.

This social evening will spotlight the Jr. Bills' very own Jazz Band III and features a tempting menu which includes New York sirloin steak. The annual event takes place on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 6p.m. in the Millenium Hotel of St. Louis in the Grand Ballroom. Typically, it sells out each year, so students are encouraged to purchase tickets as soon as possible before the deadline at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Tickets are available at the switchboard. —Compiled by Dave Schwarz

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with a loss but came back in the last three rounds with three straight pins to eventually earn fourth place. Junior Nick Born (125) had a stronger showing, dominating much of his competition as he has done all season.

“(Born) has started finishing off all of his opponents like he had shown he can do with so many other opponents throughout the season,” commented Curdt.

Pete Mahoney (135) has consistently improved with every match and had several very close matches that could have gone either way. These “key matches,” as Curdt called them, are on the verge of going Mahoney’s direction.

Justin Clerc (140) showed how well he could wrestle in this up and down season for him. The captain won by pin in his first match and 7-3 in a close second match. He would finish second in the tournament to a wrestler from Northwest who, as Curdt put it, “only will help us prepare for the level of competition at state...(Clerc) has chosen the right time of the season to start peaking.”

Junior Mike Smith (145), coming off a disappointing previous tournament, had a much-improved showing and wrestled as he expected to all season. With two pins, he was kept out of the first place match by one two-point loss. He also claimed fourth place in his final round match.

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However, all hats should go off to Jon Mills, who received second place in the tournament. Because he plays doubles (and this tournament was only a singles tournament), Mills was not seeded well. However, Mills consistently drove the ball hard, gave forth a brilliant effort, and eventually knocked off the second-seeded DeSmet player.

Mills noted, “It was great to hit shots that (I don’t) normally get to shoot. It was liberating.”

John Kister (171) and junior Greg Leibach (189) earned the team several points and had dominating matches of their own. Additionally, sophomore David Caldwell (215) made a very impressive varsity debut at this tournament. He pinned his first opponent at 2:58 and then escaped his state-qualifying opponent in the last moments of the match to earn the point for an 8-7 win. Also he faced off against another state qualifier but lost 2-1 despite intensive last-period efforts.

“He wrestled some great matches. He is capable of wrestling with anyone once he gets some more experience,” said Curdt.

Wagnitz again had a strong showing. An early round loss unfortunately sent him to the third place finals, where he had to outlast his Summit opponent. With the score tied 0-0 going into the third period, Wagnitz had his exhausted opponent in the perfect position. He escaped the grasps of his opponent and then attacked for a takedown that took his opponent straight to his back to earn nearfall points. The Summit wrestler struggled against the constant efforts of Wagnitz to save himself from the pin, but lost to Wagnitz 6-0.

Stathopulos rolled over his competition in the first few rounds with three consecutive pins in less than thirty seconds. He also made another pin at 2:48 in the fourth round. His performance earned him a first place match against Marco

Povich of Mehlville. Stathopulos wrestled a “better style than he had in the past” and was much more patient against the state-placer. However, an unfortunate slip in the second period gave Povich the opportunity he needed against Stathopulos’ calm yet aggressive style, and Stathopulos lost, finishing second in the tournament.

The only first place finisher the team had, once again, was Nahlik. He made a third period comeback in his fifth round match with an escape followed by a takedown to tie the score. Nahlik worked to turn his opponent and was able to get two points nearfall and an 8-6 victory. Nahlik again had a close match in the finals but took over in the third period with a reversal and then a pin at 5:52.

Overall, the team finished second to Northwest, scoring well in front of the third place team. The team looks for more tournament action this Friday and Saturday at the grueling sixteen-team MICDS Tournament.

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RACQUETBILLS DEFEAT DESMET 5-2; 7-0 ON SEASON

The Racquetbills rolled out another win last night against DeSmet with a 5-2 victory. This being their hardest match so far in the season, the competition of DeSmet’s guns was a wake-up call to some Jr. Bills.

Simply put by doubles player Tony Sneed, “We have a lot of strong players on our team. This win should show that we have what it takes to take it to state, baby.”

With break-out wins by junior Phil Mathews and Chris Guilfooy against DeSmet, the Top Seed Tournament this weekend will surely be a day of strong play and anticipation for state.

Sophomore Eric Durban was the final key to the Jr. Bills’ success with his play in the JV bracket. As top seed of junior varsity, Durban has needed to step up to be a leader for his JV team this year. By taking first place in the junior varsity bracket, Durban bolstered his role.

The Racquetbills hope to continue rolling with the Top-Seed Tournament this weekend, which is a mini-state for the top three seeds. The season concludes on Feb. 1 at Concord for the state tournament.

by Nick Odem

Calendar

Jan. 24 - Jan. 31

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Schedule R

All-State Chorus & Band Concerts thru 1/25

Fresh/Soph/Junior Movie Trivia

V/B BB @CBC @ 7/5:30pm

C-White BB vs. Westminster @ 4:30pm

V SW @ Cape Central @ 5pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

V WR @ MICDS @ 9am

V HOC vs. DeSmet @ Affton @ 8:45pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Schedule R

Fresh/Soph/Junior Movie Trivia

V SW @ Chaminade @ 4pm

V/JV/C WR vs. Pattonville @ 6pm

Onion Rings & Belifino Pizza

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Schedule R

Seniors return from Project

Junior Class Mtg. @ AP

V/B BB vs. St. Mary's @ 6/4:3pm

V HOC @ Webster @ 7pm

Bosco Sticks & Toasted Ravioli

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Schedule M

Fresh. English Tutorial

Sr. Project Prayer Service

V/JV/C WR vs. DeSmet @ 6pm

Pizza Sticks & Wings

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Schedule R

Fresh/Soph/Junior Movie Trivia

Pretzels & Pizza

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

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All Star Faculty vs. Fresh. @ AP

V/B BB vs. Jeff City @ 7/5:30pm

V HOC vs. Vianney @ Affton @ 8pm

Seasoned Fries & Pizza

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page. Matt Angrisani's sketch of a woman's face is one of "the best things in the magazine," according to Moran.

Senior Matt Hoffman was in charge of laying out the magazine. His precise hands and gleeful, elvish eyes ensured the survival of *Sisyphus* and its never-ending tradition of quality and readability.

Junior Brian Kane will soon post the issue on the *Sisyphus* website, which can be accessed from SLUH's home website, providing worldwide exposure to the often-overlooked literary talents of today's high school students.

Moderators Moran and Frank Kovarik guided the *Sisyphus* staff with precision. Moran's 15 years' experience and avuncular discipline, along with Kovarik's light-hearted humor and insightful commentary, helped steer the magazine into literary success. Moran believes that the variety of content gives the magazine an exciting mix, and he likes the balance that its blend provides.

"Most issues are good for either their good poetry or their good fiction," Moran said, "and this issue is remarkable for both."

The Winter '03 issue of *Sisyphus* first enters the general population's hands during lunch and activity period next Wednesday at the divine price of 25 cents, a steaming mug of hot chocolate warming a cold January's chill.

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of drying, most of which was done by about 20 blowers and humidifiers left running throughout the days. The total amount of water picked up reached to about 6000 gallons, at a cost of nearly \$9000.

Ahern Fire Protection was called in to replace the broken sprinkler and to take care of the mechanical sprinkler problems.

Much of the 6000 gallons of water could have been prevented from falling if the school would have turned on a main drain that leads back to the city main. Turning on the main would have decreased the pressure in the pipes and prevented water from escaping through the spout.

"You can also open up the main drain," said Kai Nickel, a representative for the company, "which will drain down the system to prevent water from coming out; that was never turned until we got there."

The amount of water discharged was so huge in part because it took the staff 55 minutes to find the valve.

Ahern representative John Schotz explained that the water draining process "depends on the water pressure." According to Schotz, judging by the size of the pipes, about 5.6 gallons of water per foot of pipe, multiplied by the circumference of the spout (roughly one inch),

multiplied by the square root of the average water pressure (about 100 pounds), there should have been an average of 56 gallons of water falling per minute. This rough estimate suggests that 3080 gallons of water fell during the school's search for the valve, nearly half of the estimated total.

Nickel said the water in the sprinklers "is tied into the city main, and (they) had to shut off the valve." As for refilling the sprinkler system, Nickel said, "We replaced the sprinkler and then turned the valve back on, which filled the sprinklers with water ready to go."

Facilities director Patrick Zarrick said, "It was fortunate that (the incident) fell on exam week." He added, "With no classes, the (cleanup) machines did not interfere."

Despite the cost of cleanup in these tight budget times, Principal Mary Schenkenberg said, "There is money for emergencies such as this."

Zarrick added, "My guess is that nothing in the budget will be cut that will affect the students."

Nothing has yet been decided about disciplinary action to be taken against the students involved in the incident, although Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark said, "There will be some consequences." He later added, "There is a good chance that they have suffered enough."