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# Prep News

*"If nothing else, value the truth"*

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## Plans set for September 11 commemoration

*Sheridan: "Everyone has to get past September 11 and learn from it"*

**Matt Hoffman**  
Editor in Chief

Saint Louis University High will commemorate Sept. 11 through the Mass of the Holy Spirit, letters to Xavier High in New York City, and a display of pictures and reflections from the day of the attack. In addition, some teachers will remember the event privately in their classes.

"We want to commemorate (Sept. 11) in various ways, and one of the ways is to bring back images and reflections on the day," said history teacher Jeff Harrison. S.J. Harrison has been compiling images

and quotes from newspapers since Sept. 11 and is making two large posters to hang in the library. One of the posters features the destruction the attack caused and the other focuses on the clean-up effort.

"I think it all hit us in such a rush at the time and then it was kind of gone," said Harrison of the effects of the attacks.

Harrison has also asked students to write reflections to accompany the posters. Harrison will invite students to "look back at some of the things of the actual day and reactions to it." Harrison is trying to avoid repetitive reflections, and is not sure how many will be used.

While Harrison is asking students to

write reflections to remember the past, President Paul Sheridan, S.J., is asking that students write letters to current students of Xavier High School in New York City. Xavier lost 60 alumni, an administrator's son, and parents of students.

"Instead of scattering letters all over New York, I thought, 'Let's just adopt our brother school,'" said Sheridan.

The World Trade Center is only about two miles away from Xavier High, and, while the students probably did not see the towers fall, they definitely encountered debris. Sheridan is optimistic about

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## Homeroom rep roles defined for '02 - '03

**Denis Agniel**  
Assistant Editor

Thanks to this summer's Leadership sub-committee, this year's homeroom representatives' roles will be more clearly defined, with the newly-created Social and Intramural representative and the Service and Pastoral representative. As always, each homeroom will have two reps, but now they have more clearly-defined responsibilities.

On Sept. 16 and 17, each of the sophomore, junior, and senior homerooms will elect its homeroom representatives.

The freshmen will not yet elect reps because "they don't know who would be

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## Exam time extension proposed

**Brian Kane**  
Core Staff

This year, SLUH students may be given the chance for more time to take their exams, as Administration and faculty members have been discussing making exam periods one and a half hours long.

In the spring of 2002, the Guidance Department made a proposal to alter the current system for extended time exams. If the proposal were to take effect, all students would be given an hour and a half to complete their exams. However, the exams themselves would not be lengthened. Also, students would be able to leave the testing room after the regular hour had passed.

Counselor Dave Mouldon proposed the change due to concerns with the current extended time setup. He said the extended time room is "a pretty distract-

ing place" due to overcrowding, noise in the halls, and announcements over the PA. Mouldon added, "I think there are a lot of students who could benefit from a little extra time to think things through and double-check their work.... It's not a punitive thing against the extended time kids."

Said Principal Mary Schenkenberg, "The hope would be that it would create a less rushed testing situation and that extended time students wouldn't have to be singled out."

Schenkenberg brought up one concern with the new plan, saying, "It would be dependent on teachers really writing a one-hour exam."

Mouldon does not foresee major problems with lengthened exams, saying, "It's a trust issue."

The proposal was discussed in the

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# May revamps sophomore prayer service

*New format focuses on prayerful meditation*

**Patrick Stephens**  
Core Staff

In an effort to share the closeness he has developed with God in his years at Saint Louis University High, and "give back to the SLUH community," Algebra II and Geometry teacher Bill May has taken on the responsibility of leading each sophomore prayer service this year. The format will be a spinoff of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises but not a duplication of them.

At the end of last year, May approached Pastoral director Robert Garavaglia with the idea of changing the format of sophomore prayer services, the purpose being to "provide the sophomores

an opportunity to meditate." Garavaglia thought over the proposal and soon warmed to the idea, saying he is "intrigued by the idea of one person leading all the prayer services for one year...as a journey."

When deciding to share his life experiences and lead prayer services, May chose sophomores to guide because he has taught them throughout his entire high school teaching career and is presently a sophomore homeroom teacher.

But the services aren't just limited to May talking about his closeness to God. In addition, they allow sophomores to meditate and think more critically about their relationship with God. There is an

overall theme that God loves everyone unconditionally, with related ideas connected to that central theme serving as themes for each prayer service. Each service will consist of one to three readings (depending on length) followed by questions for meditation. May said that meditation was a key component, since "silence is very important to prayer."

Although the themes he is concentrating on with the sophomores are some of the themes that appear in the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, May indicated that it would be impossible to duplicate the entire experience in the twelve minutes he has each week. Also, May isn't "certain

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## We want you: Activity Fair

**Tim Friese**  
Reporter

New and old Jr. Bills alike have the opportunity to take in the sights at the annual STUCO Activities Fair this Tuesday, Sept. 10. The Fair will take place at activity period in the Danis Lobby.

The Fair is a gathering of various SLUH clubs interested in spreading their message and boosting membership. Brock Kesterson, STUCO moderator, social studies teacher, and Activities Fair organizer, says that the Activities Fair will "let (students) know what's out there."

Each participating club has one table with a poster provided by STUCO. More than 20 clubs, ranging from *Sisyphus* to the Young Democratic Socialists to Bowling, plan on participating.

Kesterson says that this year's Fair

will "key in on underclassmen involvement" since they are least familiar with the school's club offerings.

Some clubs, like the Outdoor Experience Club, are hoping to boost membership through this year's Fair. Moderator Patrick Zarrick says that the OEC will have descriptions of activities and will show some of their equipment in order to recruit new students. Zarrick remarked, "I always like the Activity Fair."

Other clubs, like the Spanish Club, moderated by Spanish teacher Myriam

Aliste, will just be showing off some of this year's activities instead of finding new members. Aliste said that the Spanish Club's first plans are to organize support for their team in the upcoming foreign language department soccer tournament.

As Zarrick remarked, the Activities Fair promises to be a "cornucopia of captivating clubs."



Grant Menges hangs up posters for the Activity Fair.

## BY THE NUMBERS: BACK TO SCHOOL MIXER

**300** Dance T-shirts sold

**13** T-shirts sold to girls out of dress code

**2600** Approximate attendance of the Millennium Mixer

**2702** Sodas sold by Mr. Merriott to benefit the senior service trip to Honduras

**3** Times Mr. Clark said, "WOW!" upon hearing 2600 people packed into the Gym and theater lobby

**1** Grinding couple broken up by a PN Editor in Chief

## COMMENTARY

### Intellectual curiosity should be valued

**Geoff Brusca**  
Editor

Over the summer, the most common complaint I heard from SLUH students was that their summer reading was a terrible and useless burden. Friends and classmates insulted and ignored it because they thought it was unnecessary or inordinately long.

This attitude isn't, however, confined only to the summer. During the year, it's not hard to find someone who thinks the assigned reading is stupid and blows it off. I know many people who brag about not having done their reading and are proud about not being prepared for class. Yet these same people consider themselves good students who have valid opinions.

Some people constantly insult others because they like to read, or want to learn about science or math, or because they participate in what are seen as unpopular or dorkish clubs. Kids are often mocked for wanting to learn outside of school or for enjoying academics.

I'm surprised by this streak of anti-intellectualism at SLUH. When I first came here, I was expecting to find that everyone else had the same desire to learn that I did. I'm often afraid to raise my hand in class to talk about the books I've read because I know people make fun of what I say, often while I'm talking. I can remember when I was a freshman and people would openly laugh when I used a word they hadn't heard. People still do. And still more attack others who mention what they've learned or find interesting, which often furthers discussion. Kids are badgered to participate less and act like they know less—at a school.

If pride in SLUH is based on the education it provides and the

class of people it produces, then the pride itself is based on the academic system and the scholarship this school is built to encourage. Getting accepted to SLUH is seen by many as a badge of intelligence, a mark of intellectual ability.

Therefore, anti-intellectualism is counter to any feelings of pride we may have for what we do here. Why would you want to go to a school known for its education if you berate those who want to learn? What's the purpose in affiliating yourself with such a great tradition of learning if you only encourage people not to?

But the effects of anti-intellectualism go beyond just our school and schoolwork. By not reading or thinking, you close yourself off to incredible expressions of humanity and pools of human thought. You could forget to ask the questions that define us or consider the beauty of our lives. You could forget to enjoy a world thousands of times deeper, more stimulating, and more engrossing than what is merely obvious. By not seeking to learn about math, science, history, and other cultures, you deny the world around you and alienate yourself from everything but your homogenized bubble. You damn yourself to a universe where you only understand you, and connection with anyone else on a significant level is all but impossible.

To be proud of not trying or wanting to know is to wallow in ignorance; it's to accept a subordinate role in the world simply because the alternative isn't cool enough. It's to be ruled by a culture which is determined by what is popular and superficial.

As SLUH students, we should be encouraging an open environment for learning. It should be our goal to ensure that no student is ever afraid to participate in or enjoy it. Otherwise, what are we doing here?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Freshmen should embrace opportunities for fun at SLUH

To the Editor:

As I walk down freshman hallway, I can't help but be reminded of all the good times that SLUH has given me. I can't believe I am a senior. People tell you high school will fly by, but you can't believe them because this week seems like an eternity with three hours of homework a night, five tests, play practice, CSP, volleyball practice, club meetings, work, and attending SLUH games. But high school does fly by.

Before I know it, I am going to be a freshman again with those same feelings of excitement, doubts, and fears I had when I came to SLUH. I remember how it feels to be a freshman; I know how big the seniors looked with their facial hair and how cool they were.

If there is one piece of advice I can give to freshmen, it is do SOMETHING, ANYTHING. I know you hear this advice from Fr. Sheridan, Dr. Schenkenberg, your homeroom teachers, and

other teachers. They are right on. Don't think you are the only freshman who has ever been afraid to join a club or go to a soccer game.

When I talk to people about SLUH, the students who don't like it and can't wait to leave or have already left are those students who aren't involved. They come to school at 7:45 and leave at 3:10. When you get involved in activities it is extremely rewarding and it makes SLUH more than the great academic place it is. It makes it more than hours of homework and tests. You begin relationships with people that you will know for the rest of your lives. You make memories that will last the rest of your lives.

SLUH has so many ways to get involved, and doing so will make your experience ten times better, I guarantee it. Don't think that you can't get involved because you have too much homework. Homework is important, but not everything at SLUH.

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# Missey, Garavaglia, Ross become fathers

**Brian Fallon**  
Core Staff

During the past few months, a few new members of the SLUH family have been born. These members are the newborn children of SLUH faculty, including the most recent births of Anthony Stephen Garavaglia, Donald Martin Ross,



Steve Missey comforts his two-week-old, Luke.

and Lucas Stephen Missey.

"I feel like I'm being tested to be a more patient and loving person," said pastoral director Rob Garavaglia of being a new father. "I feel like my son is a wonderful gift that I'm not worthy to

have." Garavaglia's son was born on May 12 and is now four months old.

Head basketball coach and math teacher John Ross and his wife had their first child on Aug. 5.

"I almost missed it," said Ross. "I was out on the golf course, and my wife called about six times until I finally checked my messages."

The Rosses' son, Donald, was born five weeks before his Sept. 10 due date. Donald was delivered at St. Luke's Hospital and weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces.

"Because he was so early, (Donald) was kept in a special unit," said Ross.

Donald arrived home two days after Ross's wife did, both very healthy.

English teacher and *Prep News* moderator, Steve Missey and his wife Julie had their first son on Aug. 19 at

St. John's Hospital. Lucas weighed 10 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 23 inches long.

"He is a giant, giant baby," noted Missey, who is delighted to be a new father.

"We're getting more sleep than we probably have a right to," he added.

"Right now, it's really time consuming," noted Ross of being a parent. "You look down at him, and you see his face, and how he's so helpless. It's an amazing feeling that makes you wonder if you can handle it, but you know that you have to."

Concluded Missey, "It's hard because we don't have all the time that we used to. Even though we have no time, it will all work out."

## With Witz gone, Woodworth rec room overseer

**Brian Korbesmeyer**  
Reporter

Although many may have taken the presence of Brother Witz in the SLUH basement for granted, for the first time since 1987 he is not in charge of rec room operations. Ever since Fr. Hagan, the initial rec room supervisor, decided to focus on the Rifle Club, the rec room had been Brother Witz's turf.

However, Witz decided to retire from his duties following knee surgery last spring. The hand-picked replacement for the legend is Fine Arts guru John Woodworth. A SLUH graduate of 1996, Woodworth attended Truman State University from 1996-2001 to pursue studies in Studio Art.

Following his tenure in Kirksville, Woodworth worked as part of the Alum Service Corps last year and was assigned to the SLUH Fine Arts Department. During his first year, his time was focused on art classes, so the added responsibility of the rec room is somewhat of a jump.

However, Woodworth is not concerned despite the expectation that he will be in the rec room every morning from 7 a.m. until homeroom, during activity period, and after school. When asked if he

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## Colombian exchange commences

**Tom Queathem**  
Reporter

The SLUH community welcomes visitor Juan Manuel Jojoa, who comes to SLUH from Barranquilla, Colombia, as part of the foreign exchange program. Jojoa will remain at SLUH for the first semester and leave in time to enjoy Christmas with his family.

Spanish teacher Charlie Merriott started the exchange four years ago, and said, "It has been a real successful program."

Merriott said, "The goal of the program is to improve (the students') English by total immersion into the American culture." Jojoa's introduction to Ameri-

can culture continues into his schooling, as he is taking five classes: biology, English, algebra, theology, and history.

The two breaks that Jojoa has during the day are good because, "after too much English the mind just shuts down," Merriott said.

While in St. Louis, Jojoa will live with junior Tim Friese and his family and participate in activities they have set up, such as attending a baseball game.

Jojoa had a bit of trouble just getting into the United States, not receiving his visa until the third attempt. This delay gave him only two days to prepare for the beginning of the school year. After this rocky start, though, Mr. Merriott said, "[he] has adjusted extremely well."

# Europe trip brings fun, learning—mostly fun

**Joel Koehneman**  
Reporter

Every year students wonder what would be the best way to spend their summer. Some students get jobs, and others just take the summer off. But twenty-five students decided spending twenty-five days in Europe was their best option.

The students spent the first week of the trip carving their way through Switzerland, Austria, and Germany at a rapid pace. They worked their way to Italy, "which was the country I was most interested in visiting," said senior Kevin McEvoy.

When in Rome, everyone wanted to see the Colosseum, so after a six-hour tour of one of the world's most historic cities, the students went to the Colosseum. Once they walked into the Colosseum, the stu-



dents wasted no time in taking pictures of others doing their best to reenact scenes from the motion picture *Gladiator* on its floor.

After the students took their fill of photos, they left the Colosseum to explore the ancient city of Rome. That night, after the students ate dinner, they convened outside the train station and got ready for a night many said they will never forget.

While many people were afraid to travel after Sept. 11, the airplane flight was not the scariest method of transportation used by the students. Students packed on the night train from Rome to Nice. During the ride, some "rail gypsies" as senior Derek Winters put it, boarded the train and successfully broke into the students' compartments. "We were just lucky that we had people awake when they came into our

room," said McEvoy.

However, not everyone in SLUH's group was so fortunate. Senior Dan Mooney had his backpack stolen. The thieves took off with about the equivalent of \$150, but Mooney expects to be compensated by his insurance. "That was not the worst part though," he said. "It was how much worrying I went through and the inconvenience." After filing his insurance, the trip continued into France.

The students visited Paris on the last three days of the trip, and they wanted to make the most of their time. A group of seniors, led by Winters, took a marathon tour of Paris in one day. "I tried to see everything," Winters said, "I might not be able to do this ever again." The day started off with students visiting Jim Morrison's grave at 7:30 a.m. and ended with a visit to the Eiffel Tower at 11:00 p.m.

While it seems as if the Travelbills only had fun and excitement, French teacher and chaperone Jennifer Crespin commented that, "The trip is beneficial because it exposes kids to a culture they have never experienced."

## IGGY

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the sophomores would be ready for anything that intense anyway," considering the Spiritual Exercises are a thirty day-event, most of which is dedicated to isolated meditation.

Garavaglia loves the idea of a variation to the prayer services. He likes May's initiative because typically there is a tendency to talk during prayer services; starting meditation will give sophomores "more opportunities to participate and be

## CHALK

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plans on introducing any policy changes within the rec room, Woodworth replied, "A lot of tradition was created here by Brother Witz, [and I don't know] how I could change that." One thing that is nearly impossible to match is Brother Witz's dedication to the rec room, as well as his sixth sense about when a nickel is owed to his black lock box. Nevertheless, Woodworth is up for the challenge, sar-

engaged...in prayer, song, meditation, and writing." In regards to the meditation being a permanent practice, May says, "I'm willing to do it as long as Mr. Garavaglia is willing to let me do it," although it will need to be refined.

As it stands now, the other classes won't have any variation from their weekly services. However, theology teacher Sciuto has taken over the freshman prayer services with select faculty members leading the first freshmen prayer services. For juniors and seniors, Garavaglia asks fac-

castically remarking, "I will just yell a lot."



ulty members or students whom he thinks will have a unique message to lead a service and encourages people to talk with them if they have any new ideas or would like to lead one.

## MCCARTHY

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Think about it, do you want to have memories of good times? Memories of pep rallies and Fr. Harrison and Mr. McCarthy shaving their heads, or of you and your friends painting yourselves blue and going crazy at football games, or of your baseball team winning the MCC, or of you and your friends showing off your rings at the Junior Ring Dance? At your thirty-year reunion you will talk to your friends about that great SLUH vs. Parkway South football game and say you were there. I love every bit of this place and I want everyone to take advantage of the great opportunity they have and GET INVOLVED.

Sincerely,

Matt McCarthy '03

# Jr. Bills head to see the sights, beauty of Russia

**Tim Piechowski**  
Sports Editor

“The little brother in the family moved to live with his grandma for three weeks while I lived in his room,” said Joe Thomas, a member of the group of Saint Louis U. High students who participated in a summer exchange in St. Petersburg.

This year marked the fourth year SLUH students have spent part of their summer in St. Petersburg for an exchange program with the St. Petersburg Physical Technical School. The eight students who attended were Nick Engle, Dan McDougal, Scott Cunningham, Jamie Stroble, Geoff Brusca, Tim Piechowski, Tim Kenny, and Joe Thomas. In the exchange, SLUH students attend school, visit important sights, and live with Russian families for a three-week period.

“(The exchange) offers students the opportunity to be immersed in the language and to understand why (Russians) live the way they do,” Russian teacher Robert Chura said.

Monday through Friday the group

attended school from nine to twelve. Following a short lunch the group toured through St. Petersburg.

“Peterhof was my favorite place in St. Petersburg. It gave us a chance to walk around and experience Russia on our own,” Engle said.

Peterhof was the summer palace of Peter the Great. The palace is well known for the water fountains on its grounds, and its grand canal entranceway.

“I loved walking Nevskii Prospect,” Stroble said. On the Prospect, students found several cool souvenirs to bring home. CDs and video games were popular among the group, as pirated CDs cost a mere 70 rubles, or \$2.30. Other students found more traditional items such as Matriowska dolls (which unscrew with smaller dolls under the first doll) and hats from the Soviet era. On the weekends, host families were given the opportunity to bring their guests wherever they wished.

“When I went to the family’s *dacha* (summer cabin) I played fetch with the family’s dog on the Gulf of Finland,” Stroble said. Other students were taken by

their host families to see the White Nights of St. Petersburg, where they watched the harbor city’s bridges rising as the sun went down at three in the morning.

Near the end of their three-week stay in Russia, the SLUH contingent went on a two-day trip to Moscow by overnight train. In Moscow students saw a circus and the Russian National World War II history museum, and bought souvenirs in a massive souvenir park.

Many students enjoyed their final night with their host families.

“The last night we had a bigger dinner than normal with the whole family. They gave me an army hat, a fur hat, some old rubles, and some vodka and chocolates for my parents,” Engle said.

“You Russify a bit,” said Chura of the trip on the whole. He continued, “You go and experience things that are typical of their culture, and it rubs off on you.”

Students from St. Petersburg will be coming to St. Louis in January to complete the exchange.

## REPRESENT

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best for the job (this early in their freshman year),” said Student Council moderator Brock Kesterson.

This year, each homeroom will showcase two reps with clearly defined duties: one will undertake the responsibilities of the Social and Intramural rep, and the other the Service and Pastoral duties.

“We’re going to give them duties that are more specific,” stated Kesterson, “so they can actually have something to do.”

Whereas last year the homeroom reps each shared the same job—responsible only for “their dances and the Bosnian drive,” according to Kesterson—this year the reps will assume much different positions with broader responsibilities. Kesterson explained that he wanted to make sure that the reps become “more involved...and

more accountable.”

The Social and Intramural rep will help with dances and mixers, coordinate intramurals with history teacher Dave Barton, work with Social Commissioner Matt Arnold and other class reps, raise school spirit in the homeroom, and help organize rec night.

Arnold plans on using the Social and Intramural rep “to get more input from the people, from the kids (in the homerooms).” He identified these reps as being integral in the planning process for dances. Arnold added that he would rely on them to work mixers and to have meetings with the other class reps to decide themes for dances.

The Service and Pastoral rep is charged with coordinating masses and retreats with Pastoral Commissioner John Barnidge, other class reps, and pastoral director Rob Garavaglia, helping with days of service, and coordinating with the Community Service Program and CSP moderator Sue

Walsh.

Both reps will be expected to help with the Bosnian drive, the Talent Show, and Spring Fling, hold the door for Belly Brigades, attend mandatory STUCO meetings every other week, play an active role in Student Council by bringing suggestions and voicing student concerns/wishes, help with the Cashbah travel raffle, and support their classmates at sporting, theater, and other school events.

“Homeroom reps aren’t going to be sitting in homerooms now and bringing donuts in,” said STUCO President Casey Barrale. “They’re going to get a more hands-on feel to STUCO.”

Kesterson made it clear that the position of homeroom representative “gives the (rep) more leadership responsibility.” But with responsibility come consequences: if the rep does not fulfill his duties, he will be removed.

# State Champ Bills win season opener

**Jon Kim  
Reporter**

Wednesday afternoon, SLUH's Polobills were understandably a little nervous about their first game of the season. The Polobills notched ten goals, going on to defeat the Parkway West Longhorns 10-7. Although the Polobills deftly beat the opposing team, their performance left much to be desired.

In the first quarter, 1:30 into the game, a Longhorn found a hole in the SLUH defense and managed to get open to the goal, forcing senior Cliff Reynolds to foul the player. Aggressively bearing down on the player to prevent a shot, Reynolds was ejected, leaving the SLUH goal open to an easy shot.

With the score 1-0, it was a painful start for the Jr. Bills, but they struck back by slamming the ball into the net. Yet at the end of the quarter, Parkway West

found another way to put it past Reynolds, and the score was 2-1, Parkway West.

In the second quarter, the Polobills came out strong with sophomore Tim Heafner tying the score 2-2 thirty seconds in. Offensively dominating Parkway West, the Polobills were led by senior Bill Dahlmann, who scored three goals. The Jr. Bills outscored Parkway 5-2 in the second quarter.

Coming back from the halftime break, the Turbobills again dominated the pool. About three minutes into the quarter, Reynolds threw a perfect pass to Dahlmann, who caught the arcing pass

while swimming furiously down the pool. Shooting down the left side like a speed

boat, Dahlmann left Parkway West trailing behind, exploding out of the water and pounding the ball into the goal.

Parkway West answered by scoring another goal, only to be one-upped by a brilliant goal by Tommy Heafner.

In the deep end of the pool, junior Colin Tyrrell pushed his way into the 2-meter position, physically dwarfing his guard. Receiving a pass from the wing, Tyrrell twisted, thrashing the water like a shark, and making his opponent foul him. Tommy

see POLO, 10



Cliff Reynolds defends the Jr. Bills' goal.

# Footbills look good in jamboree

**Dan Sinnett  
Reporter**

Instead of dancing the night away last Friday, the SLUH Footbills were hard at work, taking part in a jamboree. The jamboree format amounts to a scrimmage-like atmosphere in which the Gridbills executed eighteen offensive and defensive plays each against Lindbergh and Washington.

SLUH entered the jamboree looking to gain live game experience for certain players while protecting others from injury. Coach Gary Kornfeld saw a big advantage to "hitting somebody new, instead of hitting ourselves."

With the outcome of the jamboree inconsequential, SLUH kept some things in the closet. Quarterback Dossie Jennings only ran twenty-six plays, leaving senior Matt MacArthur the other ten plays. Kornfeld went into the jamboree knowing he was "not going to show a lot" offensively.

Something the Jr. Bills did show offensively was young talent. Sophomore fullback Matt Herzberg scored a short-yardage touchdown and junior tight end

The team believed the jamboree helped them greatly. Senior guard John Niehoff said the jamboree helped the team "see how newcomers will react to game speed," but quickly added that they "won't know

until the real deal against Riverview."

Steve Mathias, who caught three balls at the jamboree, says the day was, "a good learning experience." Mathias's sentiment seemed to be shared by the team.

## PN Nightbeat

### JR. BILLS SUFFER LOSS IN OVERTIME

Thursday night, the Jr. Bills traveled north to Riverview Gardens and came home with a 37-31 overtime loss. Coach Gary Kornfeld called the season opener "a wild, doozy, overtime game." Senior wideout Joe Moellering was Dossie Jennings' favorite target, catching two touchdowns to add to Jennings' two rushing TDs. This offensive production wasn't enough to overcome Riverview Garden's daunting offense. Cornerback Nate McMahill called the game "a tough



Joe Moellering looks on as a Riverview Garden's defender intercepts the ball on the last play of the game. If the pass had been caught, the Jr. Bills would have had the opportunity to take the win. Riverview scored the winning TD on an earlier 8-yard run.

# Pelebills snap St. Mary's in opener

**David Mueller**  
Reporter

The Soccerbills wiped off most of the offseason rust last Tuesday and showed they deserve the number two pre-season ranking from the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* in an impressive 6-1 victory over the St. Mary's Dragons. The Jr. Bills, with an overall dominating performance, scored early and kept coming. The victory came from a blend of ingenuity, skill, and the composure to finish plays.

The Jr. Bills scored in the first six minutes when senior captain Matt Kreikemeier tapped an inspirational back heel to junior John Kornfeld, who kept his nerves at bay to slot the ball past the diving keeper into the side netting.

The squad went on to score three more goals in the first half, including an as-close-to-perfect-as-it-gets deadball struck by Kreikemeier to the head of senior forward Adam Twellman, who expertly placed the ball inside the far post.

## XCers look for redemption in '02

**Patrick Meek and Brian Fallon**  
Core Staff

When most students at SLUH think about what they did during this past summer, they probably think back to relaxing vacations and hours of leisure time. However, for the members of St. Louis U. High's cross country team, summer was all about getting down to business. After a disappointing eighth place finish at last year's State cross country meet, the Harrierbills felt the need for redemption, and that could begin in no other place than summer.

The offseason began after the first week of school with a team camp, which focused the Jr. Bills on the long summer ahead and the important work that needed to be done.

After several weeks of training by themselves, coach Jim Linhares reconvened with the team for a second week of practice in order to get them ready for the team's trip to Winter Park, Colorado for a

"We were really good at finishing," assistant coach Charlie Clark said regarding the offensive explosion.

"The highlight of the evening," said head coach Charlie Martel, "was our individual improvisations." Most of the goals came from the creativity of the mid-fielders and forwards.

"I was pleased with our thought process," said Martel. He went on to stress that "we need to become more consistent...and possess the ball more."

Clark added, "We don't have to be so direct...to be a good team we have to be patient."

Monday, along with solid play starting from the backfield and continuing up to the top, there were standout senior performances. Defender Pat Ferrell shut down St. Mary's top scorer. Utility man Eddie Davis came off the bench to spark the BeckhamBills with multiple scoring opportunities, including a goal. Twellman, along with a two-goal performance, "did

week of high intensity training and team building at high altitude.

"(The trip out to Colorado) definitely helped bring the team together," Drew Noblot, one of this year's captains, said, "When you are together for a week, week and a half, you definitely build a lot of team unity."

On Aug. 12, the Singlebills began their formal summer training with two weeks of intense off-speed running.

This year the SLUH cross country team, which will be led by senior captains Kevin Crean, Kyle Gonnerman, Noblot, and Peter Schaefer, looks for its hard work in the summer to pay off in the long run.

Linhares feels confident in this year's squad but acknowledged that "there are some teams that are ahead of us right now."

Despite that, Crean asserted his confidence in the team: "We are out there to win every time."

The Linharesbills hope to do just that

a great job of holding the ball up top," and made it easy to run the offense, Martel said.

With all the good things that can be expected of this year's team, Martel said, "I am worried (about our high ranking). I do not want the guys to get inflated." This is an understandable concern since the team is ranked number two in the city, and also has a number seventeen ranking in the national polls. "There are some other teams that could be number two," said Martel, "and Chaminade should be first, but we will have something to say about that later."

Tomorrow the Jr. Bills will take on Gibault at Oerter Park where Martel hopes "we can move the ball with pace... and possess the ball (more)." The Soccerbills look to continue a season which junior Kornfeld thought "started off with a confidence builder, but we need to keep working in practice because we can get a lot better."

today at the First Capitol Invitational in St. Charles. The top seven will consist of Crean, Noblot, Schaeffer, Matt Killany, juniors Brennan Connor and Andrew Linhares, and stand-out sophomore Alex Muntges. They hope to conquer a tough field consisting of DeSmet, Parkway South, and Fort Zumwalt South.

Please come out and support your Jr. Bills at McNair Park at 4:30 for the varsity race and 5:30 for the junior varsity race. For information about the SLUH cross country team check out their website [www.sluh.org/xc/xc.htm](http://www.sluh.org/xc/xc.htm).

### *Quote of the Week*

*"He's either alive and in Afghanistan or somewhere else, or he's dead."*

—Donald Rumsfeld on  
Osama bin Laden

# FoPo baseball fields near completion

**Rico Bertucci**  
**Reporter**

"If we build it they will come" is one of SLUH's hopes as the finishing touches are being put on the \$2.2 million state-of-the-art baseball fields in Forest Park.

You can see them glistening from Highway 40 as they wait to be christened during the upcoming SLUH season. The park's convenient new location, along with next year's experienced team, promises to deliver a top-notch fan experience and should help boost attendance.

SLUH helped construct eight new baseball fields on Aviation Field, including "two first class facilities," according to SLUH President Paul Sheridan, S.J. One will be the new top-rate performance field, and the other will be a high quality practice field.

A joint effort was needed to make these dream fields a reality. SLUH, as well as Boeing-McDonnell and Cardinals Care, made significant contributions to the Forest Park Forever effort. SLUH and Forest Park Forever board member Ted Hellman, '66, helped by Sheridan and varsity baseball coach Steve Nicollerat, headed negotiations.

SLUH received first pick of fifteen

dates for the performance field, which will also be used by Forest Park Community College and other public organizations such as the Public High League.

SLUH's last baseball season endured eight rainouts, but thanks to the fields' brand new drainage system,

and a tarp, "it could rain from eleven in the morning until two in the afternoon and we would still have a legitimate shot at playing a four o'clock game," says Nicollerat.

SLUH's move to a more centralized location comes after twelve years of play at Heine Meine in Lemay. Nicollerat agrees that the new fields are a "win-win situation" but feels an emotional pull toward the field where numerous fond memories were played out. Senior slugger Andy Hecht agrees, saying "There's nothing quite like the atmosphere and character of Meine, but I'm really excited

to play inside our new park."

Fortunately, Nicollerat has promised to schedule a few games there anyway.

The new park's dimensions are 330 feet down the lines, 380 in the gaps, and 400 in center. Senior pitching ace Tyler "Ferd" Faulstich says, "It is a great park to challenge hitters in." Senior centerfielder Pat Feeney echoed Faulstich, saying, "I've got plenty of room to track down fly balls."

As for next year's Basebills, 16 of 23 will be returning, which Nicollerat believes "speaks well for this year." After a twelve-inning nail-biter in the quarterfinals last year, the team is hungry for this season and Nicollerat is "more than a little excited," for the upcoming season.



SLUH baseball's new home.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Close Up 2002

Sunday, February 2, 2003 through Thursday February 6, 2003

Students: get an opportunity to see firsthand the events that shape our national government. This trip also includes tours of various sites of our nation's capital along with interaction with fellow students throughout the nation. If you are interested in government and politics at the national level, then this would be the trip for you. If interested, see Mr. Wilson during activity period during the Activities Fair on Tuesday of next week.

Mark your calendar for the following college fairs: Colleges That Change Lives Fair, Tuesday, September 10; Lutheran College Fair, Sunday, September 22. Consult the bulletin board outside the Counseling Office for more details and other off campus events.

Attention Juniors and Seniors: SIU-Carbondale invites any students interested in Aviation/Professional Pilot programs to visit their campus on Saturday, October 12. Transportation provided by American Airlines. Please stop by the Counseling Office for details.

### Baseball

The varsity baseball team won its 12th straight district championship before going on to defeat Chaminade in the sectionals. Unfortunately, the run was cut short by Howell North in the longest quarterfinal game ever—12 innings. "You could just feel that they were playing as hard as they could....they were awesome," said head coach Steve Nicollerat. The team finished the year with a record of 16-7.

### Tennis

The varsity tennis team won the district title, and placed second in the sectionals. Pat Steinway, '02, went to the state tourney. Said coach Miles Grier, "It was a blessing that our team didn't have any superstars, but worked together as a cohesive unit...The players put their egos behind them and did what was best for the team.

### Lacrosse

The lacrosse team suffered a disappointing loss to CBC in the first round. "We had the chance to lose to DeSmet in the finals. We definitely should've gone farther than we did," said defenseman Grant Menges.

### Track and Field

In track, 2002 grads Tom O'Brien, John Parr, Pat Leinauer, and Reid Heidenry, seniors Peter Schaefer and Kevin Crean, and junior Steve Nagel went to the state competition. Heidenry placed fifth in the high jump, and Parr took eighth in the 3200-meter run. O'Brien claimed seventh in the 800-meter run and eighth in the 1600-meter run. The 4x800 relay team made sixth. The team consisted of Crean, O'Brien, Parr, and Schaefer. "It all came together in the last two days," said Crean.

# Rifle team hopes to reload chambers for new season

**Chris Seals**  
**Reporter**

Last year the Riflebills had an almost flawless record. The varsity team came out on top in every regular match against local rifle teams. In the national NRA Championships, SLUH finished in third place. Over spring break, SLUH sent Chris Seals, Scott Isaak, and Giles Walsh to represent the team in the National Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs. To finish up the year, Walsh, Isaak, Seals, and sophomore Kevin Gentsch traveled to Atlanta to compete in the National Junior Rifle Olympics for air rifle, in which the team won second place in the scholastic division, missing gold by nine heartbreaking points.

Currently, a few team members and coach Will Bresnahan are preparing the range for training freshmen. Over the summer, Bresnahan obtained brand new guns for the freshmen, replacing the 50-year-old Winchesters used by last year's freshmen.

Other new additions to the rifle range

include a simply stunning SLUH-blue paint job on the gun rack, sound tiles to absorb some of the harsh sound, gorgeous new white-blue pillars, and some new lighting.

The Rifle team would like to extend an invitation to all interested freshmen to come to the rifle range next week any day Tuesday through Friday. No previous experience is needed. Cost is simply 50 cents for one round of 25 shots. Also look for the blue rifle ads posted in freshmen homerooms for more information. Come be a part of this championship rifle club!

They are also looking for sophomores. Last year, freshman Matt Winkler showed the shooters just how valuable and crucial a rifle manager can be to a team. He will remain the varsity manager, but now the freshmen are in need of a manager. The job is available to any sophomore who can stay Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 5:30 and occasionally come with the team on weekend trips throughout Missouri and Illinois. Come down to the range if you'd like more info on the job.

## POLO

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Heafner, seeing an opening in the Longhorn defense, blasted through, and found the pass by Tyrell through the net the reaching hands of the defenders. Treading waist high out of the water, Heafner snatched the ball out of the air and snapped it in over the clueless goalie's head. The third quarter ended with the score 9-5 for the Jr. Bills.

Despite their victory, the Waterwingbills were disappointed with their performance. Captain Heafner said, "One of the main fears this year was our ability to score goals, but with this game you can see our team is quite capable." But he added, "A lot of things went wrong. Our defense fell apart, and (Parkway West) definitely shouldn't have scored seven goals." Throughout the game, the Polobills gave up many goals that should not have even had a chance of occurring, but captain Mark Gloeckler said, "Towards the end of the game our playing had improved markedly."

Bill Dahlmann, who scored an impressive four goals, commented, "We didn't play that badly, but we can always play better."

And, as coach Paul Baudendistel simply put it, "It was a first game."

## BONUS TIME

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Instructional Council over the summer and reviewed by the heads of the academic departments. Soon Schenkenberg will make a final decision on the plan, with the help of Assistant Principals Eric Clark, Mark Michalski, and Art Zinselmeyer. She noted, "I do want to get students' input, so that may hold it up just a little bit."

The proposal has received mixed reviews among teachers and students. Social Studies department chair Peggy Pride thinks the change could help students, but asks, "If we dismiss students after one hour, where are they going to go?" Since the library and classrooms will likely be

used for testing, she thinks there could be a problem with excess noise in the hallways.

English department chair Chuck Hussung expressed his approval of the plan. "The beauty of this is that I can give just as challenging an exam, and my students are likely to do better because they have more time to get it done.... The benefit is good and the cost is relatively minor."

Mark Tychonievich of the Foreign Language Department is less enthusiastic, due to the skill-based nature of the foreign language classes. "The extra time wouldn't enhance the students' performance.... It's not something that would help us," he said.

The Theology department chair, Allen Boedeker, took a neutral stance on the issue. He said, "If the rest of the faculty decides that that's the best for the students, then I don't have any problem with that at all."

While many students seemed to like the idea of more time, it was not a unanimous feeling. "Some people need more time to finish their exams, I understand that. Other people that don't really shouldn't need it," said senior John Stathopoulos.

Junior Preston Reeve added, "I don't really think we need to change anything. It seems to be working fine now."

Schenkenberg plans on surveying some homerooms next week for more student input.

# Quinn packs up poetry books, heads to Bolivia

*English teacher spends 7 weeks traveling, learning Spanish*

**Charlie Hall**  
Reporter

"I wore the same damn sweater every day," said Terry Quinn of the cool weather in Bolivia, where he spent seven and a half weeks of his summer studying Spanish and traveling the countryside.

After first visiting and doing service work in Bolivia in the summer of 2000, Quinn decided he wanted to see more of South America and polish up his Spanish language skills. Having volunteered at an orphanage and taught English at a woman's prison in 2000, Quinn felt that "I would be a much better volunteer if I had a better command of the language."

He left the States in early June and spent his first three and a half weeks in Bolivia biking and "staying in...cheap dives."

The highlight of his biking trip was traversing the infamous Unduavi-Yolosa highway, a 70-year-old Bolivian trail notorious for being the "world's most dangerous road." The road snakes forty miles from the capital city of La Paz into the Andes Mountains and down into the jungle. There are no guardrails on the road, and thousand-foot drops are common. Although it is a one-lane passage, buses and cars travel in both directions. During Quinn's trip, fifty people were killed in two bus accidents.

Quinn, along with an American friend who was just finishing up volunteer work, "did (the road) in segments, took pictures, stopped for tea." With a support vehicle following, Quinn "really went into (the ride) planning on giving up," but he finished the trip, saying "I biked as far in that day as I had ever biked in my life."

Although there are middle class families in Bolivia, poverty is an evident part of life. "It's a complicated affair because you're traveling in places whose economic disparity makes (such travel) possible. It puts you in an uncomfortable position, but I think it's a reminder of the

reality of the world," Quinn explained.

Quinn spent the remaining four weeks of his stay in Bolivia attending the Academia Latinoamericana to study Spanish. In small, intimate classes of three, Quinn and fellow classmates, mostly college students, studied Spanish four to six hours every day.

During this study period, he stayed with a host family, a retired couple, in the small, diverse city of Sucre. Most of the

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immediate family lived nearby. Sucre is one of Bolivia's capitals, an old city of "white-washed buildings with wrought iron balconies, orange tile roofs, a big public square, and a cathedral... It's a fun town, a very young town," noted Quinn.

His days at the school reminded him of grade school. "I rode the bus in the morning with all the other kids," Quinn recalls smiling, "except I was the tallest."

When he didn't take the bus, Quinn walked for 25 minutes to the university. "I loved my walk to school...walking down the hill and looking out over the city at the church steeples and the backdrop of the mountains was probably the most beautiful part of living there."

Quinn was impressed by his profes-

sors, describing them as "great, interesting people." Most professors have degrees in other fields, but turn to teaching because of Bolivia's poor economy.

Quinn was impressed that the teachers would "hang out" with students and take their relationship outside of the classroom.

Quinn was also pleased with his studies, saying his Spanish is "coming along," although he admitted there "were some funky language moments." One Saturday night at a bar he sat down with some friends to check out a Brazilian band. "On my right I had some friends from Canada and Switzerland...speaking French, then a bunch of guys from school sat down on the other side, so on the left I had guys speaking Spanish, and then there was...a German woman across the table, so when I spoke to her it had to be in English."

At the bar, Quinn also enjoyed a Portuguese cover of Cat Stevens' "Wild World," noting, "It was very good."

Quinn said that he "definitely felt like an outsider" in Sucre, but he never felt "unsafe, or unwelcome...people were remarkably warm and hospitable."

His trip ended when he returned to St. Louis on July 25. He wants to cross the equator again when he gets a chance: "My plan would be to travel some more. I'd love to see Argentina and Chile." Quinn added that he prefers to spend most of his time in one place, "rather than hop around and be a tourist."

Before returning to South America, though, Quinn plans to volunteer for the South American community in St. Louis, which he also hopes will help maintain his Spanish.

The next time he returns to South America, he would like to volunteer for a month or two. He is not certain what kind of volunteer work he will be doing, because he "lets the people there decide."

Summarizing his experience, Quinn said, "Funky language moments are great, but I spoke way too much French and English."

by Brian Fallon

## Calendar

Sept. 6 - Sept. 14

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Schedule R  
 B Football vs. Riverview @ Compton  
 Drew @ 4pm  
 V/JV Water Polo vs Marquette @ FPCC  
 @ 4/5 pm  
 V/JV Cross Country @ First Capitol Inv.  
 @ 4:30 pm  
 JV Soccer @ Gibault @ 7pm  
 Onion Rings & Pizza

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

JV Soccer @ Jeff City @ 12pm  
 V soccer @ Jeff City @ 2pm

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

Schedule R  
 Jesuit College Fair  
 Technology Mtg.  
 JV/V H2O Polo @ Lafayette @ 4/5 pm  
 Pretzels and Pizza

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Schedule R  
 STUCO Activities Fair  
 College Visits:  
     Clark University @ 12:45-1:22 pm  
 Sign up in Mr. Clark's office.  
 V Soccer @ CBC vs. DeSmet @ 5pm  
 Pizza Snack & Chicken Wrap

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

Schedule M  
 Mass of the Holy Spirit-Formal Attire  
 Yearbook Picture Day  
 Freshman Cookie Sale  
 V/JV H2O Polo @ Pkwy South @ 4/5pm  
 "Spudsters" & BBQ Wings

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

Schedule R  
 Freshman Cookie Sale  
 V Soccer @ CBC vs. Vianney @ 5pm  
 Pretzels, Chicken Pot Pie, & Crispitos

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

Schedule R  
 STUCO Pep Rally  
 College Visits:  
     Hamilton College @10:45-11:15 am  
     Colgate University @12:52-1:22 pm  
 Sign up in Mr. Clark's office.  
 V Football vs. Pkwy West @ 7pm  
 JV/V H2O Polo @ Parkway South TBA  
 Bosco Sticks & Pizza

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

V Soccer @ CBC vs. Vianney @ 7pm  
 JV/V H2O Polo @ Parkway South TBA  
 V Cross Country @ Mizzou XC Chal-  
 lenge TBA  
 V/JV/C Cross Country @ Mc Cluer North  
 @10am

**ATTACK**

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 attitude at Xavier. "Their attitude is just like our attitude. We've got to keep creating. That's what we're here for."

Sheridan plans on taking this attitude into the Mass of the Holy Spirit, which he will be presiding over. "Everyone has to get past September 11 and learn from it. I think we are all called to use our lives to create rather than just remember events that have a lot of darkness attached to them," said Sheridan. Thus, the mass will not solely focus on the horrors of Sept. 11, but also will have the theme of empowerment to care for others. "It's going to be mixed," explained Sheridan.

However, Sheridan does not want to forget the victims and heroes of the day. "There will be a symbolic activity that will bring to mind September 11," said Sheridan. However, Sheridan is waiting for the Mass to reveal exactly what that symbol will be. Sheridan summed up his feelings: "It's an important event for the world to remember, but grow from."

Principal Mary Schenkenberg feels

optimistic about the Mass of the Holy Spirit, considering that Sept. 11 is a tough event to commemorate. "With a school filled with young people who are the future leaders of the world, I think it's very important to reflect on the meaning of that day in the appropriate way as a Catholic community," said Schenkenberg.

Given the time taken to plan the right way to remember Sept. 11, the question emerges: has anything really changed?

Student feelings are fairly mixed toward real change. Some feel that Sept. 11 has not evoked any personal change.

"Politically a few things changed; for me nothing's changed," said an anonymous sophomore.

Senior Mike Gianino backs those thoughts, "Honestly, not really. I guess I'm kind of afraid of terrorists. Nobody I know is affected really. It doesn't really involve me."

However, others believe that the attacks have produced personal change.

"You just realize that things aren't America-centric. You kind of realize that

paying attention to world news means something now more than it ever did. It can affect you more than you thought," said senior Justin Luner.

Senior Thomas Moore said, "I guess life is a little more valuable. We're not 100% safe here. It does make me think about God and makes me grow closer to Him...you always have to be prepared."

Organizers of the memorial activities Harrison and Sheridan believe that Sept. 11 has evoked real change.

Harrison points out that the United States' declining financial situation, big business corruption, and the Catholic Church scandals, in conjunction with Sept. 11, has changed the way people feel about safety. "If you ask people if you think things are getting better and better or are you worried, I think more people would say 'worried' than a year ago," said Harrison.

Sheridan feels that the attacks have brought a good side out of the students. "I think everyone's become a lot more serious about what is valuable."