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"If nothing else, value the truth"

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Probe leads to two suspensions, one withdrawal

Denis Agniel
Editor

A cloud of doubt and suspicion has hung low over the halls of St. Louis U. High for the last few weeks.

The school suspended three juniors because of suspected theft. According to the Discipline and Order Regulations in the Parent-Student Handbook, "Suspension will take place after sufficient proof of the violation has been ascertained or when deemed necessary by the administration." It goes on to say that the student, his parents, and the administration will have a meeting in such a case.

Two students served four-day suspensions and then returned to classes. One student withdrew from SLUH.

Schenkenberg, school leaders discuss responsibility, tradition

Matt Hoffman
Editor in Chief

Yesterday morning before school started, the student leaders of the school, along with Principal Mary Schenkenberg and Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark, met in 215c to discuss the responsibilities of a SLUH student and how the current generation will contribute to the tradition of excellence SLUH enjoys.



Clark addresses the student leaders at the meeting.

Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark pulled the three students out of class based on information he received from a faculty member.

Principal Mary Schenkenberg asserted that the offenses perpetrated by the student who withdrew and the students who were suspended were of very different degrees.

Clark confirmed, "There was theft involved."

A source connected to the theft clarified that the student who has withdrawn had stolen coats and was selling them on campus. He said the two suspended students had only stolen one coat each; they were not selling coats, he said.

One junior reported that he had seen a list of orders for jackets. "There was a

book that I saw; (the withdrawn student) showed me."

How much the jackets cost students is unclear.

Many juniors said they knew about the theft and sale of coats for a while.

"I had known about it before," said one junior. He continued, "I thought a lot of people knew about it. That's probably why they got caught."

Said another, "Everyone knew about it."

According to Shoplifters Alternative, a non-profit organization and division of Shoplifters Anonymous, Inc. (according to their website, www.shoplifter-alternative.org), "89 percent of kids say
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Maurer suffers anxiety attack

Matt Hoffman
Editor in Chief

On Tuesday, Secretary to the Assistant Principal of Student Affairs Marla Maurer suffered an anxiety attack in the main office at about 12:15 p.m.

Maurer had less serious anxiety attacks Saturday during church and Sunday while shopping. She said, "I got real hot and was breathing heavy."

At about 12:00, School Nurse Scott Gilbert was notified by both Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark and Secretary to the Principal Jan Cotter of Maurer's having a numb feeling in her hands and a rapid heart beat.

"I had a feeling it was an anxiety
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Global history class witnesses alley break-in

Dan Sinnett
Staff

For the second time in the second semester, a robbery took place in the alley. About a month ago, C.J. Baricevic's unlocked Ford ZX2 was stolen. On Thursday, Feb. 13, during the second block period, contractor John Lally's red Chevy Silverado pickup truck was broken into and looted. Electronic equipment and tools were stolen. Lally was in the school working on sound equipment at the time of the robbery.

Sophomore Chris Bond saw some of the incident from his global history classroom. He described the perpetrator: "He had black hair, light complexion, unnecessarily large, black frame glasses, and a white hard hat. He was dressed in predominantly black."

Another witness, sophomore Ryan Franklin said, "I just saw the guy struggling...trying to rip open the door. He grabbed a box and ran out." In the box was sound equipment that Lally valued at around \$600. Before any students noticed the incident, the perpetrator apparently opened the back latch to Lally's pickup and removed a rolling tool case that held between \$2000 and \$3000 worth of tools.

Steve Aylward's Global History II class witnessed much of the event, but



The trunk whence some of the equipment was stolen.

they missed the the perpetrator removing the tool case. The blinds were down, and Aylward opened them when he heard the car alarm.

Franklin said, "When I looked out, (the perpetrator) was in the process of opening the door."

Facilities Director Patrick Zarrick hopes to view tape of the theft captured by cameras placed to monitor

the alley. However, the technical equipment used to view security tapes was see SNAKE, 13

Care Committee update *Special Needs and Leadership*

Geoff Brusca and Brian Kane
Editor, Core Staff

Editor's Note: This is the first part of a two-part series which will focus on the Care Committees at SLUH.

Since the beginning of the school year, the Care Committees formed in June have been meeting and discussing ways to address the problems they identified over the summer. The committees, including Special Needs, chaired by history teacher Jeff Harrison, S.J., and Leadership, chaired by STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson, are either about to propose or have proposed and implemented plans and suggestions to deal with the issues they have observed.

The Special Needs committee has been trying to find ways to learn about and better assist homosexual students, students with divorced or deceased parents, students with special learning needs, or students who need extra attention for any reason.

With the controversy and confusion surrounding last year's Ally campaign,

the treatment of homosexual students is a matter at the forefront of the committee's conscious. In December the school held a faculty meeting at which John Sheehan, S.J., a licensed psychologist, spoke about homosexuality.

"We wanted somebody to lay out the parameters of discussion, and he was very up front with a lot we don't know. And we have to accept we don't know that," said Harrison.

The faculty then split up into small groups to discuss homosexuality at SLUH and make recommendations on how to address it better.

"Each group generated a list of 'what do we do well,' 'what do we need to do,' 'what do we need to know'; a lot of people feel like they don't know enough about this issue," said Harrison.

But Harrison said that it's important for the school to carefully study the issue and courses of action before they do anything to ensure that the path they choose is the best and most helpful for the students. "There are a lot of things that are emerging

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Class of 2007 admitted with 15 more students

Patrick Meek
Core Staff

Late last week, the school sent out acceptance letters to the class of 2007. These 280 students, who have been characterized by several administrators as a "very strong class," were chosen from 350 applicants by a group of administrators and teachers headed by Director of Admissions Craig Hannick.

"I was very impressed with (the class of 2007's) academic ability, test scores, leadership, and community service that they demonstrated already," said Principal Mary Schenkenberg.

As years past, the school once again admitted students from a large cross-section of the metropolitan area.

Ninety percent of the incoming class will be Caucasian; 14 students are African Americans; 13 students from other ethnic backgrounds are included in next year's incoming class.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Money for Friends with Cancer is for good cause

To the Editor:

Whether through the mail or on the corner of Kingshighway and Oakland, we are constantly hit up for money. Many of us rightly wonder if our donations will actually be used properly.

Next week STUCO is sponsoring Hat Day to benefit a charity called Friends of Kids with Cancer. My wife Susanne has worked for the last six years with children who suffer from cancer and blood disorders. She is also currently on the board of Friends of Kids with Cancer.

I have witnessed firsthand the good work that this organization has done over the years. I assure you that your money will

be used well. Whether it is weekly lunches offered to the children in the pediatric oncology office or a teen trip to Chicago, just to name a couple of their services, this organization helps foster the community that these children and their families desperately need during arduous times. You will be helping in some small way real families and real young people, many of whom are your age, who suffer from cancer. Thank you for your consideration!

Randy Rosenberg
Theology Department

ADMITTANCE

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"This class represents quite a variety of schools and contains a good percentage of minorities," said President Paul Sheridan, S.J.

In addition to the usual number of students who come from local parochial schools, 28 students were admitted from public elementary schools, while three future students were home-schooled. From the total number of admitted students, 93 percent are Catholic. St. Gabriel's grade school, in South St. Louis city, will be the best represented, sending 11 students.

As in years past, a significant number of students come from families who have had previous connections to the school. Sixty-four young men have brothers who are former or current students. Forty-five students had fathers who went here at one time or another. There is some overlap between these two categories.

This year the school raised the enrollment of the incoming class by six percent. Over the past 10 years, the enrollment of the freshman class has been around 265, with exactly that number of students admitted the past two years. However, the administration decided to admit an additional 15 students in order to make up for budget shortfalls. The additional revenue for the school, if tuition remains constant at \$6950, would be \$104,250.

"This is one of the things the board asked us to look at," said Schenkenberg. "We are going to do this for two years, this year and next year, and then we will return to 270."

"This was done in order to increase income for the next year," said Sheridan.

According to Hannick, "270 students is the maximum amount of students we would take in years past."

All three administrators stressed that the addition of the extra students would have a minimal impact, if any.

"It is one person per homeroom, so I think this will be a minor inconvenience," continued Sheridan. "In the last three and a half years we have added 16 net teachers in order to advance the curriculum and decrease class size."

Both Hannick and Schenkenberg stressed that they did not lower standards in order to accommodate the 15 extra students.

MAURER

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attack," said Gilbert.

According to Gilbert, "An anxiety attack can be brought on by a multitude of things, from major stress to forgetting to drop a movie off."

However, Maurer said, "I don't feel stressed. (There is) nothing in my life to worry about...I have no clue (why I had the attack)."

When Gilbert first saw Maurer, she was slumped in a chair clutching her chest and had poor color, but was alert. Unfortunately, because she did not know what was happening, she hyperventilated, making the attack worse.

"It really is scary," she said.

Gilbert immediately took vital signs, closed the main office, and put her on oxygen, which "helped a lot," according to Gilbert.

Because no one, including Gilbert, knew exactly what was happening, Principal Mary Schenkenberg called 911. "No one is in a position, not even me, to diagnose people here," said Gilbert.

Although Gilbert took charge of the situation, he said, "Everybody in the main office had their own little role in the incident. I felt like we had been working together for years. It was like clockwork."

When the Emergency Medical Service arrived, they hooked Maurer to a heart monitor, and her numbers were high. As a result she was taken to St. Mary's Hospital.

At the hospital, Maurer was given a shot to relax her. "It felt fantastic," she said. In addition, Maurer was given pills that should calm her down during any future anxiety attacks.

Since Tuesday, Maurer has had five anxiety attacks, but now that she knows how to handle them, they are of less concern.

The cause of these anxiety attacks is uncertain. "There's no way to put a finger on who is going to get them and who is not," said Gilbert. He added, "People with stressors are more prone."

In the future, Maurer may have more anxiety attacks. "Similar symptoms occur each time," said Gilbert.

Stray pit bull harasses SLUH faculty

Rico Bertucci
Staff

Some are content with fire hydrants or their own tails. Others dare to harass cats and moving vehicles. Mailmen have fallen prey to an elite few, but one pit bull has set a new standard for an entire species. This maverick targeted none other than St. Louis University High faculty members.

Last Sunday afternoon, B-basketball coach Brock Kesterson exited the SLUH complex into the alley, exhausted after an intense game of basketball. Kesterson was ready for a post-game snack, but he may not have been the only one in the alley with that wish. He soon realized he was not alone, noting the presence of a large pit bull lumbering down the alley that "looked a little bit bigger and possibly more menacing" than other strays he'd seen in the neighborhood, noted Kesterson.

Remembering reports of prior dog attacks, Kesterson returned home immediately and contacted the authorities. "For all I know, it could have been the nicest dog in the world, but I definitely wasn't going to mess around with it," said Kesterson. Unfortunately, Kesterson was told that no one from the Animal Protection Agency (APA) could be on the scene until Monday.

Last November, the police were forced to shoot and kill an aggressive pit bull that had attacked a five-year-old child as well as a biker on Lawn Avenue.

Theology teacher Randy Rosenberg also had an encounter with this year's beast. While jogging on Sunday, he saw the animal in the empty field between houses on the west end of Berthold. Rosenberg also decided "not to take any chances," and took a different route home.

He also contacted the APA immediately but received the same reply as

Kesterson. He did, however, proceed to warn his wife and neighbors about the animal and "proceeded with caution when walking in the area."

Later that evening Paul Spitzmeuller, after a hard night of work, exited into the alley. He recalled feeling "kinda dizzy, kinda nauseous." Suddenly, "in the hazy distance was this brown hound-wolf looking dog," said Spitzmeuller. As he stood alone in the alley, feeling like Benny "The Jet" Rodriguez as he faced down "The Beast" in *The Sandlot*, Spitzmeuller noted "you see it trotting around like the world is its own." Though he conceded that it hadn't caused a whole lot of damage, he did contend that "This sucker, I'm telling you, this sucker meant business." He continued, "We had a moment, and that moment meant my life." After the initial shock of meeting the cantankerous canine, Spitzmeuller "booked it inside (his

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Dauphin Player's *Kiss Me, Kate* debuts

J.R. Strzelec
Reporter

Another opening, another show." The first song in Cole Porter's *Kiss Me, Kate* begins with these four words, very appropriate for the veteran performers who make up much of the play's dramatis personae, yet for the students and faculty who have put the musical production together, they're anything but.

Many of those involved, like senior Michael Leuchtmann, have never worked on a theatrical production before. "It's been a new experience," said Leuchtmann, who auditioned for the dance chorus after having taken dance class at SLUH two years, but working on the play was "unique." As a senior, this exciting first is also his last musical here, making the weekend run slightly bittersweet: "I wish I'd done this before."

The excitement building in the theatre as the show comes together mirrors that in the characters of *Kate*, a musical that moves on- and off-stage throughout the opening night of a fictional

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Alan Naylor and Marjorie Failoni in the opening scene of Thursday night's performance of *Kiss Me, Kate*

U.S. Armed Forces request student contact information

Request is part of No Child Left Behind Act

Brian Fallon
Core Staff

As terror alerts are on the rise and American troops prepare to move into Iraq, many have become uneasy about what lies ahead for our nation. Parents are concerned since it will be their children who might be fighting in these wars.

On Jan. 28, Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski released a letter to SLUH families explaining that the United States Armed Forces has contacted the school's administration to inform them of the No Child Left Behind Act. Amended in 2001 from an original law passed in the 1960s, this federal law requires secondary schools which receive federal funding to provide contact information for each of their students.

In 1974, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act stated that parents and guardians have the right to block the release of information to the military.

Michalski noted, "The law doesn't say anything about how the information will be used. My thought is that it will simply be used for military recruitment more than anything else. As far as I know, this isn't in any way tied to a draft, though there's nothing that says it couldn't be."

Citizens of the United States are required to register with Selective Service at 18 years of age, making it mandatory for those who have chosen not to release their information to the federal government.

Although the law mentions the necessity of schools to provide a complete list of their students, it also focuses on leaving no students behind in terms of academics, especially reading and mathematics.

Two federal grants, the Blue Hills and Eisenhower Grants, are given to school districts as a part of the No Child Left Behind Act. According to Assistant Principal of Academics Art Zinselmeyer, the St. Louis Public Schools act as a funnel, providing up to \$250,000 of grant money for the Eisenhower Grants, which are only

to be used for teacher development. Since the Federal government cannot give money to a private school or institution, the money received from the government could not be used for religious instruction. Zinselmeyer noted that the school could not send a teacher from the Theology department to a conference because of this restriction. The Blue Hills Grant, which gives up to \$8,000 a year to schools, is given for classroom use, including textbooks or learning aids.

However, Michalski pointed out that even if a student's name was removed from the list, there is still a chance he could be contacted by the military through some other form of identification, such as a social security number. "You are as available to military recruitment as anybody," he said.

As of Thursday, an estimated 60 students have been removed from the list by their guardians.

Michalski noted that the Army has "simply contacted us about this but has

not yet requested any information. If they do request this information, we will provide it."

Michalski mentioned that the law was written before the attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, and before any of the conflicts with Iraq, concluding that this legislation would have been passed even without any of the events that the U.S. has faced.

There is also some uncertainty about whether the military would want a list of the entire student body, a list of only juniors and seniors, or only a list of seniors.

"Since they've already contacted us to let us know about it," explained Michalski, "I suppose that they probably will contact us to actually acquire a list."

Zinselmeyer concluded with the suggestion that if SLUH decided to withhold student information, then the government could possibly take away the federal funding from the school.

Hole in wall: drywall or bust

Greg Fox
Staff

Since last Friday, students passing through the sophomore hallway have passed by a large hole in the drywall outside of room M203. The hole reaches almost to the top of the lockers and is approximately two feet wide.

As Matt Meyers walked down the hall last Friday, classmate Chris James gave him what he calls a "sturdy shoulder bump." The two friends proceeded to roughhouse in a friendly manner. Before long, Meyers pushed James into the flimsy

drywall and James crashed through it. The drywall, which is a few inches away from the original concrete support, cracked, creating a large indentation.



The hole in the wall

According to Meyers, the two students went to Dean of Students Eric Clark immediately after the incident.

Custodian Scott Urban commented on the repair, saying, "It shouldn't cost too much... maybe thirty to forty dollars."

Meyers said that both students "feel really bad" about the hole and that they both "are very sorry."

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that the school's never dealt with," he said. "(The issue of homosexual students) is not like other issues.... Bottom line is we can't hurt the kids. Next, we have to act responsibly (as a school). And we're struggling to find the best way to do that now."

But some feel that more still needs to be done, sooner, to help homosexual students.

"Personally, I don't think the school's doing as much as they could," said senior and supporter of the Ally initiative Joe Moellering. "I'd like to see more action, but this is a complicated, hard thing to deal with."

But Moellering did say that he's at least seen small differences this year, such as students not using "gay" as a slur as often.

"It's very slow progress, but it is progress," said Harrison.

Harrison pointed out, however, that homosexual students are only one focus of the committee: "The faculty wants to do something, not just about gay kids, but about any kid that's hurting."

As Harrison suggested, Special Needs covers more than just homosexual students. The Diversity Team is near inception as a ratified organization, having just completed its mission statement. They recently hosted a speaker from the American Youth Federation, an organization which unites and assists diversity teams to help give themselves direction. The Diversity Team will probably be associated with the Federation eventually.

"Diversity teams, traditionally, that work with the American Youth Foundation and are in other schools see themselves as students who are trained to bring issues to the student body and facilitate discussions around those issues and to explore their own prejudices and stereotypes. First to look at themselves, and then to discuss those issues with the student body and help the student body look at itself," said Schenkenberg.

The Diversity Team would address all matters of diversity, from race to

socio-economic background to sexual orientation, possibly creating an overlap with ACES.

"What we're trying to do now is sort out the role of the Diversity Team and the role of ACES," said Harrison.

"We want to get this started without stepping on ACES's toes," said Moellering.

The Team might bring in a multiple intelligence speaker to discuss the imaginative and artistic aspects of learning or hold diversity forums in which people could discuss different facets of diversity at SLUH.

Counselors Mary Michalski and Dennis Dougan have started a Grief group to help students talk with one another and deal with the loss of loved ones.

"The whole purpose of this group is to be able to talk about things that have happened to you, what you're feeling, what you expect is going to continue happening, and how you're going to learn to live with grief," said Dougan.

It was originally supposed to have been formed around the holidays, but there was very little response when theology teachers read the announcement to students. More interest was generated when it was mentioned in "Guideline," the counseling department's newsletter to parents.

The group will meet about four or five times at activity period, and there is still room for anyone interested in joining.

Group therapy hasn't been held at SLUH for several years, but Michalski pointed out the need for it right now.

"It's hard when students lose someone close to them," she said. "Their friends don't quite know what to say to them and they just might feel out of synch with their emotions, not sure it's okay to feel this way. So if they're in a group with others who've experienced something similar they can think, 'Yeah, that's exactly how I felt.'"

After seeing how well the Grief group works, the counseling department might develop other group counseling programs to help students with divorced parents, students who have had drug and alcohol problems, or students with learning disabilities like ADD.

"I think this might be a good starting point," said Michalski. "We really need to

see how the Grief group works."

While many are working on Special Needs, others have devoted their time to the area of leadership. Kesterson feels the Leadership Committee is making good progress toward its goals.

"A lot of what we tried to do was delegate responsibility and specify what (student leaders) had to do," Kesterson said of the committee's goals.

STUCO has handled the school's homeroom representatives differently this year. As opposed to years past, this year the two representatives from each homeroom lead different aspects of student life. One student is in charge of social and intramural activities and the other helps coordinate pastoral and service events.

Kesterson also hopes that the coordination of homeroom representatives can become part of the class moderators' responsibilities. "It's sometimes hard for me to get to everybody," he said. Kesterson plans on holding another meeting of the Leadership Committee during the third quarter to discuss the coordination of underclassmen leaders.

Another major change in STUCO this year is development of a constitution, which Kesterson hopes will "more accurately define the role of Student Council."

Kesterson says that a diverse group has been gathered to contribute to the constitution. "We wanted to make sure we branched out."

According to STUCO Religious Commissioner John Barnidge, STUCO met yesterday during lunch and agreed to meet again next Thursday during activity period to set dates for writing the constitution. Junior class officer John Block said that the Constitution Committee is composed of fifteen students, and the written constitution will undergo a faculty review. Kesterson hopes to have a final copy before the elections of next year's STUCO in early April. "We knew going into it that it was going to be a long process," he said.

Schenkenberg mentioned the possibility of increasing the number of elected STUCO positions in the senior class as a means of providing more opportunities

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SWIMMING STATE QUALIFYING TIMES

200 Medley Relay

Nathan Harris, Tom Heafner, Tim Heafner, Tim Szewczyk
1:42.32

200 Freestyle

Nick Konczak 1:51.89

200 Freestyle

Gabe Toennies 1:50.39

200 Freestyle

Adam Trafton 1:54.60

200 Individual Medley

Matt Ampleman 2:10.84

200 Individual Medley

Tom Heafner 2:03.19

200 Individual Medley

Carl Thompson 2:07.55

50 Freestyle

Kurt Doll :22.31

50 Freestyle

Nathan Harris :22.85

50 Freestyle

Tim Heafner :22.43

100 Butterfly

Nathan Harris :55.07

100 Freestyle

Kurt Doll :48.83

100 Freestyle

Nick Konczak :50.95

100 Freestyle

Winslow Tandler :50.80

500 Freestyle

Adam Trafton 5:13.85

200 Freestyle Relay

Kurt Doll, Nathan Harris, Tim Heafner, Nick Konczak
1:32.01

100 Backstroke

Wes Going :59.42

100 Backstroke

Tim Heafner :57.84

100 Backstroke

Tim Szewczyk :58.63

100 Breaststroke

Tom Heafner 1:04.25

100 Breaststroke

Carl Thompson 1:06.92

100 Breaststroke

Gabe Toennies 1:04.33

400 Freestyle Relay

Kurt Doll, Nick Konczak, Winslow Tandler, Gabe Toennies
3:22.72

Swimbills splash to MCC championship, set for State

**Michael Leuchtmann
Reporter**

According to one of the greatest philosophers of our era, Eminem, "The moment you own it, you better never let it go; you only get one shot."

Of course, Eminem was talking about music, but the Swimbills are focused on something else which comes only once in a lifetime. The Jr. Bills are striving for the state championship this weekend. The Longbills took an important first step Friday by finishing first in MCC Championships in arguably one of the best divisions in the area.

The Jr. Bills crushed everyone else in their division at the MCC Championships on Feb. 7, scoring 408 points to Chaminade's 301 and DeSmet's 300. These teams rounded out the top three, with CBC and Vianney following.

However, due to another scoring error, the meet results changed, adding enough points to DeSmet's score to put them into second place. This is the second meet of the year in which the Jr. Bills have participated that a scoring error changed the outcome of the meet.

The meet itself went very well for the Fishbills, with many swimmers finishing first in their events. The high point of the meet came when captain Winslow Tandler finally qualified for State in the 100 Freestyle after having edged closer and closer all year.

Tandler said, "It's typical I did it at the last minute. I'm always doing things on my last chance."

Some of the team's success could be attributed to their increased intensity and their shaved bodies.

As a method of tricking their minds into thinking they still have hair on their legs, creating drag and covering nerve endings, some of the team had to wear pantyhose. This is believed to give swimmers an advantage when they dive back into the water at State because they men-

tally believe they are moving faster, giving them an edge.

"We all agree Chris Daues had the best pair; his were lace," said sophomore Tim Szewczyk.

The Fishbills were ecstatic after the major championship win and even showed it by throwing assistant coach Jim Knapp, S.J., and head coach Fritz Long into the pool.

"The reason this is so big of a victory is that the winner of this conference last year, DeSmet, won State," said Kevin McEvoy.

The Bubblebills are praying for a first place finish in the State finals this weekend. Tonight, the Jr. Bills will be swimming their State-qualified swimmers in their respective events for their chance to be able to move into the finals on Saturday. There will be 19 swimmers making the trip to St. Peters: 12 individual swimmers and seven alternates.

Long is "excited to see how (the team does) and (is) hoping to make top three at State."

The team is obviously hoping for better than just top three, but they know they will face steep competition from teams such as Rockhurst, DeSmet, Parkway South, and Lafayette.

The action starts this afternoon at the St. Peters Rec-Plex at 3:00 p.m. for the preliminaries; the swimming season will conclude with the final State meet starting at 3:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

FAMILY MASS

The SLUH Family Mass will be held on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Student's Chapel. All families are invited to attend.

Jordanbills beat Mehlville 53-48; now 8-15

Kyle Poelker
Reporter

After taking much of the last week off, the Basketbills stepped into Mehlville's gym on Tuesday looking to end their two-week winless drought, and they did. The Jr. Bills started off strongly, and for the most part, they played the game with the vigor and intensity that seemed to be lacking in previous games.

Despite their high goals, the Jr. Bills did not open the game very well. They failed to score a basket for the first four minutes of the game until sophomore Dave Goettelman scored, followed by a tip by junior John Kaminski two minutes later. Surprisingly, the Jr. Bills ended the first quarter with a 10-8 lead.

The second quarter started off like the first ended, and the Jr. Bills kept scoring.

Unfortunately, Goettelmann got injured midway through the quarter in a collision with a Mehlville player. At that point, he had to leave the game and get stitches just above the eye. Goettelman left the game with two points and four

assists.

But the Jr. Bills surged on without him, as Mark Lubus garnered five points during the Jr. Bills' run.

The Jr. Bills ended the half with an



Chris Luth looks to sink a free throw Tuesday night. The Jr. Bills went on to win 53-48.

eight-point lead, 29-21.

Coming out of halftime, the team was pulsating with energy, and they started out the third quarter with an unanswered 12-point run that included two Andy Lowes triples, which stunned the Mehlville players. The Jr. Bills pushed their lead to

twenty points at times during the quarter, but Mehlville refused to die. Mehlville eventually cut the lead to four at one point. But the Jr. Bills, led by Lowes and Kaminski, who each banked ten points, held the lead, eventually winning 53-48. Phineas Troy added his usual bushel of rebounds with 16.

It was one of those games that anyone who has ever played basketball, or any team sport for that matter, has suffered through. Against an inferior opponent, it was one of those stagnant games that teams sometime experience during a season's long haul.

Head coach John Ross said, "We were glad to win. We felt that we did enough to win; it would have been nice to do more."

The team moved up to 8-15 with the victory.

The Jr. Bills move on to an extremely tough Valentine's Day challenge with our tanned sweethearts on Lindbergh Road, Vianney, at 5:30 at SLUH. It's early, boys, so bring your Valentine to the game to enjoy a throw-down with our conference rivals.

HOCKEYBILLS LOOK TO FINISH OFF ZUMWALT SOUTH IN STATE TOURNAMENT

Compiled from sources

On Monday evening, the Jr. Bills defeated Ft. Zumwalt South 4-0 to take a one-game lead in a three-game series. Freshman Eddie Effinger started the team off with a power-play goal. Two minutes later Tim Mudd put away an insurance goal to make it 2-0. Mike Hutchison and Jeff Neyer capped off the team's scoring with first period goals.

The hockey team plays again this evening at 7:00 p.m. In the event of a victory they will play DeSmet or Lafayette in the next round.

PN Nightbeat

Compiled by Matt Morris and CJ Baricevic

Yesterday afternoon, the Druids Rugby Club lost to Francis Howell 22-3. Playing at the Jewel Box in Forest Park, Jr. Bills junior Tim Simon scored the Druids' only points on a penalty kick at the beginning of the first half. The Druids are now 2-1.



Tim Frazier and Joe Cherre bind together before an eight-man scrum on Thursday night.

Singlebills place second at district tournament

Mike Smallwood
Reporter

One can look at the district tournament performance last Saturday at Ritenour and truly see the vast improvements the Jr. Bills have made over the past several years. The Jr. Bills qualified thirteen of their fourteen possible wrestlers. These thirteen qualifiers set a record high for Sectional wrestlers for one team.

Coach Tim Curdt attributed these impressive numbers to "how hard the team has worked in the offseason. It started a few years ago with hard-working seniors and now every year a more impressive example is set."

Many Jr. Bills wrestlers drew byes during the opening rounds of the competition because they came into the tournament with exceptional records. Some byes also existed because some teams are missing wrestlers in certain weight classes.

Rob Nahlik (119) impressed with a dominating performance. He racked up a 15-1 lead by the end of the first period by running a clinic of moves on his opponent, putting him to his back four times. Nahlik won by technical fall, 18-1, just moments into the second period. He fol-

lowed up in the second round with a pin at 1:13 and then a 1:28 pin in the finals to capture his first place finish.

Nahlik, who is ranked sixth in the state, is highly praised by his coaches. "Rob is peaking at the right time as a captain, as a leader, and as a wrestler. Some guys fall to the pressure put on them, but Rob likes it; he thrives on it," Curdt said.

Sophomore Phil Clerc (112) got into the finals with a 9-8 win in the second round and claimed second place to earn himself a decent Sectional seat.

Also, junior Nick Born's (125) experience from three years starting on varsity helped him dominate his competition.

"He owned his weight class," Curdt said.

He pinned his CBC opponent at 3:18 in his second round match and won first place with a 13-1 major decision in the finals.

"Nick's really showing he owns his varsity spot and is not just happy to be there," commented Curdt.

Boyd Gonnerman (130), who wrestled while extremely sick, was able to claim a third place title on his way back to State. Despite being totally exhausted by the end of the third period of his finals

match, he came from behind by escaping the grasp of his opponent and then attacking him. He not only got the takedown to go up by one but then continued to work and was able to turn his opponent for a quick two-point nearfall and an 11-8 victory.

Justin Clerc (140) is also trying to make his second appearance at State. He finished in second place in the district tournament.

Junior Mike Smith (145) took third place.

John Kister (171) also earned third place. After fighting off his back during his wrestleback round, Kister got a reversal and pinned his opponent.

Sophomore David Caldwell (215) also took third.

Chris Wagnitz (152) won a close 7-4 decision in his finals match to claim first place.

John Stathopoulos rolled over his opponents with a pin at 1:04 in his first round match and then followed that up with a 1:26 pin in the second round. These two performances earned him a second place finish.

Junior Ryan Stevenson (160), who has had an up and down season after a

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Riflebills hope to place nationally after NRA meet

Kevin Gentsch
Reporter

The saga of the 2003 rifle season continued as the Riflebills shot in the National Rifle Association (NRA) 3-position sectionals in Highland, Ill. last Sunday. This match is for national ranking, in which the team placed third in the country last year.

As usual, the team put up good scores, with the varsity shooting a 2206 out of 2400, easily annihilating the competition and coming in first in sectionals.

Starting shooters were seniors Scott Isaak and Adam Hilkenkamp, junior Chris Seals, and sophomore Kevin Witbrodt, who shot 559, 553, 544, and 550, respectively.

JV provided strong cover fire with a 2107, second on the podium only to the Jr. Bills' varsity.

Juniors Andrew Hrdlicka and Kevin Gentsch led JV with 552 and 550. This was Gentsch's personal best.

Coach Will Bresnahan commented on the varsity team score, "It wasn't quite what we had hoped for but nonetheless was a good, solid score."

The team will have to wait until early June to see how they placed nationally.

The team has this weekend off, their only respite in the long and toiling season. Next Friday the team will journey to Quincy for the weekend-long Mid-America High School Rifle Championships.

On a different note, the team's two seniors, Hilkenkamp and Isaak, are being recruited by Division I schools for their rifle skills. Hilkenkamp has received his appointment to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and shoot on the Army's team. The team is currently ranked third in NCAA polls. Isaak is being recruited by several NCAA Division I rifle schools, including Xavier University and Murray State University, but has yet to make a decision.

Also, the rifle team now has a website, created and maintained by team captain Isaak. On it, you can view the roster, schedule, results, news, FAQ, and team history. The address is http://www.geocities.com/sluh_rifle.

Underclassman Winter Sports Wrapup

Compiled by Tony Bertucci
Reporter

C Hockey: Record: 5-5-1

Coach Wise commented, "We've done really well, and we've been in all our games."

The team consisted of five sophomores and eight freshmen. Wise acknowledged everyone on the team for their hard work, such as the "absolutely fearless" freshman Clint Mohs; leading scorer Sean Tuken; Vince Butano, a freshman who "has a lot of courage"; and sophomore Matt Spaith, who is a "leader on the team." Wise predicts that the team's two goalies, freshman Alex Primo and sophomore John Pecher, will be "real assets to the program."

JV Hockey: Record: 8-4-3

Coach Fedchak: "We've had a great season. We have a team that could go to the finals quite easily." Dane Moody was the leading scorer with 13 goals. Thomas Fucoloro and Thomas DiFranco, along with Moody, were among the top 12 scorers in the JV league.

B Basketball: Record: 16-7

There are three games remaining: Vianney, Chaminade, and DeSmet. Highlights so far include a second place finish in the Ft. Zumwalt South Tournament and third place in the CBC Tournament. Other exciting moments include a triple overtime victory against Jeff City and victories against each of the MCC schools.

Coach Brock Kesterson feels that his team has "really progressed throughout the year. Their teamwork and willingness to get better have propelled them to suc-

cess and given them great confidence."

The team has won eight of its last nine games.

C Basketball Blue: Record: 17-1

Said coach Spencer McCall: "The season went well. With hard work and dedication I see plenty of potential in the freshman basketball class."

Along with first place in the Oakville Tourney, the C Blue team rolled through its conference untouched, winning an MCC title. Tim Garvey was the leading scorer, and the C Blue team outscored its opponents 871-574.

C Basketball White: Record: 15-4

The C White basketball team had a successful season, winning the Jennings Tournament and receiving second in the Chaminade Tourney. Tim Glaser was the leading scorer. Coach Tom Wilson said, "I was very proud of the boys, the way they played this season. They competed in every game, and it's an experience I hope they will never forget."

JV Wrestling: Record: 9-1

JV wrestlers won an MCC championship this season and also had strong performances in the Mehville Tournament.

Coach Ollie Clerc said, "They improved the whole time."

C Wrestling: 11 Medalists at MCC Tourney

The C team defeated rivals CBC and Vianney in dual meets. The three MCC Champions—Eric Gass (who pinned all but one of his opponents this season), Sam Cummings (undefeated in freshmen

matches), and Kyle Kloster—pinned all of their opponents at the MCC. Lyle Hansen and Devin Austerman won third place at MCC; Kyle Huhman, Bryan Edmundson, Louis Nahlik, Mike Doherty, John Holden, and Chris Bushmeyer won second place at MCC.

According to coach Don Steingrubby, "The leadership and talent on this team was outstanding."

JV Racquetball: Record teams 1 thru 5: 157-40

JV three, four, and five teams collectively won the State JV three tournament as "an indication of just how strong these players are."

Says varsity coach Joe Koestner, "Our underclassmen are every bit as competitive as our seniors. The mix of solid underclassmen players are the edge that feeds our varsity program year after year." On JV one (44-2), Brian Kelly and Mike Grosch were 10-0 along with junior Jonathan Palisch. Rounding out JV one were junior Tom Reagan (6-0) and sophomore Eric Durban (8-2). Other seniors with a winning record are Andrew Grass (5-1), Dan Uhrhan, and Joe Taber. JV two (34-6): sophomores Ahillen and Hejlek eight wins each, Franklin seven wins, Lorenz six wins. JV three (32-6): sophomores Sheahan and Engle eight wins each, Corcoran seven wins. JV four (37-6): freshmen Langan and Koch nine wins each, sophomore Lorentius eight wins, freshman Rusch seven wins.

Confident of success in upcoming years, Koestner commented, "With powerful upperclassmen and solid freshmen and sophomores, the Racquetbills look to the future."

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great start early during his first year on varsity, turned things around at Districts.

He pounced on his first round opponent for a quick takedown and pin at 0:41. He executed a reversal in the first period

and then another in the second that would eventually lead to his earning the pin at 2:50. With these two efforts he earned himself second place overall.

Overall, the team took home the second place district plaque with 177.5 points, just 1.5 points behind first-place CBC.

Coming into the season, the team had set a goal to win Districts and qualify all fourteen wrestlers for sectionals.

"(The loss) was tough at the moment," Curdt said. "When (the team) took a step back, it was easy to see that (they) had a very special day. We couldn't be closer, and I am very proud of the effort."

SENIOR PROJECT

“A Plan To Get Us Out of Here”: Karen House

Timothy P. Piechowski
Sports Editor

Editor's note: This feature is the final segment in a series of three Senior Project reflections. If interested, more Senior Project reflections can be read at <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Aegean/5275/srproject03>. The names in the following story have been changed, but the story has not.

As I walked with my classmates in parade-like “V-day” fashion at the beginning of the Senior Project prayer service, I didn’t feel much like a hero. I kept wondering, “Why am I not doing more? Why am I being praised for the mandatory work I did at Karen House?”

While the song we entered to was entitled “Fanfare for the Common Man,” I didn’t think I was worthy of very much fanfare. I had spent three weeks of my life, just three weeks, helping needy individuals. I didn’t spend my time this way because of free will, either; I did it because school requirements told me I needed to.

I worked at the Karen House shelter, a temporary stopping point in the lives of up to thirteen women (at any given time) and their children. They come because of unexpected pregnancy, disability, or other misfortune, and stay until they can manage to pay their rents and their bills.

Tracy Chapman’s song “Fast Car” had always been one of my favorite songs growing up. I’d always imagined driving in a convertible with the top down and a beautiful girl at my side. Not until after I went to Karen House did I ever really listen to or understand the meaning of the song. The song tells the story of a couple trying to make it out of a shelter and into their own home, into their own place of freedom.

One line in the song is “I’ve got a plan to get us out of here. I’ve been working at a convenience store.” At Karen House I met two young women whose plan really was to work at a convenience store in order to get out of the shelter.

Lauren worked forty hours a week at a Shell station for \$8 an hour. She left her two-year-old son, Paul, with her sister Carla (who also lived in the shelter) each day. Carla, who had given birth to a new daughter, would watch her own baby and Paul each day.

Once she saved up enough money, Lauren, her sister, and their children were going to move out together. Once they moved out, Carla planned to get her infant into daycare and get a job as a receptionist at a local hotel.

When I arrived at Karen House, the girls were near the middle of their plan. Lauren had saved up the necessary money, and the “family,” of Lauren, Carla, Paul, and the newborn were soon to be moving into an apartment.

Carla, who is my age, constantly spoke about how exciting moving out would be. For the past six months she had lived in a small bedroom with a dresser and a crib for her baby. She felt cramped, and how couldn’t she? This room was her only private space in the world, and it wasn’t her own, it was the shelter’s room, the shelter’s bed.

Carla was stuck with her cramped feelings, though, as her apartment failed inspection twice, forcing she and her sister to stay at Karen House another full week.

The most amazing experience on project was when the girls asked Matt Shaver, Jack Deen, and I to help them move out of the

shelter.

On our first trip Matt and I took a pickup truck with a couch and a dresser to their new apartment.

It was horrible. Matt and I spent forty-five minutes with a 100-lb. couch in the air as we tried every possible geometrical position to get the couch up to the second floor of the duplex the girls were to live in. We finally decided to put the couch on the ground and talk to neighbors about the situation. After nearly dropping the couch on our fingers, Matt knocked on the downstairs neighbor’s front door and asked him how to get the couch upstairs.

The neighbor said that he didn’t really know, but that the rumor on the street was that the last people who had lived in the house had tied their couch up with ropes, and pulled it up to the second floor balcony and through the back door.

Matt and I looked bemusedly at each other and opted to place the couch in the backyard. Even this did not go well for us, though, as we had to load the couch back on to the truck and drive it to the alley, just to place it in the backyard. Carla, who was with us, told us that she wanted to take the cushions off the couch back to the shelter because she thought somebody would steal the couch if it just sat there.

Apparently the neighbor was not kidding about the rope system, as, later that day, Matt and Jack returned to the apartment with some other things, and the landlord was getting ready to tie the couch up for the big lifting session. Jack and Matt, along with a few others, helped to pull the couch up.

The following day each of us helped to move all of the girls, their children’s clothes, and their smaller possessions out of the shelter. I think we moved about ninety plastic Hefty trashbags from shelter to car to apartment that day.

When we finally finished, Matt, Jack, Carla, Paul, and I sat on the couch which had so laboriously been raised up to the second floor. We sat there for over an hour, shooting the breeze, talking about everything from when Carla would begin working to how painfully boring watching PBS shows like Barney and Sesame Street is for parents.

It was nice to see Carla smiling about the possibilities of a future. She talked about how hard it is to stay focused and not get depressed in the shelter. But they had not gotten depressed, they had gotten out.

What kept coming to my mind as we sat through the Senior Prayer service was that couch. It must have taken some five man-hours to get the couch into that apartment.

I kept thinking about how the other twelve women and their children at Karen House would need someone to help them move their couches. And these couches would only need to be moved if they made it to a level of success where they could afford an apartment.

Three weeks. What is three weeks of time, when the reality is that the needs of the poor are never fully met? There will always be another Carla and Lauren. There will always be another couch.

I thought about how little I have done to help those who are struggling to get out of their lives of subsistence. I didn’t feel like a common man needing praise as the prayer service’s music suggested. I felt like a man who hadn’t done enough.

ROLY POLY

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plained, "This is a painful thing for us, but there has to be learning from it... That is one of the reasons I called together this group of student leaders."

However, she didn't want the meeting to be merely "a forum on this current situation." Instead she wanted to talk about "the responsibilities (students) have to the other students here, but also to the larger community when students are representing SLUH."

"What is a student's responsibility as a student at SLUH?" she asked. "Maybe we need to examine some of the ethical issues around stealing." She hoped the discussion would lead to greater accountability to peers and a greater sense of the responsibilities of being a student at the school.

"I've heard the adults talk. I haven't heard the students talk," she said Thursday at the opening of the meeting. The first question for discussion was: "What are the responsibilities that go along with the privilege of acceptance into the SLUH community?"

STUCO Vice President Mark Hennelly kicked off the discussion, "SLUH is different from every other single school. There may be a few bad seeds, (but) I don't know a single really bad person at SLUH. I think everything is fine." Hennelly also said students have a responsibility to be a "good person."

Most students agreed SLUH students have some sort of responsibility. "Being a student at SLUH, I hold myself and my classmates to a high moral standard," said NHS President Denis Agniel.

However, there were some feelings that some mistakes are to be expected. "I don't think we are called to be perfect," said Pro-Life Club President Suneal Menzies.

Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots club president Tom Martin echoed Menzies's views; "By having people that aren't perfect at SLUH, that's what helps us grow. Our responsibility as SLUH students is to help these people," he said.

Much of the discussion revolved

around arrogance or cockiness. Soccer Captain Matt Hof said, "We have to hold ourselves to not be like that."

Sisyphus editor Geoff Brusca saw arrogance as a huge problem. "There is institutional arrogance here. We present this 'We're smarter than you' (attitude) all the time. We are seen in a really negative light by a lot of people because of that. We can't have this as part of what it means to be a SLUH student."

Some attendees thought the solution would be a little humility. "What should set us apart is that we're good people," said Latin Club Praetor Dan Riley.

Many thought that while SLUH students may be cocky, they also have qualities to be proud of. "I really like SLUH. Kids really do seem to care about each other," said Spanish Club President Ryan Vierling.

Soccer Captain Matt McCarthy thought that students should be proud. "Having a high confidence in ourselves...that's what sets us apart," he said.

"There's definitely something different here, but it's a good thing," said racquetball captain Chris Guilfooy.

Many students cited camaraderie between students and alumni as something that is especially strong in SLUH students.

Director of the Intramural Committee Tim Beisher said, "I believe in my heart this place has a life force. This is an intrinsically good place."

"We're very well-rounded," said Hennelly.

However, there were some feelings that arrogance is rooted in the feeling that SLUH students are different from other students.

"I'm not that convinced that a student at SLUH has fundamentally different responsibilities than a student at any other school. We're not that special," said Young Democratic Socialist Representative Tim Friese.

Agreeing, Hoffman said, "I've heard a lot of people say there is something different at SLUH...to me that sounds like

an empty statement. We don't know if people at other schools do that kind of good stuff, too."

The second question for discussion was: "How do you see your generation contributing to the tradition of excellence SLUH enjoys?"

"I think our generation has a new challenge," said Speech Team representative J.R. Strzelec, "Jesuit numbers are dropping, so much of the focus has shifted to academics. The spiritual element takes a back seat."

Most students agreed that they should be trying to improve the school. "One word I've heard tossed around a lot is 'legacy.' One of the most important things is not just look at ourselves as a legacy, but as a basepoint. We should improve the clubs we're in, not just say 'This is how it was in the past,'" said Latin Club Praetor Joe Nagel.

Although SLUH is known for its academics, students felt much of the tradition lay in the clubs. STUCO Representative Scott Rice said he had friends that were scared off from applying to SLUH by the academics.

"I came here sheerly for the academics," said President of the Junior Statesmen Dave Marek, "The part that has changed me isn't the academics."

Many students felt that SLUH is a family. "First thing my father said (to me when I got into SLUH) was 'Don't embarrass (SLUH's) name. You're in a new family now,'" said freshman STUCO Representative Darryl Jones.

Clark finished off the discussion. "I'm a proud grad of SLUH. Becoming a Man for Others doesn't happen overnight. We know you're not perfect. You're far from perfect. We're trying to get you from A to Z. We're no different from other schools that are doing the same thing."

After the discussion, Schenkenberg asked for feedback about making a document that states what a SLUH student should strive for, meeting with mixed reaction. She also expressed hope that the leaders of the school could meet again in the future.

SNAKE

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malfunctioning. Director of Security Charlie Clark had the day off today, so Zarrick handled the occurrence. Zarrick is optimistic; he said, "I'm hoping the tapes show either the license plate or a good description (of the thief)."

The school called the police to the scene, and the authorities conducted a full investigation that included calling the witnesses out of class to ask them questions. They came to the consensus that the thief was about 5'5", 150 pounds, medium complexion, and wearing a white construction hat.

Officer Kaiser of the St. Louis Police Department is on the case. "I put out an all-points description of him. All we can do is keep our eyes open, and hopefully we can catch him. I can't say whether or not we will catch him," he said.

As for the safety of the alley, Zarrick

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place and crawled under the covers until (he) was ready to deal with the world."

Tuesday, Facilities Director Pat Zarrick was informed of the problem and immediately investigated the premises with Grounds Director Al Teske. After finding the dog lounging under the tree on the P.E. field, they called the APA. Upon their first visit, the dog had hidden itself. Zarrick then proceeded to call out the authorities a second time. Zarrick found the dog and waited until the dog catchers arrived.

The dog was apprehended fifteen minutes before the end of school on Tuesday afternoon. The APA is "holding the animal as a stray for five days," said Animal Control Supervisor Rick Maurer. If no one claims the dog by the fifth day, it will be put to sleep. "It's kind of like being on death row," said Maurer. If the owner does retrieve the hound, he or she will be issued a summons for allowing it to roam without supervision.

Though there has not been an increase in animal bites in the past years, the APA has responded to significantly more

said, "(A guard) monitors the Oakland parking lot and then does rounds on Oakland Avenue and loops through the alley." Zarrick explained that the school already employs two full-time guards, continuing, "At this time, it doesn't make good sense from our standpoint to hire a full-time guard to watch the alley."

"We don't recommend that our faculty and staff park in the alley, because it's not patrolled all the time," said Zarrick.

Zarrick said, "This was just an unfortunate circumstance."

Unfortunate indeed. The final tally of Lally's loss included the full tool chest, a laptop, a sound system, a digital camera, and a twenty dollar bill. Lally estimated his loss at between \$5720 and \$6720.

Despite his recent hardship, Lally looked on the sunny side of the situation. "I don't know who it was. It doesn't matter," he said. "Nobody got hurt."

calls concerning pit bulls. Maurer contributes this statistic to the increasing use of pit bulls in gang-related activity. "Also there is much more hype around a pit bull bite because of the damage they can do with their strong jaws," said Maurer. "Because of this it is much more likely that an individual would hear of a pit bull attack," he continued.

Once again the alley is safe from the clutches of canine catastrophe, and the anxiety of brave teachers may be put to rest.

"Now I can walk to and from school again," said Kesterson.

FORCE

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for leadership in the school.

Block, who is in his third year on STUCO, has noticed clear changes in the way the group is run this year compared to years past. He said that the administration has placed more limitations on STUCO this year. In addition, he noted that the group is holding weekly meetings, and overall communication is better this year. "There's more of a serious air to it," Block said.

KISS ME

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musicalization of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*. The plot centers on the play-within-a-play's two leads, Fred Graham (senior Alan Naylor) and Lilli Vanessi (St. Joe junior Caitlin Budny), a divorced couple who cannot decide whether they love or hate each other.

The backstage romance of *Kate* coincides with that of *Shrew*, not only for Fred and Lilli but also for supporting players Bill Calhoun (senior Brandon Bieber) and Lois Lane (Rosati-Kain junior Marjorie Failoni), a pair of dancers who hope that the new show will prove to be their big break.

Calhoun is also a compulsive gambler, and his losses result in a visit from two gangsters (junior Kevin O'Brien and senior J.R. Strzelec) who come to collect the hefty debt for their boss.

Putting on a show like *Kate* presented challenges to everyone involved. The score calls for a broad vocal range, and the show features more dancing than in recent years. Performing Shakespeare provided an additional challenge to the actors, and the stage crew has been working for months designing and implementing the play's special effects.

All in all, *Kiss Me, Kate* is a classic musical that takes neither itself nor Shakespeare too seriously. Opening last night, the show continues throughout the weekend, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. Come see a show that is entertaining, vivacious, and calculated to please the discriminating theater-goer.

Kesterson praised this year's STUCO for their efforts. "It's hard for this group to be the guinea pigs," he said. "People see that our STUCO this year has been working to achieve our goals."

One of Kesterson's worries is that observers will only see STUCO's final products and results, rather than what happens behind the scenes to make them possible. However, he remains confident in the work that has happened, saying, "We're going in the right direction."

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Calendar

by Brian Fallon

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

Schedule L
 All-Star BB vs Juniors @ AP
 Yearbook Mtg @ AP
 Science Club trip through 2/16
 Dauphin Players present *Kiss Me, Kate* @
 7:30 pm
 V/B BB vs. Vianney @ 5:30/4 pm
 V-SW @ State @ Rec Plex @ TBA
 Fries & Pizza

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

Upward Bound Admissions Test
 V-SW @ State TBA
 WR @ Sectionals TBA
 Dauphin Players present *Kiss Me, Kate* @
 7:30 pm

SUNDAY, FEB. 16

Dauphin Players present *Kiss Me, Kate* @

7:30 pm

MONDAY, FEB. 17

Presidents' Day
 No Classes
 Father/Son Rec Bowl

TUESDAY, FEB. 18

Special Schedule
 Fr/So Movie Trivia @ AP
 TAP mtg @ AP
 President's Ambassadors Mtg
 V-BB vs Chaminade @ 6 pm
 B-BB vs Chaminade @ 4:30 pm
 Pizza Snack & Toasted Ravioli

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

Special Schedule
 Dress Down Day
 Hat Day for Cancer
 College Visits:

Avila University @ AP
 Newman University @ AP
 Sophomore Class Mtg @ AP
 Junior Hot Shot @ AP
 Pizza Snack & Beef Stroganoff

THURSDAY, FEB. 20

Special Schedule
 NHS Mtg @ AP
 Freshman English Tutorial @ AP
 Sophomore Hot Shot @ AP
 Mostaccoli w/ Breadsticks

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

Schedule R
 NHS Mtg @ AP
 B-BB vs DeSmet @ 5 pm
 V-BB vs DeSmet @ 7 pm
 Talent Show @ 8:45 pm
 Bosco Sticks & Little Charlies

THEFT

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they know other kids who shoplift. 66 percent say they hang out with those kids."

According to Clark, students at Nerinx Hall High School knew about the thievery before he did. "What's upsetting to me," said he, "is that the young ladies at Nerinx Hall know more about what goes on at this school than I do."

According to Schenkenberg, the administration did not contact the authorities or Galyan's, the store from which the students had stolen, regarding this issue. She said, "The families were advised concerning their responsibilities in this situation." She also said that the families were "very supportive," in working with the school to resolve the issue.

Later, she commented further, saying, "We felt very strongly that restitution needed to be made, but that needed to happen through the family."

For reference, one might look at how another area school would handle such a situation. In regards to off-campus theft, Eureka High School Principal Keith Kinder said, "We can't deal with that unless there is a police report filed."

However, in regards to sale of stolen goods on campus, he assured, "It would be at least a 10-day suspension, maybe more."

He continued, "The first thing we would do is contact the authorities...then contact the parents and the store." He reported having dealt with a similar situation at his school concerning greeting cards.

Schenkenberg made it clear that she believed that the students had made up for their actions. "I believe restitution was made in all three of those cases. I know that was particularly important to (President) Fr. (Paul) Sheridan."

One junior close to the suspended students clarified, "They all went their separate ways and returned the stuff to Galyan's."

Galyan's would not comment on how much money they lose to theft each year. Joan Hurley, a representative in Galyan's corporate office, said the total is "normally a very minuscule amount."

Shoplifters Alternative asserts that over 2 million shoplifters are apprehended annually, with \$25 million lost per day to shoplifting across the country. It reports, "Shoplifting affects more than the offender. It...costs consumers more for goods, costs communities lost dollars in sales taxes, and hurts children and families."

Juniors who spoke to the *Prep News* felt that the administration handled the situation correctly.

"I think the school definitely had

grounds to do it," said one.

Junior Tom Martin, at Thursday's meeting, asserted his hope that the administration might offer an avenue for concerned friends to inform others of friends' stealing problems without fearing punishment.

Investigations proceed concerning to what extent the events affect the school, but Clark said that it is hard to separate fact from fiction.

"I think there are more people involved in it," he said. "No one's coming forward." He thinks there are "a number of people" involved. However, he said, a student told him he believes that alumni and current students of the school should "protect" each other by not turning one another in.

"That offends me," said Clark. "I'm an alumnus."

Concerning students who may have bought jackets from the withdrawn student, Clark said, "I've talked to parents who said, 'Hey, my son didn't know it was stolen.' Those fleeces are, from what I was told, \$168. And you're buying it for \$20? And if it's brand new, it looks new, and the tags aren't on there—you know if it was new or not."

Schenkenberg imagines that some good could come from the situation. "This is a painful thing for us," she acknowledged, "but there has to be learning from it."