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"If nothing else, value the truth"

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Schulte set for knee replacement *Math teacher will return in April*

**Greg Fox
Staff**

Joseph Schulte, math teacher and chair of the theater department, will undergo a knee replacement operation on Monday. Schulte will have his right knee replaced at St. Mary's Hospital to eliminate a nagging infection.

The operation, originally scheduled for earlier this week, is a multi-step process that will take a few weeks. Schulte's right knee, which has been replaced twice before, will be taken out and a spacer will be put into his leg on Monday. After waiting three weeks to make sure the infection does not return, the spacer will

be removed and an artificial knee will be inserted. After he receives the artificial knee, Schulte will be in a cast for at least three months.

The recovery from the operation will never be complete. "After a knee replacement, you never get back to 100 percent," said Schulte. He should be back to 60 percent after a year and possibly 80 percent after two years.

Complications resulting from anti-coagulants, which Schulte is taking due to other conditions, postponed the operation until Monday. Three days prior to the operation, Schulte was taken off the anti-coagulants so that his blood would clot

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Cargo pants, fleeces nixed for '03-'04 year

**Brian Krebs
Reporter**

Cargo pants and fleece jackets have become very popular. But Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark has outlawed both for the 2003-'04 school year.

Clark has come to the conclusion that cargo pants may be linked to the seemingly endless string of thefts at SLUH. He believes that extra pockets are being used by students for hiding stolen items, such as calculators and cafeteria food. Clark also believes that students may use these pockets to hide drugs; in hopes of reducing these problems, he is outlawing cargo pants from the dress code next year.

Fleece jackets have also been added to the dress code's list of prohibited items. Clark considers a fleece that zips all the way down to be a fleece jacket (as opposed to a pullover).

Clark sympathizes with students and agrees that it can be chilly inside of the SLUH building; for alternate options, he offers sweatshirts, sweaters, and fleece pullovers. A fleece pullover, he explained, zips down only halfway.

Many students have expressed concern over the change. Some students have even asked if they could start a petition. Clark gave them permission, but he doesn't think it will make much of a difference. He is tired of all the thievery that has occurred and knows that the changes in dress code won't completely eliminate

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Los Constables, comprised of juniors Sam Weller (keyboard), John Randall (singing), Jake Bell, Dave Marek, and Brian Heffernan, perform "The Real Man's Man" in front of a capacity crowd during Friday's Talent Show. The Talent Show raised about \$2000 for Friends of Kids with Cancer.

Students and staffers attend Iraq war protest

Patrick Ivers
Reporter

Millions of anti-war protesters around the world took to the streets two weeks ago to tell the Bush administration that they oppose a war with Iraq. In St. Louis, on Saturday, Feb. 15, nearly 2,500 protesters crowded in Pilgrim Congressional Church on Delmar and Union. In attendance were about a dozen people from the SLUH community. Speakers addressed the crowd about alternatives to war, including spending money on education and healthcare instead of on a war with Iraq. Speakers also said that an estimated 57 percent of US citizens oppose a war against Iraq.

Sophomore Jack Buthod went to the protest in order to be counted with the millions of others who publicly oppose war. "I don't think Bush is being entirely honest," Buthod said. "I think it's more about oil and getting a concrete victory for the next election."

Many other protesters agreed that a war with Iraq is questionable, citing that weapons of mass destruction, the Bush administration's main justification for a war with Iraq, can be found in a number of other countries including Korea, China, France, Argentina, Chile, Egypt, Mexico, and the United States. "I think (Bush) is taking the easy way out. I think Bush is an evil son of a war-monger; sacrificing people's lives for such selfish reasons is immoral," said Buthod.

Sophomore Paul Barker echoed the sentiment of the protesters, saying, "I question Bush's motives for war. They aren't consistent with his foreign policy to nations with similar situations."

Sophomore Peter Srouji continued the argument against a war, saying how, during the Gulf War, "We said we were going to bring democracy to Kuwait, but Kuwaitis are still living under an oppres-

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Care Committee Update

Respect and Substance Abuse

Geoff Brusca, Brian Kane
Editor, Core Staff

The Respect committee, chaired by Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinselmeyer, has been working to develop suggestions for the administration as to how to foster a more respectful atmosphere. They are developing ideas such as a written code of respect and strategies to improve person-to-person conduct and interaction.

That code has become one of the main focuses of the committee.

"We'd like to spearhead the writing of a code of respect," said Zinselmeyer. "It's meant to be a statement that inspires people to act better toward each other."

The code would be written primarily by students and would put into words the goals of improving respect in every interaction at SLUH. According to Zinselmeyer, it should not be something that presses people to turn someone else in for disrespect, but rather should be everyone's aim in trying to build an open and friendly atmosphere.

"It would be like putting into effect the Grad at Grad or the Mission Statement," said Zinselmeyer.

The code should be finished by the end of this year and could possibly be ratified and accepted by the beginning of next year. It could also, by recommenda-

tions to Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark, fit into the Parent-Student Handbook along with the Grad at Grad and Mission Statement.

Another big focus of the Respect committee has been improved respect in person-to-person conduct, especially in student-to-student, teacher-to-student, and teacher-to-staff relationships.

"We're focusing on small things that might make slower, but big changes," said English teacher Rich Moran.

Such small things might include having senior advisors help coach freshmen on such things as how to defuse a situation where students are taunting others and making a good history of respect a factor in admissions.

One facet of respect that is often overlooked is that of the relationship between teachers and non-faculty staff. "Whenever you get people who appear to have more privileges than another group, one group can be more afraid to say something to the other," said Moran. The committee is trying to find ways to fix that disparity and open up better communication between teachers and staff.

The Respect committee is also working on smaller issues, such as developing a set of guidelines which they could give to guest speakers to try and steer them away from norms of respect they might violate

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WORLD'S SMALLEST BILLIKEN!

Mark Missey, '90, is currently working for a startup company in the field of telecommunications that has the ability to etch very, very small features into semiconductors (in exactly the same way that an Intel Processor is made). To keep himself entertained in his 8'x8' Dilbert-like cubicle, he can also impart the image of any photo into the semiconductors during the processing. The image of this smallest Billiken is 50 um high. (1 meter = 1000 mm = 1,000,000 um) If you assume that the head of a pin is 1 mm in diameter, you can fit about 500 of the smallest Billikens on the head of a pin.



EDITORIAL

Student leaders should take responsibility for spirit

Andrew Westlund wrote in a letter in last week's issue of the *Prep News* that school spirit is waning. His opinion on this subject has two primary flaws: first, he assigns blame incorrectly; second, he defines spirit too narrowly.

Westlund claims that SLUH and spirit "are under attack" and that traditions "are slowly being edited out of our lives." He either uses the impersonal passive tense (a no-no in any SLUH English class) to avoid assigning particular blame, or he vaguely identifies the attacker as "Big Brother." He asserts that the student body is feeling anxious about the administration's "failure to compromise."

But the administration did not perpetrate many of the supposed spirit crimes. Belly Brigades still roam the halls, most recently as Westlund's letter was distributed to homerooms last Friday; STUCO Moderator Brock Kesterson made the decision to remove the flyers for the Fall Ball because they contained an offensive phrase; and senior Dan Sinnett, not the administration, criticized hockey fans earlier in the year.

However, the administration did end Student Council announcements over the PA and did away with the STUCO Valentine's Day Issue. Certainly Westlund was correct in assert-

ing the administration did not communicate its motivation behind these actions to the student body. Communication is the lifeblood of any relationship, including the one between administration and student body, and the administration should have better dialogue with students in order to create an atmosphere of trust and shared goals.

While the administration fell short in this respect, the student body is not blameless. The examples Westlund gives for attacks on spirit should not limit one's pride in SLUH. Students ought to be able to come up with myriad ways to manifest spirit even without the few avenues which have been recently closed. Belly Brigade does not need bare chests to entice students to attend events. We, as a student body, do not need the Valentine's Day Issue to enjoy the holiday. Students who care about spirit can and will find ways to enliven the school. If we believe in spirit, we should not, we will not, just complain; if we believe in spirit, we should work to enrich the atmosphere around the school.

In this regard, Student Council should take a prominent role in the quest for school spirit because many, like Westlund, look to STUCO to demonstrate, propagate, and perpetuate spirit. As elected leaders, STUCO has a responsibility to the student body
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lewis, '02, thinks spirit is fading

To the Editor:

In response to the editorial by Andrew Westlund, I, too, am afraid of what might be happening to the spirit and pride associated with the student body of SLUH. From a very practical standpoint, I feel that school spirit has an enormous impact on enrollment. I can remember when I was in sixth grade and I came to my first SLUH soccer game. We were playing DeSmet and I remember wishing that I could be standing in the student section cheering. I feel like that particular experience had a large impact on my decision to attend SLUH.

So what might happen if SLUH continues to set excessive limitations on students expressing their spirit? Does the administration even care about the students' pride in attending SLUH? Is it fair or just that they can take away long-standing traditions such as the Belly Brigade without so much as listening to an argument from the students' standpoint? I feel like any slight offense, intended or not, or even the possibility of offense, now causes an overly dramatic reaction which often leads to a decision that students have no say in and can do nothing about, but which deeply affects them but not the faculty and administration making the decision. Certainly a lot of the things SLUH students do and have done in the past are goofy, strange, and downright idiotic at times. However, I know that doing these things alongside the class of 2002 helped bring us closer together as brothers.

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Kesterson: spirit is changing

To the Editor:

Times, they are a-changin'. Spirit Brigades replace Belly Brigades. The time-honored Valentine's issue is no more. CJ's voice is no longer present on the after school announcements. Cargo pants are on their way out. Pep rallies don't provide much pep (sorry, guys). One could say that SLUH spirit is dead.

In an effort of revival, SLUH students packed the Backer Memorial gym last Friday night for a game against their rivals from DeSmet. I saw spirit that night. I saw spirit in the three seniors who played their final home game in a SLUH uniform. I saw spirit in the friendly halftime exhibition between SLUH and DeSmet fans. I saw spirit in the energy of the crowd that cheered on our Jr. Bills until the final buzzer.

After the game, students, family, and friends filtered into the theater for the second annual STUCO Talent Show. I saw spirit in Jimmy Scariot belting his version of "Desperado." I saw spirit in the breakdancing of Chris Cahill. I saw spirit in Sam Weller's keyboard driven anthem. I saw spirit in all of the acts. I saw spirit in your generosity, as the combined efforts of Hats On Day and the Talent Show raised almost \$2000 for Friends of Kids with Cancer.

Brock Kesterson
STUCO Moderator

Quid pro quo: Mock Trial argues in style

**Tim Friese
Reporter**

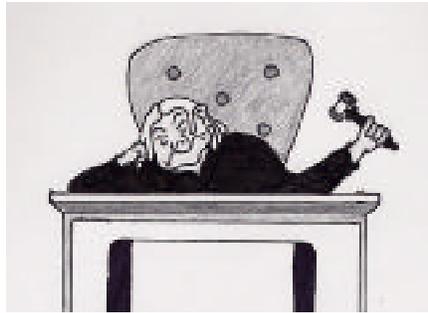
The Mock Trial Team tried a case on Thursday, Feb. 20, at the St. Louis Courthouse in Clayton against a team from Affton High School. Led by moderators Miles Grier and Jean Elliott, SLUH took the side of the prosecution.

Here are the facts of the case: on a tempestuous night, Sam and Jude, lifelong but recently-estranged friends, were out on Jude's boat, which Jude had recently bought from Sam. While on the dangerous Mississippi, the boat sank, and only Sam came back alive.

Some answers to the murder came from Kelly Swanson, the harbormaster who heard a mayday call and a struggle. Kelly, a friend of both Sam and Jude, was theoretically unbiased, but he didn't have all the facts. His radio was off for a short while during the storm, and he didn't

actually see any struggle.

Dr. Marty Brody also tried to shed some light on the murder. Brody performed the autopsy on Jude and, with an expert opinion, matched the three stab



wounds on Jude to a knife that Sam owned. He also postulated that, whether or not Jude's biological cause of death was drowning or stab wounds, his manner of death was homicidal.

Sophomore Justin Rolwes opened the arguments with a clear, straightforward assessment of the legal issues, the established facts of the case, and an outline of the points that SLUH's prosecution intended to make. Rolwes painted, as he put it, "an outline that wouldn't be too argumentative."

The proceedings then moved quickly to the harbormaster's testimony. Junior John Berosky played Swanson with a smoothly-performed river town personality, putting his important but circumstantial testimony on the floor with simple, lucid poise.

The crux of SLUH's case, however, lay in the testimony of Dr. Brody, forensics expert and chief of police who performed the autopsy on Jude. Junior Chris Wegan agilely played Brody, moving in tandem with sophomore lawyer Chris James as well as dodging the opposing
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Naylor captures first at Shakespeare competition

**Tim Huether
Reporter**

Senior Alan Naylor won the Shakespeare competition at the University of Missouri-Saint Louis (UMSL) this past Saturday.

The English Speaking Union, a group that is interested in and promotes the English language, sponsored the competition.

The contest was held in the chapel of an old convent at UMSL. This Shakespeare competition involved sophomores, juniors, and seniors from eight or nine schools. Students had to win a contest in their own school before advancing to the contest at UMSL.

English department chair Chuck Hussung, the main coordinator for SLUH's involvement in the contest, chose three judges for the in-school competition—English teacher Mark Cummings, math teacher Dan See, and French teacher Jennifer Crespin—to determine SLUH's finalist.

The contest took place in early February; the judges ruled Alan Naylor to be

the best of SLUH's hopefuls. Said See, "He gave an emphatic performance, and I enjoyed it greatly."

Each contestant in the UMSL competition was required to recite one of Shakespeare's sonnets in addition to a monologue of between 15 and 20 lines before a panel of three judges. This year's judges included representatives from the annual Shakespeare festival, the Saint Louis Shakespeare Company, and the English department at Saint Louis University.

Hussung initially told Naylor about the competition last year after overhearing Naylor recite some Shakespeare for extra credit. Naylor approached Hussung about the competition this year.

The winning sonnet and monologue recited by Naylor came from Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*, which was "a gutsy choice," according to Hussung, who explained, "*Measure for Measure* is about a man wrestling with his soul who comes under tremendous temptation."

Naylor originally memorized the

piece for Shakespeare class. "That piece stuck out to me," said Naylor, "Nobody ever knows about *Measure for Measure* or does anything from it, so it's unique." Naylor received help from theater teacher Joseph Schulte.

For winning the UMSL competition, Naylor received \$300 and a free trip to New York in late April, where a national competition will take place. He will compete against 56 other sectional winners from all across the country. They are all winners brought by the English Speaking Union from different subsets of the group in different areas of the country.

Although he already used the excerpt from *Measure for Measure*, Naylor will be able to use it again for the contest in New York. The contest will take place in New York's Lincoln Center and has previously been judged by such celebrities as Sarah Jessica Parker and Christopher Reeve.

Said Naylor, "I was quite nervous after I found out I am going to New York, but I enjoyed the experience and would do it all over again, even if I hadn't won."

Science Club explores St. Francois Mountains

Compiled by Sources

This past weekend, the Science Club set out to explore the St. Francois Mountains despite the marginal weather. Five backpackers—freshman Dan Marincel, sophomores Luke Dang, Tyler Faust, and Dustin Sump, and junior Dan Lieser, along with moderator Steve Kuensting—left after school on Friday (Feb. 21) and drove over two hours south to Sam A. Baker State Park.

Leaving the “Big Blue” school van parked at the Mudlick Trail parking area, they packed up their gear and lit up their flashlights to hike through the darkness. The group found a hiking shelter on the bluffs of Big Creek about two and a half miles up the trail. The shelter provided a welcome reprieve from the steady light rain.

After cooking supper they set up camp and spent the night dry, compliments of a well-built stone and wood shelter dating back to the 1930s. The next morning, after a hot breakfast, the group packed up and

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(from 1) normally. According to theater teacher Kathryn Yarman-Whitaker, he was on the way to his operation when his blood tests revealed that his blood was still too thin, even though he stopped taking the medication.

Health teacher Scott Gilbert said, “There is a serious risk...when you operate on somebody (who is taking anti-coagulants). They could hemorrhage or bleed out...You could either administer coagulants or maybe lower the dosage of the anti-coagulant...or you can discontinue the medication altogether.”

Schulte will probably miss four weeks of class while recovering. According to Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski, former Principal Robert Bannister will cover Schulte’s math class while he is recuperating, and Jen Loui will take over his theater classes.

Principal Mary Schenkenberg called

hit the trail in periodic rain and biting wind. Creek crossings made the hike challenging, and Mudlick Hollow provided a good show of waterfalls and crashing water. The trail, often steep, provided elevations ranging from 400 feet to almost 1200 feet. The group made its way over the rivers and through the woods another six and a half miles to another campsite on the south end of the park where they found an excellent campsite.

The rain and wind had finally subsided and everyone stayed warm around a roaring campfire. The night provided the music of barred owls, rustling leaves, and snoring hikers. Next morning, to the sound of woodpeckers and a crackling, reawakened fire, everyone cooked a hot breakfast and packed up. After dousing the fire, they made the four and a half mile hike to the waiting van.

The Science Club plans to hike on their next trip during Spring Break, in the Badlands of South Dakota, weather permitting. For more information, check out www.sluh.org/scienceclub.htm.

Loui a “fine teacher of theater.” Loui has substituted at other high schools around the area and personally knows Schulte.

Schulte will probably be back teaching on April 7. Said Schenkenberg of Schulte’s return, “We’ll see how (he) is doing.”



Photographer Darrell Gulin to lead seminar

Rico Bertucci
Staff

Renowned nature photographer Darrell Gulin will be leading a photography seminar this Saturday in the theater as a fundraiser for the Outdoor Experience Club (OEC).

“(The Missouri Nature and Environmental Photographers organization) gets the speaker, and we provide the facilities and help with advertising,” said Zarrick. “This seminar will give the faculty and staff, as well as the students, a chance to learn something about nature photography from one of the best professionals in the field.”

The \$50 fee to the general public will be waived for any SLUH student who is interested, and lunch will be included.

Gulin, a Seattle native, has been a photographer for almost two decades and has devoted the last 11 years to full-time nature photography.

Gulin’s work has been published in many magazines, including *Outdoor Photographer*, *Outdoor & Nature*, *Newsweek*, *National Geographic*, *Audubon*, *National Wildlife*, *Birder’s World*, *Nature Conservancy*, and *Popular Photography*.

Gulin’s work was also featured as a fourteen-page portfolio in the summer issue of *Nature’s Best Magazine*. His work is also featured in nearly every major nature calendar.

Zarrick said, “He is often referred to as the next Art Wolfe,” who came to the U. High in 2001.

Zarrick expects a crowd close to 150 people, noting, “If we had to do it again, we wouldn’t do it over Mardi Gras weekend.”

Concluded Zarrick, “It should be an enjoyable and educational alternative to Mardi Gras festivities.”

Dear Mr. Baud,
Congrats on your marriage
-The Prep News

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without realizing it. They are also trying to find ways to gather data about respect, asking questions such as, according to Zinselmeyer, "What are the real issues of respect?"

Moran has been pleased with work on the committee so far. "As we're doing this, it really feels like good work," he said.

Zinselmeyer noted, "We're going to try to include people in the community."

The Substance Abuse Care Committee, chaired by Wellness Club Moderator Craig Hannick, has been taking steps during the year towards reducing substance abuse problems at SLUH.

"The goals (of the committee) are to increase awareness of the problem of substance abuse and have an opportunity for education in the area of prevention," said Hannick.

Committee member Tim O'Keefe still thinks that the committee is just starting out. "We're kind of just in the early steps, but we're getting the ball rolling," he said.

Committee member Scott Gilbert attended the committee's meeting in mid-August, and he felt that at the time the group's progress was "phenomenal."

So far this year, Hannick has held a parent meeting and an all-school assembly to address the issues of substance abuse. At the all-school assembly, he introduced the STAR program, which is still involved with the school. Furthermore, the Wellness Club has remained active, and Hannick plans on having a completed Wellness Manual by April of this year.

"I think we've gotten a pretty good response overall," said O'Keefe. He specifically mentioned that those parents who attended the parent meeting enjoyed the program.

Gilbert remains optimistic about the effects of bringing in outside speakers to address the student body. "I think they have a huge impact," he said.

The STAR program has been a new and major development in the fight against substance abuse at SLUH. Every other week, Frank Nally, the head of the orga-

nization, visits SLUH with a youth who is currently undergoing recovery from substance addictions. Hannick anticipates that the STAR program, which is open to all students, will continue at SLUH next year.

"This year the club hasn't been as active, but I think that it's gone a lot farther with the forums that they've been having with the parents," said Wellness Club Publicist Mark Hardy.

"As much as everyone in the club would like to see more activity with the STAR meetings they've been having, we haven't gotten the participation that we've wanted out of it," Hardy added. "It's not something that we try to force on people; we just want people to want to make the right choice."

A second all-school assembly is tentatively scheduled for April 1. The speaker at this assembly will be Jason Barber, who has had to deal with the long-term consequences of substance abuse as a youth.

Another parent meeting will be held later this year. SLUH will host the Parent Network's meeting entitled "Top Ten Things High School Administrators Want Parents

to Know." The meeting will be on April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

O'Keefe feels that one of the reasons that drug and alcohol abuse can be a problem is its prevalence during some students' weekend activities. "(Substance abuse) is just part of what goes along with it," he said. Because of this prevalence, he thinks that offering alternatives on weekends is important.

Hannick believes that offering alternatives to substance abuse during students' free time has been a success this year. The Wellness Club has already held a movie night this year, as well as trivia contests and video game tournaments last year. Hannick says that the trivia and video games will tentatively return during the rest of this school year.

"There's always more that can be done," said Hannick.

At this point, O'Keefe believes the committee is "just finding a way to do more of the same" things that they have done so far this year. "We just need to have some more meetings, and I think that's in the works."

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Someone who has not walked down the halls of SLUH as a student wouldn't understand this.

I don't feel like the cancellation of the Valentine's Day Issue will dramatically affect the soul of the U. High. But what comes next? The Wet Billies contest during Spirit Week wastes food, so should we stop doing it? Why waste paint on bodies when there are plenty of inner-city homes that need refurbishing? Yelling at sporting events might cause permanent damage to our vocal chords, which might mean that we will lose our voices for good. How will we get jobs with no voices? Am I taking crazy pills?

Coach K (STUCO Moderator Brock Kesterson) said that he hopes the Valentine's Day Issue will fade out of memory. Belly Brigades will fade out of memory too. So will many of the cheers which I still remember from freshman year. So will the memory of when STUCO was a homeroom that people wanted to be a part of. So will Blue Crew, once one small mishap sends the

administration into a frenzy. Maybe this seems far-fetched to you, but I really don't think it's that far off.

In closing, Westlund stated that, once he graduates in a few months, the affairs of SLUH will no longer be his problem. I can easily see that his life will no longer directly be affected by the inner workings of SLUH, but I feel like I will be forever affected by the image and spirit of SLUH. I have a great emotional investment in the school, and I could not be more proud to have attended the best high school in the universe. Most of the young men I graduated with would tell you the same thing. I fear what SLUH may become if it continues down the path that I feel it is currently taking, and I cringe to think that one day I might be looked down upon for attending the high school. I have a hard time understanding how the administration can sleep at night knowing that they are tearing the heart out of St. Louis U. High.

Michael Lewis, '02

Nahlik wrestles to fourth in State

HIGHEST FINISH FOR WRESTLER SINCE 1988

Mike Smallwood
Reporter

The Jr. Bills brought seven qualifiers with them to the State wrestling tournament last weekend in Columbia, Mo. Senior Rob Nahlik (119) made the weekend a success by fighting his way into the group of medalists.

Sophomore Phil Clerc (112) and junior Nick Born (125) followed a strong group of senior qualifiers that included Nahlik, Justin Clerc (140), Chris Wagnitz (152), John Kister (171), and John Stathopoulos (275). Unfortunately, all of these wrestlers, save Nahlik, lost their first two matches in the double-elimination tournament.

Justin Clerc summed up the level of competition each wrestler faced: "It's tough down (in Columbia.) You are only going to face great wrestlers."

Head coach Tim Curdt reiterated Clerc's point, saying, "It takes a little luck and a lot of poise...but we (as coaches) are proud that they are there in the first place."

Added John Kister, "It's an honor to qualify, but obviously you want to win, and that's the tough part about this."

Like the rest of the team, Nahlik faced tough early matches as he matched up against a defending state champion for his first match. Said Nahlik, "I had been waiting for two months for these matches, almost as if the season didn't mean much. I knew what I had to do."

Despite an early takedown by his opponent, Nahlik did not let the tremendous pressure get to him, earning an escape late in the first period to bring himself within a point.

As Nahlik put it, he "kept things basic" as the second period flew by with no additional scoring. Still down by a point, Nahlik had to take his aggressiveness to another level—he had to be the one to attack. He did just this with a strike for a takedown late in the third period. He was able to ride out the fallen champion for the remainder of the match to claim a 3-2 victory.

Ecstatic with his win, Nahlik reflected, "I felt like I belonged there...It can be pretty intimidating, but I just had to get that win."

Nahlik had previously defeated his second round opponent, from Fox, in an overtime 10-8 regular season match.

The rematch proved just as exciting as the first. Down 3-2 going into the second period, Nahlik turned his opponent to his back for a few moments to earn two nearfall points. However, his opponent slipped through Nahlik's hands, earning an escape followed by a takedown.

Down two points going into the third period, Nahlik was awarded a penalty point, then took over the match with a takedown for a one-point lead that he would hold for the 7-6 victory.

Nahlik's semifinal match would prove his toughest yet. Nahlik again stayed point for point with his competition to give himself a chance to win in the third period. After earning an escape to tie the score, he got taken down to go down by two. With a mere 10 seconds left on the clock, Nahlik made a quick move to get a reversal and tie the score. However, immediately after his reversal, Nahlik slipped and was reversed himself in the waning moments, losing in heartbreaking fashion.

Despite the loss, Nahlik was very happy with his performance, saying, "I wrestled as well as I could have."

In his wrestle-back rounds, Nahlik would once again face the state champion he had wrestled two days prior to earn a spot in the third place finals match.

After several attempts to escape in the third period, Nahlik reversed his

opponent once more with about 30 seconds left to pick up two points and clinch



Rob Nahlik (119) places an opponent in a pinning position. Nahlik, who placed fourth in State, is the first Jr. Bill to place since 1988.

the 8-6 victory.

Although he lost his third place match, by finishing in fourth place he became the Jr. Bills' first medalist since 1988. With his countless hours of tournament wrestling over the summer—over 70 matches wrestled and five camps—he showed the youths of the SLUH wrestling program that if one "works like a state placer, you will be a state placer. It's that simple," Nahlik said. "I hope the guys see that if you dedicate your summer, you will get what you deserve."

Curdt was also extremely pleased

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'02-'03 WRESTLING STATS

LBS. Year/Name	W-L	Team Points	Pins
103- Soph. Jeremy Bledsoe	22-16	123	9
112- Soph. Phil Clerc	10-8	49	3
112 Soph. Andrew Poulin	17-9	92	5
119- Sr. Rob Nahlik	37-5	213	16
125- Jr. Nick Born	26-12	167	2
130- Sr. Boyd Gonnerman	22-16	121.5	9
135- Sr. Pete Mahoney	18-12	97	4
140- Sr. Justin Clerc	24-17	132	9
145- Jr. Mike Smith	16-19	92	8
152- Sr. Chris Wagnitz	32-10	186	14
160- Jr. Ryan Stevenson	21-16	111	15
171- Sr. John Kister	20-16	107	13
189- Jr. Greg Leibach	21-17	118	13
215- Soph. David Caldwell	5-5	26	3
215- Soph. Will Holleman	6-8	36	1
275- Sr. John Stathopoulos	34-11	207	24

Basketbills drop District game to Beaumont, 69-63

Kyle Poelker
Reporter

With just one regular season game remaining for this season's edition of the Basketbills, last Friday was the one chance the Jr. Bills had to remove any doubt in their team's ability before the beginning of their district playoff.

And with the game against the DeSmet Spartans—a highly talented though beatable squad as the Jr. Bills proved earlier in the season—the going wasn't easy.

On Friday though, there was no timidity on the Jr. Bills' behalf, and their resolve kept them pushing for the lead the entire game.

The Jr. Bills opened up the game strong, with a five-point blitz from senior center Phinney Troy to take the early lead. Highlights of the first quarter included a sweet Jason LaFlore stutter-step that broke the defender's ankles and a trey to follow it. The Jr. Bills were up 13-6 at the end of the first quarter. But the Spartans opened up the second with an eight-point run of their own, and they eventually pulled even with the Jr. Bills. Despite intense defense from

the Jr. Bills, the Spartans eked out a 25-20 lead at halftime.

The second half wasn't nearly as kind to the Jr. Bills. The Spartan offense began to take control, and despite a LaFlore three to pull the Jr. Bills within six, SLUH never got any closer. The fourth quarter was much of the same Spartan scoring story, and the Spartans topped the Jr. Bills for a 55-42 win.

"It was a good game. We played hard," Troy said. "If games were only a quarter long our record would be about 20-2."

Though the Jr. Bills regular season ended with a disappointing 1-7 MCC conference record and an 8-18 overall record, there was still hope for the Basketbills as they entered their district game down the street at Gateway Tech versus the Bluejackets of Beaumont. The Bluejackets had already recorded a 62-46 win against the Jr. Bills at the Fontbonne Tournament.

Although they had had such a disastrous day earlier in the season against Beaumont, the Jr. Bills played one of their most inspired games of the season in the do-or-die district game.

They started strong, as they traded baskets with the Bluejackets for the entirety of the first quarter. LaFlore hit a buzzer-beating three at quarter's end and secured the 14-14 deadlock.

The second quarter continued with several lead changes. However, a Pat Ostapowicz drive and basket gave the Jr. Bills the lead 27-25 with only 41 seconds remaining in the half. But the Bluejackets answered with a three on the team's next possession to give them a 28-27 half time lead.

The game remained competitive throughout the third quarter, and the Jr. Bills remained within striking dis-

tance because of LaFlore's awe-inspiring performance. He hit a quarter-high four three-pointers. But even with these monumental efforts by LaFlore, the Jr. Bills still trailed by three.

In what was the last quarter of basketball this season, the Jr. Bills showed amazing resilience, gaining the lead several times throughout the quarter because of efforts by Troy, Andy Lowes, Ostapowicz,



Junior John Kaminski (#32) powers to the basket in the third quarter of Friday night's game versus DeSmet. The Jr. Bills lost 55-42.

and Chris Luth.

But even these valiant efforts were not enough to keep the Jr. Bills' season afloat, and with an exclamation dunk with time expiring, the Bluejackets won the game 69-63.

"It's tough to end on a loss," said Troy, "but that's not a bad loss to go out on."

All things considered, Troy is definitely right. This turbulent season was defined by extreme highs, such as the win over DeSmet, and extreme lows, such as the loss to rival DuBourg. But the Jr. Bills, especially in the MCC games, always came to compete, and though they ended a season with a disappointing 8-19 record, they offered lots of excitement.

"It was so much fun to play in the MCC games. We appreciated the fan support a lot," Troy said.

The fans appreciated the always competitive games against some of the best teams in the state.

Junior Jeff Milles said, "We were a young team, and this was a learning year. Next year, we will be better prepared for what the season throws at us."

BASKETBALL FINAL STATS

Overall record 8-19

MCC Record 1-7

Point Leaders

	GP	PTS	PPG
Pat Ostapowicz	27	394	14.6
Phineas Troy	27	221	8.2
Jason LaFlore	27	191	7.1
John Kaminski	27	191	7.1
Dave Goettelmann	22	153	7.0

Three Point Leaders*

	3FG	3FA	3F%
Dave Goettelmann	29	73	39.73
Jason LaFlore	41	110	37.27
Andy Lowes	16	50	32.00
Pat Ostapowicz	15	57	26.32

Rebound Leaders

	GP	REB	AVG
Phineas Troy	27	355	13.1
Pat Ostapowicz	27	171	6.3
John Kaminski	27	124	4.6

*At least 10 attempted

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Frisbee loses to SLU, looks to tournaments

Patrick Stephens
Core Staff

In preparation for upcoming tournaments, the Ultimate Frisbee team took on Saint Louis University in two scrimmages last Saturday at the Armory. Although they lost both games, the Frisbills showed they could compete with college teams and got some much-needed practice for the starting seven.

Led by seniors Denis Agniel, Brian Korbesmeyer, and Patrick Stephens, the Jr. Bills gave SLU a scare. Agniel and Korbesmeyer were stabilizing forces, helping the team counteract a confusing defense in the early going. Their cool-mannered leadership in the offense kept the Jr. Bills close in the early going at 6-6. However, due to some errant throws, the Jr. Bills let the game slip away, eventually losing 15-8.

Coach Paul Spitzmueller said he was proud of the effort and composure of the Jr. Billiken squad. "It was our third meeting in a year and it was a showdown. No joke." Of the confusing defense SLU threw at the Jr. Bills, Spitzmueller added, "Their zone defense is something that can put you in your place in an instant."

On his first game with the Ultimatebills, junior newcomer David Mueller said, "I realized we weren't nearly as fast as we need to be." Concerning the problems during the game, he added, "There was confusion at first and...the key to breaking the zone was to move the

disc fast and make crisp throws...which we didn't always do."

When the second contest between the teams started, the Jr. Bills gelled as a team and gained some confidence. Sparked by early-game intensity on defense and acrobatics on offense, the Jr. Bills jumped out to a 6-4 lead. The Jr. Bills made great cuts, had flow on offense, and made huge stops on defense, frustrating the SLU players. However, SLU's frustration fueled their play, and they quickly gained a 7-6 advantage. And in the end, all the diving, rugburns, and sprinting on the hard Armory floor only resulted in a 10-8 loss as the Jr. Bills were worn out by the quickness of the SLU players in a shortened game.

"Our inexperience and lack of conditioning in the end kept us from winning," Korbesmeyer said.

The games on Saturday were an improvement from earlier in the year when SLU trounced a rusty short-handed Jr. Bills squad 15-2. However, after their most recent showing, the Jr. Bills gained back some respect, and the two schools will look to start playing more often in contests as competitive as last weekend's.

Most likely, the game against SLU will be the only competition the Frisbills will get before they open an intense schedule of tournaments lined up for this spring. The team has high expectations this season as Mueller, Joel Koehneman, and Steve Mathias join the veteran group of Agniel, Korbesmeyer, Stephens and junior Kevin McCarthy as starters this year.

Agniel, the team's captain, said, "We're looking stronger this year than we ever have before. We're looking more athletic than in previous years with the addition of Mueller and Mathias."

The team members will be playing in more competitions than any of SLUH's teams have ever participated before, beginning with the Huck Finn tournament on March 22 and 23. The tournament, to be held at Buder Park and hosted by Washington University, will include 15 college teams and will definitely be a learning experience for the Ultimatebills as they take on some of the country's best. Spitzmueller, ever the optimist, predicts at least one victory in the fiercely competitive Huck Finn tournament, possibly getting revenge on SLU.

Ultimate tournaments often include four pool play games on Saturday and elimination play on Sunday.

The team won't get much time to rest as they make the trek to Nashville the following weekend to compete in one of the country's top junior tournaments. The team took fifth place last year and looks to improve on that standing. SLUH rounds out the tournament season with two tournaments in Kansas City in late May and early June, followed by a Cleveland tournament later in the month.

Spitzmueller commented on the spring, "It will be great exposure to the traveling experience of Ultimate Frisbee. It will be a glorious year for the seniors."

NAHLIK

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with Nahlik's performance, saying, "We've had many guys at the same level as Rob...They get closer and closer but this (State placement) motivates the younger guys because Rob made it a reality...It's just not the coaches telling you; it's Rob showing you. It's a great achievement for Rob and a great achievement for the program...It shows the younger guys what's possible if they work in the off-season."

ANNOUNCEMENT

Interested in the arts? Curious about different art processes? Would you like to "gallery hop" with other like-minded art enthusiasts or help set up for student exhibits? Hoping to see more murals in the hallways? Then the club you need to jump into is SLUH's newly proposed art club. For more information come to meeting on Thursday, March 20, in the art gallery during activity period.

2003 VARSITY

FOOTBALL CAPTAINS

John Block
Jim Croghan
Brent Harvey
Jeff Howenstein

CULPRIT

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council's cross-examination.

Unfortunately, in James and Wegan's lengthy tandem performance, they left only two minutes for senior Jon Cavins to bring alive the character of Salty Morton under the examination of junior Jay Boresi. Cavins didn't have time to establish his evidence and was picked apart by the defense, which still had plenty of time remaining for cross-examination.

When it came time for SLUH's attorneys to put the defense's witnesses to cross examinations, SLUH responded with biting questions and quick objections.

When Rolwes went to cross-examine a key defense witness, Dr. Goresuch, who discredited an incriminating interview

between Sam and Dr. Brody, Rolwes thoroughly broke Goresuch's testimony, establishing that one of Jude's knife wounds had indeed punctured the lung. Unfortunately, Rolwes lost an objection that he could have won with better preparation. Still, he played well off Goresuch, using her negligent testimony against the defense's entire case.

In a polished closing statement, junior Pat Austermann delivered a star performance after reworking his memorized monologue to account for the Court's not having heard most of Cavins' testimony. Despite having to improvise, Austermann kept his sharp style.

When scores came in, SLUH had narrowly lost due to some questionable

deductions. The two judges said that Austermann had used part of Salty Morton's testimony in his closing statement. Grier, however, claimed that Austermann did not mention Salty's testimony, and that Austermann's only short stumble was when he had to rework his statement to skip references to Salty's testimony.

Judges also claimed that SLUH passed a note during the competition, but, since the judges did not mention it at the time, there is no way to verify this. SLUH lost the points regardless. One of two judges gave SLUH 76 out of 100 points and Affton a 79, while the other narrowly scored in favor of SLUH, 78-76. The third ruled in Affton's favor.

SPIRIT

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and to the school to keep the lines of communication between administration and student body open. Furthermore, STUCO should defend the traditions and activities which the student body may want in order to promote spirit by acting as liaison to the administration. If the leaders of our school, both student and adult, enter into such a dialogue, each would be more informed of the other's concerns, providing a healthier relationship.

Finally, every student should expand his definition of spirit. In Westlund's letter, he seems to define spirit as attendance at certain sporting events, dances, and Spring Fling, all STUCO-endorsed activities. But isn't this a too-narrow definition of spirit? Might spirit also be present somewhere without STUCO's sponsorship?

Perhaps spirit is the feeling of camaraderie felt by students for each other. Perhaps it is merely supporting one's school, no matter what venue. For aren't we as capable of being spirited at a Jazz Band concert as we are at a football game? Can we bleed blue at hockey games, but not in calculus class? Spirit means more than attendance at certain activities; it is a

way to act while representing one's school, a way to speak about one's school, a way to treat one's classmates. The Latin word for "air" and "breath," *anima*, also denotes "spirit," giving us an insight into what spirit should be. It is vital to our existence as humans. Spirit gives us life both as individuals and as a community. Individually, it is what pushes us to better ourselves mentally, physically, and spiritually. As a community, it creates a sense of support for our fellow men and women.

One who has school spirit will invest himself in this school, thereby enriching himself and giving life to the school. This investment includes, among other things, attendance at sporting events and Chorus concerts and support for our teachers and classmates through participation in class. More important in this investment is the way one attends these things, the way we hold ourselves, the life we bring. If we attend sporting events but lack enthusiasm for our team, then our appearance there is meaningless. Similarly, we must bring the electricity and vigor which many confine to sporting events and Spring Fling to every aspect of our lives at this school. In the classroom, the spirited student engages the material and the teacher; in the halls, the spirited student respects

his classmates and teachers; and most importantly for a Catholic institution, this spirit ought to make our Masses prayerful and invigorating.

There is quite a bit of spirit in this school. If there were no spirit, fewer would be involved with extracurriculars; fewer teachers would give so much time to their classes. Let's not construe spirit as only running around the halls without a shirt; spirit is not merely publishing a derisive, mocking love note in a public forum. Spirit means more and is more to each of us and our community. It's harder to do, harder to be, but it is what gives this place *anima*.

Quote of the Week

"What really matters is whether the alphabet is used for the declaration of war or for the description of a sunrise."

—Fred Rogers

H.E.-man and underdog: the life of Clark

Matt Hoffman
Editor in Chief

Dean of Students Eric Clark is a freshman frightener, a hallway horror, and a dress code dictator. But most students know next to nothing about the thoughtful, motivated, intelligent man behind the suspenders.

Clark began his life at SLUH as a quiet freshman in the fall of 1979. Clark was a diligent student, a football player, and a track sprinter. His mother went to work at 6 a.m. to put Clark and his sister through private school.

"My mom and dad divorced when I was three, so she needed me to be on my best behavior at all times. So that's what I did," said Clark.

However, during the second semester of his sophomore year, Clark and his mother caught a break. "An anonymous donor paid for the rest of my tuition," said Clark. After Clark graduated, he discovered the donor was his mother's boss.

Because of the gift, Clark's mother told him, "Eric, from now on you need to do anything and everything you can do for St. Louis University High School." Clark lived by what his mother told him. "That's how I've been ever since then," said Clark.

Because of their situation, Clark saw himself and his mother as underdogs. "I always feel for the underdog. I feel for people who have less," said Clark. "I've always been like that, all my life." While a student, Clark began to stand up for students getting picked on. Clark explained, "I was an athlete. Athletes were put on pedestals. I used the respect I had to help the person who got picked on."

During Clark's sophomore year, he met his future wife, Anjanette. They began dating his junior year and continued dating until their marriage in 1990.

Clark's personality has remained somewhat static since high school. "As my wife says, I was a nerd then, and I'm a nerd in a suit now," admitted Clark.

Clark graduated in 1984 with one demerit; he claims the demerit was "unfair." "It was one of those group demerits," said Clark. Apparently, a teacher had given every student in one of Clark's classes a demerit for refusing to turn in a student guilty of an infraction. Clark knew nothing of the alleged incident: "I was unaware of what happened."

After his first stint at the U. High, Clark enrolled at Northeast Missouri State University (now known as Truman State) to study

psychology and play football as a walk-on halfback. But football at NEMO failed to appeal to Clark the way high school ball did. "It was too much of a job," he said. He decided to come back to St. Louis to help support his mother. He attended University of Missouri-St. Louis and worked at Aldi's.

Clark graduated with a master's degree in Psychology with an emphasis on Industrial Relations. "I wanted to work in human resources," said Clark. Although Clark felt he was a people person, he failed to land a job because of his inexperience. Instead, he worked for the City of Saint Louis Board of Election Commissioners and volunteered on the minority action plan. "I was very active with SLUH. I was very concerned with the lack

of minority students that were choosing to come to SLUH," he said.

Because of his involvement, Clark was asked to fill the newly-formed Director of Diversity job in 1992. Said Clark, "I said, 'Sure. Why not?' I was going back home."

While Director of Diversity, Clark also directed work grant and, eerily like Brock Kesterson, taught Psychology and moderated STUCO.

Clark recalls enjoying moderating STUCO and teaching. "I loved it. It was an opportunity for me to

work with students," he said. Clark also enjoyed work grant. It gave him another chance to help those whom he saw as underdogs. "It was an opportunity for me to try to help them feel part of the school," explained Clark.

However, in 1995, Clark was named Dean of Students. The principal at the time, Paul Owens, felt Clark was qualified, motivated, and organized. Clark accepted the job, hung up his teaching suspenders, and snapped on his Dean's pair.

When Clark became Dean of Students, he outlawed green pants. Actually, he required students to wear blue, black, or khaki pants. After phone calls from angry mothers, Clark realized what he had done. Green pants have thrived in the dress code ever since.

Despite his seemingly rough demeanor, Clark is quite happy with his job. "I love what I do," he said. "You guys teach me so much. I'm constantly learning to grow," Clark said. He added, "I enjoy seeing you guys grow." As Dean of Students, Clark has tried to continue his quest as "defender of the nerd." He said, "I strongly dislike it when people get picked on here. I strongly dislike when the underdogs feel like they can't do anything."



Clark at his desk Wednesday afternoon.

by: Nick Odem

Calendar

Feb. 28-Mar. 7

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Schedule R
Pretzels & Little Charlies

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Grade School Math Contest

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Special Schedule
Frosh Class Meeting @ AP
Technology Meeting
College Reps:
Tulsa, University of
Pizza, Taco Sticks & Spaghetti with Garlic Bread

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Schedule L
Mother's Club Faculty Breakfast
Seasoned Fries & Club Wraps

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Schedule M
Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9:45am
Fish with Chips & Spaghetti with Garlic Bread

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Schedule R
Blood Drive 8-2pm
Rosary in Chapel @ AP
College Reps:
Missouri, University of-Kansas City

Webster University
Robotics Competition through Saturday
MO JCL Exam
Frosh English Tutorial @ AP
Frosh/Soph Knockout Tournament @ AP
Respect Committee Meeting
Schindler's List @ 3:15 in 215c
Bosco Sticks & Taco Salad

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Schedule R
Fast Friday
Sno-Ball @ Chase Park Plaza
Hot Shot vs. Faculty @ AP
MADCO
Pretzels & Lil Charlie's Pizza

IRAQ

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sive monarchy." Srouji also thought that if most Americans were facing a homefront war like the Iraqis they would be more hesitant to engage in war.

Due to the over-crowded church, 700 protesters stood outside picketing and leafletting cars. After repeated police warnings to remain on the curb, protesters rushed the streets, blocking all four lanes of traffic. Chanting "Whose streets? Our streets!" "No war!" and "Drop Bush! Not Bombs!" protesters made their way down Delmar to University City, stopping at intersections and finally the City Hall.

Marching protester and senior Alex Bayer was glad about "being able to watch and be surrounded by people inclined toward consciousness and who were genuinely concerned about the impacts of US policy and the decisions of the United States leaders."

The brains behind the protest, the Instead of War Coalition, plan on having future rallies. If war is officially declared on Iraq there will be a vigil in Kiener Plaza and a march to the Eagleton Federal Court building at 7:00 p.m.

There are weekly peace vigils on Saturdays at 7 p.m. at the College Church.

CLARK

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With so many students in the school, "I know I can't save everyone and protect everyone," said Clark, "but I can try."

Clark feels especially strongly about protecting students who are being picked on because of his son, Cameron. "He's mentally challenged. He was born with a rare disease called Emigrational Defect," said Clark. Basically, his son is mentally delayed in some things. "Talk about underdog," said Clark.

"When I hear young men here say, 'I can't,' I say, 'No, (Cameron) can't. You can. You don't realize what you have.'" Clark expects good behavior from students.

But he is responsible for discipline. "It's not always about punishment," said Clark. "It's about learning." Clark does not just enforce punishment blindly; he attempts to find out why the student in trouble acted the way he did. "You have to talk. You never know the scenarios we have here with young men...I have students with personal issues," said Clark. Students come to Clark to talk about a variety of topics, including drugs, alcohol, and premarital sex.

Because Clark often deals with students who have disciplinary problems, he tries to get to know a variety of students, so as not to skew his perspective. "It's a tough job," said Clark. However, Clark sees goodness in everybody. "I feel there is no such person as a bad person." He continued, "Students may make mistakes. And I'll get on their case. But I'm gonna love you the next day."

Despite his administrative role, Clark feels he is on the same level as the teachers. "My colleagues put their pants on the same way I put my pants on. I'm nobody's boss." In fact, Clark has a great respect for the teachers: "They're in the trenches with you everyday."

Clark is especially thankful to French Teacher Dick Keefe, math teacher Tom Becvar, former math teacher and soccer coach Ebbie Dunn, Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinselmeier, and Owens. "Those are the five pillars of education I try to model myself after," said Clark.

"I'm happy where I am," said Clark. "I could see myself doing this forever...until I can't chase you guys around the hallway."