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"If nothing else, value the truth"

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STUCO kicks off elections *Block, Mudd take president, vice president*

Matt Hoffman
Editor in Chief

After a poorly-attended round of speeches and a whopping voter turnout, junior John Block emerged as Student Council president for 2003-2004, with juniors Tom Mudd and Tom Economon winning Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively.

This year, the nine senior Student Council positions were consolidated into six positions: Secretary and Treasurer are now one position. Social Com-

missioner and Publicity Commissioner have also been combined. The Diversity office has been dropped.

So far, only the officers (President, Vice-President, and Treasurer/Secretary) have been elected.

Primaries for the three positions were held last Friday. John Block, Peter McEvoy, and James Croghan advanced for president, Joe Germanese and Tom Mudd claimed victory for Vice-President, and Tom Economon, Pat Lyons, and Roland Triska advanced for Secretary/Treasurer.

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Mudd (left) and Block are all smiles.

Vision 2000 to build driveway with Science Center

Denis Agniel
Editor

Some things are inevitable: death, taxes, and changes to the campus. This summer, the administration has plans to turn a room in the basement of the school into a new weight room, to regrade the south field, and to construct a driveway from Oakland to Berthold located immediately west of the stadium as part of Vision 2000.

The driveway will be the first major physical change to the campus as part of Vision 2000, and President Paul Sheridan, S.J., characterized it as the fourth step, after expanding the curriculum and hiring sixteen net teachers, increasing scholarships, and constructing the Forest Park baseball field. The drive will be known as the St. Louis Science Center-St. Louis U. High Boulevard Entrance.

Board of Trustees chair Ted Hellman described the Boulevard Entrance as a "joint venture between the St. Louis Science Center and St. Louis U. High." Construction will begin Aug. 18. With weather permitting, the entrance will be ready for use by the end of October.

"(The Science Center has) graciously agreed to share that entrance with St. Louis U. High, and we have to contribute a portion of the cost of that entrance since it will be serving our campus as well as theirs," remarked Vice President of Administration Brian Sweeney.

Sheridan said the school will probably contribute no more than \$250,000.

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J.R. Strzelec and Brandon Bievber in this weekend's studio production of *Filthy Rich*. The show will be playing Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30pm. Story on page 10

Code of respect forum set for April 15

Geoff Brusca
Editor

On Tuesday, April 15, the Respect Committee will hold a forum during activity period in the North American Martyrs Chapel to discuss the writing of a code of respect.

The committee, formed along with the other Care Team committees during the summer meetings, has made recommendations for amending the Parent-Student Handbook, has recommended changes to the counseling department with regards to Senior Advisors, has written guidelines for guest speakers, and is now working on a code of respect, the making of which is one of their primary goals. They will be holding the forum to gain student input on the code.

"The committee wants students to be a part of this process very much," said committee chair Art Zinselmeyer. "What we're going to do is ask what they see are very specific topics, concepts, ideas, items—what they'd like to see in a code of respect. Is it gender issues? Is it race issues?"

The ideas discussed would then be put together in concrete form in the code, which Zinselmeyer envisioned as a guideline, like the Mission Statement, to which people could turn to see the school's accepted standards for respect.

"It tells the whole world how we want to behave toward each other," said Zinselmeyer. "Student to student. Student to adult. Adult to adult."

Zinselmeyer was very careful to point out what the code would not be, however:

"This is not an honor code. This is not about cheating. This is not about penalties for being disrespectful or dishonorable." He said that treating it as a law or strict rules of behavior would violate the spirit of the code.

The forum will offer a chance for the student body to voice ideas about respect and to engage in discussion about issues that could affect the entire school.

The plan would be for an official code of respect to be accepted by the entire student body next year at a public event, such as the Mass of the Holy Spirit, and then to be displayed throughout the school.

But Zinselmeyer was focused on the very near future: "What we're hoping is that, at this forum, students will get talking about respect."

Sophomores travel to parishes, neighborhoods for day of service

Brian Fallon
Core Staff

On Saturday morning, sophomores returned to school to participate in their sophomore day of service. Ninety sophomores arrived at SLUH at 8:00 a.m. and worked until noon at ten sites scattered throughout St. Louis.

Pastoral Director Rob Garavaglia commented, "I thought the day was successful. It was a good opportunity in that people not only helped neighbors and residents clean up their neighborhood, but they were also exposed to neighborhoods they were probably never exposed to before."

Garavaglia contacted Operation Brightside of St. Louis, and together they coordinated work sites for the sophomores.

Students traveled to sites such as St. Matthew's and St. Cronin's parishes, the Soulard area, Lafayette and Tower Grove Parks, and an area near Calvary cemetery.

Executive Director of Operation

Brightside Mary Lou Green noted that SLUH sophomores truly contributed to the sites that they worked at. She said, "Operation Brightside has been proud to work with SLUH. The young men are hard workers, and people have been so pleased and enthusiastic to have their assistance."

Sophomore Kevin Turcan commented, "It was an excellent opportunity to help out people and bond with classmates, and it was an all around fun day."

Sophomore Dan Queathem also thought that the day helped those in need: "I think that we went into an area that really needed our help, and you could see the products of our work. So we really saw the benefits of our actions."

After the sophomores returned from their project sites, a mass was celebrated in the SLUH chapel by history teacher Jeff Harrison, S.J. The Gospel was the story of the Good Samaritan. Harrison's homily expressed how this Gospel tied in with the day of service because students gave something back to their community.

22 Latin jocks compete in Columbia, MO

Alex Sciuto
Reporter

Last Saturday morning, 22 dedicated Latin students traveled approximately 75 miles west to Columbia, Mo. The scenery outside the bus was monotonous, the roads bumpy. Why would these nine freshmen, five sophomores, three juniors, and two seniors (three other juniors arrived later after SAT testing) along with their two brave leaders, Latin teachers Mary Lee "Magistra" McConaghy and Mark Tychonievich, come to such a place? They went for the annual Missouri Junior Classical League convention.

There were a number of events scheduled for last Friday and Saturday, including a chess tournament, art contests, open trivia contests, and an ultimate Frisbee tournament. The one event SLUH participated in was the Team Certamen, or the team trivia.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In the modern world, protest is prayer

To the Editor:

In Brian Kane's opinion column last week, he stated that the time for protesting the United States' war on Iraq has ended and the time for prayer is now. I believe, however, that while prayer may be effective for support and strength, active protest is necessary for real change.

Kane stated that, now that the war has started, all protests, and in particular the protest of March 30, are not as "acceptable" as the Pro-Life Club's annual trip to Washington, D.C. because they do not require as much sacrifice from their participants. To say that protesting the current war in Iraq does not involve sacrifice is simply wrong. People from all over the St. Louis area sacrificed their Sunday afternoon and risked ridicule and being labeled "un-American" by supporters of the war by protesting. The Pro-Life pilgrimage to Washington is a large, publicized, nationwide event with the support of churches and organizations all over the country, while the war protest on March 30 was a quickly-organized and independently publicized rally that did not have widespread support. In Washington, police closed Constitution Avenue, while the police at The World Wants Peace Rally would not allow marchers even to step on the streets of Forest Park without charging at them with their motorcycles.

Anti-war ralliers should rethink their actions

To the Editor:

For the past few months, especially in the last couple of weeks, we have heard a lot of anti-war cries on TV, in the news, in school, and even in our own *Prep News*. What we don't see is much support for this war. I believe that this war is good. I fully support what the government is trying to accomplish in Iraq.

I think more people need to have a better trust in our government. We elected these people to make decisions for us, so let them make the decisions. It is obvious they've tried everything they could to avoid this war. No matter what anyone says, Bush is a smart guy, and his advisors are even smarter. There are some of the smartest people in the world working in our government, and I trust that they have tried to find a better way than war, but there just isn't. No one likes war. No one likes innocent people being killed, but that's part of war. I don't want us to have to go to war, but sometimes it's necessary.

Voicing our opinions and being free to voice them is the best thing about our country, but voicing your opinion needs to take place in an appropriate place. Last week's prayer service and Ash Wednesday's homily are two places these opinions should not come up. Opinions like these should not be forced on us in a medium where we cannot respond. In these two contexts, we are forced to be quiet and respectful, as we should be, to avoid facing disciplinary actions. I was offended when Geoff Stewart got up in front of our class during prayer service and said there has to be another way, speaking of the "peace rally," which by the pictures in the Commons was obviously an "Anti-war" or "Impeach Bush" rally.

(One local Catholic high school wouldn't even let protesters use its half-empty parking lot!) Also, the opposition during the Pro-Life march is small and controlled by police, while opposition at most war protests is free to engage ralliers. In my opinion, attending war protests requires even greater sacrifice than attending the Pro-Life trip.

Kane also stated that SLUH's Peace Coalition "forgets or minimalizes the presence of prayer in its actions." Kane admits, however, that the only actions of the Coalition that he has experienced are "a couple" of organizational meetings. It is true that during those meetings, the form of prayer that Kane believes is most effective was not the immediate focus. The focus of the Peace Coalition was, and still is, active and visible prayer in the form of protest. The Coalition's prayers can be seen in its signs, heard in its members' anti-war chants, and felt in the hearts of anyone who witnessed the rally. Its "childish bickering" included moments of silence for our troops and their families, communal prayers for Iraqi civilians, peace-supporting songs, passages from the Bible, a monetary collection to help distribute humanitarian assistance to Iraqis, the reading of the World War I-era poem "Dulce et Decorum Est," and first-hand accounts of the

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To the people who actually attended this rally, or those who didn't and wished to, I ask: How dare you protest this war? How can you disgrace our troops who are in Iraq fighting for *your* right to protest what *they* are doing? If it weren't for people like them defending our freedom, you would not be able to protest. How can you, who never experienced what the Iraqi people have had to go through in the past 20 years, protest our troops' fight to free them from this evil man? Do you not want them to live without fear, without having to cheer for Saddam when he parades down the street? According to an Iraqi woman I saw on TV last week, they take school children out of school to attend these parades of Saddam's, and if they don't cheer hard enough, they take school children out and shoot them. How can you not support taking down someone who does this?

If you do support taking this freak (Hussein) down, STAND UP! Voice your opinion! Lord knows the anti-war people do. And for those who are against this war and still believe Saddam should be taken down, instead of whining about what we're doing over there, propose another plausible way. If there were actually a better way, as most of you say there is, tell us what it is. Please! I'd love to have another way to take down this regime as effectively as war, without all the destruction of war.

I support people who voice their opinion, but we all need to think about what we're really saying when we say or do things, and voice our opinions in a way in which others can have their say, too.

Supporter of the War in Iraq,
Adam Storm, '03

Editor's note: The Prep News will be running a short paper next week. We are accepting Letters to the Editor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anti-war ralliers ignore support of Iraqi people for liberation

To the Editor:

Week after week I am bombarded by letters in the *Prep News* filled with complaints about war. The hypocrisy of these recent anti-war rallies becomes more and more evident everyday.

This war is only happening to benefit the United States and/or President Bush, according to war protesters. They say that they just want peace. Yet apparently their absence from their television sets due to their devotion to war protests has caused them to look past the most important opinions: the opinions of the Iraqi people. As the United States began liberating small towns and villages, the Iraqi people showed their extreme support for Operation Iraqi Freedom with their kindness to our troops and ecstatic joy for their liberation. Shouldn't the opinions of the people whose lives are going to change the most be the most important?

As a student from SLUH, I have been taught to draw parallels from other concepts I have learned. I see parallels between the

Students should support war in Iraq

To the Editor:

In recent weeks, many groups have voiced their opposition to the conflict in Iraq. I am writing this letter to voice what I hope is the mindset of those that champion the cause of liberation for the people of Iraq.

Whether or not President Bush wants revenge or oil does not matter. Whether or not Saddam Hussein is a genocidal dictator does. Even if one believes that this war started for President Bush's personal reasons, one cannot deny that, when the war is over, Iraq will be free.

One cannot rightly deny that there are "certain, inalienable rights" that are universal. It is morally wrong by any standards that women and children be used as human shields. It is disgusting to see surrendering Iraqis blowing themselves up to take more Americans. When unarmed American POWs are persecuted, it can only be called inhumane. These deeds are ordered by Saddam Hussein. These deeds deny the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I believe with all my heart that the world must intervene. I firmly believe that our allies should support our President's actions because we have supported them and would do it again.

Some 65 years ago, the whole world looked the other way while Hitler's Nazi Germany killed millions of people. One cannot deny that Saddam is murdering people in his "ethnic cleansing" campaigns or that he kills anyone who opposes him. When he took office, Saddam held a meeting of all the government officials in Iraq. Like Stalin and his purges, Saddam called out the names of some of the men in attendance. When those people stood, they were arrested and shot dead in the hallway right outside the door. He even filmed it.

As I was walking through our corridors last week I heard a student say, "Send our troops home." We cannot abandon the Iraqi people to their "president" again. In the first Gulf War, we

war situation and the speaker that we had who spoke to us about drunk driving. He told us that if a couple of guys are bragging about getting drunk and driving and you don't say anything, "you are part of the problem." If the United Nations, and the world for that matter, just sit by and let Saddam Hussein continue to abuse the dignity of his people, they are "part of the problem." Be the cause of this war respect for human life, oil, elections, or the economy, I think that the world and Iraq would be a better place without Saddam Hussein in power.

Alan Dershowitz summed up my argument when he said that we should do something because "it is the right thing to do." We should not do good in fear of damnation or torture from a superior being; we should do it because it is the right thing to do, and I believe that the United States is doing the right thing.

Thank you for your time.

Matt Leaders, '04

told the people of Iraq to rise up. Then we left them. When we pulled out, Kurds and Arab revolutionaries were murdered by the tens of thousands. We abandoned them to suffer the consequences of our actions. If we bring our troops home now, we not only kill more innocent Iraqis, but we give a victory to a man that represents evil in our world.

I also heard something deplorable and despicable: I heard, "All our soldiers deserve to die!" I am enraged that such a thing would be said. Millions of men and women have given their lives for you. How can you say that you would murder 250,000 heroes because they fight for freedom? At SLUH, in our masses, in our theology classes, and just in everyday talk, I have heard a lot about loving everyone, whether they are communists, fascists, Democrats, Republicans, Jesus, or Saddam. Why do some people love everyone, while others love everyone except the people who die for them? Shame on them.

It is sad that people cannot work together effectively to resolve their problems. No one should have to die so a Saddam, a Hitler, or a Stalin can have his way. I would have been overjoyed to see this conflict worked out peacefully. I will not be among the naïve that keep saying our leaders can sit back down and turn out another resolution. France made it clear that they would veto any resolution.

I will not drop to my knees and beg a murderer to stop. I will not say, "Please." This war is happening, and our troops are dying to secure freedom for a people half a world away. Now that this war has started, I will neither flinch nor waver and ask our government to call it off. I will not turn my back on my president. I will not turn my back to the people that have sworn to defend our country with their lives and to maintain the many freedoms we are so blessed with.

Ryan Tandler '05

Basebills bash DeSoto, Cleveland ROTC

John Schrank
Reporter

The Jr. Bills batted their way to victories last Friday and Saturday, beating DeSoto and Cleveland Military Academy, but foul weather kept them from playing other games against MICDS and DeSmet earlier in the week.

Friday afternoon's win at home over DeSoto featured the year's second dinger, a perfectly hit two-run shot over the left field wall by designated hitter David Records.

Records said he immediately knew that he "had hit it on the sweet spot" because he "couldn't even feel the ball."

The 400-foot HR by the DH gave him two RBIs and made the score 6-1, Jr. Bills.

On the mound for the first four innings was righty Rico Bertucci, who struck out six and allowed only three hits.

Unfortunately, after he was through,

the relief had a rough time. Sophomore Matt Ikemeier pitched the fifth and allowed four hits and three runs, and Matt MacArthur pitched the sixth and allowed three runs. Fortunately, junior Jeff Milles struck out two in the seventh, and not a man made it to base before the third out. The Jr. Bills emerged victorious 9-6, with the win going to Bertucci.

Bertucci is 2-0 with a 1.17 ERA after six innings pitched.

Despite the six runs DeSoto posted in seven innings, the ScottRolenbills sent nine men safely across the plate in six. Generally, everyone in the lineup is highly capable at the plate, and the scorebook was marked by a multitude of hits from a multitude of players.

Tony Sneed threw Saturday's game against Cleveland—not the Major League Baseball team, but a local ROTC school. The Jr. Bills pounded them in an unevent-

ful but well-played game by a 9-2 score.

As of last Monday, the Jr. Bills had scored 57 runs over the course of just six games, a number that would be even higher were it not for the ten-run rule. Their opponents, on the other hand, have only accumulated 15. That comes out to an average of 9.5 runs per game; the team has scored nearly four times as many runs as their adversaries.

These impressive numbers have not gone unnoticed by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, which reported Monday that the Jr. Bills were ranked number two in the area, behind Jesuit rival DeSmet.

Things look good for the Jr. Bills. To see the score of last night's game against the hot Spartans, check out the Nightbeat; to see the score of a game that has yet to be played, try going to watch. There are plenty of seats, and such a fine team would really appreciate your support.

Rollerbills fall to Ft. Zumwalt South, 6-1

Ryan DuBois
Reporter

Midway through the season, the Jr. Bills' varsity in-line hockey team found themselves holding on to a solid, but by no means spectacular, 3-3 record. With plenty of games still left to move into playoff contention, the Rollerbills faced off against the Bulldogs of Fort Zumwalt South on Wednesday night hoping to pull themselves above .500.

The first half of the game was even-sided in terms of scoring chances and overall performance. Despite the Bulldogs' mediocre 3-5 record, they ran a well-organized and structured offense, moving the puck with precision and caution. The Jr. Bills implemented a similar system, emphasizing puck control rather than fast-paced run-and-gun maneuvers to create opportunities. After nine minutes of scoreless play, a Bulldog forward, all alone in front of the Jr. Bills' net, took a pass across the slot and roofed the puck past Jr. Bills goaltender Luke Hogrebe.

Fort Zumwalt led 1-0.

The Jr. Bills worked hard for the rest

of the half to tie the game, creating turnovers and scoring chances through strong forechecking. But it was the Bulldogs who would net the next goal, scoring late in the half on a low slapshot from the point that beat the Jr. Bills' goaltender five-hole.

The Jr. Bills quickly rebounded in the final seconds of the half. Chris Wojcicki, moving in on the Bulldogs' net on a 2-on-1 break, lured the Zumwalt defenseman towards the outer circle, and snapped a quick pass across the slot to Paul LaMartina. LaMartina fired the puck top shelf over the Zumwalt goalie to cut the Bulldogs' lead to one.

Although the Jr. Bills ended the first half trailing only 2-1, their initial success disappeared in the second half. Taking advantage of heavy traffic in front of the Jr. Bills' net, a Bulldog forward blasted a slap shot from the far boards past a screened Hogrebe to make it a 3-1 game.

Several minutes later, Zumwalt added a fourth goal on a booming slapshot from the top of the faceoff circle.

While the Jr. Bills had moved the puck fairly well during the first half, their

coordination on both offense and defense began to unravel. The Jr. Bills routinely coughed up the puck and allowed Bulldog forwards to slip past their defense, creating dangerous opportunities for the opposition.

Fort Zumwalt stepped up their puckhandling performance a notch in the second half, adding to the Jr. Bills' problems. Working the puck around in the Jr. Bills' zone, the Bulldogs would wait patiently for an opportunity, then strike when they found an open man.

Fort Zumwalt tallied their fifth goal midway through the second half after one such instance of disciplined puck control.

With nine minutes remaining, Jr. Bills coach Sal LaMartina called a timeout to attempt to regroup the team. But the Jr. Bills were unable to turn things around, failing to convert on a two-man advantage several minutes later and surrendering a final goal late in the game.

The match ended in a 6-1 defeat for the Jr. Bills.

The Jr. Bills will take on Hazelwood West this Friday, 10 p.m., at All-American Sports Complex.

Lacrosse runs and guns to two victories

**Jim Fox
Reporter**

This past week has been a positive one for the Jr. Bills lacrosse team. Starting off the week with a 2-2 record, the team needed to string together some wins to get back over .500 and get some momentum going. With wins of 14-6 and 23-4 over Kirkwood and Blue Valley, respectively, that is precisely what they did.

Last Thursday, the Jr. Bills headed to Marshall field for a game under the lights. The game against Kirkwood was not the most meaningful as far as the playoffs are concerned, but the Laxbills were looking to get rid of some demons from the previous few days' slate of games.

The game got going quickly for the Jr. Bills' offense, which netted ten goals

in the first half. Through time of possession and taking advantage of several extra-man opportunities (similar to a hockey power play), the Jr. Bills' offense controlled the ball throughout much of the game.

At the other end of the field, the defense was able to withstand the fast-paced Kirkwood transition game. Early on, Kirkwood exploited the U. High defense through fast breaks, often leaving Kirkwood attackmen with wide open shots on the crease. Despite a few well-placed shots, junior goalie Ben Zaegel made several incredible saves to stop the Kirkwood advance. The defense found its footing in the transition game, and, with tenacious work to control ground balls, the team started speaking fluent lacrosse.

After the game, many players were very optimistic and were well pleased with the 14-6 victory.

"We really came out strong and set a good pace," said middle John Belgeri. "Now that we are really starting to mesh well, I think we have our best lacrosse ahead of us."

Saturday's game was also a non-conference game for the Jr. Bills. They faced Blue Valley West, who had driven in from Kansas City. The Jr. Bills were ready to massacre.

The offensive portion of the game served as target practice for the Laxbills, as they scored at will. Attackman Matt Hof led the way with seven goals, and fellow attackman Ryan Dugan added five more of his own.

After having played as well as they did the past two games, the Jr. Bills were looking forward to its big showdown with Rockhurst on Monday, but, unfortunately, it was rained out.

Volleybills spike Chaminade in 15-2, 15-2 romp

**Nick Engle
Reporter**

This week, the Jr. Bills volleyball team retained its crown as king of the metro area volleyball fiefdom by traveling to Chaminade and dismantling the Flyers.

The Jr. Bills started off the first game by dominating an overmatched Chaminade team. With Brian Guntli and junior Andy Halaz serving, the team easily coasted out to a 7-2 lead and never looked back.

The Jr. Bills were relentless against the Chaminade team. With sophomore Joe Guntli's serving, junior Greg Vollmer's hitting, and a block by Alex Lepp, the TQbills pushed the lead to 13-2.

Chaminade's many unforced passing errors also aided the team in the first game.

Junior Andy Lowes polished off the masterpiece of the first game with two serves to clinch the win of 15-2.

The second game saw the Jr. Bills bust out their jump serves, and Chaminade could not compete. The Guntli brothers started the Jr. Bills off. Brian's jump serves baffled

Chaminade and Joe smashed down a Chaminade overpass. A hit by Halaz put the score at 6-1 and forced Chaminade to call a timeout. The Jr. Bills' barrage con-

tinued as the Guntlis' combined hitting efforts made the score 10-2.

Then junior Sean Crotty subbed into the game as a server. He was greeted with jeers and heckling by the exactly six Chaminade fans present at the game. Their hostility rained down on Crotty, but the

heckling fell on deaf ears as Crotty continued to serve balls over the net. Joe Guntli's serves and a rare kill for junior Matt Huskey put the Chaminade team out of their misery by a final of 15-2.

The Jr. Bills showcased their solid serving, passing, and hitting in this obliteration of MCC rival Chaminade.



Andy Lowes spikes a set by a teammate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anyone interested in the Art Club: We will be having a meeting on Apr. 22 in the art gallery during activity period. We will be discussing the set up for the student end-of-the-year show and a possible field trip to the St. Louis Art Museum.

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Trackbills take 5th at U. City, 2nd at All-Catholic

Matt Killiany
Reporter

Last Saturday, the Trackbills traveled to the three-year-old track at University City to compete in the U. City Invitational. Early in the meet, the Jr. Bills had to scratch their entries from several events due to a scheduling conflict with several juniors' taking the SAT. In spite of this setback, the team managed to finish fifth of 14 teams on the varsity level and second of 15 teams on the JV level. Late in the meet, the remaining Jr. Bills gathered and formed a rabid cheering section to encourage the remaining runners. Timeless classics, such as "the roller coaster" and "the wave," were instrumental in motivating the athletes.

On the JV team, a strong core of distance runners led the way. The team placed first in the 3200-meter relay, first in the 1600 (sophomore Alex Muntges, 4:54), first and second in the 800 (junior Chris Arb, 2:12; junior Paul Nappier, 2:13), and second and third in the 3200 (sophomore Danny Meier, 10:47; fresh-

man Ben Murphy-Baum, 10:55).

Freshman Chris Hoffman placed second in both the discus and shotput. Freshman Jason Esslinger placed third in the high jump and fifth in the long jump to help the overall team effort.

For the varsity squad, a balanced attack led to the high team placement. Kevin Crean was second in the 1600 (4:31) and fourth in the 800 (2:02). Crean's time was good enough to get him the new SLUH meet record in the 1600, formerly held by alum Tom O'Brien, but he was beaten by Ladue's Dan Hedgecock. Junior John Oliver also ran a personal best 4:37 in the 1600 for fourth place. Thomas Moore and junior Steve Nagel placed fourth and sixth, respectively, in the 400, separated by only .05 seconds. Peter Allen ran to a third place finish in the 110 hurdles (16:59). Tim Steitz won again in the high jump, clearing 6'0". He also placed sixth in the triple jump with a jump of 38'1". The team performance would bode well for the upcoming All-Catholic Meet.

Tuesday and Wednesday after school,

the varsity team journeyed to the beautiful municipality of Kirkwood to compete in the All-Catholic Meet at Vianney. The team performed admirably, placing third of ten teams, falling just short of second place. Most notable was Crean's performance, who placed first in both the 1600 (4:38) and 800 (2:01), despite having to wear sprinting spikes for the 1600. Crean also anchored the 3200-meter relay team in their victory. The team placed second in both the 800-meter relay and the 1600-meter relay. Overall, the team earned points in all relay events. Steitz continued to power past the competition, winning the high jump with a jump of 6'0".

The team has plenty to look forward to in the upcoming week. Today, after school in the stadium, the freshmen have a meet against MCC foes CBC, Chaminade, and DeSmet. Monday, the team travels to DeSmet to face the Spartans and CBC. Tuesday is the Freshman-Sophomore Hazelwood West Relays. Wednesday is the Webster Invitational at Hixson Jr. High.

Golfbills birdie, bogey, end up par

Pat Neuner
Reporter

On Tuesday, the Golfbills played their fourth match of the season when they teed off against Vianney. After initially travelling to Riverside in Fenton, coach Greg Bantle learned that the Griffins had the match scheduled for Westborough Country Club, and the team had to jump back in their cars to get to the country club in Webster Groves.

The weather for the match was downright brutal. It had been raining off and on for the past three days, making the ground very wet and soft. It was 40 degrees, and there was a steady wind as well as some sporadic rain. The weather made conditions for both teams very tough as most players fought numbness in their hands. As a result of the tough conditions, the usually tame Westborough played a much

more difficult course than usual.

Sophomore Kyle Ortmann led the Jr. Bills with a 40, and juniors Pat Neuner and Matt Koch were only one shot behind at 41. Mike Dougherty, Zach Schmitt, and Pat Ostapowicz all helped the Jr. Bills with rounds in the low forties. These scores were not bad considering the conditions, and the Jr. Bills rolled to a victory over the Griffins to improve their dual match mark to 3-1.

On Wednesday, the Jr. Bills traveled again to Glen Echo Country Club where earlier this season they had lost to MCC rival CBC. This time, the Slicebills could not muster up enough good play to overcome a very good DeSmet team on a windy afternoon. Ortmann medalled for the Jr. Bills for the second time this week. The Jr. Bills fell to 3-2 on the season.

Next Thursday is the MCC Tournament at Stonewolf.

TENNIS UPDATE

Compiled from sources



Number one Pat Reich makes a return ground shot against his CBC opponent on Wednesday evening. Reich lost 1-6, 0-6.

Monday afternoon the Tennisbills faced Althoff at Althoff and lost 5-4. Its match Tuesday versus MICDS was cancelled due to rain. On Wednesday, the Jr. Bills defeated CBC 6-1 at Dwight Davis Tennis Center in Forest Park. They face Parkway West today at 4:00 p.m. at Dwight Davis.

VISION

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The funds for the project, and for all of Vision 2000, do not come from the school's operating budget. Instead, they come from fundraising specifically for Vision 2000.

However, Hellman said that he is not sure of the cost of the project yet because the school and the Science Center "don't have the bids in; we've developed a bid list."

A bid list is a compilation of qualified contractors who the architect and owners believe "can do the work in a quality fashion at a competitive price," said Hellman. The bid list has been sent to five local contractors that fit the criteria. Hellman anticipates they will return the bids with an estimate of the total cost by late April. Then a committee composed of representatives from both SLUH and the Science Center will evaluate the bids and choose a contractor.

The driveway will not be a public roadway; it will be on private property. Since the entrance will not be on the school's property, the school and the Science Center have worked out an arrangement so that the school may still use it.

Sweeney said, "The entrance is taking the form of an easement because the entrance is entirely on their property, and so we have a perpetual easement to use that entrance as our own."

Sweeney explained, "An easement is like permission to use their property, permission to come on their property. So we're granted the right to use that driveway as long as we're in existence."

The drive will be a four-lane driveway with two in-bound and two out-bound lanes along the western edge of the football field. Each lane will stretch 12 feet in width. A nine-foot-wide grass median with

light poles will run down the center of the lanes. In addition, trees will line the east and west sides of the drive. There will be a three-way stop sign on Oakland at the entrance.

Vision 2000 is the series of projects which will add the Boulevard Entrance, a parking garage, a new Student Life Center, a new soccer field, a new regulation distance track, a new baseball field, two practice fields, and tennis courts. It will expand the campus to the south and the southwest.

In effect, Vision 2000 will relocate the center of the campus from the upper



Artist's rendering of the proposed road between SLUH and the Science Center.

field to the south end of the theater. In the future, students will be dropped off at a circle driveway in front of the theater. The campus will stretch south to the new fields, north and east to the school, east to the Student Life Center, and west to the parking garage.

The Boulevard Entrance will give the school a formal entrance, which, Hellman said, it lacks at this point. Also, it will set the stage for the parking garage, which will be the second project of Vision 2000, located at Berthold and East, and was planned to begin construction in 2005. The Boulevard Entrance will help move traffic to the new garage, so the school can tear up the south parking lot in order to continue with Vision 2000. The south lot will remain open until the garage is constructed.

Currently, the west parking lot, where pick-up and drop-off takes place, is heavily

congested before and after school. The four lanes will relieve some of that congestion.

Also, the driveway will allow students to cut through from Oakland to Berthold without having to go further down to Macklind. Sweeney said another benefit would be the aesthetics.

"It would define our campus a lot more since we'll have some very nice signage at the entrance," he said. The entrance will showcase a masonry monument sign that boldly displays the school's name. The school will also replace the chain link fence between the field and the

Science Center with a wrought iron fence like the one on Oakland.

In addition to the driveway, the school plans to regrade the PE field in order to fix its considerable crown and to widen it. The field will also receive new grass and fertilizer. With the field widened, the freshman

football team will begin to hold practices on it.

In addition, the school will create a new weight room in the basement. The cost of the project "depends," said Sweeney, on how the heating and ventilation work out in the room.

"We don't think (it will cost) any more than \$100,000," he said.

The construction of the weight room is part of the renovation of the basement, which took place in the summer of 2001. But the school ran out of time and money for the project, said Sweeney.

Vision 2000 has been slowed by the economy, but it continues nonetheless.

Said Sweeney, "We're pretty certain we can complete the parking garage and the new fields by 2006. The Student Life Center—we're not there, and originally it was scheduled for the '08-'09 time frame, but we don't think that's possible yet."

ELECTION

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Speeches for the officers were held on Monday. This year, STUCO made an effort to keep speeches in good taste by making candidates submit an outline before their speech.

"I tried to make sure that speeches were appropriate," said STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson. "Last year some people approached it in an inappropriate way." He added, "Does this mean that there isn't any fun? No."

Despite the attempts to make speeches more appropriate, Croghan was booed by members of the audience for his critical remarks about this year's STUCO.

"I said there were some things that could have been changed," said Croghan of his speech. When he made his remarks, members of this year's STUCO booed him, and some audience members followed suit.

LATINFEST

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Team Certamen consists of a Latin teacher asking two teams of four people 15 questions worth ten points each. If a team answers the question correctly, the team has the chance to answer two bonus five-point questions, usually relating to the original question.

Three teams from SLUH participated: the freshman, sophomore, and varsity "Dream Teams." The freshman and sophomore teams each received a bye the first round. The freshmen lost in the second round to Pembroke Hill High School.

McConaghy said, "The bye in the first round, though at first glance an advantage, really hurt them because the other team (Pembroke Hill from Kansas City) had that extra round of practice. They were on top of their game."

The sophomore team was prepared to face Oak Park in the second round, but the opponent never came. The sophomores went into the semifinals without having played a single team. SLUH trounced Pembroke in the semifinals 255-20. They then faced DeSmet in the finals and shut them out 145-0.

Overall, the sophomores outscored their competitors 500 to 20. The extremely

Most students felt the speeches were more serious this year than they expected. "They were toned down a bit," said one student. "You know, a little on the serious side."

After the speeches, a whopping 85% of juniors cast votes, despite only an estimated 70-80 students attending the speeches out of 253.

After the votes were tallied, John Block, Mudd, and Economon came out on top.

"Based on the three guys we've got now, I'm extremely excited," said Kesterson.

Block has been a STUCO member for the past three years. "He's seen what's worked and seen what doesn't work," said Kesterson of Block's experience.

Block sees his job as to "continue keeping things organized and keeping meetings on task."

"I want to commit to doing things and

knowledgeable Matt Winkler declared, "When it came down to the tenth question, DeSmet knew they had lost."

Team captain Charles Ullman said, "We were very quick. I'm very proud of our overall effort."

The varsity team beat Rockbridge High School from Columbia; they then defeated Lincoln College Prep from Kansas City, but could not overtake Pembroke Hill School in the semifinals.

Said mythlete Joe Nagel, "We tried our hardest. I'm sad we didn't win, but I'm very proud of the sophomores and the ridiculous amount of (personal) trophies

get those things done," said Block.

Mudd will be helping Block as vice president. "The most important element (of my job) is assisting (Block) in any way I can," said Mudd. "He has a lot of responsibilities."

Although STUCO is attempting to move toward seriousness, the officers view social events as their primary focus.

"STUCO is a big facet of giving guys things to do outside of school," said Block.

Mudd echoed Block: "STUCO organizes the student body and gives a lot of support to our various sports teams."

Economon added, "We're representing SLUH. The better example we show, the better it shines on our class."

Block stressed, "STUCO's move toward seriousness is not an effort to limit fun."

Finals for the commissioners will be held Monday.

we won."

Every freshman on the team won some sort of personal award. Those who scored the highest in the Missouri State Tests in grammar, vocabulary, reading comprehension, mythology, and history and culture won personal trophies. The whole group won 15 trophies, 24 medals, and 24 certificates of honor. In grammar and vocabulary, the freshmen swept the top five spots in the state.

Tychonievich summed up the day, saying, "It was a good day, and I was happy that so many students took a day off to study Latin and have some fun."

MOM PROM

Last Friday, the seniors and their mothers took an evening off of their normally-scheduled activities and danced the night away at the Two Hearts Banquet Center in South County. The evening began with mass said by President Paul Sheridan, S.J., followed by dinner. Providing tunes for the event was one of counselor Dave Moulden's many bands, Squirrel. Pictured are John Boland and his mother



Renee

Filthy Rich promises murder, intrigue

J.R. Strzelec
Reporter

Corruption, murder, and intrigue abound in George F. Walker's *Filthy Rich*, opening tonight in the SLUH theatre. Unsuccessful writer Tyrone Power (named after the classic film star and played by senior J.R. Strzelec) finds himself drawn into a world inhabited by femme fatales, gangsters, and politicians who will stop at nothing to achieve their ambitions.

Living in his wreck of an office and getting drunk as often as possible, Power is approached by the socialite Scott sisters, Anne (St. Joe junior Caitlin Budny) and Susan (Rosati-Kain freshman Melody Federer). The sisters are looking for Michael Harrison, a mayoral candidate and family friend who has gone missing. Power, who has long since given up on the world, turns them down and tries to go on

HALL

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atrocities of war from an American veteran. Kane cited two obscene signs from footage of a New York City protest and a quote from one SLUH student as examples of "baseless and irresponsible" actions by anti-war protesters, and he is correct; "petty personal insults" do not lead to progress. However, those signs and that single student's opinion do not represent the majority of anti-war protesters; Kane only cited the extreme examples. The "problem" Kane identified exists, but to use those limited examples to categorize the large, growing anti-war movement in America is callow and unfair.

Prayer without action is not prayer. God gives each person the intelligence to form his or her own opinions of right and wrong and the free will to voice those opinions. Prayer, to those who believe in it, is necessary and does provide a basis for action. But without that action, prayer is futile. To pray for peace but not to actively work for peace is devastatingly hypocritical. Protesting war at public rallies is one of the most important and

with his life, writing the same novel he has been writing for 15 years.

Power is then approached by a detective, Stackhouse (junior James Erler), who is also looking for Harrison. Stackhouse reveals that the would-be mayor has been working closely with a former friend of Power's, Fred Whittacker (senior Joe Nagel), and that Whittacker is also missing.

Meanwhile, Power has been enduring the harassments of a youth named Jamie (senior Brandon Bieber), a delivery boy/janitor/student who is drawn to the idea of knowing a real-life private eye. When Jamie learns of the Harrison situation, he makes it his goal to draw in Power and solve the case *à la* Sam Spade.

The Scott sisters and Stackhouse are not the only ones looking for Harrison and Whittacker. Gangster Henry Duvall (senior Dan Riley) is also seeking the missing pair, making it apparent that both men are in mortal danger.

effective ways to show support for a cause, influence politicians, and educate fellow citizens. Boycotts and marches gave the Civil Rights movement in this country the attention and strength it needed in order to cause change. Constant protests in the late 1960s, along with the help of the media, drew the attention of Washington and helped end the Vietnam War. Without physically and vocally making known one's beliefs, the government will not see the need for change. God may hear the prayers in your heart, but the White House only hears the prayers in your voice. The louder it is, the more pressure we put on the government to end the war's suffering and preserve the dignity of all human beings. Tell the Iraqi civilians who will die tonight from our bombs that you are praying for them, and see how much hope you give them. If you love the freedom America allows, hate the death and pain America is causing others in your name; if you have genuine compassion for all human beings, then you will care enough to protest.

Scream anti-war chants until your

Putting on *Filthy Rich* provided many challenges, not only to the performers, but also to the tech crew. Though the play has only one set, Power's office, the technical wizardry of the script called for innovations surpassing those in previous productions.

Junior Ted Makarewicz, who is serving as props master for the show, said, "It's amazing to see the stage at the beginning of the show (and) then at the end of the show and know that it'll all be back like the beginning again the next day."

Director Kathryn Whitaker says that the play "parodies film-noir while at the same time revealing Walker's love of the genre. Though several of the characters are noir stereotypes, they are written with a depth that surpasses many of their film counterparts."

Filthy Rich runs tonight through Sunday at 7:30 in the theatre. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis and is limited.

vocal chords tear, write letters to Congress, march in the streets, be noticed, and you will give the Iraqis hope, and, just maybe, President Bush will listen. More than ever, the time for protest is now.

Charlie Hall, '04

SWIMMING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CEREMONY



A view from home: Herzberg, '95, in Iraq

Patrick Meek
Core Staff

Eight years ago Paul Herzberg, a member of the class of 1995, walked the same hallways that every student walks today. He played the same sports that students play today. However, today Paul Herzberg is in a place where few can imagine being. He is currently in southern Iraq fighting in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

This past winter, Herzberg, stationed with the 2nd Marine Corps Division of Camp Lejeune, N. C., was ordered to be ready to deploy for the impending conflict in the Gulf. Herzberg, a recently-promoted first lieutenant in charge of operational logistics, and his division departed for southern Kuwait on Feb. 7.

Since arriving in the Middle East, Herzberg has been able to remain in sporadic contact with his wife, Sandra, and his mother, Ginny. The last time he spoke with either his mother or wife was on March 7, when Herzberg was allowed to call them. Unfortunately, the conversation ended after only thirty seconds when the connection was lost.

"Those were the longest (30 seconds) ever," said Mrs. Herzberg.

Herzberg said in that phone call and a letter he wrote that same day, which the Herzbergs received last week, that he was at that time "in the middle of the desert." He also said that the "weather was pleasantly nice." Unfortunately, he could not divulge more about where he was because of operational security.

According to CNN, the 2nd Division is currently in central Iraq, moving up the Tigris River in order to quell pockets of resistance and gradually making its way to the capital city of Baghdad.

Before Herzberg left for southern Kuwait, he asked his mother to look after his new wife while he was away. Herzberg and Sandra, who is originally from Switzerland, were married on April 27, 2002, in his wife's homeland. Herzberg had feared that being all alone on a military base in a new country during a time of war would not be especially easy. As a result of this request, Herzberg's wife moved from North Carolina to Waterloo, Ill., where his mother lives.

"She is holding up really well with it all," said Herzberg's mother of Sandra. "She is very strong."

Said Sandra, "Being a wife of a military officer is an experience. You don't know anyone. Because he is an officer, everything is very formal. You have to go to dinners with higher ranking officials. You must be flexible because you move all the time."

Herzberg's wife and his mother have been monitoring the war constantly since his departure.

"We watch the news morning, noon, and night," said Mrs. Herzberg.

"I have no idea what is going on over there; all I know is what everyone else sees on TV. I don't have any extra information," said Sandra.

In an effort to follow the war more closely, Mrs. Herzberg brought a television to work which she has constantly tuned in to

MSNBC or Fox News.

While a student at SLUH, Herzberg excelled at wrestling and football. He also developed strong relationships with several faculty members.

"He was a fellow who really worked hard and was an overachiever," said Spanish teacher Dick Hadel, S.J. "He worked beyond the full extent in his abilities by giving it everything."

"Paul loved the U. High and still does," said his mother. "He still remains in constant contact with his friends from there."

Following SLUH, Herzberg went on to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, where he went in order to play football. The United States Merchant Marine Academy is a government-run military academy, similar to the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy. The purpose of this institution, according to its mission statement, is "to educate and graduate professional officers and leaders of...the United States in our Armed Forces and Merchant Marine."

Following his four years at the Academy, Herzberg decided to join the U.S. Marine Corps.

"I still don't know why he joined (the Marine Corps)," said his mother with an uneasy laugh. "But I think he was strongly influenced by the man who at the time was the superintendent of the Merchant Marine Academy, who was from the Marine Corps."

Luckily for Herzberg and the rest of his family, support from the community and friends has been abundant. Several mothers of his SLUH classmates have called Mrs. Herzberg to offer support; others have written letters to Paul.

"(The girls in) a local Girl Scout troop have all written him letters," said his mother.

Even with such support, Mrs. Herzberg remains concerned.

"I am very worried about the way that things are going over there (with the suicide bombings)," said Mrs. Herzberg. "I hope he doesn't let his guard down."

Mrs. Herzberg is also slightly unsettled by the anti-war protests that having been going on around the country and the world: "I am happy that these people can protest, but I feel like we are sending a bad message to the boys over there," she said. "I hope we continue to see that the Iraqi people are happy to be liberated to show that this does have a purpose."

Added Sandra, "I know what the people in Europe are thinking and protesting over. They do not get the whole picture over there because all of the news over there is liberal. Because all the governments over there are liberal they only get liberal news. Over here we get both sides of the argument, the left and the right, so it's just stupid to be protesting. It is one thing to be protesting against war, but it is another thing not to support your president and the troops," she flatly stated.

Sophomore Matt Herzberg, Paul's nephew, also worries for him.

"I am scared for him," said Matt. "But he is trying to keep us safe, and trying to do what is best."

The last time Herzberg has been able to talk to his uncle was right before Herzberg left for Kuwait. Since then he has been

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Calendar

Apr. 11 - Apr. 16

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Schedule R

Freshman English Tutorial @ AP

AP Econ Review @ AP

Weightlifting vs Faculty @ AP

Six Dollar Burger showing in Danis Lobby @ APDauphin Players present *Filthy Rich* @ 7:30 pm

V BB vs Mehlville @ Heine-Meine @ 7:00 pm

B BB @ Parkway South @ 4:15 pm

V/JV TN vs Parkway West @ 4:00 pm

C TR vs Chaminade, CBC, & DeSmet @ 4:00 pm

Bosco Sticks & Cheese Papa John's

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Alumni Mothers' Mass & Meeting

ACT Exam @ 8:00 am

District Academic Competition

Dauphin Players present *Filthy Rich* @ 7:30 pm

C BB @ Vianney (Doubleheader) @ 10:00 am

V LAX @ Hickman @ 2:00 pm

JV LAX @ Hickman @ 11:30 am

C LAX @ Hickman @ 12:00 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 13Dauphin Players present *Filthy Rich* @ 7:30 pm

Junior Kairos Retreat through 4/16

MONDAY, APRIL 14

Schedule L

Sophomore Teachers Meeting @ AP

Academic Orientation for Class of '07

C BB vs St. Mary's @ Heine-Meine @ 4:15 pm

V/JV TR vs DeSmet & CBC @ DeSmet @ 4:00 pm

C LAX vs Cape Central @ 6:00 pm

Seasoned Fries & Lil' Charlie's

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Schedule R

Junior MAP Test @ 8:00 am

Sisyphus Literary Deadline

Freshman English Tutorial @ AP

Rosary in Chapel @ AP

AP Econ Review @ AP

Rosary in Chapel @ AP

Spring Fling 3 vs 3 Captain Meeting @ AP

Raquetball Banquet

V GF vs CBC @ Normandie @ 3:30 pm

JV GF vs CBC @ Crystal Springs @ 3:30 pm

V/JV TN vs DeSmet @ 4:00 pm

B/C TR @ Hazelwood West @ 4:00 pm

V/JV VB vs St. Mary's @ 4/5:00 pm

Crispitos & Burritos

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Schedule R

Senior Graduation Invitations @ HR
College Visits:

St. Louis University @ AP

Sophomore MAP Test @ AP

Freshman Class Liturgy @ AP

Junior Water Balloon Toss @ AP

V/JV TN @ Parkway Central @ 4:00 pm

V TR @ Hixon Junior High @ 4:00 pm

V/JV VB @ Parkway West @ 4/5:00 pm

C LAX @ Lafayette @ 5:00 pm

Bosco Sticks & Mostoccoli

PN NIGHTBEAT

VOLLEYBALL TEAM LOSES IN THREE TO DESMET

The Jr. Bills faltered last night against DeSmet. The Bills came out firing and won the first game, 15-10. The second game went to DeSmet, 15-12. The third game was a close battle in which DeSmet prevailed 15-9. This was the Jr. Bills first loss of the season.



Brian Guntli prepares to serve in the Jr. Bills' loss to DeSmet.

DOUBLE TROUBLE: DESMET DEFEATS BATBILLS 3-2

Yesterday the varsity baseball team took on the DeSmet Spartans in an epic battle that pitted number one DeSmet against number two SLUH.

Senior staff ace Tyler Faulstich went six innings, striking out eight batters. He also crushed a solo home run in the bottom of the third to give the Jr. Bills the lead. However, timely DeSmet hitting and a blown call by the umpire allowed the Spartans to take the lead in the fourth. The Jr. Bills rallied and scored one in the sixth but were unable to complete the comeback as DeSmet took the first of the three game season series 3-2.

LAXBILLS DEFEAT HAZELWOOD CENTRAL 28-0

The Lacrosse team blew past central with attackmen Matt Hof and Travis Dum leading the team in goals.

IRAQ

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monitoring the conflict in the same way as his grandmother and aunt.

Even with these fears, many in the SLUH community look at Herzberg as someone who is a competent and strong leader.

"I see him as a leader who leads by example, and giving the same intensity (on the battlefield) as he gave in sports and studies," said Hadel.

Sandra doesn't know when she will be given the chance to talk to her husband again. "I know he is not a writer, so he does have that excuse (for not contacting me). They usually let the younger guys call home first, in order to keep morale up. He also has lots of meetings he has to go to because he is an officer. So I expect to talk to him next year," she laughed.