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"If nothing else, value the truth"

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New awards to be presented

W. David Mueller
Core Staff

At this year's awards ceremony this afternoon, four new awards will be added to the celebration: the Bausch and Lomb Science Award, the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, the Principal's Leadership Award, and the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts.

According to the description of the award, the Bausch and Lomb Science Award is designed to recognize the "outstanding academic achievement and superior intellectual promise in the field of science." The counseling department be-

came aware of the award and its scholarship potential earlier in the year. Counselor Dave Mouldon said it is an award that the recipient can turn into scholarship money if he decides to go to the University of Rochester, the school that hands out the award.

The award, however, baffles the science department. Science department chair Eric Laboube said, "We should find out who is getting this award and how you get it, because I don't know. I didn't nominate anyone." He went on to say, "It probably goes to the most outstanding science student who goes through the AP
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STUCO finishes elections for 2004 school year

Charlie Hall
Core Staff

After hearing another round of speeches in the theater and yet another 85 percent voter turnout, the junior class elected its social/publicity, religious affairs, and sports commissioners last Tuesday. Chris Baricevic defeated classmate and friend John Hook for the social/publicity position, James Erler was victorious over Matt Paradise and Matt Green, and Brian Heffernan ran unchallenged (although Heffernan's Texan alter-ego "Mitchell P. Russell" did make an appearance at the speeches) in his race for sports commissioner.

Baricevic believes that he "will actually get stuff done" next year in STUCO: "My level of dorkiness forces me to do the work in front of me and to find new work," he said. "I really care what goes on with this school and with STUCO, and I'm going to do what I say with seriousness."

Erler hopes to institute new religious reforms next year as religious commissioner. "The faith life in this SLUH community could be a lot better," he said. "I want everybody at this school to think of themselves as soldiers of Christ." He also plans to improve the afternoon prayers read over the intercom. "Sometimes those prayers feel abstract, and I really want the students to feel like, 'Hey, he's talking to me.'"

As sports commissioner, Heffernan
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DANCE CONCERT



The dance program held the first of its two performances last night. The second show is tonight at 7:30. The concert costs \$5 for general admission. However, to encourage student attendance, SLUH students will only be charged \$2. Over 100 SLUH students and many girls from various schools are in the concert. The concert features a wide variety of dance style. One dance class even mimics the rhythmic style of Stomp. Much of the concert is dedicated to the famous choreographer Bob Fosse. Senior Brandon Bieber and junior Sam Weller choreographed the dances.

Freshman Beck suffers third-degree burns

Jonathan Kim
Reporter

On Saturday, April 12, freshman Stephen Beck sustained serious burns to his calves and thighs when attempting to put out a fire started by neighborhood kids. Beck went to the St. John's Hospital Burn Unit for five days before returning home last Monday.

Some kids in Beck's neighborhood lit a piece of newspaper on fire and proceeded to douse nearby grass with lighter fluid. After the grass was lit, the fire started to spread uncontrollably, and, unaware of the lighter fluid beneath the flames, Beck started to stamp out the flames: "When I saw that the flames started to spread, I started to kick out the fire, and the lighter fluid jumped on my pants, and my pants caught on fire," he said.

Since he was wearing flammable nylon pants, the flames immediately en-

gulfed him, and the neighborhood kids knocked him down and rolled him around on the ground to extinguish the flames. The fire consumed his clothes so quickly that, by the time he extinguished the flames, most of the material was burned away.

Beck sustained second- and third-degree burns on his inner calves and thighs, and he was placed in St. John's Hospital for five days to treat his burns.

First-degree burns only affect the epidermis (the outermost layer of skin) minimally, as with a sunburn. However, second- and third-degree burns are much more serious. In second-degree burns both the epidermis and the dermis, the layer under the epidermis, are affected, causing a great deal of pain. Third-degree burns are the most severe burns because both the epidermis and the dermis are severely damaged, causing prolonged healing due to the destruction of the skin structure. These severely-burned areas required skin

grafts to heal over the wounds; for Beck's burns, the donor area, the place from which the skin grafts were taken, was the outside of Beck's thighs.

Skin grafts are taken by a machine that scrapes thin layers of the epidermis from the donor area, leaving the hair follicles behind. Thus, the remaining skin cells in the hair follicles will emerge and recolonize the donor area.

President Paul Sheridan, S.J., said, "Beck never complained when he was in the hospital, and he always had a smile on his face. He wasn't even fazed when they told him that he had to stay longer in the hospital. Burn wounds are terrible; they had to change his bandages every day, but he took it without complaint."

Despite the injuries he sustained, Beck said that the "pain is really down" and that he feels "all right." Arriving back from the hospital last Monday, Beck stated, "The donor area is really, really sore. It hurts worse than the burns themselves."

His mother Patti described the donor area as "a big strawberry" on Beck's leg, due to the removal of the skin; she said the area looks "very raw."

Beck is optimistic about his recovery, and he hopes to attend school next Monday. Fortunately, walking for Beck is "not too painful; in fact, it is really quite easy," he said, and he has already started his physical therapy of stretching, exercises, and walking. Hopefully, after seeing the doctor today, Beck will feel well enough to return to school next Monday, and he will be uninhibited by crutches.

Beck said, "The donor area will heal over fine, just like your hand heals after you've scraped it, but the skin on burned areas will be a little raised." As far as schoolwork is concerned, he said, "Most of the teachers are understanding, just telling me to take it easy."

Mrs. Beck emphasized, "We are so grateful for all the support and care that we received from the SLUH community. "Fr. Sheridan, the friends, family, and faculty all made the recovery much easier for us."

Spring Fling ready to be flung

Brian Krebs
Reporter

There are many signs around us these days that tell us that spring is finally here: the sun is out longer, the grass is greener, and the last days of school are drawing near. So what better way to celebrate the unofficial start of spring than Spring Fling?

Tomorrow, the SLUH community will gather and celebrate the arrival of spring with fourteen fun-packed hours of activities.

There are a few new activities this year. STUCO has acquired two carnival-style inflatable games. One will be an obstacle course, and the other will be a game in which the participants run relays with a bungee rope. STUCO has also rented some arcade games from Game World. The arcade games will include a golfing game, a pinball machine, and a dual racing game. The inflatable games will be on the upper field, and the arcade games will be in the Danis Lobby.

There will also be a variety of sports going on around the campus. STUCO will have a three-point basketball contest in the gym. There will be a slam dunk basketball contest in the upper parking lot. In addition, director of intramurals Dave Barton has organized an NCAA-like basketball tournament that will also be in the upper parking lot. If basketball is not your thing, there will also be wiffleball and a weightlifting contest.

Besides the games at Spring Fling, there will be plenty to do. For hungry folk, the NHS will be barbecuing in Alumni Park. Sno-cones and cotton candy will also be available. For a stress-reliever, students can make their way over to the Car Smash. For students who feel like singing, there will be karaoke. What about dancing? The mixer starts at 8:00.

So, needless to say, there will be fun for all tomorrow. STUCO President Casey Barrale summed up his thoughts: "It's going to be a great day—for free." All of the activities are free except the mixer, which costs \$5.00.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students should remember Korean War, support war in Iraq

To the Editors:

I've realized over the past two years that people have forgotten. They have forgotten about September 11 and have forgotten patriotism and love of one's country. Worst of all, they have forgotten the death and suffering that millions of Americans, some of our grandfathers or even our own fathers and mothers, have encountered by fulfilling their obligation to protect the country that they love and hold dear. Most anti-war people would probably say, "So what does this have to do with the war today? Saddam isn't going to bomb us!" Yes, you may be right about that. But what you seem to forget is that there are a number of wars in which we have fought to aid the defenseless. In the Korean War we fought to protect the rights of the South Koreans who would have succumbed to communism and its blatant disregard for the quality or value of human life. So why should we not help aid the defenseless in Iraq?

The Korean War is referred to as the "Forgotten War." Why? Because it did not take place to defend the United States, but rather South Korea. Its memorial was built 48 years after the war began, which is horrible because all veterans of this great war went unnoticed and unpraised; they received no ticker-tape parades or banquets, just silence.

The Korean War Memorial is perhaps one of the most moving places for a person to visit, particularly in this time of war in the United States. I feel it would be an excellent choice for one to visit this somber remembrance. There are over 2,000 images etched into a black granite wall, and, as you pass by, you become

one with the people, the time, and the feelings the memorial provokes. Even more distinct is the Pool of Remembrance, which is a shallow pool of still water with a slanting wall that reads, "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE." In my opinion, the most powerful section of the memorial is the field in which 19 soldiers are marching in a triangle formation out of a forest. Each of the soldiers is uniquely modeled after different ethnicities, races, and appearances. They have looks of fear and anxiety. Yet they are all walking toward a small inscription which states, "OUR NATION HONORS HER SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHO ANSWERED THE CALL TO DEFEND A NATION THEY NEVER KNEW AND A PEOPLE THEY NEVER MET."

Perhaps we all could learn something from such a moving experience. And to make it even more convincing? Go with a veteran, any veteran from any war, it doesn't matter. They'd enjoy the company, and, if you aren't too busy rolling your eyes at their old stories of war, you could look in their eyes as they reminisce about the horror they carried like a burden on their shoulders defending not themselves, but a foreign land and a foreign people

Now I ask you to open your eyes, see the parallels, and reflect.

God bless our leaders. God bless our troops. God bless America. And God bless us all.

Supporter of the war in Iraq,
Joseph Merkley, '05

Post-Lenten reflection: re-visiting a pilgrim's camino

To the Editors:

I sit writing this post-Lenten letter, reflecting on the asceticism—or spiritual athleticism—we faced over the last 40 days and its similarity to my pilgrimage across Spain nearly one year ago. *El Camino de Santiago* took me precisely 29 days to walk before my final arrival in the quaint city of Santiago de Compostela. I suffered tendonitis in both my ankles, endured immense pain in my feet day after day, walked seemingly endless miles with blisters forming on top of or even between my toes, and suffered occasional nausea from dehydration. This pilgrimage is by no means an easy one (even for the avid backpacker). One might ask if it is borderline masochism. In some historical cases asceticism is; however, this pilgrimage, and my attempts to experience its asceticism are more attempts to engage in conscious awareness.

In all my efforts to understand this pilgrimage and its glory, I only envisioned the city of Santiago de Compostela and what might be. I neglected my present. When the days were difficult and long it was far more pleasurable to imagine a beatific Cathedral than the intense heat of a 120-degree day in an open wheat field with no city in sight and little water to quench my thirst, or a sixth consecutive day of rain where each step brings

up five more pounds of mud, and putting on wet socks and boots are simply parts of the morning ritual. There is a time when all of the divinity, idealism, and egoism of the trip exit the mind and reality quickly imparts, "Why am I here?" I was completely out of touch with present moments to realize that the place I was in at any given time and space of the Camino was equally as beautiful as Santiago's Cathedral. So often I allowed myself to float into fantasies away from my discomfort in my experience towards the solace of my dreams.

Life can present different ways to remain comfortable and at ease with the world. Some thoughts may become blankets of security, and without challenges we metaphorically "fall asleep." Consider simple morning rituals: many of us are living zombies in the first moments of wakefulness when we are unconsciously putting a sock on the right foot first, then the left, or vice versa. Take notice if you consistently put the same leg into your slacks each morning without paying attention to that single activity. Putting on a shirt, washing our face, brushing our teeth, and eating can all become unconscious habits. How many of us will eat a bite of food and, before swallowing, already have the next

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bite loaded on the utensil, if not already packed into our mouths? We are mechanisms and creatures of habit, constantly developing ways to maximize our output with a minimal input; really, to think less, deal less with our reality, and live more conveniently.

These morning habits, rituals, or patterns are ways in which we allow our brains, again, to “fall asleep.” In developing patterns, we develop ways to think less about what we are doing, and so the sleep sets in.

Western society has been very effective in continuing this pattern of absent-mindedness with such technological advances as the internet. Where some may begin to don praises and glory for the revolutionary efficiency and speed with which to perform many tasks, I would be slow to cheer. The convenience of the internet allows us to purchase dinner, movie tickets, and still have time for shopping all in the same hour. It is a matter of input versus output. As a result, society is becoming schizophrenic with the growing amounts of multitasking imposed on any PC user. And, when this occurs, we tend to think less about our present moments but instead what is to come. By

developing these patterns and habits, we develop unconscious activity and security. Most humans prefer to live in a perceived secure position, rather than step into an unknown entity (which is perhaps why a belief in God is extremely difficult). It makes sense, then, that at times I would rather have wanted to be home in the United States than encountering the new struggles of each day’s walking in Spain. We settle for convenience and security.

When we step outside of this security, however, we step into the unknown, the challenge, and insecurity of life. We begin to live Christ’s consciousness. In the ways that Jesus encountered the Samaritan women, ate with tax collectors, cured the blind and crippled, and cleansed the Temple, he continually challenged the views of those who surrounded him, forcing them to remain “awake.”

Remember his words in the Agony in the Garden: “My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!” (Mt. 26:42) Though he toils with the choices that are set before him, Jesus consciously accepts the suffering that lies before him with his immediate arrest and imminent death. In my experience this awareness is at the

heart of what it means to walk in the shadow of the cross—to walk with awareness. Thus, by asking ourselves, “How do I carry my cross?” or better yet, “How do I carry my suffering?” we engage ourselves to critically consider if our intentions are conscious or unconscious endeavors.

As a moth is attracted to light, Jesus had an undeniable destiny with the cross. “Could he have come down from that cross?” is not the question, but moreover how he remained mindful of his suffering amidst the ridicule even while nailed tortuously to those slivered wooden planks. His suffering was having to witness our apathy, lassitude, and misunderstanding of his teachings. While on the cross, did Jesus muse over his coming reunion with the Father or look upon humanity with pity? Still on the cross, did he shout back in retaliation to those persecutors or look on with love and compassion? So, too, we must begin to walk consciously in balance with our suffering, because it is easier for us to drift into our unconscious habits than to labor over our hardships, easier to shout and retaliate in hate than consider words of love and compassion, and easier for me to dream of my finish in Santiago de Compostela than remain conscious of my foul bodily odors and stabbing foot pains on a 120-degree day.

In this post-Lenten season, Christ Jesus shows us how to remain awake in our darkest hours and hold the tension of our suffering. When we learn to become present to each of our moments and remain awake, then we are no longer unconscious mechanistic robots in a routine, but conscious living human-becomings in a flux.

Mr. Paul Spitzmueller

Quote of the Week

“In the first place God made idiots. This was for practice. Then he made School Boards.”

—Mark Twain

OEC PHOTOS ON DISPLAY



Photographs taken by members of OEC during their whitewater rafting trip in New Mexico are on display in the SLUH Art Gallery.

Poor passing dooms Volleybills against Vianney

Nick Engle
Reporter

After easily defeating top-ranked St. Mary's and Parkway West last week, the Jr. Bill volleyball team had high hopes for the game against archrival Vianney.

On Wednesday, the Jr. Bills traveled into South County to square off against the Griffins in one of the biggest games of the year. It didn't look good in pre-game warmups for the Jr. Billikens when Alex Lepp came down on a ball and nearly injured himself. Luckily for the Volleybills, Lepp wasn't hurt and was able to play.

The first game started out pretty even on both sides. Both teams looked a little shaky at first, but eventually their nerves would calm down. Behind Brian Guntli's serving and excellent overall blocking, the Jr. Bills were able to inch out to a 6-4 lead. The lead was increased to 9-5 with

the help of an Alex Lepp block and sophomore Joe Guntli's serving.

The Jr. Bills then started to get a little tentative, which allowed Vianney to get back in the game. With the score in favor of the Jr. Bills 10-9, the team called a timeout to stop the Griffin attack.

As the Bills came out of the timeout, they tried to improve on the sub-par passing and hitting that had allowed Vianney back in the game. The Wildfirebills were not able to stop Vianney, however, and ended up calling another timeout when the score was 13-10 in Vianney's favor. Yet, this timeout couldn't stop the poor play of the Jr. Bills either, and they eventually lost the game by the score of 15-10.

The TQbills came out with determination in the second game. They pounced all over the Griffins early, forcing a Vianney timeout with the Jr. Bills up 5-1. Brian Guntli helped the Jr. Bills out in the early going with his tough jump serve.

Good blocking, solid serving, and a Lepp kill also aided the Jr. Billikens as they eventually extended their lead to 9-2.

But after a couple of sideouts, Vianney started to make a run. With the score 10-7 in SLUH's favor, coach Terry Quinn called a timeout to try to correct the terrible passing that was still plaguing the squad. The timeout wasn't a very big help, though. Vianney continued to burn the Bills because of bad passing on the SLUH side. Eventually, Vianney pulled ahead and the trailing Jr. Bills called a timeout. The teams then traded sideouts, but eventually the Jr. Bills lost by the score of 15-12.

After the game, the mood was somber on the Jr. Bills' bench. Inaccurate passing was the major problem for the Volleybills, although at times bad blocking was also detrimental to the team's effort. The Jr. Bills will try to correct these problems as they look ahead to their games next week.

Basebills defeat Griffins 10-0, improve to 11-2

John Schranck and Denis Agniel
Reporter, Editor

The Jr. Bills played two games over the Easter Break and another on Tuesday, winning two out of the three.

On Holy Saturday, the Jr. Bills played two games: the first against MICDS and the second against St. Mary's.

Team ace Tyler Faulstich pitched a complete game against MICDS, throwing a perfect game through four. He struck out six and only allowed four hits. The Jr. Bills combined for a total of nine hits and sent four across home plate to win the game by a final score of 4-2.

The outcome of Saturday's second game was not as favorable as the first by any measure. St. Mary's pitcher Ron Martin, who can rocket the ball down the pike at a clocked 94 m.p.h., certainly vexed the Basebills with his wizardry. Contrary to their typical ability to hit copiously, the Jr. Bills mustered only five



Pat Feeney slides into third with a triple in the first inning against Vianney.

suffered their second loss of the season by a score of 10-3. Feeney provided the lone bright spot, going two for three with three RBIs.

Any disappointment melted away in Tuesday's game as Rico Bertucci completely overwhelmed Vianney in a shutout. Bertucci commanded the game with his 7 K's, allowing only three hits.

The offense rolled against the Griffins.

Number-three hitter Andy Hecht smashed a double to the gap to chase three boys in blue home. Feeney followed an RBI triple in the first with an RBI double in the third, finishing three for three. Number nine hitter and backstop Tyler Aholt went three for three as well.

By the end of the third, the offense had given Bertucci a comfortable cushion with a nine-run lead, and SLUH's punishing offensive aggression forced the game to be called in the fifth because of the ten-run rule. The final score was 10-0.

Golfbills in the rough after loss to Chaminade

Pat Neuner
Reporter

On Holy Thursday, the Golfbills woke up early to meet their tee times at Quail Creek for the annual MCC Tournament. After buckets of rain fell the night before, the course played extremely wet, and the Jr. Bills also endured mild temperatures with a sometimes brisk wind. In spite of the poor conditions, the Jr. Bills played steadily and maintained their composure throughout the day. Though Chaminade ran away with the victory, the Jr. Bills edged DeSmet by one stroke for second place, a much better showing than last year.

The Jr. Bills were led by junior Pat Neuner, who took second place individually with a 76. Mike Dougherty and sophomore Kyle Ortmann also finished

in the top ten with rounds of 78 and 80, respectively.

On Tuesday, the Golfbills gathered at Glen Echo Country Club to meet Chaminade for the first time this season. Fresh off a top-three finish at the prestigious Webster Cup, Chaminade was looking to continue its good play while the Jr. Bills were hoping to rebound from a horrendous performance at the Webster Cup.



Drawing by Howie Place

Things were looking good for the Jr. Bills early, as sophomore Matt Bartch and Pat Ostapowicz came in early with rounds of 38 each.

However, the Jr. Bills were unable to prevail, and they lost to Chaminade by a single stroke. In addition to the 38s fired by Bartch and Ostapowicz, Neuner and Ortmann each shot 40.

The Jr. Bills have a few matches left, and in two weeks the team will send five players to the district tournament to try to qualify for the state tournament.

Lacrosse team goes to 7-2 with win over Webster

Jim Fox
Reporter

After grinding through the first half of the lacrosse season with a 6-2 record, the Jr. Bills lacrosse team was ready for a break over the Easter holiday. The team was able to recover from some nagging injuries and rejuvenate their fatigued bodies with the ten-day break they had since their last game on April 12. Over the break the team would have to refocus, though, and prepare for a very tough second half of the season, which began Tuesday with an 18-12 win against Webster Groves.

The game against Webster was originally scheduled to be played at 7:00 on Tuesday in the stadium, but, when a former Webster player, who attended Oakville High, died in a car crash over the weekend, the game was moved to 4:00 at Compton Drew so that Webster players could attend the wake.

The game was not the most significant at first glance, but heading into the game, the team knew that it would not be able to overlook the potent Webster of-

fense and come out unscathed. Problems showed themselves, though, as the team let its stick skills grow sloppy, and it showed in the game.

The game started with control of the ball for the Jr. Bills, and the first score was matched by senior attackman Travis Dum on a laser to the upper, off-stick corner, a spot with which Dum became quite familiar during the game.

"That was a snipe," said defenseman Kevin Fournie of Dum's awesome shot.

Despite the early display of talent from the Jr. Bills attack, the game was not very pretty for the Jr. Bills in the first half. After several penalties and ensuing Webster man-up goals, SLUH trailed 8-7 at halftime. Weak play on ground balls and an inability to locate and shut down the Webster shooters also led to the lapse in play.

Discouraged but not despairing, the Jr. Bills came out in the second half with dominance in mind, and dominate they did. The offensive prowess of the SLUH attack, led by Dum and fellow senior Matt Hof, proved overwhelming for the Webster defense as they racked up goals. More tenacious play in transition showed signifi-

cantly, too. Hof led the team with 13 points (five goals, eight assists), and Dum followed suit with eight of his own (seven goals, one assist).

On the year, many SLUH players have had significant roles in establishing the team's 7-2 record. Matt Hof (38 goals, 24 assists) is second in the area in total points (62), second in the area in goals per game (6.22), fourth in the area in total assists, and, the most significant stat, first in the area in points per game (6.89). Dum is second on the team in points at 36 (28 goals, eight assists) and junior Tyler Orf is third with 20 (14 goals, six assists). Junior goalie Ben Zaegel leads the area in goals against average (5.23) and is third in save percentage (68.4 percent). Jack Dean leads the defense in ground balls (35 total, 3.89 per game), and Jim Fox leads the team in groundball recoveries (59 total, 6.56 per game).

The team has a big week coming up with a game against CBC next Monday at 7 p.m. in CBC's stadium. Students who want to come out and support the team should consult the bulletin board outside the cafeteria for more dates.

Trackbills place third amid wind, rain

**Matt Killiany
Reporter**

Last weekend the varsity track squad and a few JV athletes traveled to Hixson Junior High to compete in the Webster Invitational. Despite sporadic rain throughout the day, the meet went on as scheduled.

Ominous skies loomed to the west as the 3200-meter relay began the meet. The team, consisting of Kevin Crean, juniors John Oliver and Steve Nagel, and sophomore Charlie Samson cut through the fierce wind and breezed to victory with a time of 8:24. Rain began to fall in light, intermittent patches, slowly wetting the track and wreaking havoc on the athletes' performances. Finally, the rain decided to let loose, escalating into a driving rainstorm during the JV 1600-meter. Sophomore Alex Muntges and junior Chris Arb managed to tough it out for first (4:53) and second (5:00) respectively.

At the completion of the race, the P.A. blared, "The meet will be delayed for ten minutes."

With the announcement, those athletes and fans who had not already headed for cover scrambled out of the bleachers

and into cars or buildings. However, only two or three minutes into the delay, a shot rang out, starting the varsity 1600. Crean ran a conservative race plan due to the weather, covering the leader for the first three laps before taking the lead on the final lap. The strategy almost backfired as the leader from Lindbergh pulled ahead of Crean on the third lap with an early surge, but Crean answered, closed the gap, and proceeded to create a gap of his own to seal the victory.

Commenting on his motivation to pull out the win, Crean said, "I couldn't let a guy with his underwear sticking out from under his shorts beat me. Golly gee, that would have been bad."

Later, in the 800-meter, Samson and junior Dan Flanagan placed second and fourth, respectively. The sprinters also had several good performances. Thomas Moore set a season personal record in the 400-meter with a 53.5. In the finale of the meet, the 1600-meter relay team put on quite a show. Moore, running the opening leg, sliced another half second off his 400-meter time earlier in the day, proving that bad weather has no effect on him. Nagel ran a rather uneventful leg, handing off to Dave Zychinski, a distance runner who

has been recruited for the 400, in second place. Zychinski took off and managed to pull into the lead and hold it for the remainder of his leg. Disaster struck, however, when Zychinski, attempting to hand off to freshman Stephen Simmons, took a spill on the wet track and dropping the baton. Simmons had the presence of mind to pick up the baton and run. Despite being in third by a wide margin, Simmons managed to regain one place and almost come back for the win.

When asked what caused the fall, Zychinski replied, "I saw some lightning, and I was holding a metal baton and wearing metal spikes in my shoes. I guess I just got a little distracted."

Moore had some sympathy for his fellow 400 runner, saying, "(Falling) could happen to anyone."

Also, in the 200-meter, Simmons finished fourth with a 23.17 in spite of a poor start out of the blocks. High jumper Tim Steitz was troubled by the stormy weather and only managed to jump 5'8", tying for the highest jump on the day. He placed second due to the tiebreaker of scratches.

Overall, the team fared well in the storm, placing third in the meet.

This week, the team has been gearing up for a series of big meets. Yesterday the team competed in the Ladue Invitational. Next Monday and Tuesday the Vianney Relays will be held. Next Thursday (starting at 3:20) and Saturday (starting at 9:00) the Clayton Invitational will take place.

STAIRWELL IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The first in the *Prep News* series of stairway features is the stairway in the third floor of the science wing leading up to the mysterious half door, which is *supposedly* for storage. Some popular rumors for the actual use of the room include a mini-brewery and the dwelling of computer wiz Bob Overkamp. The *Prep News* encourages students to take a special look at this stairway during the next week. Stay tuned for more installments.

Note: Stairwell in the Spotlight cards are collectible and the complete set can be turned in for a free king-sized Snickers bar.

TENNIS UPDATE

Tennisbills lost to Kirkwood 4-3

Singles:

1. Pat Reich 0-6, 0-6
2. Steve Hipcus 2-6, 3-6
3. Jack Horgan 6-4, 7-5
4. Dan McDougell 6-2, 6-4

Doubles:

1. Suneal Menzies/Chris Monti 1-6, 4-6
2. Dan Costigan/Dave Lesko 4-6, 1-6
3. Paul Eschen/Andrew Caspersen 3-6, 6-4, 6-4

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hopes to “save this spirit-forsaken land” by resurrecting the Belly Brigade, and by finding another huge plastic fish for STUCO. “I’ve already done that, actually,” he said. “I found this huge stuffed fish at Value Village over the weekend.” Heffernan believes that “with the experience I gained this year as junior representative, I know what’s funny and what’s not, and I can ascend to my new leadership position.”

In past years, STUCO held separate positions for a social commissioner and a publicity commissioner. However, Student Council moderator Brock Kesterson decided to consolidate the two positions in order to “pinpoint exactly who is responsible for what and, most importantly, to hold guys more accountable for their position. Last year things got spread too thin among commissioners, and it was hard to keep track of who was in charge of what.”

The position of diversity commissioner is also absent from this year’s ballot. Kesterson decided that the position is

best suited for ACES rather than STUCO. “I wasn’t opposed to getting rid of it,” he said. “We just didn’t feel there was a need to split the voices of ACES and STUCO.” Kesterson suggested that the next ACES president will have a louder voice in STUCO’s future affairs as a result.

Kesterson also added that all these changes are experimental and may not necessarily dictate future positions in STUCO.

This year’s elections also saw changes in the format of the speeches. After last year’s speeches, which some said were more of a popularity contest or a comedy show than a serious attempt to persuade and educate voters, Kesterson wanted this year’s nominees to “address the issues seriously, but in a fun way, too—fun with substance.”

This year’s speeches featured both, with an appearance of the risen Lord in Green’s speech and Baricevic’s being beaten to a blue-bleeding pulp in his, but also with Paradise’s articulate words and Hook’s honest dialogue.

Unfortunately, the third-period bell

rang just as Hook approached the podium, causing an awkward moment of confusion for Hook and the audience, as some students left for class and some stayed.

“That was my fault, and I apologized,” Kesterson said. Because previous candidates took too much time and because present STUCO officers delayed the start of the speeches by singing at the beginning, time ran out before Hook could start his speech, although he finished in front of a smaller audience.

Hook believes, however, that the time constraint did not change the outcome and said, “There weren’t really enough people there in the first place for my speech to have an effect.”

Student reaction to the speeches was mixed; the speeches affected some students’ decisions but not others’. Junior Dylan Kwapy attended the speeches because “sometimes they’re funny, and sometimes I like funny things.”

Junior Kevin Milford didn’t attend because he was doing an art project. “I don’t think going would have really changed my decision anyway,” he said.

To junior John Berosky, however, the speeches were a major factor in his decision. “The more effort they put into their speeches, the more effort they’ll put into their job,” Berosky said.

Junior Preston Reeve believes that personal knowledge of the candidate rather than the effectiveness of his speech is the deciding factor: “If I don’t have a good relationship with the guy, I’m not going to vote for him.”

Berosky agreed, “That’s really what it’s all about.”

Kesterson is excited about next year’s STUCO and feels that “these guys have what it takes to be successful.”

Quote of the Week II

“All right, Popeye’s here! Get your hands on your heads, get off the bar, and get on the wall!”

—The French Connection

INTRAMURALS UPDATE



Intramurals for the 2002-2003 school year are coming to their end. Students like sophomore Dave Koehneman (pictured) competed in the water balloon toss before the Easter Break. This week, students put their minds to the test in the Mental Meltdown.

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(from 1) classes.”

Echoed chemistry teacher Charlie Busenhart, “I don’t know anything about this. We have the Rensselaer award.” The Rensselaer award goes to the student who displays the most outstanding work in fields of both math and science. “What they are trying to do is just find a way to give more awards to more people,” concluded Busenhart.

Physics teacher Kent Kershenski remembered receiving the award in high school but didn’t remember anything regarding the award itself.

The only member of the science department who seemed to be able to recall anything about the award was physics teacher Paul Baudendistel, who remembered something about Bausch and Lomb discussed in the fall, but, other than the name recognition, he, too, was lost.

Despite the confusion, the Bausch and Lomb Science Award looks to be a staple in the awards ceremony for years to come.

The new community service award, the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, will be given to the student “for his distinguished achievement in commu-

nity service.” Unlike the Archbishop John May Award, which is given to the student who had “extraordinary achievement in service,” this new award is decided at the beginning of the school year and is based on service performed at that time.

Theology teacher and Community Service Program moderator Sue Walsh said, “We look at guys who have a good spirit of service at school.” Walsh went on to describe the process of the selection: “We checked back through the service records...and looked at their attitude.”

Since the award appears to be a duplicate of an already existing award, Principal Mary Schenkenberg explained, “It’s an opportunity to recognize service up to (the beginning of senior year).”

Sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Principal’s Leadership Award is given to the senior who has “demonstrated the ability to combine academic excellence and exemplary leadership roles in school and community activities.”

“I ran the names of all the seniors past the administrators and the counseling department,” said Schenkenberg, who had asked them to give the names of students who excel in the aforementioned combi-

nation. “They came back with a list of names, and I looked at which ones came up the most.”

Math department chair and senior moderator Tom Becvar said, “(This is) the first I’ve heard of that award.”

This is another award whose winner was decided at the beginning of the school year.

The National Foundation for the Advancement in the Arts Award is the only award of the four that will most likely not return next year. The student receiving the award entered the contest of the Arts Recognition and Talent Search program. The student was told about the program by fine arts teacher Joe Schulte.

Schulte said, “He had to send in a video of his work...along with writing an essay on it.”

The senior taped a series of dances he choreographed and sent them in to be scrutinized and judged. The judges approved, giving him an honorable mention, which ranked him in the top 50 of the over 6,550 applicants, just out of range for a scholarship that goes to the top 20 entries. Applicants can send in literature, videos, and other works of the arts.

Masthead Design: Rachel “No Cavities” Marling

Artist: Howie “Lady Byng” Place
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Quote of the Week III

“It is, however, an evil for which there is no remedy; our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost.”

—Thomas Jefferson

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Apr. 25-May 2

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Schedule M
Formal Attire
Awards Assembly
B BB @ Westminster @ 4:15 pm
Spring Dance Concert @ 7:30 pm
Mac 'n' Cheese, Spaghetti, & Fish

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Spring Fling @ 9:00 am
Bartonicene reunion @ 5:30 pm
V/JV VB @ Parkway Central @ 9:00 am
C LAX vs Rockhurst

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Jazz Band Concert

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Schedule R
Mental Meltdown Semifinals @ AP
AP Econ Review @ AP
College Visits:
Elmhurst College @ AP
Florida Southern College @ AP
Spring Hill College @ AP
Southern Methodist University @ AP
University of Tampa @ AP
SAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
V BB vs St. Mary's @ 5:00 pm

B BB vs St. Mary's @ Heine Meine @ 4:15 pm
C BB vs CBC @ Heman Park @ 4:00 pm
V TR @ Vianney @ 4:00 pm
V LAX @ CBC @ 7:00 pm
Cheese Garlic Bread & Grilled Patties

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Schedule R
College Visits:
Valparaiso University @ AP
Wake Forest University @ AP
V BB vs CBC @ 4:15 pm
B BB vs CBC @ Heman Park @ 4:15 pm
V/JV TN vs O'Fallon @ 4:00 pm
V TR @ Vianney @ 4:00 pm
V/JV VB vs CBC @ 5/6:00 pm
C LAX vs Vianney @ 4:30 pm
Bosco Sticks & Taco Salad

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Schedule R
Rosary @ AP
AP Econ Review @ AP
Junior Class Meeting @ AP
Freshman English Tutorial @ AP
Mental Meltdown vs Faculty @ AP
C BB vs Bishop DuBourg @ Affton @ 4:15 pm

V GF vs Chaminade @ Sunset @ 3:30 pm
JV GF vs Chaminade @ Winghaven @ 3:45 pm
V/JV VB vs Oakville @ 4/5:00 pm
V LAX @ Parkway South @ 7:00 pm
Seasoned Fries & Papa John's

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Schedule R
SAC Dinner Meeting
V BB vs Affton @ 4:15 pm
B BB @ Affton High @ 4:15 pm
C BB @ Chaminade @ 4:15 pm
V/JV TN vs Edwardsville @ 4:00 pm
V TR @ Clayton @ 3:20 pm
V/JV VB vs Chaminade @ 5/6:00 pm
V LAX @ Lafayette @ 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Schedule H
Formal Attire for Juniors
Junior Ring Mass & Ceremony @ 1:00 pm
Junior Ring Dance @ Mahler Ballroom @ 8:00 pm
B BB @ Belleville West @ 4:15 pm
V/JV TN @ Belleville East TBA
C LAX @ Parkway West @ 4:30 pm

Leuchtman's recovery progressing well

Rico Bertucci
Core Staff

After senior Mike Leuchtman's serious car accident two Saturdays ago, his condition was diagnosed as critical but stable. His parents were soon talking about when, not if, Leuchtman would return to school. Now, almost two weeks after the accident, Leuchtman's recovery seems to be on schedule.

His father Lawrence said that his recovery is going "reasonably well."

Though he suffered bruised lungs which necessitated the use of a ventilator, doctors believed that he might be able to sustain his own breathing as early as last Sunday. Leuchtman was off the respirator for six hours Sunday until it was deter-

mined that his breathing, though it was quick enough, was not deep enough to remain off the ventilator permanently. A combination of cracked ribs and bruised lungs proved too painful for deeper breathing.

Wednesday, Leuchtman was once again disengaged from the ventilator and was able to sustain his breathing sufficiently enough to need the machine no longer.

On Thursday, Leuchtman's father said, "He is off the ventilator and doing fine."

Though Leuchtman is still under intensive care, removing the ventilator was a huge step in his recovery. Since the accident, the doctors have been "slowly picking up his activity level," said his

father.

Despite the severity of the accident, Leuchtman's parents are optimistic about his attendance at prom, as well as graduation.

President Paul Sheridan, S.J., commented on not only Leuchtman's courage, but also on the courage of the family, who have spent countless hours at Leuchtman's side. Both Sheridan and the family ask that we continue to keep him in our prayers.

Please pray for the Locastro family and sophomore Joe Locastro, whose older brother died in a car crash on Wednesday night.