

# Prep News

*"If nothing else, value the truth"*

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## Hagan honored for 50 years with the Hagan Rec Room

**Denis Agniel**  
Editor

At the awards ceremony last Friday, one honoree was much older than the rest. No, it wasn't the Backer Award winner. This honoree was Martin Hagan, S.J., after whom the school has now named the rec room.

"It's flattering," said Hagan. "It's a nice feeling."

At the assembly, President Paul



(From left) Knapp, Hagan, and Sheridan with Hagan's plaque

Sheridan, S.J., presented Hagan with a plaque, on which is an inscription and a picture of Hagan. The plaque was hung in the rec room near the check-out window that afternoon, and there are plans for a sign over the rec room door, reading, "The Martin Hagan Rec Room."

Hagan joins Thomas Thornton, S.J., whose name is emblazoned on a street sign near the student parking lot, see HAGAN, 11

## Joe Castellano '71 wins 2003 Backer Award

**Greg Fox**  
Core Staff

He has been personally threatened by two Cardinals players. He has boxed with a heavyweight champion. He has escorted Joe Frazier on a tour of nightclubs in the Deep South. He has been voted Missouri Sportswriter of the Year. He has been an executive at Anheuser-Busch for twenty years. He met President Reagan. He was the captain of SLUH's 1970 State Championship-winning football team. see EMPIRE STRIKES, 11

## ACSA discusses weighted grades, same-sex dates

**Brian Kane**  
Core Staff

Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark held the school year's fourth and final meeting of his Advisory Committee for Student Affairs (ACSA) last Monday in St. Louis U. High's Robinson Library.

The first serious topic—after the menu for the appreciation dinner was discussed—was weighted grades. "Ever since I've had the Student Advisory Committee, it's come up every year. I thought we see ACSA-DENTAL TOURIST, 10

## SENIOR FOLLIES



Ballet dancers (left) and Matt Hof practice for this weekend's production of Senior Follies. Story on page 5.

# Devereaux, '00, releases photos of Iowa St. coach

**Tim Piechowski**  
**Sports Editor**

This past week, Sean Devereaux, '00, made national headlines when pictures he took at a party showed Iowa State men's basketball coach Larry Eustachy drinking and kissing women at a college party.

On the night of Jan. 21, Eustachy, 47, showed up to a party at Devereaux's apartment after the Missouri Tigers had defeated the

Iowa St. Cyclones 64-59 at the Hearnest Center in Columbia, Mo.

Eustachy, along with Mizzou basketball player Josh Kroenke and several members of Eustachy's support staff,



Iowa St. Coach Larry Eustachy drinking and kissing women at Devereaux's apartment on Jan. 21.

showed up at Devereaux's apartment around 2:00 a.m. after bars closed in Columbia at 1:30.

"It was a regular night out," Devereaux said in a phone interview Wednesday night. "I live like 30 yards from a popular bar."

"I t was kind of cool to have him there at first—a Big 12, big-name coach in your apartment," he said.

After approximately 30 minutes, the crowd Eustachy came with decided to leave.

"Assistants urged him to leave, but he decided to stay," Devereaux said.

When he did not leave, Eustachy

Program at SLUH.

Denis Agniel received the Principal's Leadership Award. Agniel was aware that he would receive the award because Principal Mary Schenkenberg nominated him for it earlier in the year. Agniel is currently the president of NHS and a *Prep News* editor.

After devoting time and talent to theater and dance for much of his life, Brandon Bieber was given an award by the National Foundation for the Advancement in the Arts specifically for a selection of dances that he choreographed. As part of the award, theatre manager Kathy Whitaker was recognized for being "influential," according to Bieber.

Tom Heafner became the latest recipient of the Dunn-Martel Award, given to the senior who "maintains the high level of scholarship as well as the discipline and commitment of athletic participation." Heafner was captain of both the water polo team and the state champion swim team.

quickly wore out his welcome.

"He started creeping out girls," Devereaux said.

Devereaux noted that Eustachy propositioned a woman for oral sex after

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## Students vote Walsh teacher of the '02-'03 year

**Alex Sciuto**  
**Reporter**

Last Friday, April 25, Suzanne Walsh received the Faculty Appreciation award at the all-school award assembly. She is the first woman to win the award.

Walsh, who received her degree from the University of Sydney, teaches macroeconomics and theology classes for seniors. Last semester she also taught sophomores. Walsh has been at SLUH since 2000. For the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school years she taught one semester.

Besides teaching, Walsh runs CSP and coaches the Druids rugby club. Under her leadership, CSP has grown to include twenty weekly sites in addition to four monthly sites.

Walsh was overwhelmed at receiving such an award. The duties of the teacher of the year include speaking at the graduation dinner and reading seniors' names at the graduation ceremony.

Walsh said, "Being chosen by the senior class to make the speech is an honor and a privilege."

Pastoral Director Rob Garavaglia calls working with Walsh "a great pleasure." He attributes the expanded CSP program to her enthusiasm and energy.

Rugby player C. J. Baricevic praised her as a great rugby coach: "She's more than a teacher and coach; she is a great friend."

Joe Azar, who went to Europe and will go to Australia with Walsh, said, "She makes everyone around her want to be a better person."

He added, "She's the greatest thing since peanut butter met jelly."

## Awards presented at assembly

**Dan Sinnett**  
**Core Staff**

Last Friday, the whole school congregated in the gymnasium to recognize 185 different students for their dedication to various clubs. Ten students were also commended through individual awards.

Bo Purcell was the only junior in the group of ten as he received the Bausch and Lomb Science Award. Paul Baudendistel, Purcell's AP Physics teacher, said that he consulted Charlie Busenhardt, Purcell's Accelerated Chemistry teacher, about who should receive the award, and Purcell's name came up.

Baudendistel said, "Bo is conscientious, insightful...everything you want a student to be."

Two awards were given to students for their dedication to service. Matt Shaver accepted the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, and the Archbishop May Service Award was given to Mark Gentry. Both students have given a lot of time and support to the Community Service

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Bargeon wonders why pro-life/pro-choice debate is discouraged

To the Editors:

Earlier this year, Ryan Max and I had the idea of printing two articles in the *SLUH Forum*, one that I planned to write in defense of the pro-choice stance on abortion and another defending the pro-life movement. I asked Dr. Schenkenberg if I would be permitted to do so and after a few days she decided that I could. However, we never found anyone to write the pro-life article. Last week we brought up the idea again and Suneal Menzies, president of the Pro-Life Club, enthusiastically agreed to write in defense of the pro-life stance.

However, due to "reservations" on the part of some Jesuit priests here at SLUH, Mr. Aylward, the moderator of the *Forum*, decided that he would not allow us to print the article. A similar situation occurred when the abortion question was removed from the list before the political debate between John Schranck and me (last Nov. 15).

I know that this is a Catholic institution and that my rights have certainly not been infringed upon, but I raise the question, what does anyone have to fear? Thomas Paine wrote, "When opinions are free, either in matters of government or religion, truth will finally and powerfully prevail."

As Catholics claim to know the truth on the issue, why would they have reservations about printing arguments for both sides?

Naturally, on issues that we feel passionate about, debate excites us and gives us a chance to prove that, in tests of reason, our positions will prevail. We should not only welcome but encourage anyone to call our positions into question, especially when we are as sure as Christians claim to be on the abortion issue. We learn in religion class that faith goes beyond belief and that Christians know that their faith is real. As pro-lifers agree that their stance is the result of and/or a part of their faith, why wouldn't they jump at the chance to debate it?

A few years ago, the pope requested that Stephen Hawking and a group of leading physicists not "inquire" as to what happened before the Big Bang because it is the moment in which God created the universe. If he were sure, as he should be being the leader of the Church, why wouldn't he encourage further research with confidence that his faith will only be further proven correct?

I ask humbly and honestly for a truthful response to my inquiry: have I misunderstood the concept of Christian Faith, or do Christians disagree with Paine that freedom of opinion will ultimately reveal the truth?

Sincerely,  
Travis Bargeon

## Leuchtman family responds to support from community

To the Editor:

I wanted to write to the *Prep News* to let you know that Michael was released from St. Louis University Hospital on April 27. He is recovering at home and getting stronger every day. Our family would like to thank the *Prep News* for reporting Michael's accident accurately and sensitively.

How do we ever thank everyone? We have had so much support from visits to the hospital and our home, phone calls, get-well cards, gifts, masses for Michael, posters with all his classmates' signatures and messages, hugs, and remembering Michael and Megan at the Spring Concert. We thank you and will never

forget all that was done for Michael and our family. It is comforting to know that we are surrounded by friends from SLUH who have Michael in their thoughts and prayers.

Fr. Paul Sheridan has supported our family daily at the hospital. There are no words that can express what he has meant to us during this difficult time. Over the years I would hear Fr. Sheridan say, "We are family." We are so fortunate to be part of the SLUH family.

Thank you all so very much,  
Lynn Leuchtman

To the Editor:

Yesterday (April 16), I read, for the first time, the article in your paper concerning the accident my brother Michael was involved in. I felt moved to write and make a couple of comments. First of all, I thank the staff of your paper for reporting on the event in such an accurate and compassionate manner. During my several years working on the yearbook at DeSmet, I was exposed to the occasional careless reporting manner that can go in to some articles from time to time (though I still have the highest respect for most of our work). I thank you for reporting this event to your community in the manner you did.

Secondly, I wanted to express my thanks in this very small way to the SLUH community as a whole. The posters you created,

each and every visitor, the card, and the service at Washington University were all so very kind. My family and I are extremely grateful. I truly believe that God has heard all of our prayers, and they have paid off as he seems to be recovering steadily. Late on Monday (April 14) I felt I should go back to school at Truman University and it was very hard to leave, but it was made easier knowing that so many people back at home care so much. Once again, my deepest thanks to everyone.

Sincerely,  
Larry Leuchtman II

*Editor's note: This letter was received via e-mail on Saturday, April 17.*

## AWARDS

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Tom Queathem received the JSEA Award, voted on by the teachers for best exemplifying the Graduate-at-Graduation. This profile includes the graduate meeting the following criteria: open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice.

Queathem said, "I was shocked and very, very excited" about winning the award. He attributed the award to a main philosophy of his: "I always try to be happy."

Matt McCarthy took home the Hinck-Hereford award, saying, "I really did not expect to win."

The award is given to a student who has leadership qualities, academic dedication, and plays a varsity sport.

McCarthy cited his being on the varsity soccer team and an NHS officer as the fulfillment of two of the requirements.

As for the academic portion of the award, McCarthy said, "I always do my homework." McCarthy also mentioned

## IOWA

(from 2)

she offered him a beer and also became belligerent when one of Devereaux's friends told Eustachy to get his hand off his girlfriend's waist.

Eustachy ended up staying at the apartment until 5 a.m.

"The only people left were two girls, my roommates, and him," Devereaux said, "We were like 'Dude you've got to go,' and called a taxi for him."

Devereaux commented that Eustachy was still slurring his words when he left.

Devereaux said that he did not rush to get his photos developed after the party.

"He called after the party," Devereaux's mother Denise said in a phone interview on Wednesday night, "He was surprised someone of his age and stature would act like that."

"I pretty much laughed it off," Ms. Devereaux said, "(We) thought it would be a good addition to his college scrapbook."

Devereaux said that his decision to go public with the pictures was two fold.

how he believed that "there are a lot of people that (fit the criteria)."

The Mac Boland was given to Mike Smallwood, who was sick for only the third time in his high school career on the day of the awards' assembly. He heard that he received the award from theatre teacher Kathy Whitaker, who called his house to tell him about the award.

"I didn't remember what award it was; I really didn't know what it was for," said Smallwood. "Once I figured out what it was for, I thought it was pretty cool." The Mac Boland award goes to an otherwise unheralded senior who has fostered unity and spirit among his classmates.

Smallwood has been involved in theatre extensively, winning the Golden Hammer earlier this year, which is given to the senior who has participated in stage crew for the most Dauphin Players productions. Smallwood also was manager of the wrestling team for four years and wrote wrestling articles for the *Prep News*.

"I've always been a supporter of ev-

First, he was embarrassed that Eustachy had acted so inappropriately, and secondly because one of his friends and her parents urged him to go to the press with the photos.

"Her parents are Iowa fans; Iowa St. is their rival," Devereaux said.

Devereaux contacted the Des Moines *Register*, Iowa's largest newspaper, in early March, and asked if they were interested in the photos. After looking at the photos, staff writer Tom Witosky spoke with Devereaux in mid-March.

"(Witosky) took me and a friend out for dinner," Devereaux said.

At the dinner they discussed the photos and what happened at the party that night.

The pictures and story appeared in the Des Moines *Register* on Monday, April 28. Devereaux was not paid for supplying the photographs.

"He called me on Sunday, and told me the story was going. I said 'okay,' not thinking that the story would make headlines," Devereaux said.

everything we do here. I try to go to games. I go to theater stuff; I go to anything," Smallwood said. "I think everybody around has something they're good at and I think it is nice that we can appreciate each other and each other's talents."

C.J. Baricevic received the Ed Hawk award, which is given to a "senior who, through his love and dedication to St. Louis University High, and through his example of working and giving, was most able to influence his class toward success by cooperation and unity." This award was voted on by the students. Jon Cavins, who voted for Baricevic, believes "he encompasses all of the (criteria)." Cavins continued, "(Baricevic) goes above and beyond to make people feel comfortable."

If you're trying to figure out what it feels like to win an award you could turn to McCarthy: "It was one of the greatest feelings I ever had because I stood up and the senior class was cheering for me, standing on their feet," said McCarthy. "It was a pretty amazing feeling."

Since the story broke, Devereaux has given several interviews regarding the party and the pictures. Earlier this week he was interviewed by the *Washington Post*, appeared on Fox 2 St. Louis, and has been called by several radio shows.

"My reaction was 'Sean's in the paper, that goofball.' His aunt called me and said 'Look at him, he didn't even get his hair cut before he went on TV,'" Ms. Devereaux said.

Since the *Washington Post* interview, Devereaux has declined to do further interviews. He received approximately one hundred pieces of hate e-mail between Tuesday and Wednesday from Iowa St. fans.

"Our family lawyer told me to cool it down," Devereaux said.

Devereaux subsequently declined to be interviewed by the Associated Press.

On Wednesday Iowa St. athletic director Bruce Van De Valde recommended that Eustachy be terminated; however, Eustachy is on leave until a hearing is set regarding the matter.

"I didn't intend for (Eustachy) to get

# Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots adopt highway

*Club will maintain half-mile stretch of Highway 40*

**Brian Fallon**  
Core Staff

If you have traveled east or west on Interstate 64 recently, you might have noticed the St. Louis County Adopt-a-Highway sign with SLUH printed on it, along with the name of one of SLUH's student clubs: the Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots Club. Instead of getting together merely to rock and sock robots, the club decided to branch out into service in order to give back to the community.

"The Adopt-a-Highway thing was a way to actually try and do something rather than just have meetings and pass out candy," said Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots president junior Tom Martin.

The club's area to keep up includes the landscape surrounding Highway 40 from Hanley Road to Interstate 170. Plans for cleanup include a barbecue and clean-up day, where members will work at their

site and then return to SLUH, or possibly Martin's house, for a barbecue.

Martin added, "We were looking for

this school year, the club has not been that active, having only a few meetings to get people involved and interested.

Although 80 students signed up as members of the club, Martin admitted, "There are only a few active members at the moment."

"We felt that Adopt-a-Highway would be something where we won't have to be involved every day, and it will be good publicity for the club, where people can see (the sign) and say, 'Hey that's cool, SLUH's doing something.' So not only for our club, but for the school as a whole," said Martin.

Vice president of the Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots junior Pat Lyons was pleased that the sign was a reality. He explained: "I'm really glad

Tom got his sign—it's all he's talked about since September. Now maybe he'll talk about something else."



The club's new sign between Hanley and the Innerbelt, on westbound 40.

something that would give us publicity while giving back to the community."

After its creation at the beginning of

## Stage is set for Follies

**J.R. Strzelec**  
Reporter

If you only see one Follies this year, this should be the one," said Jeff Harrison, Senior Follies Director.

Once again, the seniors of St. Louis U. High have come together to lovingly and intelligently parody themselves and their teachers. Under the helm of Harrison, '75, the class has assembled a series of skits, special announcements, and musical numbers to amuse and entertain their classmates and friends.

Of course, the seniors have been mocking life at SLUH for almost four years, but now they get to do it on a stage while charging people money to watch. Cynicism and profit—the true SLUH spirit.

Harrison gave the cast a crash course in theatre performance and turned a motley group of scripts and performances into a show with only five days of full-cast (this term is used liberally) rehearsal.

In a matter of days, the seniors and Harrison had to stage every act in the show, and then they had to figure out how to fit it all together. Some of the performers (particularly those of the missing-car persuasion) are in as many as half of the acts in the show.

As always, the contents of the show are being kept under wraps as much as possible, but one can expect the traditional ballet number as well as a teary-eyed closing song.

Though the process has been tedious, "The tremendous challenge of working with the diverse, energetic, and other-abled members of the class of 2003 has been an experience I shall never forget," said Harrison.

Senior Follies '03 is Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are going fast. As of this printing, the main seating area has been sold out, leaving only loge seating available. The show will, of course, be the best Follies this year.

## Policy changed for prom buses

**Geoff Brusca**  
Editor

Late last week Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Eric Clark announced that students would not be allowed to ride party buses to prom, publicizing a policy the school has had since the 1999 prom. Many students had no idea that taking party buses to prom was a violation of school policy.

The rule was put in place immediately following a 1998 incident in which students arrived in a party bus drunk and carried open alcohol containers off the bus.

"You can get drunk in a limo, you can get drunk in a car, even, but we felt that peer pressure (was more of a factor) on a bus. You've got all your friends there," said Clark.

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# SARS scare stops Chinese Club Beijing trip

## *Tai will try to reschedule trip for summer '04*

**Jonathan Kim**  
Core Staff

Due to the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in China, St. Louis University High's 16-day trip to China in June has been cancelled.

SARS is an atypical pneumonia which has unknown origins; preliminary observations indicate that the disease is capable of spreading through close contact. Originally reported on Feb. 10, 2003, by Chinese health officials, SARS has quickly spread, causing the World Health Organization (WHO) to issue emergency travel advisories and global health alerts.

Currently, SARS has spread to Vietnam, Canada, Singapore, and Hong Kong, resulting in quarantines, school closings, and international screenings. According to the WHO website, through April 28 there have been 5050 cases of SARS infections. These cases have caused 321 deaths.

Amidst international turmoil, the WHO's April 4 travel advice "recommends that persons traveling to (the)

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Guangdong Province, China, consider postponing all but essential travel" and requests that international travelers be screened when departing from affected areas because SARS is communicable through close contact.

About a month and a half after the initial reports of SARS in China, Chinese teacher Ching-Ling Tai still had a "wait-and-see policy" regarding the planning of the trip and the development of the disease. Because the WHO and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) were tirelessly attempting to contain the disease, Tai hoped that in "two months...the danger (would) disappear." But she warned that she would cancel the trip if SARS still posed a threat in May.

Unfortunately, Tai officially cancelled the trip yesterday after the Chinese Health Ministry reported an increase of confirmed cases of SARS on April 20.

"There were no cases in Beijing until April 20," stated Tai. "So, originally, the trip wasn't going to visit the affected areas in China, Hong Kong, or the Guangdong Province, so the trip wouldn't be affected.

Now, they have reported cases in Beijing and have fired the Beijing mayor and the Chinese health minister, and this was the deciding factor for cancelling the trip."

Although the trip was cancelled for this year, Tai has already planned on rescheduling the trip to June 2004. The current Northwest Airlines policy is such that students cannot get a refund for their airplane tickets; however, Tai promised "to try (her) best to reschedule the trip without the \$100 penalty."

"The ticket is usable through 2003, but it is impossible for us to reschedule a trip in that time period," said Tai. But she hopes the airline will understand the limitations of the school schedule and change without penalty to next summer. For those who already made the full payment for the trip, Tai will refund the final payment of \$1600 so that everyone would have a starting balance of \$1250 and a plane ticket for next year's trip.

"I am really disappointed; I am sure (the trip) would have taken my breath away," junior Frank Havlak said.

Charlie Hall reflected, "Now I guess I have to find a job."

# Senior Naylor advances to semis at National Shakespeare Competition in New York City

**Matt Hoffman**  
Editor in Chief

Suit the action to the word, the word to the action, with this special observance, that you o'erstep not the modesty of nature."

Senior Alan Naylor attempted to follow this advice from Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in his quest to vanquish the competition at the National Shakespeare competition in New York. Unfortunately, Naylor was eliminated as a semifinalist.

Naylor advanced to the competition in New York after winning the local branch of competition. The winners of each of the 58 branches across the United States advanced to the National Compe-

tion as semifinalists. The competition whittled the group into ten finalists. From that group, a winner and two runners-up were selected. The winner received a chance to study at Oxford University over the summer.

Because of another competition, Naylor arrived in New York at 1:00 a.m. the day of the competition, which began at 8:00 a.m. Naylor denied sleep deprivation as a possible cause of his failure to advance into the final round.

"I was happy with my performance and happy with the experience," he said. "I learned a lot about show biz and what it means to take rejection even though you put in a lot of work. You can be the best person and still not win, and you just have

to accept that."

In addition to the competition, the contestants were taken on a cruise around Manhattan, which featured dancing and a DJ.

"By the end of the day...it seemed like I'd known (the other contestants) forever," said Naylor.

English teacher Chuck Hussung, who attended the event, said, "It was a great opportunity. I was pleased for Alan that he got to go."

In the future, Hussung plans on improving the number and quality of SLUH contestants. However, Hussung said this task may prove daunting because "marketing is not really (my) gift."

May 2, 2003

# Volleyball defeats CBC, ranks high in MCC

**Nick Engle**  
Reporter

After coasting by Lafayette last weekend to win the Parkway Central Tournament, the Jr. Bill Volleyball squad looked forward to a much more challenging game against MCC rival CBC on Tuesday. A more challenging game is exactly what they got.

The Jr. Bills had already defeated CBC once this year at CBC, so the Cadets were gunning for revenge.

The first game was even early on. The Jr. Bills were able to ride sophomore Joe Guntli's hitting and got out to a 6-5 lead. But poor serving and miscommunication on a passed ball allowed the Cadets to take the lead 10-7, and forced the Jr. Billikens to call a timeout to try to regroup. The Volleybills temporarily closed the gap to within two with an Alex Lepp diving save and an Andy Lowes kill, but the Cadets took advantage of



Brian Guntli volleys the ball to a teammate.

SLUH errors and pushed their lead to 13-9. More unforced errors by the Jr. Bills allowed the game to go to CBC by the score of 15-9. The team looked disap-

pointed with their performance and went to the bench to try and pump themselves up for the next game.

The second game looked like a CBC rout early on as the Cadets blocked their way to a 6-1 lead. The Jr. Bills once again

looked shaken-up due to poor hitting and broken plays. Then Alex "Red Baron" Lepp stepped up to the end line to serve. The Red Baron had the Cadets in his crosshairs as he fired tough serve after tough serve. A Joe Guntli kill and an Andy Halaz block propelled the Redbaronbills to the lead by the score of 7-6.

CBC tried to battle back and the play was even on both sides for a couple of points. But Lepp, with the enemy in his sights again, took to the skies and once again became the emotional leader of the Jr. Billikens. His serves, along with a Joe Guntli kill, allowed SLUH to increase their advantage to 11-9. After a slight let-down, the Jr. Bills finished off the game by the score of 15-13.

The third game would decide the match, and the Jr. Bills came out ready to play. The squad crept out to a 5-3 lead with the help of a Joe Guntli ace. The

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## Lacrosse continues strong behind junior Zaegel

**Jim Fox**  
Reporter

This past week, under the weight of the very hectic end of the academic year, the Jr. Bills' lacrosse team played only one game and had two rainouts.

After games against both Parkway West and CBC were rained out, the team played Parkway South on Wednesday and came out victorious, 17-10.

The Laxbills (8-2) went to Parkway South Middle School to play a very good Patriots team. The game figured to be high scoring, considering that both teams have very high-powered offenses.

The first quarter started with much SLUH ball control, but South was able to score first. The SLUH offense would not stand for that, though, and soon got into a scoring groove. Winning seemingly ev-

ery ground ball, the Laxbills were able to rack up the goals in the late first and early second quarters to go ahead 11-3. However, foolish penalties and sloppy clearing cost the Jr. Bills, and the Patriots trimmed the lead to 11-6 by half time.

The third quarter saw more lousy play from a very capable U. High team, and the Patriots were able to trim the lead at two separate points from 11-8 and 12-9.

Outstanding play from goaltender Ben Zaegel saved the Jr. Bills from allowing their lead to shrink on several occasions. At one point, a South player had driven to the cage and drew a double team from the crease defender of the Laxbills. The player driving then dumped the pass to the crease attackman, but Zaegel was up against him one-on-one. The player faked low, then high, and Zaegel mirrored him perfectly, blocking the goal. Then, when the player

went to shoot, Zaegel's stick was right in front of his, and Zaegel stoned him cold.

"Ben has been doing a tremendous job for us. He has been sharp back there all year," said attackman Travis Dum of the junior standout keeper.

After the Junior Bills came out strong in the fourth quarter, after the tiring third, they jumped back on top of the Patriots. Senior Ryan Dugan, who led the team in points with seven goals and one assist, scored three crucial goals in a row to give the Laxbills a six-goal lead and put the game out of reach.

This next week will be a big one for the Jr. Bills, with games against Lafayette, Vianney, MICDS, and Rockhurst on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, respectively. Please consult the bulletin board or your lacrosse playin' buddies for times and locations.

# Track places fifth at Ladue Invitational

**Matt Killiany**  
**Reporter**

Last Thursday, the Trackbills competed in the Ladue Invitational at MICDS. In spite of stormy weather early in the day, the conditions cleared, the meet went on as scheduled, and the team set records in several events.

The meet began with the 3200-meter relay. Pete Schaefer, Kevin Crean, Andrew Linhares, and Steve Nagel combined to post a time of 8:05.1, setting a new meet record, and a time second only to East St. Louis in

the area this year. East St. Louis and the Jr. Bills began a face off on Thursday at the Clayton Invitational, and they will finish it on Saturday. When pressured by East St. Louis, the relay team believes it can still drop several seconds off its time.

The team posted impressive times in the 400-meter relay (45.8) and the 1600-meter relay (3:35.4).

Hurdlers also had impressive performances at Ladue. Peter Allen ran a 16.59

in the 110-meter hurdles to earn fourth place. More impressive, though, was freshman Stephen Simmons's second place finish in the 300-meter hurdles. His time of 41.2 seconds was 0.4 seconds faster than the previous freshman record set in 1987. High jumper Tim Steitz earned yet another victory with a jump of 5'10". Several quality performances were turned

in by the distance squad. Despite being a little fatigued from his anchor leg of the 3200, Crean managed to finish second in the 1600.

Schaefer, slowed by his 1:57 split in the 3200 relay, finished second in the

800 with a time of 1:59. In the 3200, Drew Noblot ran a 10:05 for third place, setting a personal record in the two mile. However, the show was stolen by sophomore Alex Muntges, who ran a 10:10 to break a 23-year-old record.

Behind these efforts, the team managed a fifth-place finish. With a few more points, the team could have easily finished as high as third. Nevertheless, the team had a fairly good day on the whole.



Freshman Stephen Simmons takes the baton on yesterday at the Clayton Inv. Thomas Moore watches after completing his leg.

Last Monday and Tuesday, the Vianney relays were held. For the most part, this was an opportunity for upper-level JV athletes to get varsity racing experience. The true varsity took most of the meet off in preparation for upcoming meets.

Next week begins the stretch run of the season. On Saturday, the team competes in the finals of the Clayton Invitational. This meet is one of the most competitive meets of the year. Maps to Clayton's track can be found on the track team board beneath the library. In addition, next Thursday and Friday are the MCC conference championship meets, with the varsity and JV team's competing on Thursday.

## SPIKE

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game was pretty even from then on until junior Greg Vollmer sacrificed life and limb to dive into the bleachers to save a ball and give the Jr. Bills the point.

This outstanding effort by Vollmer seemed to give a newfound energy to his team. With a Lowes kill, the Jr. Bills brought the score up to 11-8. The Jr. Bills didn't look back from there and closed out the game by the score of 15-10.

Although the team had already beaten CBC earlier this year, this win was important because it allowed the Jr. Bills to stay near the top of the metro area rankings as well as the MCC.

On Wednesday, the TQBills hosted Oakville. The first game was much closer than it should have been, due to many errors by the varsity team. However, the Jr. Bills eventually pulled out the game by the score of 15-12.

In the second game, the Jr. Bills played more up to their expectations. Quickly jumping out to an 8-3 lead allowed the Jr. Billikens to coast to victory. A Halaz ace and a Joe Guntli kill gave the team a 12-5 lead.

The Jr. Bills didn't waste any time shooting the dying horse. With Lowes laying the smackdown on kills and a Joe Guntli ace, the Jr. Bills powered their way to an easy 15-6 win.

## PREP NEWS NIGHTBEAT

### JUNIOR BILLS SHOOT DOWN FLYERS TWICE

### VOLLEYBILLS DEFEAT CHAMINADE

The Jr. Bills volleyball team defeated Chaminade in a blowout 15-5, 15-9 at SLUH. The team was aided by Alex Lepp's serving and junior Andy Lowes's hitting.

### ROLLERBILLS SMASH CHAMINADE

Last night at All-American Sports Complex, the Rollerbills smashed Chaminade 10-1. Junior Dane Moody opened up the game for the Jr. Bills, making the score 1-0. Moody scored five goals on the game. At half the Rollerbills led 5-1. Junior Pat Sommer scored two goals on the night, and freshman Clint Mohs and seniors Paul LaMartina and Nathan Linneman all scored a goal.

# Rugby finishes off season in Dallas

**Nick Albrecht**  
Reporter

Last weekend, the Druids Rugby Club traveled to Dallas to compete in the Western Championship Tournament. The Druids entered the tournament seeded number two in Missouri and number six in the Western Division. The Druids arrived in Dallas Friday night as a strong but incomplete team with players having injuries or prior commitments.

The Druids' first game was on Saturday afternoon against the team hosting the tournament, the Dallas Jesuit Prep Rangers. Dallas Prep had already lost a game that day, but the Druids came out looking flat and ended the game in an 8-8 tie.

The Druids only had a couple hours off before they were to play Highlands, the number one team out of Texas. The Druids looked much better than they did in the first game, but they were unable to produce any points against Highland. Play-

ing much of the second half short, with a Druids player put into the sin bin, fatigue eventually caught up with the Druids, allowing Highland to score several second-half tries and win the game 22-0. Highland would move on to win the tournament, and the game would also be the Druids' only loss of the tournament.

The Druids started early Sunday with a nine o'clock game against Jenks from South Dakota. The Druids looked much sharper than they did the previous day, spending most of the game in the Jenks half. The team scored nine points, all on penalty kicks by Clark Taylor, while shutting out Jenks, 9-0.

The Druids' final game was against Broken Arrow from Oklahoma. The team was still performing well despite having already played three difficult games. In the second half, Ben Clement and Ryan Weis got together to score what the referee described as the best try that he had seen in "four or five years." The two ran

around passing to each other for forty meters, dropping back again to support one another until they were able to beat the defense and score the try. This score put the Druids up 10-3 with only a few minutes left in the second half. Unfortunately, Broken Arrow continued to fight and were able to break through the back line to score in the center of the try zone. They made the kick to make the score 10-10, and the game ended in a tie.

The Druids are already looking forward to next year and hope to come back even stronger. The entire team would like to thank everyone who came out to the games, as well as their coaches, Sue Walsh and John Paul Shen.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice to all bikers and other interested students: there will be a meeting to begin organizing the SLUH team for the 2003 MS150 this coming Tuesday, May 6, at activity period. The MS150 is a two-day, 150-mile, well-organized and fully-supported race planned by the Multiple Sclerosis Society to raise money in the battle against MS. Last year, only two SLUH students were on the team, along with a small group of teachers and other adults. We would like a much larger group for the coming year and want anyone interested in challenging themselves while helping a great cause to attend the meeting. Planning a few months ahead of time allows you to collect money and train over the summer. If you have any questions before next Tuesday you can speak to Mr. Moore in the Foreign Language office or junior Ryan Vierling in homeroom M224.

Washington University alum and Killeen Studio Architect Justin Diles will speak during activity period on Tuesday, May 6th. He will discuss life as a student of architecture and a working architect. This presentation will take place in the art gallery. Please arrive promptly so that the presentation can begin on time.

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## SPRING FLING ROCKS THE UPPER FIELD



On Saturday, April 26, STUCO sponsored their annual Spring Fling. During this day of fun and festivities, students participated in obstacle courses, Sumo wrestling, and other frivolous fun. Other students watched bands such as The Randall-Triska-Naert-Haenni Experience (above) rock out.

## ACSA-DENTAL TOURIST

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were going to get through it without it coming up this year, but it popped up," joked Clark.

Senior Nate McMahill began the discussion by noting that, though Advanced Placement and honors classes are more difficult, "I think the reward is in how it's prepared me for college." He also noted that when he was applying to college, "All my schools wanted my unweighted GPAs."

Senior Tim Rubbelke took the opposite view, saying that Mizzou was more interested in his class rank. If his grades had been weighted, he argued, he could have received more scholarship money. However, he acknowledged that the situation varies from school to school. "Either way you're going to hurt some students," he said.

Linda Howenstein noted that, when her four older children went to college, schools looked less at applicants' weighted grades and more at the difficulty of the courses the applicant had taken. She also noted that she had kids who attended a Belleville high school which used weighted grades. "(The weighted grades) gave our kids a false sense of security," she said.

Maureen Mahach saw tests like the SAT and ACT as more important than using weighted grades. She said, "When the standardized test scores come out, the colleges know who really knows the material and who doesn't."

A vote by show of hands during the discussion favored unweighted grades by a large majority.

Clark wrapped up the discussion on weighted grades by saying, "We'll discuss that next year I'm sure."

Clark then introduced the last topic of discussion, which was tolerance. "We pride ourself in trying to be accepting of all," he said. He briefly reminded the members of the committee of some concern last year about the treatment of homosexual students at SLUH, and of the formation of the Special Needs Committee and the resurrection of the Diversity

Team.

"(The Diversity Team) has done some work with (the idea of) tolerance of all," Clark said, citing recent prayer services and a forum led by the team as examples of its efforts.

Clark continued, "There are a good number of young men who feel that they are a part of the SLUH community and (they feel that) they should be able to enjoy anything and everything that's happening at St. Louis University High School, including going to dances."

Before opening the floor for comments, Clark took the opportunity to reiterate what is currently the school's official stance on the issue of same-sex dates: "As long as we continue to have date dances and express that you need to have a date at these dances, if we allow young men to bring same-sex dates, we would be promoting, as a school, that lifestyle, which is against the Catholic Church." Clark added that if a student wishes to go to a dance without a date, he must speak to Clark about it first.

Matteline began the discussion by questioning whether a gay student who takes a male date to a dance is in fact sinning if no sexual act is performed.

Clark responded to the question by explaining that SLUH's date dances are meant to be an "opportunity for the young men to begin the courtship of dating. If the dance is here and we're beginning this courtship...in the end, it would lead to developing a relationship."

Junior Chris Seals noted the complexity of the issue by saying, "As soon as you allow (same-sex dates), it gets promoted even if you don't intend for it to be promoted."

Senior Tim Lauth questioned the nature of dances. "Nowadays, (dances) are more about having fun," he said. "I would probably venture to claim that it's just students having fun in a setting that's unique from their everyday lives.... I don't think it's a courtship ritual." Lauth added that if the dances are no longer about forming relationships, then it should not be a problem if a student were to take a

same-sex date to a dance.

"I'd probably feel a little uncomfortable if I saw two guys going to a dance together," said junior Sean Rapp, who didn't think a dance should be someone's first exposure to same-sex relationships. "I think that might take away from the enjoyment that's supposed to be had at the dance."

Clark responded by noting, "If you were at a dance and a young man came with another young man, you wouldn't be the only one who was shocked or taken aback, because it's just something that you're not used to."

"I was taught sophomore year here in our theology classes that being a homosexual is natural," said junior Dan Lieser. "Because of that, why would it be a bad thing for a homosexual to have a healthy, ideally non-sexual relationship, or future life partnership?"

Continued Lieser, "The administration made a Special Needs Committee, and it was basically forced upon them last year with the Allies. But what has been my experience this entire year is the administration (does not) want to talk about it." Lieser also said that he would be surprised to see the administration's policies on these issues in writing, either in the *Prep News* or in the Parent-Student Handbook. "It seems to me that the administration needs to take a stand, one way or the other," he said.

Lieser commented on the school's current policy, saying, "If these dances are date dances, then it doesn't make sense for you to be able to go by yourself, because then it's not a date; therefore it's not a date dance."

Lieser also responded to comments that same-sex dates would make other people uncomfortable. "I don't think we should have all the guys bring in their dates, have them line up, and have everybody judge whether or not they would be distracting to the other dancers," he said. "If someone is going to have to feel a little uncomfortable to create an accepting, truly Catholic atmosphere, then I think that's a

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## HAGAN

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James F. Robinson, after whom the library is named, the Danis family, whose name the theater lobby bears, Martin Currihan, S.J., of the Currihan Room, Daniel L. Schlafly, '28, whose name is on the reading room in the library, and George and Anna F. Backer, after whom the school named the building, as people honored by the school in this way.

"Well, we don't name too many things around here," said Vice President for Advancement Thom Digman of the honor.

Hagan, whom the plaque identifies as "arguably the most well-known Jesuit in the history of St. Louis University High" and "synonymous with the school," has spent more than 51 years at the school, 29 of which he spent as moderator of the rec room.

"What he's done," said Sheridan on Thursday, "is he's taken his adult years as a person and just given them to the students. He didn't ask for anything in return: didn't ask for a wife, didn't ask for children, didn't ask for materials. He just said, 'Well, here's what I have, and this is how I honor God—by serving these young men at this school.'"

## EMPIRE STRIKES

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ball team. He has been a member of the SLUH Board of Trustees for a total of fifteen years, and chaired Cashbah twice.

For Joe Castellano, this year's Backer Award winner, this is, though, "a series of things I (did); that's what I (did), not who I am." Castellano grew up in South St. Louis and attended SLUH from 1967-1971. During his time at SLUH, Castellano was the president of STUCO and a captain of the 1970 football team, which won the state championship.

Castellano credits SLUH with giving him a "balanced education which encourages you to succeed in a lot of things academically, but, most importantly, it reinforces the values that you really need to succeed in business or anything."

SLUH was also instrumental in the growth of his faith, which has helped  
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His dedication to the rec room and to the students is demonstrated in his increasing the number of pool tables from seven, when he began, up to 32, including a few bumper tables. He also added a row of miniature basketball hoops, which have since been taken down.

Jesuit Superior Jim Knapp, S.J., commented on Hagan's time at the school: "He has spent the better part of his time here running the rec room and the rifle range, which is part of the rec room.... If you go almost anywhere in the country and you talk to a SLUH grad, they would say something about the rec room and Fr. Hagan."

"I probably spent more time down there than any other teacher," said Hagan.

He no longer works in that capacity, but he is not absent from the halls, and the honor recognizes this effect as well.

"Since he's not actively teaching," said Digman, "he walks around the halls with a list of kids that he's going to see, kids that might be struggling, and makes sure they know somebody's interested in them, gets them help if they need help, and really kind of pushes them on."

Sheridan described Hagan's interest

in forming relationships with so many students as "just remarkable." And, even when he is not feeling well, he still comes to the school.

The committee that selects the Backer Award winner decided to distinguish the rec room in this way after, Knapp said, "It had been talked about informally for a couple of years."

Digman said, "Fr. Hagan's name came up (for the Backer Award), but Fr. Hagan couldn't be considered for the award because he's not an alumnus. He probably embodies all of the qualifications for the award except for the most important part—he's not an alumnus."

Therefore, the committee "came up with this way to recognize his commitment to the school," said Digman.

Sheridan said, "It's that type of investment that makes (SLUH) a remarkable place."

As of Thursday, Hagan reported not knowing that the school was naming the rec room after him. Hagan knew he was being recognized, but didn't realize that the honor included the naming.

"That's news to me," he said, continuing, "I didn't realize my name was put on (the rec room)."

## ACSA II

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very small price to pay."

Riley followed Lieser's comments by saying, "You bring a person that you're going to have fun with. If you're going to have fun with another guy, then bring another guy."

McMahill was wary of other students' bringing male dates to dances. "If you choose to bring male dates, I think it's destructive to everyone," he said. He predicted that a student who did bring a male date would be the subject of ridicule because not everyone would be fully accepting of it.

By the time it was 8:30, many members of the committee had not gotten a chance to express their views on the topic. However, the time constraint forced Clark to close the meeting. He closed by saying, "My door, Dr. Schenkenberg's door, Mr.

McCall's door, are open. That's where we are right now. I don't know what else to say, except thanks for coming."

Informal discussion on the issues continued among the committee members as they went to their cars.

## VENGA

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Clark said as soon as students became aware of the policy they came to him and asked that buses be allowed because they would "make transportation to Prom and back to after-parties a lot easier."

Thus, the administration decided to allow buses this year.

"We're going to let students do this on a trial basis," said Clark. He did add, however, that, if use of buses is abused, the policy will be reinstated.

by Brian Fallon

## Calendar

May 2-May 9

**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  
 Burgers & Rib Sandwiches

**SATURDAY, MAY 3**

Senior Follies @ 7:30 pm  
 V BB vs Chaminade @ 1:00 pm  
 C BB @ Hazelwood Central @ 10:00 am (double header)  
 V/JV TN @ Belleville East TBA  
 V TR @ Clayton @ 9:00 am

**SUNDAY, MAY 4**

Senior Follies @ 7:30 pm

**MONDAY, MAY 5**

Schedule R  
 No Classes for Freshmen and Seniors  
 AP English Exam @ 7:30 am  
 B BB @ Chaminade @ 4:15 pm

V GF vs Borgia @ Franklin County CC @ 3:30 pm  
 JV LAX @ Vianney @ 5:00 pm  
 Seasoned Fries & Li'l Charlie's

**TUESDAY, MAY 6**

Schedule R  
 Freshman English Tutorial @ AP  
 Architecture Speaker in Art Gallery @ AP  
 College Reps:  
 Rockhurst University @ AP  
 Intramurals vs Faculty @ AP  
 V BB vs DeSmet @ 4:15 pm  
 B BB vs DeSmet @ Creve Coeur Athletic @ 3:45 pm  
 JV TN vs Principia @ 4:00 pm  
 C TR @ Parkway West @ 4:00 pm  
 V/JV VB vs Parkway Central @ 4:5:00 pm  
 V LAX @ Vianney @ 7:00 pm  
 C LAX @ Webster Groves @ 4:30 pm  
 Fiestada & Crispitos

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**

Schedule M  
 Formal Attire  
 AP Spanish Exam @ 7:30 am

AP Statistics Exam @ 12:15 pm  
 V TN @ Priory @ 4:00 pm  
 JV TN vs Priory @ 4:00 pm  
 Mostaccioli & Bosco Sticks

**THURSDAY, MAY 8**

Schedule R  
 AP Calculus Exam @ 7:30 am  
 Josten Ring Sizing @ AP  
*Sisyphus* on sale  
*Good Morning, Vietnam* @ 3:15 pm  
 V/JV TR @ Chaminade @ 4:00 pm  
 V/JV VB vs Vianney @ 5/6:00 pm  
 V LAX @ MICDS @ 7:00 pm  
 JV LAX @ MICDS @ 5:00 pm  
 C LAX vs DeSmet @ 4:30 pm  
 Pizza Sticks & Papa John's

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**

Schedule E  
 AP US History Exam @ 7:30 am  
 AP European History Exam @ 12:15 pm  
 Senior Prom @ Cedars @ 8:00 pm  
 B BB @ Granite City @ 4:30 pm (double header)  
 C BB vs CBC @ 4:15 pm  
 C TR @ DeSmet 4:00 pm  
 Fries & Club Wraps

## ER

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 ground him and helped him understand that "whatever came to me in life, it was going to be okay because my faith was strengthened here."

After graduating, Castellano attended Northwestern University on a full academic scholarship and graduated as a journalism major. From there, Castellano began a career as a sportswriter for the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*. For seven years, Castellano followed sports for the *Globe*, and in 1979 he was voted Missouri Sportswriter of the Year by his peers.

In 1983, Castellano joined Anheuser-Busch Sports Marketing, and directed it for five years. In 1994, Castellano became the Vice President of Wholesale Operations, and went on to become the Vice President of Retail Marketing in 2001, a position he holds to this day.

From the moment he entered the halls of SLUH, Castellano said, "I knew I

wanted to change the world." Despite his list of achievements, Castellano "wonders if I have done anything of importance."

Castellano has given vast amounts of time and charity to his alma mater and to many other noble causes. He has helped raise funds for the AMC Cancer Research Center, the Red Cross, Loyola Academy, Boys Hope, and many other causes within SLUH.

Castellano returned to SLUH in 1984 to join the Board of Trustees. He was the Cashbah chair in 1984 and 1985, and remained on the Board until 1993. After a five-year hiatus, Castellano rejoined as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees in 1998, and held that position until 2001. Castellano is still a member of the Board.

Thom Digman, the Vice President for Advancement and Planning, said that Castellano's spot on the Board of Trustees was "probably more against his nomi-

nation at this time, but his career and track record spoke highly of him."

The Backer Award is, according to President Paul Sheridan, S.J., "the highest honor and recognition we can give as a school." Nominees are nominated by their fellow alumni once per year. Once the nominations are received, a panel made up of the President, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Jesuit Superior, and the VP for Advancement and Planning meet to review the nominations.

Sheridan introduced Castellano before his speech on Friday, lauding him as an "exemplary model of achievement" and "an alumnus who has given (SLUH) a legacy." Despite his long list of credentials and achievements, Castellano is "humbled and slightly embarrassed to be receiving the Backer Award...before so many other deserving candidates who have lived their lives as men for others."