

# Prep News

*"If nothing else, value the truth"*

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## Exam periods lengthened to relieve stress

*New exam periods will last one and a half hours*

**Denis Agniel**  
Editor

For this year's first quarter exams, students will be faced with 90-minute exams instead of the 65-minute exams of last year. However, the content on the exams is supposed to remain the same.

This year's exam days will allow ten minutes of passing time between the first and second exams and thirty minutes between the second and third exams. The school day will begin at 8:05, ten minutes earlier than exams began last year, but fifteen minutes later than a normal day.

Principal Mary Schenkenberg said that the decision was made hoping "to create a situation that's less stressful for

the students and to create an opportunity (for the students) to show what they know."

Said Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski, "I think this can offer students the opportunity to take an exam which allows them to show what they've learned without time being one of the variables at play."

After a proposal by the guidance department in the spring of 2002 suggested altering the exam schedule, the Instructional Council discussed changes over the summer. Schenkenberg distributed a survey to three randomly chosen sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

According to the survey, about 24 percent of students thought that they would use the extra time on five or six exams.

The same percentage of students reported that they could use the extra time on one or two exams. Of the 180 students surveyed, 83 believed that they would use the extra time on three or four exams.

After deliberation extended into this school year, the Administrative team, comprised of Schenkenberg, Michalski, Assistant Principal for Student Welfare Eric Clark, and Assistant Principal for Staff Development Art Zinselmeyer, decided to extend exam periods to an hour and a half. Students will still be allowed to leave the testing room after an hour.

The change is not permanent, though. The Administrative team will assess the system after the first quarter exams. "This see., 9

## Freshman Fun Day



Shane Mulligan proudly displays his Rock, Paper, Scissors Championship Belt. Mulligan swept his opponent in a best-of-five series for the victory with the classic rock, rock, paper combination.

## 14 seniors qualify as National Merit Semifinalists

**Rob Matschiner**  
Reporter

With number two pencils in hand, fourteen SLUH seniors have advanced to the next round of the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Denis Agniel, James Fox, Brian Guntli, Stephen Hirsch, Patrick Hogan, Justin Luner, James Martin, John Strzelec, Joseph Thomas, Carl Thompson, Chris Wagnitz, Chris Wojcicki, Joe Wright, and David Zychinski all earned PSAT scores in the top one half percent of all high school students in the state. David Mosely also

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# Michalski institutes tutoring for at-risk students

*Hadel: "Anything from study skills to locker organization"*

**Geoff Brusca**  
Editor

As part of a continuing effort by SLUH to minister better to its students, Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski instituted a program of tutoring freshmen to help them transition to high school academics. The program will be run by former English and current Spanish teacher Dick Hadel, S.J.

Following summer school, Michalski selected thirteen students who were considered "at risk" for academics on the basis of their grades and standardized tests in grade school, the high school placement test they took for SLUH, and their summer school evaluations. These students, it was thought, might struggle, and this program could help them before they did.

"I identified a group of guys where some additional work in organization and study skills, and possibly just having someone who can mentor them through this transition, might be a help to them," Michalski said.

Michalski said that he and former Principal Robert Bannister had discussed

this idea for a number of years, but that "the (June Wellness) meetings kind of pushed for this." He said that the course is experimental, but "there have been on and off programs in the past where some additional study skills or tutoring have been offered, (but) maybe it hasn't been offered with the level of formality of this one."

The tutoring sessions work like a normal class period: the students are assigned to the sessions as a course and then report every day to a faculty member. During that time they work one on one with the teacher on various things.

"The work consists of anything from work on study skills to locker organization," said Hadel.

Tutors also give specific help in subjects students are having particular trouble with. To make up for the extra class, most of the students took or are taking the summer computer class.

The teachers involved in the program represent many different departments and skill sets. Outside of Hadel and Bannister, who is a former math teacher, tutors are first-year SLUH teachers, ASC volunteers, and Jesuit scholastics: theology teacher Nhan Pham, S.J., theology teacher

Brian Christopher, S.J., history teacher Chris Kellett, math and science teacher John Shen, and politics teacher Steve Casey.

Michalski pointed out that these students are not connected by anything else; there is no particular grade school or geographic location that links them. "They're scattered," he said.

Hadel stressed that these students are not in the program because they are lacking in intelligence. "In the past we've accepted young men, and they were bright enough but didn't have the background in grade school to be successful at SLUH," he said. "These kids, each one has the ability, the native talents, to be successful."

Michalski also wanted to make it clear that these students were not accepted to SLUH under different criteria from the rest of the freshman class. "This has nothing to do with our admissions standards," he said. "They were admitted just like anyone else."

Hadel summed up the purpose of the program: "They know that somebody is with them, on their side."

# Strapless sandals return for 2002-'03 year

**Mike Cancila**  
Reporter

The new school year ushered in one change in the school dress code: sandals no longer need to have straps. Almost immediately after school started, the rumors started, too.

"I think everyone just wore them last year and Mr. Clark was too lazy to stop them this year because they still look good," commented one SLUH student. Another rumor had SLUH's insurance provider, Christian Brothers, relaxing its requirements.

The fact is, sandals with straps have not always been required by SLUH. The rule was added after a student "fell down the stairs and required the school to give

him a wheelchair," said Dean of Students Eric Clark.

Over the years, the rule for straps was enforced, but many students simply ignored it and just wore strapless sandals or forced the straps below their ankles. In addition, many faculty members, especially women, wore strapless sandals without incident.

These factors led Clark to the decision to cut out the strap requirement alto-

gether. "For safety, non-skid strips were added to the stairs.... I'm always worried about accidents that take place, but I could

have a young man wearing regular shoes fall down the steps. We've just got to make sure students don't leak liquid from water bottles on the steps," Clark said, laughing.

So, with that word of caution from Clark, stu-

dents should tighten their water bottle lids and step into the new strapless sandal era.



A student displays a pair of apparently strapless sandals.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Stealing is a result of false rationalization

To the Editor:

It is 10:25 in the morning and the bell rings, signaling the end of activity period and the beginning of the scramble to get to class. You rush to your locker, unlock it, and reach inside for your books.

Your eyes widen in shock. The crucial book you need for next period, the book that you will get a demerit for not having, is not there! Slamming your locker shut, you frantically run around asking if you can borrow the book, but everyone else needs it, too. So, you eventually go to your backup plan: unlocked lockers. You open an anonymous locker, and there it is, the book you need, just sitting there waiting to be taken.

Now stop. Press pause. Does this seem familiar? We have all encountered this situation, or one much like it, at some time during our SLUH careers. So, the question is, what do you do? Do you leave the book and accept the consequences for not having it, or do you take the book and try to remember to give it back? This dilemma, and those like it, is based on something that has become a major issue at SLUH: stealing. The theft or "borrowing" of books and other materials has become commonplace at SLUH. I recently had my calculator stolen from me, which incited me to write this letter; however, I am but one of countless students with a similar story. This issue goes beyond me and my calculator (which will cost me \$90 to replace, I might add); it is a problem that goes against everything that SLUH has come to represent.

But how has stealing become such a widespread problem at SLUH? I believe that there are two forces at work here: rationalization and desensitization. Students at SLUH have an extraordinary capacity for reason, and some of us use this ability to rationalize our misdeeds. However, no matter how much you want to believe this rationalization makes everything all right, it doesn't; it just makes you feel better about the situation. You merely appease your own consciences. You're not stealing from the cafeteria when you sneak out a little extra food or accept too much change from the lunch ladies, because they're overcharging you anyway, right? Or you might rationalize that it is really the other person's fault, that they are asking for it by leaving out their materials or leaving their locker unlocked. The problem with this is that it is an utterly false and spineless statement used by people unwilling to take responsibility for their own actions. In the end, you have ultimate control of your own actions.

Furthermore, as you rationalize away your doubts about stealing, you become desensitized to it; you become accustomed

to theft and begin to accept as just a reality at SLUH. For example, as you rationalize your theft, the line of what is stealing and what is not becomes blurred in your perceptions. You might begin to steal more important or expensive things. Also, even if you hold yourself above such wrongdoing, you might still be involved in theft at SLUH by someone else stealing your books or some other comparable thing. Then, you might decide that you are unwilling to pay for another's dishonesty, and you might go off and steal what you need for someone else. This idea of stealing begetting stealing doesn't explain all theft at SLUH, but I believe that it

explains why some people turn to stealing. This could continue until someone stands up against this cycle of deceit and mistrust by refusing to steal, by refusing to give in to that temptation in any way.

Yet, in the end, what can we do to end theft at SLUH? Should everyone be paranoid about locking their locker and never letting their books out of their

sight? No, I don't believe that this is the answer. We shouldn't have to do this. It should be enough that we just stop altogether because we know that theft is not right. However, I know that this is not a practical solution, because if it would solve the problem, it would have worked before now.

Due to the presence of immoral people at SLUH, stealing will never be fully abolished unless the student body takes its stance against stealing one step further. You must not only refuse to engage in theft, you must also speak out against the theft of others. This is extremely difficult, and can be made more so by certain circumstances. Nonetheless, this is what we must do: we must take responsibility for preventing stealing from occurring at SLUH, we must go beyond the passive course of merely holding ourselves to a high moral standard. We are part of SLUH, and we are all responsible, in some way, for the character of ourselves, our classmates, and the school itself in all its various aspects. So hold others to your moral standard as well, because this path, though a difficult one to tread, is the only way the stealing that pervades our school will come to an end.

Kevin McCarthy '04

### Quote of the Week

*"That's my sandbox . . . I'm not allowed to go in the deep end."*

-Ralph Wiggum

## HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVE WINNERS

### Senior Service/Pastoral

101 Nick Albrecht  
104 Mike Dougherty  
106 Zach Georgeoff  
108 Joe Graham  
110 Tim Lauth  
112 Nate McMahill  
114 Kevin Mills  
116 Patrick Reich  
118 Dan Sinnett  
122 Clark Taylor

### Senior Social/Intramural

101 Scott Baker  
104 Ben Clement  
106 Joe Gilfoil  
108 Paul Hoffman  
110 Joel Koehneman

112 Pat McIver  
114 Joe Nagel  
116 Brian Prospero  
118 James Stroble  
122 Phinney Troy

### Junior Service/Pastoral

206 John Berosky  
208 Ryan Cullen  
210 James Erler  
216 Paul Guest  
216c Joe Jost  
218 Dave Marek  
218c Brad Naert  
220 Matt Paradise  
222 David Sonderman  
224 Ben Zaegel

### Junior Social/Intramural

206 Doug Berkley  
208 Colin Dowling  
210 Tom Economon  
216 Nate Hilliard  
216c Ryan Hyde  
218 Pat Lyons  
218c Joe Palumbo  
220 Kyle Poelker  
222 Adam Shalpin  
224 Jonathan Yoon

### Sophomore Service/Pastoral

201 Paul Barker  
203 Joe Carlson  
205 Charlie Drury  
207 Tim Heafner  
209 Tim Knefelkamp

209 Ed Jaeger  
215 Jim Krings  
217 Joey Mueller  
219 Pat Riordan  
221 Aaron Seabaugh  
221c Marty Wilhelm

### Sophomore Social/Intramural

201 Scott Brown  
203 Dan Burghoff  
205 Connor Finnegan  
207 Danny Henry  
209 Jack Horgan  
215 Tim Larkin  
217 Alex Muntges  
219 Tim Rodgers  
221 Tim Szewczyk  
221c Bill Winfrey

## MERITISTS

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has earned the National Achievement Scholar title, an award given specifically to African Americans with superb PSAT scores.

Now deemed National Merit Semifinalists, SLUH's 14 seniors will try to fulfill the requirements of a Finalist. Experienced college counselor Dave Mouldon has been working with SLUH's semifinalists to prepare a detailed scholarship application, including information about leadership and community activities.

In order to advance, the Semifinalists need to stay consistent with their SAT scores, earn high grades, and receive a letter of recommendation. About 90% of all Semifinalists advance to the Finalist level, giving SLUH's prospects high expectations.

The National Merit Scholarship program is a non-profit organization designed to support scholarships for students of high academic accomplishment. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation will finance and back about 8,000 scholarships worth about \$30 million.

their sophomore PSAT.

The objective of the course is to enhance these top percentage scores in hopes that they will qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Taught by math teacher Craig Hannick, who has over 15 years of SAT class experience,

the course will go into depth on the most difficult problems of the PSAT. With regards to the effectiveness of the course in the last four years, Hannick simply stated, "It's helpful."

Many of SLUH's present National Merit Semifinalists were part of Hannick's course a

year ago. His goals are simple: to cover the three basic parts (verbal, math, and writing) of the PSAT with some emphasis on the verbal. Hannick says, "I want them to be as well prepared as they can be."

## NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

*Denis Agniel*

*James Fox*

*Brian Guntli*

*Stephen Hirsch*

*Patrick Hogan*

*Justin Luner*

*James Martin*

*John Strzelec*

*Joseph Thomas*

*Carl Thompson*

*Chris Wagnitz*

*Chris Wojcicki*

*Joe Wright*

*David Zychinski*

On top of the preparation for National Merit Finalists, many of SLUH's juniors are readying themselves for a four-week PSAT concepts course. This intensive class is only offered to those juniors who scored above the 90th percentile on

# Jr. Bills drop to 0-2 with loss to Parkway West

**Dan Sinnett**  
Reporter

Gary Kornfeld had never started a SLUH football season 0-2 in his twelve previous years of running the program. Athletic Director Richard Wehner can't remember the last time SLUH has opened a football season with two losses, and he has been here since 1984. Unfortunately, the 2002 Footbills gave Wehner a new memory card as they fell to the Parkway West Longhorns Friday night 21-14.

Parkway West made it obvious that the SLUH defense would have its hands full from the opening drive. The Longhorns showed their power running with two strong backs, Will Paul and Will Meyers. Meyers totaled 171 yards on the night.

Head coach Gary Kornfeld recognized the talent of Paul and Meyers, stat-

ing that it was "the tandem that was giving us problems."

West drove 75 yards on the starting drive with key runs from Paul, 17 yards, and Meyers, 24 yards. The drive took only 2:21 and resulted in Meyers pounding the ball in from one yard out.

After SLUH punted, Parkway West got the ball back hoping to duplicate its first drive, but the Curtis-Josephbills put up a brick wall and stopped the Longhorns on three straight plays. Senior tackle Kevin Steffens said the contrast in the drives occurred because the defense was "pumped up."

SLUH's offense responded to the

defensive intensity with a twelve-play drive that was capped by wideout Joe Moellering's 22-yard touchdown catch.



Cornerback Nate McMahon and the defensive line get ready to play.

All-around football player extraordinaire Phineas Troy, who also had 10 tackles on defense, made his presence known on a key third-down play worth ten yards to earn the first down.

The drive epitomized SLUH's offense attack; it featured a good balance of throwing and running.

Not to be outdone, Parkway West, which Kornfeld called "a running

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# Polobills win Parkway South Tournament

**Jon Kim**  
Reporter

Last weekend, the Saint Louis U. High water polo team employed its characteristic ballistic missile shots to emerge as the victor in the Parkway South Patriot Classic Tournament. The Baudenbills faced Marquette, Lafayette, and Parkway South, all teams they had previously beaten. The Jr. Bills dominated the pool, leaving no one else in contention for first place.

Last Friday, the Polobills swam off against the Marquette Mustangs. Although Marquette put a challenge to the Baudenbills, SLUH didn't give up.

Throughout the first half of the game, SLUH easily pacified the Mustangs' top players with rigid defense and with senior Cliff Reynolds's wall-like performance in goal, his arms seemingly everywhere to block futile Marquette shots. In the second half, however, Marquette had a cheap streak, gaining breakaways and shooting lofting shots from half court, but as always SLUH answered back.

At the end of the fourth quarter, SLUH recieved a 4-meter penalty shot and gave the chance to Phil Abram. With the ball

cocked back with the tension of a cross-bow, Abram treaded waist high out of the water as the Marquette goalie fidgeted laboriously to keep his mouth above the surface. The referee's whistle cut through the air, and immediately Abram crunched forward, whipping his arm around like a slingshot and hurling the ball into the top left corner of the goal.

Commenting on the size of Parkway's goalkeeper, junior Charlie Hall observed, "That's a malnourished goalie." The game ended 9-4, a big kick in Marquette's pants.

On Saturday, the Jr. Bills first played Lafayette. Allowing the junior team to wreak havoc for awhile, SLUH easily dominated the first half, closing at 5-1.

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## PN Nightbeat

Compiled by Matt Morris

### JR. BILLS SINK LADUE 11-5 IN NAVAL BATTLE

Thursday night, the Polobills traveled to MICDS for a tournament game against Ladue. The Jr. Bills came out of the game with an 11-5 victory. The team spread its goals among seven different players, with five assists between Phil Abram and Cliff Reynolds.

"It was our best game so far. We played as a team and ran our offense well," senior Phil Abram said. The team plays again on Saturday night at 7:00 against MICDS at St. Peters Rec Plex.



Mark Gloeckler looks to make a pass in Thursday's game.

# SLUH group bikes for charity in MS150

**Brian Fallon**  
**Core Staff**

Last Saturday and Sunday, a group of SLUH students participated in the MS150 charity biking event in Troy, Missouri. The group included students Ryan Vierling and Greg Stahl and teachers Kevin Moore, George Mills, and Patrick Zarrick. This year was SLUH's third year participating in the race, with a group of ten (including five not associated with SLUH) on the team.

The riders began in Troy and rode eighty miles on Saturday to Mexico, Missouri. Saturday evening, the bikers rested in Mexico's city park, enjoying a nice meal provided by two thousand volunteers. "It's a very well-organized fundraising event," Moore, who has been biking since high school, said. "I ride for fun, and this event is such a great way to support charity."

"I'm in the best shape of my life," noted Mills, who trained six weeks for

the race. Mills said, "The best part of the ride was being with the other riders, since no one out there riding is selfish at all."

Sunday morning the riders continued the trek back to Troy, completing the 160-mile race. The race attracted a wide range of bikers, the youngest around the age thirteen; SLUH's team ranged from ages seventeen to fifty. Each rider was supposed to raise \$200 for the fundraiser, although many people raised much more than that. SLUH's team planned to raise about \$4000.

Multiple sclerosis is a disease which affects the central nervous system, with symptoms ranging from blurred vision to being completely paralyzed. Most victims are diagnosed between ages twenty and forty, although there are many cases found in youths as well.

The money raised from this event is sent to the national and local chapters of MS, with fifty-five percent staying in the gateway area. This money is used to research the disease, as well as to fund self-

help groups for victims coping with multiple sclerosis.

Another interesting part of the riders' journey is seeing old friends and meeting new ones. One woman rode her bike with her sister, a victim of multiple sclerosis.

"It was amazing to see her pull her sister the entire way in a bicycle carriage, going the entire way through the rain and up and down hills," said Moore.

"That woman showed so much love to her sister," said Vierling, who participated in his first MS150.

Commented Moore, "It's really neat to see two thousand riders out there, and striking up a conversation with some of them is really interesting."

The final half of the second day was the most difficult for most of the riders, finishing the race at the same speed as they did the other parts of the trip.

"It was a really good feeling when you finished," said Vierling, "especially since we just completed one hundred sixty miles of biking."

# XC lets tiger roar at Mizzou and McCluer

**Pat Meek**  
**Core Staff**

If there were one word that would describe the performance of the cross country team's performance at the Mizzou Challenge last Saturday, it would be "dominance."

The varsity team, which only scored 38 points in the meet, suggested a team to be reckoned with in the state cross country meet in early November.

For the second week in a row, the varsity top seven was composed of seniors Drew Noblot, Matt Killiany, Kevin Crean, Peter Schaefer, juniors Andrew Linhares and Brennan Connor, and sophomore Alex Muntges.

Once again the team listened to the advice of coach Pat Hamel and ran the first mile conservatively on a course which many have since described as "perfect" and "ideal."

After the mile split, the team looked strong, with many of the Harrierbills

near the front and in tight packs. Schaefer and Noblot came across the line at 5:01 and 5:02, respectively, with the rest of the team coming in before the 5:15 mark.

However, in the second mile it became apparent to many that Schaefer, SLUH's top runner after the First Capitol Invitational, was unable to hold on

to the rigorous pace. Luckily for the Prefontainebills, Linhares and Muntges were able to step up and fill Schaefer's shoes.

Linhares, who arguably had his best race ever, passed Noblot and the majority of the field in the last 800 meters, while kicking his way into a fourth-place medal and the top slot on the team in a personal record time of 16:31.

"Before the race I knew the course would be fast, and I was pumped up," Linhares said. "During the race all I could see in front and behind me was blue."

Muntges, who was running in only his second cross country meet, was able to go negative in the third mile

and came across the finish line in an equally impressive 16:41.

The rest of the team came in soon afterwards with Noblot (16:35, fifth overall), Killiany (16:46, 10), Crean (16:46, 11), Schaefer (17:04, 22) and Brennan Connor (17:19, 33), looking strong the whole way in.

Killiany called all of the times "freakishly fast."

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JV XC At Columbia

# Soccerbills top JFK, tie CBC to go 6-1-1

**Dave Mueller**  
**Core Staff**

The Jr. Bills are coming off an out-of-character week after going 1-0-1 with games against JFK High and CBC.

The week began on Monday with an away victory over JFK. The match started off well enough, with the Jr. Bills controlling most of the play, but the team seemed confused when the opponents dropped the entire team behind the ball and appeared satisfied to play for a tie. However, the team looked unfocused.

"I think the way the schedule was set up...prevented quality practice days," said assistant coach Charlie Clark on the lack of rhythm in the first half.

Passes could not find their targets amidst the clutter of bodies inside the offensive third of the field, the first touch on the ball climbed the shins of the SLUH players, and the teams' intensity reached an all-time low, as they apparently considered the Celtics unworthy opponents.

Said head coach Charlie Martel, "It was a team that packed it in... It takes time to get the first goal."

Flashes only came while the Baggiobills' forwards had the ball at their feet. Early in a struggling first half, junior

Joe Germanese gave the team a lift with a devious 180 degree turn while side-stepping the defender and then punishing the ball near-post to beat the keeper.

After an intense half-time speech by Martel, the team came out with a whole new aggression, willing themselves to the net.

Martel said, "We played with urgency, and when you hustle, good things happen."

This hustle allowed the flash, quick decision-making, and spirit seen earlier in the year from the Jr. Bills to come roaring back at the Celtics, scoring three goals within the first fifteen minutes of the half.

The scoring was capped off when senior captain Matt McCarthy found the ball at his feet at the top of the box with three Celtic defenders in front of him. Forced to dribble, McCarthy entered the box, only to soon be smothered by JFK defenders. Somehow he emerged from the pile to poke the ball into the net, giving the Sidenettingbills a 5-0 victory.

Perhaps the reason for the shaky beginning to the match on Monday was the injuries to senior backfield starters Patrick Ferrell and Pat Hogan. Said Clark, "It forced us to go deeper...than we were used

to." He added, "(Hogan and Ferrell) are quality players and were missed." The replacements, juniors Pat Miller, John Reagan, and David Mueller, brought less speed and experience to the backfield. The nerves of getting the nod for their first start (Reagan started Monday while Miller did on Wednesday) might have jolted them and thrown off the rhythm of the whole team. "The guys that played did so very hard. They did everything we could ask of them," said Clark.

Martel added, "Our rhythm may have suffered a little bit."

Wednesday's game against CBC was made increasingly difficult because it was the rescheduled game that was supposed to take place last Saturday, but, alas, was lighted out. The game was rescheduled for 3:30 at CBC on Wednesday.

Excuses aside, the Jr. Bills needed a full eighty minutes when they took the field against a difficult CBC team, and they came up fifteen minutes short. SLUH dominated most of the first half, containing the Cadet offense while dictating the play up top. The Soccerbills struck first when senior captain Matt Kreikemeier out-hustled the Cadets to a ball dribbling to the end line and crossed an out-swing  
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## PIGSKIN

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ballclub," did what it does best, ran the ball. The Longhorns scored in thirteen plays without attempting a pass. On the drive, Parkway West averaged 5.8 yards per carry, with Meyer the featured runner on the drive.

When Parkway West scored with 7:15 left in the half, Meyers had come close to matching his rushing the previous week against Lindbergh. Meyers rushed for 58 yards in a 48-minute game against Lindbergh, but rushed for 54 yards after only 16 minutes against SLUH's defense. The score held at 14-7 until the end of the half.

Coming out of the locker room, the

Longhorns and Gridbills started a fierce punting battle. The two teams combined for nine straight possessions without any points scored. The only big play of the third quarter was a Jennings interception that resulted in, of course, no points.

SLUH broke that trend in a big way when they started a drive with 5:31 left in the game. The SLUH team decided to ride the Jennings train to a touchdown that tied the game. Jennings ran the ball on three straight plays, gaining 24, 23, and 17 yards into the end zone.

Unfortunately, the drive was successful to a fault, as the Jr. Bills gave the Longhorns a chance to win the game with

4:56 left. The Longhorns danced with the one who brought them and let Meyers run them to a game-winning touchdown.

Kornfeld summed up the game's finish: "The problem we ran into is that we needed the defense to take a stand (after the offense tied the game), and that didn't happen."

The Jr. Bills showed weakness in the first week against Riverview, as the offense played well without much help from the defense; against Parkway West, the defense held a good team to 21 points, but the offense was defunct. SLUH will try to put together a complete game tonight when they travel to Chaminade for their first conference game.

## YELLOW DUCKIES

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With a stellar four goals by senior Bill Dahlmann, SLUH drowned Lafayette 12-2. Defeating its opponents so skillfully, SLUH left the Lafayette fans booing the Polobills' constant exploiting of sloppy Lafayette plays.

The last game of the tournament was against the Parkway South Patriots; it was the crux of the tourney. In the first quarter, the Polobills pounded six into the net without Parkway South's making a viable shot on goal. Physically dwarfing and mentally out-maneuvering the Patriots, SLUH pounded four more goals to South's one in the second quarter, leaving the score 10-1 at halftime.

Yet, in the third quarter, circumstances seemed to run contrary to SLUH's potential, leaving Baud only one choice. In the

fourth quarter, he placed Dahlmann, who already had an amazing four goals and three assists, between the Jr. Bills' goalposts and junior goalie Paul Guest into the field.

Now armed with the true power of SLUH water polo, the Jr. Bills counted on the talent of Dahlmann's goaltending and Guest's monstrous action in the hole. Cutting through the water like a torpedo, Guest constantly raced past his opponents. Barreling into open water, he leaped out of the water to catch an arcing pass from goalie Dahlmann, twisted to face the goal, and flung a bullet at the goal. Unfortunately, wherever Guest's shots went, so did the goalie, denying Guest the due result of his genius work.

"I had to make a tough choice to unleash Guest, but in the end it all paid off,"

commented Baudendistel. The tournament ended with SLUH's 15-4 victory over the Patriots.

The most notable performance in the tournament came from senior Dahlmann, who earned a total of eight goals and three assists and a hundred percent save average. Commenting about his offensive prowess, Dahlmann said, "Every time I got in the pool I was really well-rested because of the way coach divided up playing time."

This weekend, the Jr. Bills will have tough competition as they enter a tournament at MICDS, but the Bills remain confident in their momentum as a team. Although MICDS will be a considerable problem, junior Nick Konczak asserted, "We're gonna kill MICDS."

Baud simply stated, "We'll see how well we do next week."

## SOLID

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ing ball into the six-yard box, where senior Adam Twellman found the ball and flicked it delicately over the CBC netminder.

CBC proved they were not to be taken lightly when the SLUH midfield made a small oversight in their marking and the Cadets came charging down the field and blasted a shot off the crossbar.

Overall, that first half may have been the Jr. Bills' best of the season. Exceptional play came from terrier-like junior forward Germanese, who chased down every stray ball up top.

The second half brought more impressive ball movement. With play crisp and deliberate, SLUH showed itself to be the more talented team. The run culminated with a beautiful one-touch combination that began in the back, bounced across the field three times, ending on a one-time strike from Twellman to beat the lunging Cadet goaltender for Twellman's second goal of the game and also putting the Jr. Bills up two to nil.

Summarizing the game, Martel said, "It was the best of times, it was the worst

of times, and not a lot in between."

With fifteen minutes left, fatigue became quite noticeable when SLUH began to lose the team's strongest point, the midfield. Cadets began to win fifty-fifty balls and made unmarked runs through the midfield, creating odd-man rushes on the Soccerbills' defense.

"Your thought process is one of the first things that is affected (by fatigue)...we need to pay more attention to the game plan when that happens," said Clark.

The Cadets took advantage of fatigue, quickly putting away two unanswered goals to knot the match at two.

Clark commented, "The injuries and not having depth hurt. We were tired at the end...It forced people to stay on the field much longer (than they should have)."

With obviously nothing left to give, the team, though being dominated, refused to give in, making artful runs to the corners.

"I was excited that we never quit," said Martel. "That was impressive to me."

The most dangerous play came when senior Ryan Neighbors streaked by the

defender and into the penalty area where he was blatantly dragged down from behind. However, with no whistle, play continued and time dripped backwards, reaching zero. With the game over, the team looked disappointed with a draw yet relieved that the match did not continue longer. Martel said, "We seriously let one get away."

Directly after the Neighbors incident, Martel sprinted to the referee and began yelling about the missed call, which would have given the team a penalty kick and a great scoring opportunity. "He was angry, and I was angry as well," Clark said.

Martel was ejected and will not be able to coach the next game, which is against Fort Zumwalt South.

"I thought it was a penalty kick," sighed Martel. He continued, "I expect the referee to step up and make that call in a tied game."

The usually calm and collected Martel was out of character in his recent explosion. After some thought, Martel humbly said, "I should have stayed composed...I had no justification for (my actions)."

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is an experiment at this time,” said Michalski. “We’re going to try it out for a quarter and see how it works.”

“If we evaluate it properly,” said Schenkenberg, “we’ll filter out if there are problems.”

Assessment will not cease after the first quarter. Michalski said, “If there’s going to be a problem, I think it’ll be one that will evolve over time.” He continued, “If we stopped looking at it, stopped assessing it, we’d be silly.”

The new testing system will try to alleviate some of the problems faced by students taking extended time exams. Those students had to take their exams in a different room from their classmates. The extended time room “isn’t a very good environment for exam taking,” according to Michalski. In addition to distractions in the testing room, noise in the hall, overcrowding, and announcements over the PA, the extended time students also faced a stigma which Michalski hopes to eradicate. “It allows them to not be stigmatized,” he said.

Reactions from the academic departments varied.

“Well, for math I think it’s a good idea,” remarked math department chair Tom Becvar, “because my students find that they feel pressured with the time pressure. They really quite often don’t have time to check their answers.” Becvar identified this new exam schedule as a way “for students to show what they know without that pressure of time.” He added, “it’s pretty typical of a lot of college courses” to offer tests that aren’t timed; therefore, this system prepares students for college as well.

“Without diminishing the quality of what they have to do,” said English department chair Chuck Hussung, “I can give them a better chance to do well.” Hussung commented that this new system “makes a lot of sense.”

“We’re fine with it,” said science department chair Eric LaBoube. Laboube identified that on the Physics B and AP Physics B exams, many students need more time to look over their answers.

On the other hand, foreign language

chair Mark Tychonievich did not feel the new system will benefit the foreign language students. “We felt that the change wasn’t needed,” he remarked, “because in foreign language, the assessment often doesn’t happen in an hour or an hour and a half.” He prefers the exam schedule from last year because he thinks “the old way works.”

The student survey gave voice to student concerns, most prevalent of which

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## EXAM SCHEDULE

### OCT. 2002

1ST EXAM 8:05-9:35

2ND EXAM 9:45-11:15

3RD EXAM 11:45-1:15

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is the worry that teachers might make exams for a 90-minute period, instead of the hour-long exam they are supposed to make.

“I don’t think it’ll work,” asserted junior Nick Berdsen, “unless they honestly keep them as hour exams. That’s just not going to happen.” He expounded further, “It’ll slowly start to (happen); eventually we’ll just end up studying more.”

(I think) Commented sophomore Neil Barron, “(one of my teachers) already made an hour-and-a-half exam.”

Senior Jim Fox worries that teachers will not respect the hour-long rule: “I am not in favor.”

Some students think it is a good change, however.

“I think it’s a lot more fair,” said senior Luke Marklin. “The deciding factor is time sometimes and not aptitude.” On an exam, Marklin said, aptitude should be what counts.

In regard to limiting exams to an hour, Hussung identified making shorter exams as something to which it is “easy to say, ‘sure, sure, sure’ and then neglect.” All of the department heads who spoke on the issue emphasized that their department would still write hour-long exams.

“I think (the faculty) are all about

doing what’s best for the students,” said Michalski. “That’s what the idea here is: (to do) what’s best for the students. We’ll see if it is; we don’t know for sure yet, but we’ll see if it is.”

Junior Tim Friese called for “a measure of trust between students and teachers that teachers will continue to write 65-minute exams.”

“I think we can trust our teachers,” assured junior Kevin McCarthy.

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## Calendar

Sept. 20 - Sept. 28

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Schedule R  
 President's Assembly @ Activity Period  
 College Visits:  
     Emory University @ 8:30 am  
     Kansas, University of @ 12:52 pm  
 V FB @ Chaminade @ 7:30pm  
 V H2O Polo @ MICDS  
 Seasoned Fries & Pizza

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

V/JV Cross Country @ Hazelwood Inv@ 9:30 am  
 V Soc vs DeSmet @5pm  
 B Soc vs DeSmet @3pm  
 C Soc vs DeSmet @1pm

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Schedule R  
 Senior Class Meeting  
 College Visits:  
     Macalaster College @ 12:52 pm  
     Southeast Missouri State University @ 12:52 pm  
 Tri-Tators & Pizza

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Schedule B

V Soc vs. St Dominic @ 6pm  
 College Visits:  
     Lehigh University @ 8:30 am  
     Yale University @ 9:30 am  
     San Diego, University of@ 10:30 am  
     Benedictine College @ 12:42 pm  
     Bellarmine University @ 1:30 pm  
 Pretzels & Burritos/Crispitos

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Schedule B  
 Morning Dept. Mtgs.  
 College Visits:  
     Austin College @ 8:30 am  
     Illinois College @ 9:45 am  
     Christian Brothers University @ 10:45 am  
     Drake University @ 12:22 pm  
     Marquette University @ 12:22 pm  
 Papa John's Pizza

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Schedule R  
 Junior Class Liturgy  
 V/JV H2O Polo vs MICDS @ 4/5pm  
 College Visits @ Activity Period  
     Dallas, University of  
     Depaul University

Drury University  
 Evansville, University of  
 George Washington University  
 Kansas State University  
 Purdue University  
 Rhodes University  
 Trinity, University-TX  
 Westminster College  
 Pomona College @ 11:30 pm  
 Depauw University @ 12:52 pm  
 Bosco Sticks & Toasted Ravioli

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Schedule L  
 Mother/Son Liturgy  
 V FB @ Gateway @ 6:30pm  
 College Visits:  
     Centenary College @ 12:15-12:45 pm  
     Illinois, University of Urbana-Champaign @ 12:15-12:45 pm  
 Onion Rings & Pizza

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

V Soccer @ Edwardsville @ 7pm  
 V/JV XC @ Hancock Inv. @ 11am

## RUNREALLYFAR

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The JV, some of whom were given the opportunity to run at Mizzou, were able to run a race as impressive as their varsity counterparts, with senior Kyle Gonnerman leading the way with a state-caliber time of 17:12. Following Gonnerman, the rest of the team came in under 18:44.

The rest of the team, who did not make the trip to Columbia, raced at the McCluer North Invitational. This part of the team was able to race to an impressive fifth in the JV race, even though the Chikbills were running the third tier of JV runners. The freshman team was also able to run a stellar race at McCluer by winning the race behind Ben Murphy-Baum.

"From top to bottom we had one of the best days in recent history," said coach Jim Linhares.

Muntges summed up the day by saying, "We got gutsy, and we had fun."

## Announcements

Family Mass  
 Sunday, Sept. 29  
 9:30 am  
 SLUH Chapel  
 Reception following

FOR SALE:  
 1987 Volvo  
 Good Condition  
 \$1500. 369-3780  
 Includes Billiken sticker

The Wellness Club is sponsoring a Parents' Meeting consisting of a panel discussion of SLUH students on the topic of "Weekends." The meeting will be held in the SLUH Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

## *Latin Club Officers*

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## *Quote of the Week*

*"Now from his pocket quick he flashes,  
 The crayon on the wall he slashes,  
 Deep upon the advertising,  
 A single-worded poem  
 Comprised of four letters"*

-Paul Simon