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"If nothing else, value the truth"

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OEC whitewater rafting trip cancelled

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Editor

In the past, the OEC whitewater rafting trip has been an extremely popular, and, for many students, rewarding experience. OEC moderator Patrick Zarrick had to cancel this year's excursion, however, when he received complaints from teachers because the trip would force students to miss the first Monday of the second quarter.

On the two previous whitewater trips, it was possible to raft on a Saturday and drive back to St. Louis on Sunday. But this year the state of West Virginia planned a special release date on a Sunday, on which, for one day, the level of the Summersville Dam would be dropped to enhance the Gauley River, making it the

seventh-ranked whitewater course in the world. Since the event was planned only for that Sunday, though, students would also have to miss the school day required to travel back.

Zarrick discussed the plan with Assistant Principal for Academics Mark Michalski during the summer and, even though it was listed on the calendar, the trip was never considered a school-sponsored field trip. Rather, it was classified as an unexcused absence.

Michalski clarified, "The distinction is that this (trip) isn't connected to an academic program."

"In my mind, this was an unexcused absence," concurred Zarrick.

The Parent-Student Handbook defines an unexcused absence as "anything that can be attended to while school is out

of session." Such absences are taken with the consent of the parents but not "necessarily with the consent of the school." Thus, these absences require that students who are taking them obtain a special release from each of their teachers. But some teachers refused to give their consent for this trip.

"There was some feedback from teachers that it really wasn't appropriate for the group to be gone on a school trip, on a school day, that wasn't tied to an academic program," said Michalski.

Art teacher John Mueller, one of the teachers who didn't sign the release, said, "I just don't feel like it's appropriate to take time off school for a non-curriculum related trip on the first day of the quarter. That's when most teachers get started.

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The Time of Your Life opens Dauphin season

Matt McGraw
Reporter

The scene is a dimly lit bar. A man sits at the bar, smoking a cigarette. Another two sit at the tables, sipping on their beers. The barkeep moves around them all, cleaning and sweeping his dinky little honky-tonk bar, preparing for another day.

So opens *The Time of Your Life*, the newest production of the Dauphin Players, which will be playing Saturday at 5:30 and 9:00 and at 7:30 on Sunday.

The play is set in San Francisco in 1939, in a seedy bar. The show follows a few stories, but the main one is that of Joe, played by J. R. Strzelec, his obedient pal Tom, played by Taylor Sinks, and a prostitute named Kitty, acted by Marjorie

Failoni. Tom and Kitty immediately fall in love, and so their story is of that particular romance.

Intertwined with their story is a captain of the vice squad, Blick, played by Kevin O'Brien, who is on a mission to clear all the streetwalkers out of town; Blick becomes the villain of the play.

Joe is an interesting character to follow. He is an almost saintly figure who seems to just toss his money (which see **DEADLY**, 8



J.R. Strzelec as Joe in this weekend's production of the *The Time of Your Life*.

Series of meetings to address Islam, Iraq

Renard hopes to curb religious bigotry, correct misinterpretations

Brian Kane
Core Staff

Next week, students will have three venues available for them to learn about, discuss, and reflect on the religion of Islam and current events dealing with it.

On Monday, during activity period, Dr. Jack Renard will be visiting SLUH to give a talk entitled "Islam and Current Events." Renard is a theology professor at St. Louis University, and, according to Pastoral Director Robert Garavaglia, "one of the leading experts on Islam in the country." The talk, which will be held in the theater, will not be mandatory. "There was some thought (of making) it mandatory, but we decided that that really wouldn't set the best tone for the event," said Garavaglia.

One of the organizers of the event, STUCO Religious Commissioner John Barnidge, wanted to have a guest speaker address topics related to world religions and their connections to politics and current events. Some members of the history department also wanted to have a speaker who could talk about Islam, since it is discussed in the freshman Global History course.

Said Garavaglia, "The reason it's important to hear from someone like Dr. Renard is that, within this discussion of the terrorist attacks and the war on terrorism, so often our perspective is limited, whether it be by the emotional response that we have or just the limits of our knowledge and awareness."

After taking a summer Arabic course in Jerusalem, Renard went on to earn a Ph.D. in Islamic Studies from Harvard University in 1978. Since then, he has taught at St. Louis University in the Department of Theological Studies.

"It was pretty clear that when people talked about Islam and Muslims, they did it with a sneer," Renard cited as a reason for learning more about the culture. Though he held a greater interest in Hin-

duism and Buddhism, he thought Islam "was more important on a larger scale across the world."

Renard hopes that his talk will help curb religious bigotry and correct some misinterpretations and misunderstandings of the Islamic culture. "Just because somebody...flashes the symbols of that tradition doesn't mean that the person genuinely stands for the values of that tradition," he noted.

As a follow up to Renard's talk, there will be a teach-in during Tuesday's activity period in the Ignatian Conference Room. This event will give students a chance to react to Renard's talk, as well as ask questions and share feelings on the possible military action in Iraq. "It's such an important issue that we feel like there has to be some time and space created to address this as a school," Garavaglia said.

English teacher Rich Moran has helped plan the Tuesday teach-in. He hopes it will "get people thinking about the implications of a war on Iraq, or not having a war on Iraq" in a school and world where the issue is not often discussed. According to Moran, the forum will start with the clarification of factual details. No single

point of view will be advocated, and some adults will be present with differing points of view to keep discussion going. Several questions will also be asked during the session to encourage critical thinking on several facets of the situation. Some of the questions concern the possible link between Saddam Hussein and Al Qaeda, the type of government that would replace Hussein if he is removed from power, and whether or not the war would be a just war.

Moran does not have a clear idea of how many students to expect at the forum, but in the case of a high turnout, the session will take place simultaneously in the writing lab for those students who cannot fit in the conference room.

Finally, a liturgy of peace will take place in the student chapel during Wednesday's activity period "Fundamentally, we need to be in prayer about what we should be doing," said Garavaglia.

Garavaglia hopes that these events will give students a better "understanding (of) the history of Islam, and hopefully more of an understanding of what is taking place in current events."

Witzofsky suffers seizure

Tim Piechowski
Sports Editor

Tuesday morning, 30-year pool hall veteran Brother Richard Witzofsky, S.J., was taken to the hospital after "experiencing tiredness and some confusion," according to Jim Knapp, S.J.

While en route to the hospital Tuesday morning, Witzofsky experienced a seizure. Following the seizure, Witzofsky had trouble recognizing people known to him.

As of Thursday evening Witzofsky was in the intensive care unit of St. Mary's hospital.

"(Wednesday night) he recognized people and he was better," Knapp said.

On Thursday, Witzofsky's doctors were planning to run more tests to determine his status, and hoped to move him out of intensive care.

Witzofsky has had one other seizure before Tuesday.

"He had a seizure about eight years ago when he was (working at SLUH). The hospital never determined what caused it," Knapp said.

Witzofsky's seizure came just as he was beginning a new position at Green Hills, where Freshman Direction days are held. Witzofsky, 73, is scheduled to be in charge of maintenance of the facility, mowing the lawn and maintaining the pool. This past summer Witzofsky underwent a successful surgery replacing his knees.

COMMENTARY

Alcohol at SLUH: What do we know? What do we do?

Denis Agniel
Editor

Coming out of this summer's meetings, the school task force for wellness identified alcohol as a problem among the student body. Recently, the Wellness Club has organized an assembly and a parents' meeting in order to address this concern of student drinking.

The assembly offered three speakers, who each addressed the entire student body. This approach left me feeling lost in the crowd, distant from the message, and inactive. The parents' meeting offered students the opportunity to participate, but only a few who could merely share their limited experience anecdotally.

So what do we, as a community, know?

We know very little about drinking among the student body. Our evidence is almost solely anecdotal. We know very little statistically about the student body with regards to drinking. Even the national statistics describing high school students don't accurately describe SLUH; Wellness Club moderator Craig Hannick has said that our student body is a "highly skewed population," and that "Our students are a little bit different."

Then how do we figure out what kind of a problem there is?

Inexperience is a limiting factor in our perception of the problem. My perspective as an underclassman was that nearly everyone in the school used alcohol. With limited experience and no evidence to the contrary, I just assumed it to be true. My perspective now shows me that many of my classmates don't drink. None of us has a perfect understanding of alcohol use here; very few of us even have an understanding of the problem outside of our own group of friends.

If we can't even know what the problem is or to what degree it affects SLUH, then how do we figure out what to do about it?

Perhaps students who have given the issue of alcohol use serious thought in their own life, in their own situation, can offer

their conclusions to students forming their own opinions on alcohol. I applied to become a senior advisor because I firmly believe that seniors can have a major influence, whether it be for positive or negative, on all underclassmen and freshmen in particular. If upperclassmen, after serious consideration of the issue, share their thoughts and decisions about alcohol with underclassmen, perhaps some closed perspectives, like mine as a freshman and sophomore, can benefit from those with more experience.

If we haven't yet identified the problem, why must we be determined to fix it? Why are we assembled with the entire school to "fix" an assumed substance abuse problem of the student body?

I think drinking is a seriously personal issue, and one that needs to be dealt with on an individual basis. If more people discuss their personal position on the issue with others, not only will we be better prepared to evaluate the problem, but we will be able to act more readily on the problem as we see it.

I encourage both formal and informal discussion about alcohol use at SLUH. Whether it be a conversation with friends at the lunch table, a discussion with carpool on the ride home, or a series of organized small group sessions concerning alcohol use, honest conversation can only strengthen the community's awareness.

I do not think the scope of such decisions should be limited only to seniors and juniors. Freshmen and sophomores should indeed share their thoughts and opinions as well, but I especially encourage the elder statesmen of the student body to participate in discussion.

I think that through discussion in an honest and non-judgmental way, my perspective, as well as the perspectives of those discussing with me, will broaden and become healthier. My decisions and opinions will be better formed, and I hope others' opinions will as well. As a result, we as a community can be better prepared to deal with what problems there are on an individual basis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OEC whitewater trip should not have been cancelled

To the Editor:

One of the OEC's most popular trips, a whitewater rafting trip, will not happen this year. The trip to West Virginia's Gauley River was planned for the weekend after first quarter exams. The students would have to travel home on Monday, missing a day of classes. As teachers found out about the upcoming absences, a number of the faculty complained to Mr. Zarrick about the inconvenience it would cause.

We are upset that members of the faculty have complained that the trip is inappropriate and that it should be cancelled. Of course, the trip would cause students to miss out on the day's lessons, and we realize this. From past experiences at SLUH,

though, we have found that rarely did any of our classes cover new material the day students return after exams. Rather, the corrected exams are given back and discussed in class. Even if new material were covered, the students take full responsibility to make up that work in an appropriate amount of time. Just as with other planned "unexcused absences," the students had taken the proper procedure of notifying the teachers and noting the assignments due upon return. Therefore, missing a day of classes should not hinder OEC members from taking an adventurous trip.

Part of what makes up SLUH is the array of clubs and organizations in which students can become involved. As fresh-
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No possum, no sop, no taters: critter caught, caged

Tim Weaks
Reporter

Early on the morning of Friday, Sept. 27, a possum lay trapped inside a cage in the Mother's Club room in the basement. The 20-inch long possum had apparently decided to make a home in the basement and was discovered last Tuesday by several janitors. The possum had reportedly caused damage to several items in the room.

The next day, biology teacher Steve Kuensting investigated the area. In the sawdust scattered around the wood shop in the basement, he found tracks that he

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men, we were told that the most important thing to do at SLUH was to get involved. Senior Advisors have told their freshman advisees the same thing.

It seems, however, that members of SLUH's faculty are voicing conflicting ideas. They don't seem to want their students to involve themselves in SLUH's clubs. Why would the faculty and administration stifle the works of one of SLUH's clubs? Is it that unreasonable to miss one day of classes in order to experience an adventure of a lifetime? We know that academics are high on the list of a Jesuit education, but isn't part of an education achieved through experience also?

Maybe the lessons and values learned through the experiences of the clubs and organizations at SLUH are not equally important to those learned in the classroom. Then why do we have sports teams? Being on the team does not teach me the laws of physics, or who Jesus really is, or who invented the printing press. Rather, other lessons and values are learned: teamwork, determination, perseverance, self-confidence, and much more. The same goes for the clubs at SLUH. They are part of what SLUH is. They should not be suppressed as the OEC's trip was, but should be nourished and encouraged.

On a personal level, we can vouch for the validity of the field trip. We took the same trip freshman year, and it was one of

believed were a possum's. So around noon on Thursday, Kuensting set a trap in the Mother's Club room. The trap contained peanuts laid inside a special device used to capture wild animals.

Around 7:30 the next morning, Kuensting checked his trap, and, just as he suspected, inside was a furious and fierce-looking possum, baring his teeth toward the science teacher.

Kuensting stated that he had a pretty good idea of how exactly the animal was snared. "I think that sometime in the middle of the night he stepped into the cage and got stuck while going for the the peanuts, which I'll tell you cannot be easy because

they were stuck in there good," says Kuensting. "He had to pull to get them."

Then that Friday, Kuensting and fellow biology teacher, Dan Shelburne showed off their catch, not quite sure what to do with it at the time.

Later that night, Kuensting brought the possum, still housed in its cage, to a park to set it free. Together with his two-year-old daughter, Kuensting opened the door to the cage and watched the creature step out the door and then disappear somewhere into the darkness.

"My best guess is he's probably lounging around in the park somewhere," said Kuensting. "I'm just glad it wasn't a skunk."

the most memorable experiences of our high school careers. Not only did we witness the greatness of a majestic river, but the fellowship created between the students as they completed rapid after rapid of horrifying whitewater is also unmatched.

When we were freshmen, we looked up to all of the older guys, whether it was on the river, playing football at camp after the day's rafting, or telling stories around the campfire. The underclassmen this year

will not be able to experience all this. This is not a normal activity and could actually be the only chance for some students to have such an experience.

If SLUH truly wants to maintain its educational integrity, the school needs to live up to its claims of developing the whole person. Hopefully in the future, such decisions will be made differently in order to portray what SLUH really is.

Matt Shaver '03

Ben Clement '03

Forest Park Service group works to restore Forest Park's beauty

Patrick Stephens
Core Staff

When students signed up during the 2000-'01 school year for the CSP Forest Park Forever Project, they didn't think they'd be doing clerical work in Forest Park. But that is precisely what the group did during the '00-'01 school year.

Recognizing that the objective for which most students signed up wasn't being achieved during the '00-'01 school year, at the beginning of the '01-'02 school year, '02 graduate Paul Embree, along with former CSP moderator Patrick Zarrick, decided to switch the focus and get involved in other ways in Forest Park.

Embree and Zarrick asked Ken Cohen, of the Forest Park Forestry Division, about other possible ways students could contribute to the upkeep of the park. Under Cohen's supervision last year, the group spent the entire year removing non-native plant species of honeysuckle and grapevine in the Kennedy Woods in the southwest section of Forest Park, according to senior Greg Stahl.

In an effort to distinguish themselves and the work they do from the organization Forest Park Forever, the group, currently led by seniors Greg Stahl and Cliff Reynolds, calls itself the Forest Park Service Group. They work in Forest Park every Tuesday after school for about an

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Soccerbills improve to 10-2-1 with 3-0 week

Dave Mueller
Core Staff

The Jr. Bills had an impressive week, going 3-0 with victories over Edwardsville, Duchesne, and Rockwood Summit.

The team began the week last Saturday, trekking across the Mississippi River into the home of the Edwardsville Tigers.

Unfazed by the journey, the Jr. Bills started off with tireless pressure and containing possession, letting the Tigers run themselves down.

"That was, to this point, our best half of soccer," said assistant coach Charlie Clark. "We tackled hard and possessed the ball well."

Head coach Charlie Martel added, "I was really amazed (at how) fast the ball was moving. This is the kind of half (Clark and I) envision for this team."

The varsity squad relaxed early on, helped by a quick goal from sophomore Brent Zang, who won the second ball

from a corner kick and one-timed a knuckling shot far post from the top corner of the eighteen-yard box.

The first goal has been important to the Jr. Bills, considering they are 10-0-1 when they score first and 0-2 when they give up the first goal.

The game had a bizarre feel at the beginning, as the referee had a less-than-flattering discussion with Martel prior to the match. This feel continued later in the first when the referee made a questionable handball call in the box to give the Tigers a penalty kick.

"At the beginning of the game there was a disagreement about the starting time," said Clark, "and the handball seemed to be the result of that disagreement."

Martel had another view saying, "I think he called it as he saw it... That is the thing about handballs, they are judgment calls."

Whatever the truth is, the Scorefirstaskquestionslaterbills re-

sponded well, scoring again on a great individual effort from junior Joe Germanese to end the half with the Davidsbills up 2-1.

However, the team's second half woes continued as they came out flat, giving the Tigers the majority of their scoring opportunities in the first ten minutes of the second half.

"We have to learn not to play with too much emotion," noticed Martel. "Sometimes we let teams that play hard disrupt our focus."

Clark also addressed the issue, saying, "We expended a lot of energy in the first half and it is hard to keep that energy level throughout the game."

Martel added, "We did take the game back in the (last twenty minutes)."

The team took control of the game for good when senior Adam Twellman capped off the scoring to give the Jr. Bills a 3-1 victory.

The squad came back home to play a fast Duchesne team on Monday. "They

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XC places second at Hancock Invitational

Pat Meek
Core Staff

This past Saturday, the Saint Louis U. High cross country top seven and JV teams put together a strong showing at the Hancock Invitational, one of the marquee meets in the state and nation. The varsity team members were able to pull themselves across the line for a second-place overall finish, while the JV team dominated their race.

The varsity team, composed of Peter Schaefer, Drew Noblot, Kevin Crean, Matt Killany, Andrew Linhares, Brennan Connor, and Alex Muntges, ran against a field that included nationally-ranked Liberty and some of the top programs in the area, namely Lee's Summit and Fort Zumwalt South. Going into the meet, the varsity had hoped that this race would finally pull them ahead of some of these programs and put them on par with Liberty; however, even with six of the top

seven running a solid race, the Harrierbills were still unable to accomplish their goal.

The varsity squad was led by Schaefer, who ran most of the race right behind the leaders, who included Adam Perkins, the returning state champion from Liberty, and Nate Smith of Hickman.

Linhares followed right behind Schaefer's all-state caliber time of 16:47 with a time of 17:03. Following Linhares were Muntges (17:14, 21st place), Connor (17:29, 32), Crean (17:31, 33), and Killiany (17:43, 42).

"I didn't think we performed to the level that we are capable of. The people we beat, we always beat," Schaefer said. "We got blown out by Liberty."

Unfortunately for the Jr. Bills, Noblot, who has consistently been one of the Jr. Bills' top runners, developed a severe side stitch midway through the race and could not shake the stitch until the last mile, but by that time he was out of the race.

Liberty finished in first, with an impressive 25 points, followed by the Jr. Bills with 105 and Lee's Summit North with 108.

"The team did not fail," said head coach Jim Linhares, "but I think our guys know they didn't run the race they could."

The JV, who also ran at the Hancock Invitational, put together their most impressive race of the season by dominating every other team at the meet.

The JV was once again led by captain Kyle Gonnerman, who won the race over his year-long foe, senior Geoff Stewart, by 40 yards. Gonnerman and Stewart, who had times of 17:46 and 17:57, respectively, were followed right behind by Joe Carlson.

One of the standout races this week was by Ben Murphy-Baum, who as a freshman in his first 5K race ran himself into the second seven with a time of 18:43.

"The JV team was awesome," stated
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Polobills lose to MICDS, recover with 2 wins

**Jon Kim
Reporter**

On Sept. 26, the Jr. Bills entered their match with previously-defeated rival MICDS confidently, but, unfortunately, they walked away with their first loss of the season.

Amidst cheers from the fans at Forest Park Community College, SLUH attacked the MICDS goal with style and energy, but unfortunately the tides of fate turned against the Jr. Bills, leaving them with a disappointing 8-7 defeat.

During the first half of the game, SLUH lacked decisive offensive momentum and power, allowing MICDS to pull ahead early in the first quarter. MICDS barely managed to squeeze a goal through goalie Cliff Reynolds' arms, and, about a minute later, another shot managed to slip past Reynolds.

Although unable to score a goal,

SLUH did counter-attack vigorously, with senior Phil Abram repeatedly crashing the goal; the MICDS goalie however, flailed

WATER POLO POINT LEADERS			
Player	Goals	Assists	Total
Bill Dahlmann	38	6	44
Tim Heafner	26	11	37
Tom Heafner	13	22	35
Phil Abram	11	15	26
Nick Konczak	10	10	20
Michael Leutchmann	14	6	20

his arms wildly, luckily deflecting the ball out of the pool. Abram also popped the ball into the air to demonstrate to the referees that the MICDS defenders were illegally pulling back on his arms, but throughout the game the referees failed to notice these fouls.

In the second quarter, MICDS again dominated the pool, effectively using the bottom of the pool to snuff out the Jr. Bills' offense by stealing hole passes. Unable to

adapt to the MICDS goalie cheating out to snatch passes away, SLUH gave MICDS a chance to prevail offensively in the deep end. Scoring multiple trash goals by illegally pushing off SLUH hole guards and shooting cross goal shots, MICDS increased the deficit to 5-1.

The Polobills roared into action after the half-time break, forcing turnovers, completing counterattacks, and neutralizing MICDS' offensive momentum. SLUH's unrelenting defense repeatedly stripped the ball away from MICDS, bolting down the pool and banging it into the goal.

With fourteen seconds left in the third quarter, senior Billy Dahlmann barreled down the right side of the pool with the ball, trailed by an MICDS defender. Anticipating the reaction of the defender already before him, Dahlmann ducked his head and swiftly turned the defender, but the trailing MICDS defender already caught up with Dahlmann. Dahlmann saw Tim Heafner cross goal and gracefully

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Gridironbills top Gateway for first win

**Dan Sinnott
Core Staff**

Relief came to the SLUH football team last Friday night as they beat the Gateway Jaguars 24-12.

In their third away game, the Jr. Bills were mentally ready for an over-matched Gateway team. SLUH dominated every aspect of the game: offense, defense, and, most of all, special teams. The Jr. Bills wanted to win the game, and it showed on the field.

The offense was very efficient, considering that quarterback Dossie Jennings left the game early in the second quarter and SLUH only passed for 75 yards. Running back Brent Harvey shouldered the load for the remainder of the game. Harvey handled the ball 33 times without fumbling, and racked up 126 yards. Harvey also added a winning touchdown that gave the Jr. Bills an 11-point cushion heading into the locker room for halftime.

top Gateway

The offensive line manhandled the Jaguars, giving Harvey plenty of room to run. Ever-humble coach Mark Tychonievich took no credit for his line's play, saying, "(offensive coordinator Robert Chura) put us in some sets that forced Gateway to do some things with their defense."

Kicker Tim Simon added a field goal and quarterback Matt McArthur completed a 12-yard pass to tight end Phineas Troy to complete the scoring in the first half.

Troy's catch wouldn't have been possible without a little razzle-dazzle from the SLUH special teams. On fourth and 21, the Jr. Bills converted a fake punt.

The team lined up in punt formation, and Simon completed a forty-yard pass to Joe Azar, who was not guarded on the play. The amazing pass-catch-run was only the



DRAWING BY HOWIE PLACE

beginning of the night for the special teams.

Gateway had problems with their punting game all night long. On one Gateway punt attempt, the SLUH lineman got such a jump on the ball that the kicker was unable even to kick the ball, resulting in a turnover.

One shocking number on the night was the Jr. Bills' average starting field position at Gateway's 49-yard line, a tribute to the special teams. The frustration for Gateway extended into the offensive side of the ball.

The SLUH defense gave the Jaguars nowhere to run, despite quarterback Ricky Lenior, a "gifted athlete with a great deal of ability," Tychonievich said.

Much of the Gateway offense came from Lenior's being flushed out of the pocket by a rabid defensive line. Two things must happen to make a quarterback

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were one of the toughest teams we've played," said Martel. "Their quickness was exceptional."

The Ronaldobills took the pitch with vigor once again, tackling hard and making crisp passes. Alas, the Pioneers' defense left few holes to expose, and their keeper was big, strong, and fast, which allowed him to cover the entire box. The first half concluded 0-0.

"It is extremely satisfying to see how high a level a team can play," Clark said, "yet frustrating when they cannot reward themselves."

The game seemed as if it were going to end in a stalemate until, with less than a minute left, Twellman received the ball on his chest near the box and then deli-

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flicked a pass to him just before the defenders crawled all over him. Heafner snatched the ball out of the air and whipped it past the goalie's head.

At the end of the third quarter, four goals from Tim Heafner and one from junior Nick Konczak helped erase the four goal deficit, and the Jr. Bills emerged with a 6-5 lead.

Charged with energy from the phenomenal third quarter comeback, Jr. Bills' fans rallied loudly at the start of the final quarter. Undaunted by cheers, MICDS attacked, notching a goal at 5:42 to tie the game. Pulling ahead on a four-meter penalty shot, MICDS briefly held a lead, but Dahlmann blasted a shot from the hole into the goal, flexing his muscles like a madman and intimidating the MICDS players. Yet MICDS managed to take the Jr. Bills by surprise, scoring on a quick shot from half immediately following the restart play after Dahlmann's goal.

The Jr. Bills worked valiantly to generate offensive momentum to tie up the game, but couldn't finish their offensive drives, and ultimately lost the game 8-7.

Baud asserted that the mistake that cost the game was a freshman mistake of not matching up at half, which allowed MICDS to score a half-pool shot.

cately flicked the ball over the defender's head while rolling off the mark to strike a full volley top shelf past a helpless Pioneer goaltender.

Twellman has been giving the back of the net a workout this season, scoring eleven goals in thirteen games thus far.

"Adam has been absolutely amazing," Martel said. "He has incredible touch and vision. I think that is what gets him open."

Junior defender John Reagan added, "(Adam) works hard and puts the ball away when he is given the chance."

The week ended on an off-game against the Falcons of Rockwood Summit. The team did not have a bad game, but it certainly was not up to the level at which it had been playing since the loss to

Baudendistel also noted that the team didn't play as well, only scoring in two of seven power plays, and that MICDS knew SLUH's game plan from the last game. However, Baudendistel believes the outcome will be different when MICDS cannot stand on the bottom and throw easy cross goal passes.

Determined to rebound from their loss to MICDS, SLUH launched a forceful attack against Parkway Central last Monday. SLUH ruled over the Colts like a despot, tyrannizing their measly defense with seven goals in the first half. With Tom Heafner guarding their main hole man tenaciously, the Polobills nullified any threat from their offense, forcing turnovers. Although starting to aggressively battle in hole, the Parkway Central players discovered the futility of playing against the prowess of the Turbobills, and star performances from Dahlmann (3 goals, 1 assist), Tim Heafner (4 goals), and Phil Abram (1 goal, 3 assists) demoralized Parkway Central even further. The Jr. Bills easily batted Central away with a 14-4 victory.

Last Tuesday, SLUH reigned supreme against DeSmet. Although the Spartans notched an early goal, the Polobills answered back in force, slamming four first quarter goals into the DeSmet net.

Sprinting down the pool for a pass,

DeSmet two Saturdays ago.

The squad scored in the first half this time, rather than waiting until the closing minutes. This time Senior captain Matt Kreikemeier finished off a great run started by senior Pat Ferrell, then calmly slotted the ball past a diving Falcon goalkeeper. The first half ended 1-0.

The second half proved nearly identical, with okay-but-not-good play from the Jr. Bills. This time it was senior Tom Winkler who slipped the ball into the net, giving the Jr. Bills a 2-0 victory to close out a good week.

"We have been playing at a really high level the last week and half," explained Martel, "but (sometimes) you just get a little flat and you have to gut it out and get the win."

senior Mike Leuchtmann grabbed the ball right before the DeSmet goalie sprung for it, shot a backhand into the goal as the goalie tried in vain to deflect his shot.

During the second quarter, SLUH scored two more goals, ending the half 6-1. Although Reynolds allowed a goalie shot to slip past him, SLUH ended the game 12-2, with Leuchtmann and Tim Heafner scoring three goals apiece.

Although the first loss of the season was disappointing, it was an aberration, and the Polobills quickly recovered from their stumble, aware of the improvements needed in their game play. In reference to the past three games, Baud laconically stated, "We need to play better."

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Linhares. "It was fun to see the determination that we had had in the race."

This week the Prefontainebills will be competing against other Jesuit schools in the Midwest at Chaminade for the 3rd annual Jesuit Invitational. The team encourages you to come out and support the Jr. Bills at this meet.

For more information about the SLUH cross country team please visit www.sluh.org/xc/xc.htm.

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That's when I give presentations, present problems, start projects."

"I realize how precious class time is, but I'm of the belief that not all learning is done between eight and three," Zarrick noted. "I think that with service, team-building, self-esteem, challenging opportunities, those kinds of things, this trip provides a valuable learning experience."

But, despite whatever good the trip would do for students, many teachers thought, according to Zarrick, "This OEC trip was a continual erosion of class time."

Michalski argued, "I think these things need to happen outside of class time... Class time is a very limited amount of time."

Assistant Principal for Student Welfare Eric Clark listened to many faculty concerns, and Clark said, "Some teachers looked at this as a vacation, basically an

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he has quite a bit of) at everyone around him. Also, there is a struggle between cops and rioting workers. A longshoreman named McCarthy represents the rioters. The cop Krupp, acted by Brian Cunningham, is an unhappy man who has been dreaming of quitting the force.

Another story follows Dudley, who repeatedly calls Elsie, a girlfriend who has apparently left him. Murphy, played by junior Sam Weller, is an old trapper who tells crazy stories, half of which are in all likelihood false. However, he proves to be friendly, and ultimately one of the more likable characters. There are also a few minor struggles.

The barkeep, Nick, serves as a mediator between all of the stories. The theme of the show deals with the conflict between high and low society, the rich and poor, and the powerful and the powerless.

The set is constructed wonderfully with a checked floor pattern, a realistic-looking bar, and a small stage which one assumes is for the various bar entertainments. Other adornments include a juke-

extended trip, which, according to the Parent-Student handbook, it is."

"In (the complaining teachers') minds, trips are all the OEC's about. It's just having fun," OEC member Greg Stahl said. "It involves a lot more than just that... I've been on plenty of OEC trips, and you pick up things that you could never pick up anywhere else, besides in nature and through close encounters with your friends... It's a lifetime experience we're going to keep forever."

But, in the end, all the complaints and discussion forced Zarrick to cancel the trip. "It was getting to the point where I was concerned about the students being impacted negatively; I didn't want to create undue controversy," he said.

Stahl worried that the debate over the trip would just degenerate into a feud between the OEC and the teachers who didn't excuse them. "I don't want to put

box set next to the bar, which is itself covered in small trinkets. A small pinball machine sits in another corner. Both the jukebox and the pinball machine were handcrafted in the SLUH scene shop. Everything on the set catches the atmosphere of a low-end dive.

Also, this play features something special for the audience: some will actually be allowed to sit on the stage. On the back wall of the stage, several chairs and tables are set up, designed to blend in with the set. However, audience members will be the ones occupying those chairs, giving them a unique view of the show, and making them part of the set.

Overall, the acting is superb, and the subject matter makes for a night of provocative conversation. The ultimate message of this show is, while these people may be culturally the lowest, dirtiest people on Earth, they are also the most wonderful. In conclusion, *The Time of Your Life* is well worth five dollars on Saturday or Sunday. So do your homework tonight, and come see the show. You will not regret it.

down teachers for what they're doing," he said. "That's not what this is about."

Some in the OEC worry that part of the problem stems from the way people view the club.

"I think a lot of the perception is that OEC just has fun. The truth of the matter is we do a lot of service work, we have a weekly service site, we do a lot of fundraising to bring down the cost of trips," said Zarrick.

Stahl said, "Service is very important to us," and continued, "We want our club to take on a better persona."

Zarrick closed by saying, "What really hurt me was the look of disappointment on the 25 guys' faces, especially the seniors."

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hour and complete whatever tasks Cohen has for them.

Currently, students are working in a part of the park called Savannah, collecting seeds that Cohen can trade for other seeds that can be planted in other areas of the park. Stahl says that the group's next project will be to plant new species in different areas of the park.

However, SLUH is still involved with Forest Park Forever through the Outdoor Experience Club, which is helping SLUH board member Ted Hellman relocate the Forest Park Forever offices. Hellman is also a Forest Park Forever board member. The OEC has agreed to help because the club supports Forest Park Forever, which raises money and contributes to making Forest Park beautiful.

The Forest Park Service Group is the only student-led community service project at SLUH. Considering the location and frequency with which SLUH students use the park, Stahl and Reynolds say the park is a gift that is underappreciated by SLUH students. The leaders' goals are to help preserve the park and encourage underclassmen involvement so that commitment to the park will remain active long after the leaders leave.

Toilet paper, jelly beans, and kazoos: SLUH records

Matt Hoffman
Editor in Chief

I'll lay it out plain and simple: the time has come for us to pass the final frontier. SLUH needs to hold a world record in something, anything really—just as long as it's a record.

The real challenge of breaking a record is in thinking of a record to break. Well, that's not true. The hard part is breaking the record, but seeing as how we don't have a record to break, and how I'd like to think the record-breaking process is downhill after the conception of an idea, let's just pretend that we're tackling the hardest part now.

Who better to find a record to break, or create one and then break it, than our mentors, the faculty and staff?

A popular idea is to take the easy road to record-breaking by simply identifying a record which SLUH already holds. Some teachers strongly suspect we already hold the record for the highest arrogance quotient.

Physics teacher Paul Baudendistel believes we currently hold the record for "least sleep by a group of 1100 people," or possibly for "most reading into a poem."

Maintenance staff member Scott Urban reminds the school that we already "did the chicken wrap thing last year."

Urban also believes that SLUH goes through the most toilet paper used by students. "I replace seven or eight rolls a night," said Urban.

However, the validity of these records is questionable. In addition, this reporter strongly suspects some might have brought these records up, *gasp*, sarcastically.

We need a real record: the world's largest something, the world's most something, the world's first something.

History teacher Tom Finan thinks he can set a world record alone. "I'm sure I could eat something," said Finan.

English teacher Tim Curdt and Spanish teacher Charlie Merriott claim to hold world records themselves. Curdt claims to hold the world record for "most times slandered by another English teacher."

English teacher Steve Missey, one of the alleged slanderers, commented, "That (record) has been verified."

Curdt is by nature an experienced world record attempter. When he was in second grade, Curdt attempted, with a friend, to set the record for most consecutive catches of a Nerf ball. They got to 400 catches, but according to Curdt, "We had to (stop) because we had to go to the Muppet Movie."

Merriott claims to hold the record for "most consecutive days with a crappy-ass computer that doesn't work."

While it's nice to have record holders on staff, the school needs to hold a record of its own.

"(The record) has got to be something stupid. Something good would be too hard," said Spanish teacher Greg Bantle.

"Maybe something unique to SLUH (could make a good world record)," said physics teacher Kent Kershenski, noting, "Probably something in the pool hall could be done."

English teacher Miles Grier suggested SLUH set the record for the longest belly brigade.

Computer teacher Tim Rittenhouse thinks the record to break would be "most kazoos playing at the same time." Rittenhouse noted that the advantage to this record is that "you don't have to have any talents whatsoever." Rittenhouse wants to break a record, but "nothing that requires talent."

History teacher Steve Aylward suggested that SLUH break

a record by having every student "know the difference between Iran and Iraq and know how to pronounce the damn things."

After minutes of confused silence, science teacher Charlie Busenhardt suggested SLUH host "the longest continuous soccer game."

Surprise World-Record-breaker-thinker-upper and Tech Theatre teacher Scott Sanders said a good record would be "fitting the most of anything small into anything big." He suggested setting a record for fitting the most jelly beans in a Volkswagen Beetle. Sanders also suggested the longest amount of time a school

keeps people walking around a track. The plan would be to keep one student walking on the track at all times. "Keep people walking around for a month," said Sanders.

Art teacher John Mueller is the only faculty member to challenge Sanders for weirdest record suggestion, countering the jelly beans in a VW Beetle idea by suggesting we "all wear black shoes." It is uncertain whether Mueller wants to break a record or just really likes black shoes.

The best record to break would be a record which already exists. After paging through the book, 1996 edition (the finest), I think that the best record to break would be the soda can pyramid.

The current record for most cans in a soda can pyramid is 4900 cans. To add one more layer, and break the record, SLUH would have to make a 5525 can pyramid, which would be 25 cans high and 25 cans by 25 cans on the bottom level. If every student brought in 6 cans, we would easily have enough to construct the pyramid.

Ok, ok, there are some holes in this plan. As Grier pointed out jokingly, "We have some pretty clumsy freshmen."

In fact, as of right now, there is no plan in place to build this can pyramid. But it is possible. So let's rally together and get the name of our school in size 2.5 print in the 700-page *Guinness Book of World Records*.



The frustrations of building a can pyramid (dramatization).

by Brian Fallon

Calendar

Oct. 4- Oct. 12

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Schedule R

College Visits:

Boston College @ AP

Colorado College @ AP

FB vs Vianney @ 7 pm

V H2O Polo vs John Burroughs @ 4 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5Dauphin Players' *Time of Your Life* @ 5:30 & 9 pm

V Soc. vs Vianney @ 7pm

B Soc vs. Vianney @ 5 pm

V/JV XC @ Jesuit Inv. @ 10 am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Family Mass @ 9:30 am

Dauphin Players' *Time of Your Life* @ 7:30 pm**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**

Schedule R

Technology Meeting

College Visits:

Southern California, University of @ AP

Missouri, University of-Columbia @ AP

Wooster, College of @ AP

Layfayette College @ 10 am

Sign up in counseling office

Swarthmore College @ 11 am

Boston University @ 1:45 pm

JV Soc vs Roosevelt @ Compton Drew @ 4 pm

B Soc Tournament @ 4 pm

Tri Tators & Pizza

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Schedule R

College Visits

Rockhurst University @ AP

Sign up in counseling office

Amherst College @ 12:52 pm

V Soc Tournament @ Soccer Park

Cheese Garlic Bread & Toasted Ravioli

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Schedule R

Freshman Class Meeting

Lacrosse Parent Meeting @ 7 pm in Cafeteria

College Visits:

Missouri, Univ. of-Columbia @ AP

Washington Univ. @ AP

Williams College @ AP

Bosco Sticks & Hot Wings

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Schedule R

Junior Class Meeting

Sophomore Parent Meeting: 7-9 pm

College Visits:

North Carolina, Univ. of-Chapel Hill @ AP

B FB @DeSmet @ 4:30 pm

C FB vs DeSmet @ 4:30 pm

JV Soc vs CBC @ FoPo @ 4 pm

B Soc @ Chaminade @ 4 pm

Pretzels & Papa John's

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Schedule R

College Visits:

Sign up in counseling office

Loyola Marymount Univ. @ AP

Middlebury College @ AP

Southern Illinois Univ.

Edwardsville @ AP

V FB vs DeSmet @ 7 pm

V/JV/C XC @ Metro Inv. @ 4:30 pm

B Soc vs CBC @ 4 pm

V H2O Polo @ Ladue @ 5 pm

JV H2O Polo @ Ladue @ 4 pm

Cheese Sticks & Pizza

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

V Soc @ Soccer Park

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scramble: the defensive line needs a good rush to put pressure on the passer, and the receivers must all be well covered in the defensive backfield. SLUH had both of these aspects working for them on Friday. When Lenior could pass, SLUH tormented him in all three defensive layers. A safety (Joe Moellering), linebacker (Joe Finney), and lineman (Troy) all intercepted passes.

Troy's was especially impressive because he caught the ball somewhat unexpectedly as he was getting blocked. The Jaguars were threatening to score at the time.

SLUH begins a two-game home stand against Metro Catholic Conference (MCC) rivals Vianney and DeSmet, who currently share first place. The Jr.Bills are looking for their first MCC win, against Vianney 7:00 p.m. tonight in the Stadium.

Spirit Week

Compiled by Tim Huether



History teacher Tom Finan, Ph.D, ate seventeen tacos and drank half a gallon of apple cider on Tuesday in the STUCO sponsored Eating Contest.

The Eating Contest was the hit of Spirit Week, and was also a hit in the STUCO budget. At 99 cents for two tacos, and 120 tacos purchased, the food alone cost over \$65.

Finan won in a close contest with diverse competition, even from freshman, as shown by a representative from each class throwing up on his tacos.