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# Prep News

*"If nothing else, value the truth"*

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## Iraq turmoil brings speaker, town hall meeting *300 students assemble in theater for a lecture by Dr. John Renard*

**Matt Hoffman and Tim Friese**  
Editor in Chief, Reporter

Monday's activity period saw an estimated 300 students and faculty members pile into the theater to hear Dr. John Renard lecture and answer questions regarding misconceptions about Islam.

Renard, '62, holds a doctorate in Islamic studies from the Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations department of Harvard. He has written ten books on Islam and comparative religions and is currently a theology teacher at St. Louis University.

Renard kicked off his lecture by recalling a music video he had recently seen

on MTV. The video's lyrics contained questionable language and sexually explicit images while the artists wore gold crosses. He argued that someone who knew nothing about Christianity might think, "This is what Christianity is all about." If they continued their research of Christianity by reading the Bible, they might find out that Jesus befriended prostitutes and sinners. According to Renard, they might conclude that



Dr. John Renard addresses the crowd on Monday.

Christianity is a "religion of sleaze bags."

"I really liked his example at the beginning," said senior Pat Hogan, agreeing with Renard's point that, "You can't take the extremists of a religion as the norm."

Renard claimed that many people form opinions of Islam based on their understanding of extremist groups, not of the majority of Islamic people. Although opinion  
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## Intramural music competition rocks the gym, activity period

**Tim Huether**  
Reporter

Intramurals kicked off on Monday in the gym with a music trivia contest. Freshman and sophomore homerooms participated in a semifinal, narrowing the homerooms to a smaller group of contenders.

History teacher Dave Barton, the organizer of intramural activities, was ecstatic in anticipation



Harrison and Barton judge the music competition.

of the event. "I've been very pleased with the enthusiasm and turnout of the students and teachers," Barton energetically explained. Other judges included Tim O'Keefe, Tim Rittenhouse, Tim O'Neil, Jeff Harrison, S.J., and Allen Boedeker.

Teams sat in the stands with signs indicating their homerooms. In the center of the gym sat the judges, accompanied by a CD player on a

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## Byrd's condition improves after brain surgery

**Brian Kane**  
Core Staff

Sharon Byrd has been making small improvements since her admission to Barnes-Jewish Hospital on Sept. 19. As St. Louis U. High Custodial Supervisor Dee Byrd says, "Any kind of improvement is a blessing."

Sharon Byrd regained consciousness on Saturday, Oct. 5. Her improving condition allowed for her relocation from the intensive care unit to a semi-private room of the hospital.

The hospital staff has since begun  
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# Young Republicans club reestablished

*Club reformed after years of non-existence*

## Compiled from sources

Last Wednesday at activity period, the Young Republicans held a meeting to discuss the reestablishment of their club.

"The club had actually been defunct for a few years," said senior John Schranck, who is largely responsible for reorganizing it. "I was never really a die-hard Republican, but I felt like there needed to be a forum where conservatives could express their viewpoints. So I asked around and found out that the moderator used to be (librarian Eleanora) McCarthy."

"In years past, the club was really big and popular," said McCarthy. "I think we had about 50 or 60 members in '96 when Dole was running." But membership declined over the years and, despite a Republican victory in the White House, the club stopped having meetings, leaving no one really in charge of the club.

"I didn't have as much time for it anymore, and kids just didn't seem as

interested," said McCarthy.

But things seem to be changing. Once again, signs advertising the Young Republicans club adorn the walls of SLUH, elephants and all.

"Only about a dozen people came, but many of the people I speak with—especially seniors—are really interested in the club," Schranck said. "You've got to remember that this is the week before exams. A lot of the guys are making up tests and scrambling to get everything all taken care of. Plus the freshmen had Mass so they were out."

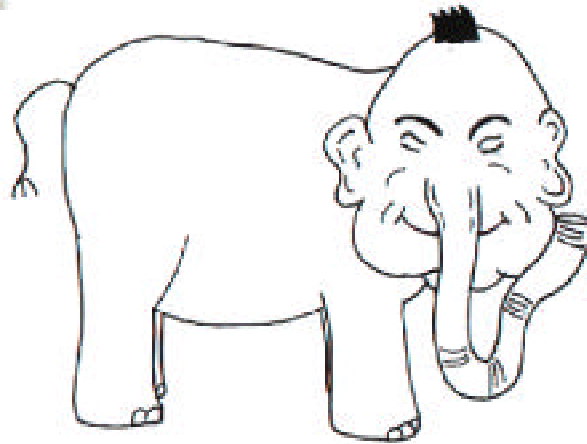
However, the limited attendance al-

lowed for a round table discussion of both conservative values and issues in general, from toll roads to the Taliban.

"Basically, conservatives believe that the function of the government is to do those things which the people themselves

cannot," Schranck said. "Things like building roads, maintaining an army, ensuring a favorable place for trade...that's what I believe the government should do."

"The problem with socialism and...big government is that it leaves people without incentives," said  
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Drawing by Charlie Hall

## CRASH TEST DUMMIES

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table. The judges played songs on a mix CD and had the homerooms attempt to guess the title and artist. Barton handed each homeroom a printed sheet with a place for homeroom number and spots for the artist and song title, and homerooms wrote their best guess in the spaces provided. Then, after each team answered, the judges played a larger portion of the song and its identity became obvious.

Ten songs each were played in two groups of six- and four-second increments. Answers for the six-second portions won two points for correct artist and one point for correct title. For four seconds of songs, the title was worth two points and the artist worth four. Finally, there was a third increment of two-second songs. For these, the artist was worth eight points and the title worth four.

In the four- and six-second catego-

ries, two of the questions were derived from each of the following five categories: the '50s and '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and today, and a miscellaneous category. In the two-second intervals, only one question per category was asked.

Of the ten homerooms per grade, five advanced to the semifinals.

The next stage took place to narrow the homerooms down to four, or one per grade. These final four will take on a faculty all-star team of eleven or twelve teachers in a music trivia free-for-all. This event is slated for Oct. 28 and will have the same format. Only one team will emerge victorious.

The freshman semifinal was held on Tuesday along with the juniors' preliminary round. Freshman homeroom M109 came away victorious. Senior prelims were held on Wednesday, along with junior semifinals, and junior homeroom M206

demolished the competition. Senior and sophomore semifinals were held Thursday. The sophomore finalist is M215, while M108 will represent the seniors.

Positive reactions abounded from the student body.

"I thought it was great," said freshman Bryan Carlin. "Mr. Barton had a sound list of music and organized the event very well."

"It was great," agreed senior Matt Hoffman, who noted that he derived much of his enjoyment from winning.

The next intramural event, which will take place during the week of Oct. 21, is the SLUH Olympics, a variety of zany, potentially embarrassing team relays.

All points earned in intramural events will be added up for a grand homeroom winner that will be announced after all events are completed.

# Weighted grades discussed among teachers

**Rico Bertucci**  
Reporter

Each fall, seniors prepare college applications, relying on recommendations, standardized testing, and class rank. The last may be jolted by the proposal of weighting grades.

Last year, the counseling department began to discuss the effects of weighting grades. Their proposal generated some interest among the faculty, precipitating informal discussion.

Problems arise when students taking more rigorous schedules receive lower grades in challenging subjects than students taking less challenging classes, which in turn hurts the class rank of those taking more difficult courses.

Counseling department chair Ken McKenna said that because colleges have their own perceptions, this would not affect most students, especially in the area of admissions.

However, in terms of scholarships, especially some offered by the University

of Missouri, "Some schools draw a really definite line," said McKenna. Students who are not in the top ten percent of their class are ineligible for these scholarships. This loss of scholarship money has brought about the proposed change of the current ranking system.

Since the proposal, faculty have been gathering data. "The idea was to get a lot of minds working on the issue," said assistant principal Mark Michalski. At the beginning of this year the Instructional Council looked at the findings, in "an attempt to resolve the issue," said principal Mary Schenkenberg.

The Council regarded many articles and studies on the subject from such sources as *Education Week* and the University of Maine. Mathematics department chair Tom Becvar sample-weighted the grade point averages of the top thirty-five seniors last year. Probability and Statistics teacher Craig Hannick weighted last year's entire senior class.

While both Becvar's and Hannick's study reported negligible shifts in class

rank, six seniors would have jumped into the top ten percent, and six would have fallen below. McKenna regarded this statistic as "very significant," pointing out the vast "distinctions in expectations between some classes" and the differences in the caliber of performance of students in more rigorous classes.

While weighting grades may help students on the bubble for certain subjects, it may turn out to be a "real injustice" said Becvar. Fine arts courses would not be weighted, so theoretically a student taking six weighted classes and a fine art would be mathematically unable to achieve as high an average as a student who took six weighted classes and a free period. "This goes against our reasoning for implementing a seven-class schedule," said Becvar.

Also, if students who didn't belong in weighted classes pushed their way in, then Becvar said "It could affect instruction as well." But, a gatekeeper policy like those held in English and history could be instituted for weighted classes.

While weighting has its flaws, McKenna also pointed out that our current ranking system is a "very rough measure in terms of quality of program and performance," and is in need of some sort of revision.

One possible solution to the conundrum would be to drop ranking entirely. This, although it has not been thoroughly debated, seems to be a possibility. English Department Chair Chuck Hussung said that rank is an "oversimplification," which explains why "the honors SLUH bestows on students are much more judgmental than numerical."

While the Instructional Council provided a forum for these issues to be discussed, the administration will pass the final verdict. Schenkenberg said that the administration "is still exploring (weighted grades)," but will not "make any rash decisions." Any decision that is made will not become effective until the end of the school year. This gives the administration time to speak with individual teachers as well as parents and students.

## SLUH + \$ = Red Cloud scoreboard

**Brian Fallon**  
Core Staff

Last May, students helped raise money for a scoreboard for Red Cloud High School in Pine Ridge, S.D. Led by social studies chair Peggy Pride, students raised money by selling food at last year's Spring Fling. The National Honor Society and STUCO also donated money from their accounts. Overall, students raised \$1500.

Red Cloud Indian School, which now includes kindergarten through twelfth grade, was founded in 1887 by the Jesuits as a

Holy Rosary mission. Chief Red Cloud of the Lakota tribe petitioned the United States government to allow Jesuits to establish a school in his tribe's territory, and students began attending the school a year later. It strives to educate the students of their Lakota heritage, as well as integrate Catholic beliefs into their lives.

On Sept. 6, the scoreboard was dedicated on Coach Bob Clifford Athletic Field at Red Cloud's first football game against the Crow Creek Chieftans. SLUH's fundraising effort was mentioned along with other con-

tributors who made donations.



Two Red Cloud football players stand by their new scoreboard.

## FOLIAGE

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ions about other religions are unfounded, often people pass judgement. "This happens all the time," said Renard.

"The relationship between religion and violence is very complicated," said Renard. Both the Quaran and the Bible contain passages advocating violence. If taken out of context, the Quaran could be read to say, "When you find the Christians, kill them wherever you find them." However, Renard also cited examples of violence supported by God in the Bible.

"The Bible page by page is more violent than the Quaran," said Renard.

Misinterpretations can lead to both unfounded negative opinions about another faith and justification for violence by members of the faith.

"Religion is rarely ever the initiating factor. It is the justifying factor. It's a way to get people riled up, to evoke anger," said Renard.

According to Renard, Osama bin Laden is a political leader using religion to gain support. "Osama bin Laden was not known as a religious scholar, but he made himself one," said Renard.

After his lecture, Renard took questions from the audience. Senior Suneal Menzies asked, "In a religion like Islam without a real hierarchy, who has the authority on who can issue a jihad?"

Renard used this question to clear up misconceptions about the word "jihad," which is defined as a struggle. Said Renard, "It can mean keeping things together on a hard day or a global conflict." jihad is often mistranslated as "holy war" by the media, causing people to link violence to Islam.

Other questions arose about who has power in the Islamic world and the stance in the Quaran on murder. According to Renard, "A person is given power by his constituency." He also clarified, "The principle scripture is against killing anybody."

Renard closed the section by stating the golden rule of scriptural interpretation: "If you do not want members of other religions to interpret your scriptures as only the extremists interpret them, don't

interpret their scriptures as only extremists interpret them."

Reaction to the meeting was mostly positive.

English teacher Terry Quinn noted, "(Renard) said great things for students to hear...important things to keep in mind."

Menzies said, "I think he did a good job of trying to break down stereotypical attitudes that we have towards Islam because of fundamentalists that use their

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-Dr. John Renard

beliefs to justify acts of violence."

In general, students felt that the meeting was too short. Said senior Mike Leuchtman, "That was more useful than a couple minutes of class time."

Tuesday, a group of about 40 teachers, students, and faculty members met in the Ignatian conference room to share ideas and feelings about the current state of United States foreign policy towards Iraq. English teacher Rich Moran and pastoral director Rob Garavaglia organized the Tuesday meeting to allow students a chance both to clarify misconceptions and share personal feelings and reflections on the state of the U.S. relationship with Iraq.

Theology teacher Jim Linhares led the forum, beginning with a short discussion about the political and historical facts of Iraq. Linhares outlined the context into which a possible war falls, a context of changing alliances and varying hostility. Linhares mentioned some relatively unknown facts, such as the 1995 Oil for Food Program, where the U.S. began to import some oil from Iraq in exchange for

foodstuffs, and the 1980s friendship between Iraq and the U.S.

From the factual portion of the forum, the conversation progressed to participants sharing perspectives and questions. Students, teachers, and faculty members expressed a wide range of viewpoints, from liberal to conservative, religious to secular.

Senior Geoff Brusca, for example, questioned President Bush's motives for war, accusing him of "wanting to distract us from the economy." Brusca further asserted, "Oil is Bush's concern."

Senior Matt Hoffman also questioned Bush's motives, saying that Bush "doesn't care about Iraqis."

Junior Dan Lieser questioned the United Nations rather than Bush: "I don't think the U.N. is genuinely interested in helping Iraq. I think the U.N. has its own special interests."

Senior John Schranck offered another perspective on the U.S.'s relationship with Iraq. Schranck said, "We are the largest, most powerful country in the world. That gives us a need to act independently from the rest of the world."

Ralph Houlihan, S.J., offered a uniquely Catholic perspective on the situation in Iraq. Though many people present were discussing the military and political realities, Houlihan said that it was essential that any discussion "remain a moral one." Houlihan cited passages in the Catechism referring to war, noting that the Catechism requires extensive reflection on the gravity of war.

Broadening the discussion, Hoffman worried that the Bush administration was using a U.N. weapons inspection "as a way into war, and not a way out."

Sophomore Paul Barker later responded to this line of thought, asserting, "War should be the last resort."

Most who attended said they thought the event was a success. Schranck said that he "was impressed by the number of people." If anything, Schranck thought, "the meeting was too short."

Moran said he was impressed by the spirit of everyone who attended. He said, "As a community, we were there."

# Soccerbills beat second-ranked Vianney

**David Mueller**  
Core Staff

SLUH soccer regained prominent stature this past week with three victories, including an impressive win against second-ranked Vianney.

The Jr. Bills defeated the Golden Griffins last Saturday by the score of 3-1. The steadily improving Soccerbills reached peak performance for a full eighty minutes. The team moved the ball with pace and purpose to create a string of opportunities directly from the first whistle.

Coach Charlie Clark said, "We did a better job of getting behind their defense, making us consistently dangerous."

The Jr. Bills kept the ball out of the possession of the big, fast, and physical Vianney squad. The Upperninetybills continuously pushed forward with the wing defenders to pressure the Griffin defense.

Head coach Charlie Martel said, "We had some good chances."

## Harrierbills sweep all divisions at Jesuit Invitational

**Patrick Meek**  
Core Staff

This past weekend, the 81 members of the SLUH cross country team competed in the Third Annual Midwest Jesuit Invitational, which draws its participants from Jesuit schools from around the country. In the process, they were able to conquer their fellow Ignatian brothers by sweeping the varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen races.

For the third year in a row, the cross country team hosted runners from Regis Jesuit High School in Denver. On Friday, the Harrierbills took the Regis XC team around to their classes and showed them what the U. High is all about.

"The Jesuit Invitational allows for our runners to meet new runners and get a break from the ordinary," XC coach Jim Linhares said.

For the second week in a row, the

Wing midfielder and captain Matt McCarthy scored two goals, including one off a cross which, instead of bounc-

Golden Griffins began to launch a full attack, they began to expose a hole in the Bluewhitebills defense. Since the wing defenders pushed so far forward, the Jr. Billikens were left open to a quick counterattack.

Early in the game, defenders Pat Ferrell and Tim Baldes had swept away Vianney's scoring opportunities and denied them

JR. BILL POINT LEADERS		
	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>
<i>Twellman</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Germanese</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Kreikemeier</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>McCarthy</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>

ing, skipped on the wet SLUH stadium turf, making McCarthy's leaning headball attempt futile. But he improvised by throwing his heels above to deflect the ball past an unsuspecting goalkeeper and into the net; McCarthy defined athleticism. He followed up his mesmerizing masterpiece by volleying a second-half goal into the far post to put the Jr. Bills up 3-0.

Late in the second half, when the

access to the goal.

"We basically shut them down," Martel said.

However, later in the game, when more Griffins began to push forward, Baldes and Ferrell were outmanned. With Vianney centrally located around the Jr. Bills' net, the ball was sure to find the back of it.

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## PN Nightbeat

### XC PLACES 8TH AT METRO INVITATIONAL

Thursday night, the cross country team ran at the Metro Invitational. The Harrierbills ran their second seven in the varsity race, in order to rest the top seven for upcoming meets. Nonetheless, the team put together a strong race, with sophomore Charlie Samson leading the way with a time of 18:06. Right behind Samson were sophomores Joe Carlson and Dan Flanagan, all three of whom earned medals.

"(The team) did their best and ran valiantly," coach Tim Chik said.

### SOCCER DEFEATS FOX, 5-1

Sophomore Tim Weir scored two goals and junior Ryan Hyde scored a goal to lead the team to victory. The Jr. Bills scored four of their goals in the second half.

varsity team consisted of Peter Schaefer, Drew Noblot, Kevin Crean, Matt Killiany, Brennan Connor, Andrew Linhares, and Alex Muntges.

However, this week the Jr. Bills tried something new. Instead of going out hard from the gun in the first mile, these seven runners ran in a tight pack in the rear half of the race, hoping to conserve energy for the second and third miles. The team came across the line at the first mile at 5:30.

After the mile marker, the team picked up the pace and surpassed most of the field on their way to first place.

Coming across the line first for the Jr. Bills was Schaefer, who put together strong second and third miles on his way to a 2nd place finish with a time of 16:22.

The rest of the team came in with Muntges (16:57, 12th place) Noblot (17:00, 13th), Crean (17:01, 14th), Linhares (17:04, 15th), and Killiany

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# Icebills tie Lafayette 4-4 in season opener

**Chris Wojcicki**  
Reporter

Last season ended for the Icebills with a disappointing 3-1 quarterfinal loss to eventual state champion DeSmet. This loss, compounded by the absence of last year's three leading scorers, could have easily caused this year's hockey hooligans, as well as team members, to despair. The Jr. Bills, however, entered the Webster Groves Top Hat Tournament with high hopes.

One reason was the team's strong preseason performance. The Jr. Bills faced several tough opponents, emerging with ties against Kirkwood and Parkway South, and a close 3-2 loss to Vianney. Despite going winless in the three games, the Jr. Bills showed great potential.

The Puckbills' brilliant progress showed in their first game of the Top Hat Tournament against a strong Lafayette team considered to be among the top five in the area. However, Lafayette had more

experience, with more than a dozen preseason games under their belts. Jr. Bills coach Charlie Busenhart was optimistic, saying, "We're two- to three-goal underdogs...but we're going to go out there and show them something."

The Jr. Bills came out a little sluggishly, failing to take advantage of an early power play and remaining unable to sustain offensive pressure throughout the first period. The team also showed a slight lack of defensive discipline, which resulted in two first period power play goals against them.

Busenhart's boys dropped their first period woes and came back onto the ice fired up at the beginning of the second, putting heavy pressure on the Lafayette goaltender. Garbage man Mike Tangaro cleaned up on a loose puck opportunity during a pile-up in front of the net less than two minutes into the period. Two minutes later, freshman phenom Eddie Effinger took advantage of a Jr. Bills' power play, making a spectacular move to split the goalie's five-hole and tie the game 2-2.

But the IceBills could not keep this momentum throughout the period. After a few minutes of back and forth play, the Lancers took the lead on a deflection off a forward jockeying for position in front of goalie Charlie Effinger. Later in the period, the Jr. Bills allowed another goal on a four-on-four opportunity, failed to convert a 2-man advantage, and ended the period down by two goals.

After seeing this dismal finish to the period, Busenhart took charge of his boys. Delivering a passionate intermission speech, he was determined not to let the game slip away. Carrying this inspiration, Eddie Effinger scored another early-period goal, his second goal in the first game of his high school career.

The team then began to push for the tying goal. Following a breakaway from forward Tim Mudd, defenseman Derek Winters corralled the rebound and set up junior forward Brad Naert, who netted the tying goal. The hockey hooligans erupted into a frenzy. Seeming to feed off this energy, the Jr. Bills continued the attack.

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# Polobills smash Burroughs, thrash Chaminade

**Dave Marek**  
Reporter

During the past week, the Jr. Bills made water polo look easy by crushing John Burroughs 14-2 and Chaminade 11-7. These decisive victories put to rest any questions of their ability after their defeat at the hands of MICDS.

John Burroughs had no idea what awaited them when they plunged into the Forest Park Community College pool last Friday. They could not fight the awesome power of the Polobills' offense and the impenetrable Jr. Bill defense.

The first period of the game did not start off at the blistering pace that the Jr. Bills are accustomed to. Billy Dahlmann started the period off with a breakaway goal fed to him by Tommy Heafner. Heafner also racked up a goal in the period with a blistering shot from the perimeter.

John Burroughs answered with a goal of their own, and the period ended with the score 2-1, Jr. Bills.

The second period proved to be the period of the Mighty Polobill. Phil Abram scored the first goal of the period with a lob shot from the middle of the pool after bobbling the ball. Not giving John Burroughs time for rest, Dahlmann hurled the ball past the goalie off a cross-goal pass from sophomore Tim Heafner. Patrick Slaughter showed no mercy as he casually lobbed a shot over the John Burroughs goalie's head, successfully capitalizing on the goalie's mistake of drifting too far out of the goal.

The Jr. Bills continued their rapid pace throughout the second quarter, and entered the third period with a 7-1 lead.

In the third period, the Jr. Bills' dominant defense continued to hold John Burroughs to only one goal. Juniors Andy Withington and Colin Tyrell scored the

only goals of the period and the Jr. Bills led John Burroughs 9-1 at the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter consisted of the Polobills' hammering the nails into John Burroughs' coffin. Abram began the period with a dazzling pop shot from the middle of the goal. Dahlmann continued to dominate in the fourth quarter; he successfully obtained a hat trick on the night. The game ended with a final score of 14-2.

After the game Tommy Heafner said of his two goals "You can't stop what you can't see, float like a butterfly, sting like a bee."

Colin Tyrell provided a different view of the game: "We were not a team. There were seniors who played, there were juniors who played, and there was a sophomore who played, but a team did not play."

The Polobills continued their string  
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# Cardiacbills stave off Griffins, 7-6

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

The football team established its first winning streak of the year by defeating Vianney 7-6 at home last Friday night.

As the score suggests, the Jr. Bills' defense played well, despite allowing Vianney running back Brandon Holland 193 yards. Considering Vianney's multitude of yards and SLUH's 288 yards on the night, one might think the game was a shootout, but a shootout it was not.

The Jr. Bills scored on a 50-yard connection from quarterback Dossie Jennings to receiver Joe Neely in the second half. In his first game playing both offense and defense, Neely caught three passes from Jennings for a total of 74 yards.

Coach Gary Kornfeld cited Neely's shoulder injury as the reason for Neely's not being used more, saying that the coaching staff was "easing Joe back in."

Vianney had big play potential as well. Holland took a handoff on Vianney's 20-yard line and burst through the middle of the Jr. Bills' defensive line, and soon found daylight and the end zone for an 80-yard touchdown run.

Holland's big game was not the first time that the Jr. Bills' defense was threatened by a strong running back. Parkway West's Will Meyers ran the Longhorns to their win over the Jr. Bills, and Vianney looked to do the same with Holland. But the Jr. Bills' defense answered Holland's challenge with a resounding "Not in my house!"

"We feel we're big enough and we're strong enough to where we can stop anybody that tries to run at us," defensive lineman Phineas Troy said. "After a couple of games we finally got it through our heads that we can stop them, and now we're starting to do it."

The defense played as a team, not leaning on one player too much. Linebacker John Block led the team with 15 total tackles, but seven other players had at least four tackles.

The Jr. Bill defense forced timely turnovers that demoralized the Griffin

team. Neely came up with one such turnover. With 4:23 left in the first half, Vianney began a drive on SLUH's 45-yard line. The drive took them down to the 2-yard line. On first down, the Griffins attempted a pass with 1:41 left. Neely, stuck to his receiver like glue, yanked the pass out of the air and saved the Jr. Bills from a large deficit going into halftime.

The third quarter was uneventful until, with 2:11 remaining, the Jr. Bills recovered a Griffin fumble and went on the offensive.

Neely scored immediately on the 50-yard toss from Jennings. Tim Simon kicked the extra point to put the Jr. Bills up for good.

But of course, as has been the case in the fourth quarter this year, the suspense wasn't over. As Vianney drove late in the quarter, defensive back Chris Sahrman crushed the Griffins' hopes with an interception. Unfortunately, the hope stayed crushed for only about 4 seconds. On his

return of the interception, Sahrman fumbled the ball, giving Vianney new life and a new set of downs.

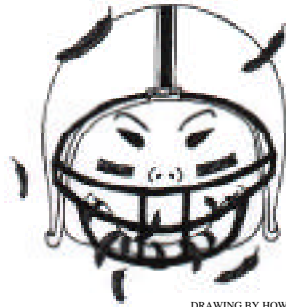
Vianney promptly marched the ball down into field goal range. Troy created a fumble and disaster again struck the Griffins. Defensive end Matt Maisak fell on top of the fumble.

Kornfeld called Troy's heads-up stripping of the ball "very smart." Continuing to give credit where credit is due, Kornfeld noted that Maisak's recovery "really solidified the game."

Following the recovery, the Jr. Bills had nothing left to do but run the clock out for their second consecutive win.

MCC foe DeSmet travels to SLUH at 7:00 p.m. tonight to try to hold onto first place in the conference.

Kornfeld noted that the current Spartan football team is "probably one of the best they've had in quite a few years."



DRAWING BY HOWIE PLACE

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(17:06, 16), rounding the top six. The final score for the team was an impressive 56 points.

Unfortunately, Connor had to pull out of the race in the second mile when he began to experience severe knee pain. Connor is seeing the doctor this week, and hopes to get cleared for the upcoming conference and state meets.

Following the meet, the team celebrated Mass with the teams they had competed against. Following the celebration of the Eucharist, the teams went to DeSmet's gymnasium and ate dinner to celebrate the day's race.

Unfortunately for the Jr. Bills, the team is having to deal with: injuries and sickness. Linhares and Connor are each battling injuries in their lower leg and knee, respectively. Schaefer is dealing with a nagging cold which prevented him to run in the beginning of the week. If the

Jr. Bills hope to earn a trophy at the state meet, their runners will have to recover.

"I think it is something temporary. I think by State we will be okay," Connor noted.

The JV team also put together an impressive race by beating Marquette Jesuit, a strong team from Milwaukee, Wis. Leading the way for the Prefontainebills was Kyle Gonnerman, who ran in the lead for most of the race. Gonnerman, who finished with a time of 17:23, was followed by sophomore Charlie Samson, who stepped up with a time of 17:43.

The freshmen finished off the sweep with a sensational performance by Ben Murphy-Baum, whose time of 18:06 allowed him to crack the second seven.

Coach Tim Chik summed up the team's performance by saying, "We had exceptional performances at all levels."

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of wins on last Wednesday night at Chaminade, where they beat the Red Devils 11-7.

The first quarter proved to be a battle of the defenses. The Chaminade two-meter guards showed their skill in the first period, forcing the Jr. Bills to rely on their counterattack offense for the initial part of the game.

Dahlmann scored the first goal of the game off a breakaway. He proved his physical toughness with his second goal, which he scored with his head underwater while being attacked by a defender and the Chaminade goalie.

Tim Heafner and Slaughter also put points on the board in the first period, and the Jr. Bills led Chaminade 4-1 at the end of it.

Chaminade continued to fight in the

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Martel, considering the game, said, "We can look at that game and say that we are a good team...(We had) urgency of play, something we have been looking for all year... and (we) played physically."

On Tuesday the Postandinbills began a very winnable Hudson tournament, which requires five wins in five days, with a why-are-we-here victory against an over-matched Webster team. The team seemed to be looking past Webster and not truly focused on the task before them.

"It reflects the personality of the team," Clark said. "We are happy just being in the lead."

While winning three to one and giving up only one shot, it looked like a different team on the pitch than the one that performed so well on Saturday.

"We (needed more) confidence in front of the goal," Martel said.

He went on to say that the tournament is "a huge demand upon the team...five games in five days."

Playing matches that will not be remembered unless they lose has not helped the Sidenettingbills this season, showing inconsistencies during such matches and

second period, scoring the first goal of the period off a flip shot from the four-meter. Tim Heafner answered back by muscling the ball into the back of the goal with a helpless two-meter guard hanging onto his shooting arm. Dahlmann capitalized on a cross-goal pass to end the half with a score of 6-2.

Chaminade continued to fight for a lead in the third period, scoring the first goal, but the Jr. Bill offense proved to be too powerful. Abram dominated the two-meter position in the period for his first goal, and Dahlmann scored two goals in the period from two nearly identical fadeaway shots. Tommy Heafner also scored in the period, and the Jr. Bills entered the fourth period with a 10-4 lead.

The final period was subpar for the Polobills. They were outscored 3-1. The only Jr. Bill goal came from none other

than Dahlmann off a penalty shot. Dahlmann scored six goals altogether and played a significant part in the SLUH 11-7 win over Chaminade.

"They call me cobra for a reason," Dahlmann said.

Abram explained Dahlmann's performance in seven words, "It's simple; Billy Dahlmann is a powerhouse."

Going into the Chaminade game, Dahlmann was ranked third overall for total goals in the state of Missouri with 41, and fourth overall in points with 88.

Also, Tim Heafner ranked ninth in the state for overall points and brother Tommy ranked sixteenth in the state for total points.

Tonight the Polobills FACE off against Ladue at Forest Park Community College at 5:00 p.m.

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However, these opportunities could not be converted. Charlie Effinger staved off numerous Lafayette counterattacks, making several mind-blowing saves, including a lightning-quick glove save on a laser from the blue line. Effinger shut out the Lancers in the third, preserving the tie.

Effinger noted, "The team got better as the game went on."

Busenhart, who always has high expectations for his teams, would only admit, "We played well in the third period."

The Jr. Bills hope to carry this momentum tonight against a solid Chaminade team. They need a win against the Red Devils to keep alive the hope of advancing to the next round of the tournament. The game is 11:00 p.m. tonight at the Webster Groves Recreational Complex.

## *Quote of the Week II*

*"None of us here today desire to see military conflict because we know the awful nature of war."*

-President George W. Bush



**ELEPHANT**

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senior Jim Martin. “Why should I be the ditch digger in the socialist country? Who would decide who would do what? The problem is that everybody wants to be that guy in the library who gets to study or that musician who gets to play the piano. Nothing would get done in a socialist country.”

Schranck continued that line of reasoning. “The same thing—lack of incentive—kind of applies in a lot of Third World countries, too. If I were a farmer in Africa and somebody might randomly come steal my crops, why should I grow them? Defining property rights would solve a lot of problems in Third World countries; farmers would be more confident to plant things if they knew they would own the fields at the end of the year. The answer isn’t always financial aid from the U.S. or U.N.”

The group moved away from that topic to discuss transportation. “Toll roads make sense,” said senior Carl Thompson. “They’re generally a lot nicer than regular highways; they’re smoother and safer.” The theory here was that only those who use a service directly should pay for it.

Martin proposed that I-70 be converted to a toll road, citing what terrible condition it is in.

Despite the stereotypes that they are all gas-guzzling SUV drivers, the Young Republicans openly discussed building more public and mass-transit systems. Elephantbills generally supported expansion of the Metrolink and trains, too.

“There’s got to be something more efficient than Amtrak,” said Thompson. “They’ve got a bullet train in the northeast, but it’s plagued with problems. Hopefully they’ll work that out.”

A bullet train from St. Louis to Chicago that would reach speeds of over 100 mph is in the works, but given Amtrak’s financial woes, its future is in jeopardy.

Dispelling the stereotypical view of Republicans is one of the goals of the club.

“We intend to recycle our flyers after we are done with them,” Schranck explained. “We’re actually a little disappointed that people have been ripping them down. We’ll not be reciprocating violently. Respect is absolutely necessary. Actually, a debate with the Demo-

cratic Socialists is quite possible. We think the solution is less government; they think it’s more.”

The biggest surprise of all was probably the members’ lack of enthusiasm about war against Iraq. “The thing that annoys me is that he wants to attack a sovereign country just for the hell of it,” Thompson said of President Bush.

Some cited Iraq’s violent track record as a possible reason for attacking, but most felt that the president has not made facts compelling them to support military action available. There may be a meeting to discuss Iraq exclusively soon, though no date has been set.

The club is looking toward the future, with a meeting already planned for the first Friday of the second quarter. The Young Republicans hope to increase membership and secure a lot of guest speakers, including prominent Missouri politicians and lawmakers.

“The days of political monopoly are over at SLUH,” concluded Schranck. “Now students can openly discuss both conservative and liberal viewpoints.”

**First Quarter Exam Schedule**

Monday, Oct. 14	Wednesday, Oct. 17	Thursday, Oct. 18
English 8:05-9:35	Social Studies 8:05-9:35	Math 8:05-9:35
Foreign Language 9:45-11:15	Science 9:45-11:15	Theology 9:45-11:15
Third Exam 11:45-1:15	Third Exam 11:45-1:15	

**NHS POLL CLUB**

Question:

Do you claim to smoke cigarettes? If so, how often?

- 72.3% have never smoked
- 18.8% have tried it but don’t smoke regularly
- 3.2% smoke on the weekends
- 1.3% smoke close to a pack a week
- 1.8% smoke several a day
- 2.6% smoke 1+ pack(s) a day

*Quote of the Week*

*“I give (this watch) to you not that you may remember time, but that you might forget it now and then for a moment and not spend all your breath trying to conquer it.”*

-William Faulkner, *The Sound and the Fury*

**BYRD**

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speech and physical therapy with her, and she will continue to undergo intensive therapy in the near future. On Wednesday, the therapists tested her ability to utter simple sounds and letters.

It is still too early for doctors to make a prognosis or long-term predictions. “We’re still hoping and praying (for the recovery),” said Dee Byrd.

by Brian Fallon

**Giant Calendar****Oct. 11 - Oct. 26****FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

Schedule R

College Visits:

Sign up in Counseling Office  
Loyola Marymount University @ AP  
Middlebury College @ AP  
Southern Illinois University-  
Edwardsville @ AP

V FB vs DeSmet @ 7 pm

B Soc vs CBC @ 4 pm

V H2O Polo @ Ladue @ 5 pm

JV H2O Polo @ Ladue @ 4 pm

Cheese Sticks &amp; Pizza

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

V Soc @ Soccer Park

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14**

Exam Schedule

V/B Soc @ Hazelwood West @ 4 pm

C Soc vs DuBourg @ Compton Drew @  
4 pm

V/JV H2O Polo @ Lindbergh @ 4/5 pm

Pizza

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

No Classes: freshmen and seniors

PSAT testing for sophomores and juniors

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

Exam Schedule

Burgers

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**

Exam Schedule

V Soc @ Marquette @ 7 pm

B Soc @ Marquette @ 4:30 pm

B FB @ St. Mary's @ 4:15 pm

V/JV H2O Polo vs Ladue @ 4/5 pm

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**

No School

V FB @ Bloomington @ 7 pm

JV Soc vs CBC @ Forest Park @ 4 pm

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

District Music Festival

V/JV/C XC @ Chaminade-MCC Meet @  
10 am

V H2O Polo @ MICDS @ TBA

V Soc vs Parkway South @ 7 pm

B Soc vs Parkway South @ 5 pm

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21**

Schedule R

Sophomore Retreat

SAC Meeting @ 7 pm

College Visits:

Beloit College @ AP

Colorado, University of-Boulder @  
AP

Creighton University @ AP

Eckerd College @ AP

Kalamazoo College @ AP

Lyon College @ AP

Vanderbilt University @ AP

Sign up in Counseling Office to at  
tend:

American University @ 12:52 pm

V Soc @ Francis Howell North @ 6 pm

JV Soc @ CYC Tournament TBA

B Soc @ Francis Howell North @ 4pm

C Soc @ Duchesne @ 4:15 pm

B/C H2O Polo Conference Tournament  
TBA

Onion Rings &amp; Pizza

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

Schedule R

Junior Ring Order

College Visits:

Hendrix College @ AP

Louisiana State University @ AP

Loyola University-New Orleans @  
AP

Trinity College-Connecticut @ AP

Truman State University @ AP

Villanova University @ AP

B/C H2O Polo Conference Tournament  
TBA

Pizza Snack &amp; Club Wraps

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23**

Schedule R

Junior Ring Order

STUCO Blood Drive

Sophomore Retreat

College Visits:

Grinnell College @ AP

Regis University @ AP

St. Olaf College @ AP

Sign up in Counseling Office.

Culver-Stockton College @ 12:52  
pm

Tulane University @ 12:52 pm

V Soc vs CBC @ 7:30 pm

B/C Soc @ CBC @ 4 pm

C FB vs CBC @ Compton Drew @ 4:30  
pmB/C H2O Polo Conference Tournament  
TBA

C XC @ Sioux Passage @ 4 pm

Taco Sticks &amp; Mostaccoli

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24**

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Senior Class Meeting

NHS Induction @ 7:30 pm

College Visits:

Sign up in Counseling Office.

John Hopkins University @ 1:30 pm

B FB @ Parkway Central @ 6:30 pm

B/C H2O Polo Conference Tournament  
TBA

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

Schedule R

College Visits:

Colorado State University @ AP

Dayton, University of @ AP

Miami University @ AP

Webster University @ AP

Sign up in Counseling Office.

Claremont McKenna College @ 1:45  
pm

V FB vs Rosevelt @ 7 pm

Cheese Garlic Bread &amp; Pizza

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

Alumni Sports Trivia Night

V Soc @ Chaminade @ 2 pm

C Soc @ Chaminade @ 12 pm

V XC @ District Meet TBA

V H2O Polo @ Districts-Rec Plex TBA