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## Summer excavations bring storage space

**Andrew Ivers**  
Editor in Chief

This summer, the school began one of its largest renovation efforts in years: the excavation of the remaining basement area—formerly solid dirt dotted with concrete support pillars—for added storage space. Singer Excavation began work less than a week after the last day of school, and the rest of the heavy construction will be complete by Sept. 7, according to Vice President of Administration Brian Sweeney.

The administration allocated most of the area for Cashbah use, and should be ready for use by Nov. 30, Sweeney estimates. More storage space was needed for auction items. Brother Richard Witzofsky, S.J., who spearheads the restoration of furniture for Cashbah, also received more work space. Principal Robert Bannister and President Paul Sheridan's offices sought space for file storage.

A new weight room and training room will be installed at the southern end of the area and Martin Hagan's office—the southern wall of which marks the northernmost point of the excavation—will remain in place.

The Singer teams began in June by knocking out a section of the brick wall on the east face of the building, at ground level, and digging a hole, and a ramp, large enough to accommodate a Bobcat digging vehicle. The workers then dug out dirt from the hole to the east wall of the rec room and from Hagan's office to the hallway just north of the weight room. Once the dirt was cleared, teams knocked out walls near the computer office and the weight room to enable easy access to the area.

The next main job was to replace the old columns with new, thinner ones, as well as level the floor of the room, since the floor near the east wall is three feet higher than the new floor.

On July 25, Sweeney estimated that 98% of the dirt had been removed and 20% of the concrete work was complete. Those two stages are now complete and workers are now laying the concrete



SLUH's alley east of the school. Crews from Singer Excavations have been digging all summer.

floor. Sweeney said of the installation of the stronger columns, "Not only did we see **DIRT**, 6

## Bannister will retire at year's end

**Andy Neilsen**  
Editor in Chief

After seven years at SLUH, Principal Robert Bannister has officially announced his retirement. "I've been talking to Father (Sheridan) for a couple years," Bannister said. "It was no secret." Bannister had been contemplating the shuffling of administrative positions in the past few years at SLUH, and decided to make a move for the sake of SLUH's stability.

As recently as five years ago, SLUH had had two different presidents and numerous principals in a three-year period. Bannister feels that rapid changes in administrative positions cause problems with the way the school is run, in addition to more significant dangers. Bannister expressed a great desire to see the traditions of SLUH—not in the sense of the Jesuit chapel and home football games, but in the day-to-day running of the school—

continued when the new principal came. Bannister wants to retire now to "have a more ordered exchange of administrative positions." Retiring now gives Sheridan time to help the next principal adjust to the position before he would leave SLUH as president.

From his own experience, this idea appealed to Bannister. When he became principal, he had the help of former Principal Paul Owens (who remained at SLUH as Plant Manager, a position he held until this year, after he left as principal) and Assistant Principal Art Zinselmeyer, who helped him get used to the day-to-day aspects of his new job.

After Bannister informed the board of his official retirement, the administration formed a search committee, another advantage to the timing of his announcement. In this way, SLUH administrators will have ample time to find a qualified

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# Mueller leads North American Martyrs Chapel restoration after smoke and fire damage

**Andy Neilsen**  
**Editor in Chief**

After flames and smoke damaged the Jesuit chapel in last May's fire, restoration crews began to plan repairs for the extensive harm done to the chapel.

After estimating the cost of repairs due to fire and smoke damage at nearly \$25,000, the chapel restoration crew discovered asbestos tile under the carpet. Not only did this

discovery tack on an addition \$75,000 to the repair bill, but it also complicated the cleanup procedure. SLUH began an extensive cleanup and restoration of the chapel, which now has yielded spectacular results after only three months of hard work.

J&S Company took care of the removal of the asbestos, completing the job in mid-June. However, because of the dangers associated with asbestos tile, crews could not begin the majority of repairs until the tile was removed. This delay set the crew back about two weeks, preventing the school from opening the chapel by the beginning of the school year.

Though SLUH administrators expressed initial concern about the cost, they will likely have to pay very little of the final figure. Sentry Security, the company who provided the guard who set the fire, assumed full insurance responsibility. Though there were some rumors that Sentry's insurance company, United In-

surance, had tried to dodge the costs of the repairs, Vice President of Administration Brian Sweeny said that the company "never denied liability" for the fire.

After the crews removed the asbestos, the restoration began. In addition to Woodard Restoration, a company that specializes in cleaning and repairing fire damage, several

members of the SLUH faculty played important roles in returning the chapel to

the entire process of restoration carried a great seriousness. Understanding the beauty of the chapel before the fire, Mueller knew that he had to return the chapel to its original state.

Because the fire was started on the altar, the most extensive damage occurred on the altar and the façade behind the altar. In 1946, the Father's Club donated the skillfully-carved altar to the chapel. The fire thoroughly charred the top of this 55-year-old altar, and Mueller had to find a qualified carpenter to reproduce the altar. Citing his philosophy for the chapel's restoration, Mueller said, "I had the feeling that we wanted to keep as much original as possible."

With this idea in mind, Mueller had carpenter Scott Hay reproduce only the top of the altar and cover the burned parts with cornering panels. Mueller also worked with Hay to clean the reliquaries in the chapel. These displays held the Jesuit relics found at SLUH three years ago.

Julie Bugnitz, art teacher Joan Bugnitz's sister, completed one of the most impressive jobs of restoration in the chapel. The fire completely destroyed the

right-side panel of the façade behind the altar. The difficulty in making a new piece was not primarily cutting the stencil but rather matching the paint colors. The opposite side panel

survived the fire unharmed, with the exception of smoke damage. In recreating the destroyed panel, Bugnitz tried to du-

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The destruction of the façade after last May's fire.

its original beauty.

Art teacher John Mueller coordinated the repair and cleanup effort, which proved

to be an exceptionally difficult task. Because the chapel was completed and furnished in 1946, it is an understatement to say that some of the same materials

are not available now. Mueller had to find new wallpaper for the out of print and damaged lower section of the chapel. Though this task may not sound difficult,



The beautifully restored chapel panel by Julie Bugnitz

## EDITORIAL

**The motivation behind the tradition**

This week, each class attended its usual welcome-back meeting. On Tuesday, Dean of Students Eric Clark said to the senior class, "You say you love this school. Don't just talk the talk, walk the walk." One would think that most students, or at least most seniors, would say that they love the school. Yet, there was a greater crowd response when Clark cautioned not to, "try to trick the trickster" than when he tried to urge students to show their pride in the school by keeping it clean. It seemed that, for all the wisdom that Clark and others tried to convey to the new seniors, the students were more preoccupied with Clark's charm—the antics they recall from three years of similar meetings and three years of similar advice that they might have missed beneath his charismatic presentations.

It is apparent that many students here do not emulate the standards of thoughtful, conscientious people as much as they merely mimic the actions they loved when they were freshmen. Most of the values which upperclassmen hold dear were, most likely, cultivated at SLUH in their freshman year by their teachers and the ever-admirable seniors. Seniors today remember what they loved as freshmen and know what they want to cherish.

The only trouble is, as everyone here should know, that not all traditions are good. One may say these traditions were conceived so long ago and that they carry such tenure that their legitimacy should not be questioned. Yet weren't they developed, for the most part, by young men like us, with no great ulterior motives other than to better enjoy a social event, for example? Traditions at SLUH, only two or three years old in most students' minds, are held sacred too blindly. What some students view as a righteous upholding of all that has been good about this institution in the last eighty years is merely a means of achieving social satisfaction. The heart of this school should be selflessness, not such immediate gratification.

Two areas come to mind in the realm of student social

behavior: the daily homeroom climate and the exterior climate of the arenas and theatres which separate the students from the building yet allow them to retain the school identity. Both situations yield an air of arrogance, which is present from the first freshman homeroom, institutionalized for the most part by seniors.

Whenever a mixer looms near, conversations about girls become more and more frequent and never more so than between seniors and freshmen. Although some students display a sincere respect for girls, many do not and feel no shame teaching freshmen to do the same attitude. The sexual haughtiness—a playful, yet dangerously realistic so-called ladies' man persona—only amplifies with time as students remember the sexual maturity of their seniors and try to attain it. It seems that most seniors, forgetting how profoundly they affect their freshmen, also fail to realize the implications of these homeroom seminars in the outside world. With a mixer so close these upperclassmen should watch their words and freshmen should listen to such discussions cautiously.

Furthermore, during events of non-school-sponsored sports, when fans are expected to control themselves without faculty intervention, they frequently shame the sportsmanship their players strive to uphold. At hockey games, for example, fans jeer and harass opponent players with a tone that destroys the respect the players deserve, yet they hoist their own players, who have made the same commitment as their opponents.

Students need not look far for models of integrity as well as respect for tradition. Students say they love the school, yet how much of that is love of the social ambiance, sped by tradition, and how much of that is a passion for the Ignatian ideals of selfless service? The class of 2002, as well as the classes of 2003-'05, have the chance to reform, to reject the mindless following of a social tradition despite its charm, regardless of its implications, into a thoughtful following of a tradition of which all SLUH students, faculty, alumni, and family can be proud.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### New STUCO staff kicks it off

Dear fellow Jr. Bills,

Let me be the first to welcome you to your first Friday of the 2001-2002 year (if someone has already welcomed you, then let me be the second, or third, or whatever). We down here at STUCO have some big things in the works for you this year, and I hope that you are ready to have fun because, to be perfectly honest, we are ready to provide you with opportunities for fun. Tonight, for instance, is the Back to School Mixer. Anyone who has been to one can tell you how good it is, but you really should experience it firsthand (and remember to tell all your friends). Also, tonight is the Water Polo game against Parkway South.

So, go to both events and support your school. We are also going to have a pep rally for the K-Wood football game next Friday and don't even think about not coming to that, because we have an alien autopsy planned to take place on stage as well as a bearded woman, an abnormally large mouse exhibit, three turtle doves, a fat guy, and a rooster who can speak in Arabic. Also, shirts are on sale in the STUCO office and they are selling like water in the desert (Well, faster than that actually). Thanks homeboys and peace out for now,

Mike Lewis

Part time dog trainer and full time Vice President

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The *Prep News* is neither the voice of the administration nor the students. Rather, the newspaper serves to gather and disseminate information for the entire school.

The *Prep News* editors and staff members make every effort to be objective in their news coverage and editing, and they strive to be unbiased in their athletic reporting.

As it stands now, the organizational structure of the *Prep News* is similar to that of recent years. This year the *Prep News* has two editors in chief and one sports editor. The members of the editorial staff are co-workers and share the

duties of writing, copy-editing, layout, and staff management. The editors are supported by a core staff of regular reporters and pressroom aids and by additional reporters, who are frequently underclassmen.

Occasionally, the staff will also include such positions as layout staff, artist, etc., as deemed necessary by the editors and moderator.

It is the role of the editors to seek out and facilitate the reporting of all significant news at SLUH. While any faculty member or student is welcome to submit suggestions for potential articles, the *Prep News* is never obligated to publish any article idea; the editors withhold the right to deem any potential article un-newsworthy and retain it from publication for this reason.

Our primary emphasis as editors of

the *Prep News* is upon accurate reporting, careful editing, and clear writing. But we do attempt to include some visual expression—photography, drawing, technical aids, or the like—in every issue. Despite our desire to make the paper visually appealing, we commit ourselves not to allow form to supersede substance.

The *Prep News* strongly encourages underclassmen involvement, and our office on the second floor of the Jesuit Wing, Room J, is always open, whether for involvement, criticism, praise, or suggestions. Without student reaction and feedback, the *Prep News* could not function.

If the *Prep News* is inaccurate, we will try to correct any significant error in the following issue.

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Nothing published either as an editorial or as a letter to the editor should be considered the opinion of the school, the administration, or anyone other than its author or authors.

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# Administrators do the shuffle for 2001-'02

**Andrew Zimmerman**  
Reporter

Notable changes took place this summer in SLUH's administration, as Art Zinselmeyer, Mark Michalski, and Patrick Zarrick rotated positions.

Mark Michalski has assumed the duties previously held by Art Zinselmeyer as Dean of Academics.

"It was a natural move, and I have fit right into the job," said Michalski. He will also serve as the director of scheduling, which he began working with last year. In addition, Michalski will continue to oversee the admissions process with Principal Robert Bannister.

Said Michalski, "I'm excited about the new responsibilities... (and I'm) looking forward to the challenges of the job."

Former Dean of Academics Art Zinselmeyer's new job will be to focus on faculty development. Because

Zinselmeyer also accepted a position as a project coordinator for secondary Jesuit education for the Missouri and Wisconsin provinces, he will be cutting back the time he spends at SLUH to three days a week.

Zinselmeyer's job as project coordinator will take him to the offices of Jesuits of the Missouri Province two days a week. Zinselmeyer will work on creating programs for new teachers, organizing retreats for veteran teachers, and coordinating group leadership meetings for high school teachers.

With the departure of Plant Manager Paul Owens, Patrick Zarrick has taken over part of Owens's former responsibilities in the new position of Facilities Director. Zarrick's new responsibilities include overseeing security at SLUH by working directly with new head of security Charles Clark; being in charge of the reservation of facilities; and assisting President Paul Sheridan, S.J., on the Vi-

sion 2000 expansion program. To fulfill his new responsibilities, he had to give up some of his biology teaching duties, but he still has time to teach A.P. Environmental Science.

Said Zarrick, "I enjoy teaching the students and spending time with them, and I feel that the experience will still be available to me working with CSP, OEC, and the Karate Club." Zarrick also commented on the importance of the assistance of Alumni Service Corps volunteer Derrick Eicholz, calling Eicholz's assistance "vital" to his ability to participate in his various activities.

## BANNISTER

(from 1) principal. Bannister "forsees no problem in getting interested people," and calls his position as principal the "best anyone in education can hope for."

There will be seven people on the search committee, including counselor Dave Mouldon, theology teacher Ralph Houlihan, S.J., and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Ted Hellman.

Bannister has accomplished a great deal during his term as principal, which Sheridan attributes to his dedication as an educator. Bannister has increased the number of courses offered at SLUH, including backing the science department to add more classes to provide an education with more options to students. He has also attempted to improve technological competence among SLUH students, acquiring the science department's iBooks and lab equipment, as well as continually investigating more options for more technology.

Sheridan praised Bannister for his service to SLUH. Sheridan emphasized that, most importantly, Bannister "rightfully earned the respect of the staff" at SLUH.

Long-time friend and theatre teacher Joe Shulte, who also attended SLUH with Bannister as a student, said of Bannister's term, "No one likes to see something good come to an end."

# Freshman invade: D-Day

**Brian Kane**  
Core Staff

During the last days of their summer time fun, the incoming freshmen of St. Louis U. High went through their traditional initiation into the SLUH community. Direction Days took place from Thursday, Aug. 16 through Tuesday, Aug. 21.

The day's events began at SLUH. The students arrived and met outside in Alumni Park, then went inside the building for a prayer service in the main chapel. During the prayer service, the freshmen listened to talks from SLUH President Paul Sheridan, S. J., and from Tim Curdt, the freshman class moderator. "They talked to us about the journey into high school and going through the years," said freshman Ryan Tandler.

After the service, the students went outside to Alumni Park again, where they played the traditional name game with the members of their group, and participated

in the egg drop. Jack Engle, one of the attending freshmen, said, "It was pretty fun. We met more people, so we new more people's names."

Once the initial activities to break the ice had been completed, the students boarded their buses and made the drive to Green Hills, in west county. During the morning, faculty members gave short talks to the students. The students participated in several of the traditional initiatives used at Direction Days.

After eating lunch, the students again engaged in team-building activities by playing several sports. Two of the more favored sports were water polo, and of course, basketball. Freshman Joe Lorenz commented, "I really liked getting to play sports in our groups."

After finishing their games, the entire contingent boarded the buses again and returned to SLUH. Once there, they found their parents waiting for them. SLUH Principal Robert Bannister, school

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# Pastoral office space expands to commons

**Andrew Ivers**  
**Editor in Chief**

Over the course of the summer, but especially in August, the school completed a number of renovations. These renovations included a major reconfiguration of the layout of the student commons and the pastoral offices, the further development of the P.E. field south of the Berthold parking lot, the addition of a second coaches' commons, and a second-floor computer lab.

As a result of the Pastoral department's cramped space, the administration decided to convert what was the actual commons area into Pastoral office space and move the tables and chairs to the south entryway and the space that they vacated.

Modeled after the counseling office, the new pastoral office features a commons area—with a conference table and couches—for informal meetings as well as inner office space for CSP moderator Patrick Zarrick, pastoral Jim Knapp, S.J., Pastoral Director Robert Garavaglia, and the new Senior Project directors Jeff Harrison, S.J. and Rebecca Ferrigni. The offices, which line the north and east wall, were created just three weeks ago with drywall partitions.

The old office had four large desks facing each other in the middle of an already small room leaving little room for comfort or lounging, let alone private meetings for its occupants.

## DIRT

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an improperly-heated concrete mixture, which one could crumble with a touch of the hand. Inside the columns themselves, Sweeney reports, he and other workers found bending rebar.

Replacing the columns, first by pouring and waiting for new footings to dry, then by pouring the columns, took extra time. Sweeney says this is why the project was not completed by the beginning of the academic year, as was the initial plan. He went on to say that the workers have yet to

According to Garavaglia, it was "confining; it wasn't comfortable or students or faculty." He added, "We want(ed) to create a place in which students feel welcome."

The new office features large doors at one end and another entrance in freshman hall and is close to the cafeteria and the STUCO office.

According to Dean of Students Eric Clark, students will currently be allowed to eat lunch in the considerably smaller student commons area.

"We welcome life, energy," said Harrison of pastoral's new neighbors—lunchers and STUCO—"and some of the music."

One of the downsides to the commons renovation is the loss of an Outdoor Experience Club mural Bryan Murphy, '00, painted on the south wall shortly before he died the August before his senior year. Harrison explained that the administration made every effort to save the art, but they could not move the drywall backing without destroying it. "We feel bad about it," said Harrison.

In an effort to compensate for the loss, the administration will establish a memorial in the form of a collage of pictures which document Murphy's labor in one of the school's main hallways.

The school has also given some coaches new office space with a second coaches' commons, located between the computer labs and the first coaches' com-

mons, now the football and basketball office. The room, formerly used for Cashbah storage, will be equipped with nine desks for non-basketball and -football teachers. There will also be a television and a VCR in the office.

Wehner explained that prior to former head basketball coach Don Mauer's departure last spring, the first coaches' commons served Mauer and football coach Gary Kornfeld, both P.E. teachers. According to Wehner, "It was open for all coaches," yet "a small, vocal minority felt intimidated (going) in and out" of the office.

The new commons, Wehner hopes, will be a much more open place, like other common offices in the school. "The bottom line is, everyone needs a place away from the academic side" of the school.

Work is also progressing with the P.E. field and parking lot on the south side of the Berthold. The school plans to expand the P.E. field into a regulation-size soccer field, yet can accomplishing work until the City of St. Louis vacates the adjacent stretches of alley and street.

Wehner says that the plans for the P.E. field ultimately call for an eight-lane running track, a regulation soccer field, seating for 500 to 1000 people and a press box, completely moving track and soccer activities from the current stadium. These plans are part of SLUH's Vision 2000 renovation and expansion campaign, and

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encounter any other serious problems.

In addition to the new space, the old weight room, training room, and adjacent maintenance room, known as the old boiler room, will be vacant after the construction is complete and the equipment from each is moved to its new location. Sweeney thinks the area will go to the Athletic Department, and Athletic Director Dick Wehner said it would be quite useful. He envisioned the transfer of the football equipment from the dry room into the old

boiler room or weight room, both at which, having outside walls, ventilate well.

He said that Cashbah could then use the current dry room for storage, which seems fair, since the installation of the new coaches commons in a Cashbah storage area forced various Cashbah items into the adjacent halls.

As a result of the excavation, the rec room was healthily coated in dust, yet freshmen need not fear: the hall will re-open this year, as usual, early next week.

# NEW SLUH FACULTY 2001-2002

**FRANK KOVARIK**  
ENGLISH

**CRAIG HANNICK**  
MATH

**JOHN ROSS**  
MATH

**Dan Julius**  
**Reporter**

This year brings many new teachers to the faculty, each with their own goals and ideas for the school year ahead. One of these teachers is the soft-spoken, amiable new teacher of Reading and Writing Fiction and freshman English, Frank Kovarik.



During the 1998-99 school year, Kovarik was a member of SLUH's Alumni Service Corps, a program organized by SLUH for its graduates to return to school and work as what can best be described as former-student teachers. Kovarik decided that he wanted to join this service after discovering his penchant for teaching while acting as a student teacher at both Ritenour High School and at St. Louis University during a summer program.

"I enjoyed the freedom that (the ASC) allowed to design our curriculum and our class," he says. This appreciation, coupled with a respect for SLUH's English Department, lured Kovarik into service with the ASC.

Having left SLUH after his one-year stint as an ASC member, Kovarik earned his Master's degree in English at Washington University, and also taught a coed fiction writing class here during the summers for kids entering the eighth grade before returning this year to work as a full-time member of the faculty.

Although Kovarik he is not tied down to any particular activities at the moment, he is "keeping (his) eyes open," and is interested in helping English teacher Rich Moran with the publication of the literary magazine *Sisyphus*.

**Denis Agniet**  
**Reporter**

Math teacher Craig Hannick has re-joined the St. Louis University High faculty after a three year absence.

Hannick was originally hired at SLUH in 1989. During his first years, he taught geometry and calculus



while also coaching freshman soccer and sophomore baseball, as well as moderating the *Prep News*. Hannick was also the Wellness Coordinator.

Hannick left SLUH in 1998 to pursue work as an actuary for General American. He worked in the product division where he tested and put prices on new products. After working in the corporate sector, however, Hannick "missed the component of working in an education enviroment."

Hannick will teach geometry and honors algebra, in addition to once again **see HANNICK, 8**

**Dane Moody**  
**Reporter**

New head basketball coach and math teacher and native St. Louisan John Ross comes to SLUH after having previously taught and coached at three area high schools.



After attending college at Webster University, where he obtained bachelor's degrees in mathematics and education. He then spent two years teaching at Brentwood, five years at DeSmet, and two years at Whitfield High Schools where he taught and coached at each.

Athletic Director Dick Wehner described Mr. Ross as having "tremendous knowledge of the game of basketball, a great passion for the game."

Ross said he is "really looking forward to when basketball gets started." He will be taking over the reigns from departed coach Don Maurer.

## This Week in Prep News History

**Aug. 30, 1985 Volume 50 Number 1**  
"Last year Mr. Nicollerat taught a 'keyboarding' class, supplementing the standard 'typing' class using eighteen Commodore 64s. And the *Prep News* utilized the school's DEC Computer. . . The '85-'86 year, however, holds even more in store for students. . . SLUH has incorporated several Apple IIs and a MacIntosh into several courses."

**Aug. 31, 1979 Volume 44 Number 1**  
"Mr. Dunn, coach of the Varsity Soccer team at SLUH has been selected as the National Soccer Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. (NHSACA)"

**Aug. 26, 1988 Volume 53 Number 1**  
"A new policy allows students to wear midhigh-length, solid colored shorts and no socks in hot weather. Cutoffs and sweat pants, though, do not comply with the new policy, and shirts with collars must still be worn. The reason for the ruling is to provide a comfortable enviroment in the heat."

# Water polo looks to improve in new season

**Tim Roth  
Reporter**

With the success of last year's varsity water polo team, the expectations for this year are high. On the shoulders of captains Greg Szewcyk, Dan Klein, and Kevin Price, the Polobills look to improve from last year's tough loss in the championship game to MICDS.

Even with the loss of key players from the team such as Zach Hartwig and Charlier Maitz, Price still thinks they're in good shape. "All the seniors worked very hard in the offseason to prepare to win this year, and we expect nothing else," said Price. "We'll continue the U. High tradition and be the best."

Senior Donny "The Pain Train" Despain said, "We'll do fine as long as we score more goals than the other team, and

## FLAMING CHAPEL

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plicate the exact color on the other panels. Years of dust, light, and smoke from the altar have turned the panels into colors suprisingly hard to duplicate.

After numerous experiments and three trips to the paint store, Bugnitz tried a new way to match the color. Finding undisturbed paint from the original panel under its wooden border, she matched those colors, then painted over them with a thin coat of a red, black, and brown mixture to simulate the aging. The effect of this aging is astounding. There is virtually no difference between the brand new panel and the original.

"It (making the panels) would have

## HANNICK

(from 7)

serving as Wellness Coordinator. He will also teach graduate classes at Webster University.

Of Hannick's return, math department chair Tom Becvar said, "It is always great to get good teachers back." Becvar also commented that Hannick is flexible and explains the material well.

stay out of my way when I get the ball or it's a one way ticket on this 'Pain Train.'" Despain didn't see much playing time last season because of a back injury but he looks to make up for it this year.

The other enforcers on the team include seniors Dan Klein and Brendon Sanders, the team looks to them to push the ball down the pool with wishy-washies performed on the other team (note: wishy-washies are not legal).

Senior Greg Szewcyk's philosophy for the year is something that everyone can look up to and strive for. "It's not worth winning if you can't win big," said Szewcyk. He expects the scores to be extremely high as the team makes its way to state.

Some of the team members received a bit of a spanking at the Junior Olympics over the summer. Senior Mike Peterson

been much easier if she could have made all four of them instead of trying to match the colors," Bugnitz reflected. She spent an estimated 37 hours of work cutting the stencil for the pattern on the panel and matching the colors.

These panels also include a carved wooden lattice that is both intricate and beautiful. Mueller contacted Architectural Stone, a wood and stoneworking company. The company reproduced this intricate lattice beautifully, again making it almost indistinguishable from the original. Mueller said that all the people who worked on the project "did a magnificent job," a statement with which anyone who

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Wehner estimates the work will be complete, realistically, in six or seven years.

The most minor—yet certainly not least helpful—change this summer was the conversion of the English rooms 202 and 204 into a computer lab and classroom (with traditional student desks). While the room is a classroom and not an open computer lab, its users will not be limited to the English department.

According to English teacher Rich

looks to avenge some of the goals he gave up. "I look to post a 0.00 goals against average this season," said Peterson. "It will be tough, but I have to have some sort of goal for myself." Peterson is showing much improvement from last year and has been promoted from goalie and named "entire defense of the Varistry team" by head coach Charles Busenhart.

Busenhart also has high hopes for the season. "We'll be okay if the old freshman step up and play like they aren't freshmen and the new freshmen learn quick," Busenhart said. Along with the freshmen he looks to get performances from other returning varsity members, including seniors John Pimmel and Jason Jacobi, plus a number of juniors who had successful seasons last year. The varsity team starts their season this Friday at Forrest Park Community College against Parkway South at 5:00.

saw the chapel would agree.

As for security guard Charles McIntyre, who set the fire, SLUH did press charges against him as well as the company he worked for, Sentry Security. Sheridan said that "(His) heart goes out to (the security guard)," who was obviously in a mentally disturbed state.

At this point, the chapel restoration is complete. Though dropcloths and broken benches remain, Sheridan said that the chapel will open next week. Sheridan called the chapel restoration "uplifting" and was very happy that such a "sacred, prayful place" would be available to the school again.

Moran, the new room will "reduce pressure" on the downstairs labs, which became inaccessible to the fiction students who spend half their class time composing, when computer classes expanded. when computer classes expanded.

Maintenance crews have not installed the computers in the room yet because the manufacturer has not delivered the keyboard trays.

# Footbills Anticipate Gridiron Success

## *Jr. Bills faced Parkway South in season opener*

**John Stewart**  
Reporter

On Thursday evening the SLUH Varsity football team started their quest towards its first state title in 31 years. The team's expectations show that this could be one of the more anticipated seasons in recent memory. However, the team will have to drive through one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the area.

The Footbills drew a tough first contest at Suburban South power Parkway South. Check the *PN Nightbeat* for the results of this game. The Patriots are ranked #2 in the area, but they lost many key components such as All-Metro selection Jeff Styles from last year's team. The Jr. Bills will also have to face new rival Kirkwood at home in the second week of the season.

The Footbills' strength will be the return of the dominant defense that includes senior First Team All-Metro strong safety Chris Finney. They will look to Finney to provide the explosiveness he provided on defense last season; three of his five interceptions were returned for touchdowns.

The linebacking corps remains strong, even with the departure of Illinois-bound Matt Sinclair. Division 1 college recruit Craig Schlappizzi, senior Mike Klevorn, and junior Joe Finney will provide excellent run defense. "The defense will be very successful with a good core of veterans coming back and strong participation from the underclassmen," said Schlappizzi.

The secondary remains one of the best in the area. Captains Chris Finney, Adam Siebenman, and Mike Pettit will lead this group. With these three starters returning from last year, the pass defense will remain very strong. Both Finney and Siebenman were in the top five in the MCC last year for interceptions. Junior Joe Neely will step in as the cornerback opposite Pettit. The defensive line has little varsity experience, but that does not

mean that they won't be successful. Senior Tony Sansone will lead this group with his non-stop motor and tenacious attitude.

The offense is returning five starters from last year's attack including senior offensive lineman Stanford Richardson. He is known to dominate opposing defensive lineman with his tremendous strength. Joining Richardson on the O-line is fellow senior captain Alex Glennon. The other three spots are still up for grabs. Junior Dossie Jennings will return as the quarterback. His speed, quickness, and strong arm should help the team move the ball well. Chris Finney will join Jennings in the backfield as the fullback, and senior Cris Carter will return as the starting running back. Carter brings extreme quickness and breakaway speed to an offense that expects him to have an even better year than last year.

Senior Brad Drakesmith will take over as the tight end this season. He has good speed and should present problems for opposing linebackers and safeties. He has high hopes for the team this year. "With a potent offense and a strong defense, we can be one of the better teams in the state," said Drakesmith.

The receiving corps should be in good shape as well with speedy senior flanker Tim Boyce and new senior possession receiver Joe Devine. Junior Joe Moellering and senior Reid Heidenry will compete for playing time as the third receiver. Devine will serve as the starting split end and punter.

The Jr. Bills should have a solid group of special teamers with last year's kickoff specialist Brad Johnson returning as full-time place-kicker and Drakesmith having the kickoff duties until Johnson fully recovers from a leg injury. Solid kicking and open field tackling can effect field position and put more pressure on the opposing offenses. Long snapper Jack Pelikan said, "Solid special teams could help us win some close games."

Look for the 2001 edition of the Jr. Bill varsity football team to turn some voters' heads. The team is ranked #6 in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch's* preseason poll, so they are already getting attention from area coaches and writers. "I'm really looking forward to the start of the season and the usual support from the student body," said head coach Gary Kornfeld. The Jr. Bills have the potential to have some success in the 5A playoffs as they attempt to make a run at the state title.

### *PN Nightbeat - Football*

The Footbills traveled to Parkway South last night to take on the Patriots. The Jr. Bills went into the locker room at half down by 14, 21 - 7. Recovering in the second half, overcoming the tired Patriots, the Junior Bills came back to tie it at 21. The Patriots opted to go for a touchdown on their final attempt and were stopped. The Jr. Bills eventually came back to win the game 27-21 with an overtime touchdown by Dossie Jennings on a quarterback sneak.



# Soccerbills leave SLUH in pursuit of goal dreams

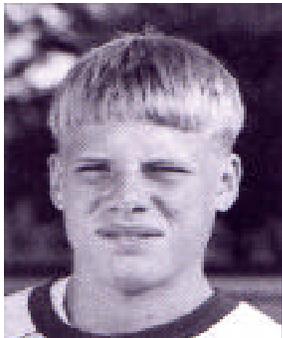
## *Simek heads to England; DiRaimondo to Florida*

**Kevin Moore**  
**Sports Editor**

Although each high school sports team has to reconstruct each year with the loss of seniors, the St. Louis U. High varsity soccer team must contend with the loss of two other key players: junior Frank Simek and sophomore John DiRaimondo.

Simek, who has spent many summers training with the Arsenal soccer club in England, signed a four-year professional contract over the summer to play for Arsenal's under-17 team. He will leave for England Tuesday, where he will be living with a couple and finishing high school. Living in England, however, will not be completely new for Simek; he lived there from second to seventh grade after his dad was transferred there for a few years while working for Budwesier.

For the past few summers, Simek has been training with the Arsenal team, and he even played in a tournament in Holland



Simek, who recently signed a pro contract with Arsenal's 17 and under team

this summer. "Arsenal starts signing players when they are 17...it's when they decide if they want to keep you or if you aren't good enough," said Simek. Simek obviously impressed the Arsenal coaches enough for them to sign him.

Although Simek said he will miss playing for and attending SLUH, he

thought the opportunity to play with the Arsenal team was too good to pass up. "It's definitely what I've been wanting to do, so I'm really excited," said Simek. "I didn't really hesitate to

make a decision when they gave me the opportunity to play for them." He did say, however, that he doesn't know what he plans to do after the four years.

Head varsity soccer coach Charlie Martel was surprised that Arsenal signed Simek so quickly. "I knew that Frank was eventually going to be gone, but I didn't

know it was going to be this soon," said Martel. "We're going to have to find someone to step into the midfield, but (junior) Pat Ferrell has done that well...he's a very fine player."

DiRaimondo is also leaving SLUH after being chosen to participate in a two-year development program with the Youth 17 national team. He will be moving to

Florida, on September 1, and he will live at the I.M.G. Bolletieri Sports Academy. He will attend a school there from 7:45 to 12:30 on all weekdays before training. The program will culminate at the Youth 17 World Championships in Finland in 2003.

DiRaimondo hopes that playing for the Youth 17 national team will bring him closer to realizing his goal

of playing for the U.S. World Cup team. "I've always dreamed of being on a World Cup team," said DiRaimondo. "I don't know if I ever will be able to play for one of those, but this could definitely be a step to help me progress to make the full national team."

Martel said, "We'll miss John...he's a great kid and a fine player. But I feel we're still strong up top with (sophomore) Joe Germanese."

"I'm leaving home when I'm 15, so I'm pretty nervous," said DiRaimondo. "But I looked at this as something I couldn't pass up...because it could help me reach my goal."

The loss of Simek and DiRaimondo will definitely affect the soccer team this season, but Martel still expects the Jr. Bills to have a very successful season. "We'll still be very dynamic, but maybe not quite as strong with the loss of those players," said Martel. "The bottom line is that both Mr. Murray and I are very happy for these two players...it's a great opportunity for them."



DiRaimondo will play for the Youth 17 national team in Florida.

## Soccerbills stomp Kennedy

**Pat Steinway**  
**Reporter**

With the likes of James Twellman and Mark Valdez and other valuable seniors graduating last year, it was up to this year's seniors to lead the way in the season opener against John F. Kennedy Tuesday night.

Goals by senior starters Dan Hartwig and Neil Sanders helped lift the team over an overmatched Kennedy team. Starting goalie Pat Meier, along with solid defense from captain Ian Mulligan and help from backup goalie Mike Kutz, was able to shut

out the Celts of Kennedy 7-0.

"It was a good way to start the season," said Mulligan after the game. "The freshmen look like they have learned a lot so far this year."

"We also got great help from seniors off the bench," continued Mulligan. "Guys like Kurt (Fielher), Craig (Senciboy) and Ben (Wastler) all helped tremendously."

The Soccerbills look to use their potent offensive attack at Gibault tomorrow. Next week the team expects the support of many spirited fans as they travel west on Clayton for the annual CBC tournament.

# XC gets into State form, '99 style

**Brian Gilmore  
Reporter**

With the sizzling summer winding down and the bleakness of winter still a few months off in the distance, now is the time for one special season. That season, of course, is cross country season, which some uninitiated souls still insist on calling autumn or fall. Nonetheless, the Harrierbills are back, and they look to improve on a "reloading" year in 2000 that saw the team place 6th in the state meet.

Returning four varsity runners from that state meet, including 2000 All-State (23rd) senior co-captain and 4:18 all-state miler Tipper O'Brien, the team appears to be in good shape to get back to its form of 1999, when it won the state championship. Joining O'Brien on the varsity rotation will be senior co-captains John "P Diddy" Parr, Pat Leinauer, and junior Peter Schaefer. After those top four runners, the remaining three varsity slots are still open. Contenders for the three spots include senior Andy Skosky, juniors Kevin Crane, Kyle Gonnerman, Drew Noblot, Geoff Stewart, and sophomore Andrew Linhares.

With the departure of coach and all-around genius Rob Behm, the coaching staff for 2001 is now a four-man operation. Head Coach Jim Linhares returns for yet another season, backed by Tom Flanagan, Pat Hamel, and Tim Chik. Linhares and his faithful minions have been working the team out through the dog days of August, armed with a slightly different approach towards in-season training, which includes more post-hard workout mileage and designs that races, rather than interval workouts, will be the most intense workout of the week.

Obviously aghast at the sudden change in philosophy, team captain Leinauer confessed, "Our practices are a little longer now that the coaches have officially gone insane. No really, we do a lot more mileage now, but I think it's to our benefit."

About his task to take the torch from

his now-graduated brother Dan, the candid Leinauer quipped, "I wish I could say that I am going to fill my brother's shoes, but that would be like Shaq squeezing into a size-3 shoe."

Leinauer is right, as there are definitely some "Shaq-esque" expectations for the year. On the team level, all eyes are focused on the ultimate prize, another state title. "Our goal is to take it one step at a time towards ultimate success at the state meet," said O'Brien. "I would trade any individual awards, while coming in last every race, just to see the team win.

Individual success is nice, and it often comes along with team success, but winning as a team is a lot more fun."

Parr echoed these sentiments, while also adding, "I want to become an elite runner in the state. I have worked hard since day one of freshman year, and this is my time."

"I want, so therefore I will," continued Parr. "We are a well-prepared, intelligent team who can run with anyone in the state, and I can't wait to get it going."

Parr added, "I also want the younger guys on the team to look up to and learn from me and the other seniors, like I did when I was in their shoes."

Success usually comes on all levels for SLUH cross country, and this year should be no different. The JV team aspires to an undefeated season, with many juniors and sophomores playing prominent roles. Led by the dynamic duo of Charlie and Henry Samson, the freshman team looks to rise to its seemingly annual spot as one of the top teams in the state.

However, no good story is complete without a little drama, and the beginning of the year is no exception. With four championship-caliber runners, who will

step up and seize the all-important scoring #5 slot? Also, O'Brien is temporarily on the shelf with a stress fracture in his right leg. How will the team react to the loss of its returning #1 runner in the first few meets? Will O'Brien still have his fitness up at peak level when he returns? Only

time will tell, but no one is overly worried, including O'Brien himself.

"I'm disappointed to be missing the early meets, and it kinda puts the brakes on my season, just for a little bit though," said O'Brien.

Parr saw the silver lining in the unfortunate injury when he said, "It



Coach Linhares exhorts the '01 cross country squad.

will frustrate teams seeing us achieve success when we're not even at 100%. Our 1-2-3 punch, without Tip, will still be more than a lot of teams can handle. Then once he comes back, that's just gravy, and we'll be even tougher to beat."

All speculating aside, it's time to start racing, and everyone is more than ready to toe the line and go. The opening invitational, First Capitol, is today at McNair Park in St. Charles. The varsity race is at 4:30, and the JV run is at 5:30. Several area powers will be there, led by #1-ranked DeSmet and individual standout Stephen Pifer (Edwardsville HS). Hope springs eternal this year for SLUH XC, and as always, fan support is appreciated.

If you can't make it to the meet, though, take some time to check out a new member of the SLUH XC family. Originally a project for computer coach Steve Nicollerat's web design class last spring, seniors Andy Skosky and Brian Gilmore created a comprehensive team website. Throughout the year, there will be results, times, pictures, and other fun stuff. Check it out at [www.geocities.com/sluhcrosscountry](http://www.geocities.com/sluhcrosscountry).

By Patrick Meek

## Calendar

August 31-September 7

**FRIDAY, AUG. 31**

Schedule R

Freshman Class Meeting

STUCO Back to School Mixer@8:00p.m.

B-Football vs. Parkway South @Compton  
Drew @4:00 p.m.Varsity/JV Cross Country at First Cap.  
Invit. @ McNair Park @4:30 p.m.Varsity/JV Water Polo vs. Parkway South  
@FPCC @ 4/5:00 p.m.**SATURDAY, SEPT. 1**C-Football vs. Alton @ West Elementary  
School @10 a.m.JV Soccer vs. Gibault @ Oerter Park @  
5:30 p.m.Varsity Soccer vs. Gibault @ Oerter Park  
@7:00 p.m.**MONDAY, SEPT. 3**

No Classes- LABOR DAY

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 4**

Schedule R

College Visit@ 9:50: Harvard University  
Varsity Soccer vs. Vianney @CBC Tour-  
namentJV Soccer vs. St. Mary's @St. Mary's  
B-Soccer vs. Bishop DuBourg@ DuBourg  
C-Soccer vs. Vianney@Vianney**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5**

Schedule R

Back to School Night

Acitivity Period: ACES Meeting @J124  
C-Cross Country vs. Parkway South  
@Forest ParkVarsity/JV Water Polo vs. Lafayette  
@FPCC @ 4/5:00 p.m.**THURSDAY, SEPT. 6**

Schedule L

Varsity Soccer vs. CBC @CBC Tourna-  
ment**FRIDAY, SEPT. 7**

Schedule R

Activity Period: Activities Fair

Freshman Fun Day

Varsity Football vs. Kirkwood @SLUH  
Varsity/JV Water Polo vs. Marquette  
@FPCC @ 4/5:00 p.m.C-Soccer vs. Edwardsville  
@Edwardsville**INVASION**

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the parents before the students returned.

Shortly after the class's arrival, a mass was celebrated in the main chapel. The mass was followed by a pasta dinner.

Curdt emphasized the importance of several faculty members and students. The senior advisors of the freshmen homerooms were each present for one of the days. They had to give more of their time to be trained on the previous Sunday, and they recieved high praise by students and teachers. "My advisors John and Chris helped my group to achieve our goals throughout the day," said freshman Patrick O'Donnell.

Math teacher Dan See was responsible for the training of the seniors, while Rob Garavaglia of Campus Ministry played a major role in coordinating the events. History teacher Jeff Harrison, S.J. was present at Green Hills on every direction day.

Of course, no Direction Days would be complete without a mishap here and there. On Saturday, Aug. 18, the buses to transport the students did not show up at SLUH. Since the bus company wasn't open, no one could call for another bus; to avoid having to put off the entire day,

students were seated in the cars of some of the senior advisors.

While nearing Green Hills, one car stopped, and the car behind it couldn't stop in time. A minor fender-bender resulted, involving several cars. One senior was taken to the hospital, but was released

in hours, with no major injuries. To prevent a similar problem in the future, Direction Days will no longer occur on Saturdays.

Curdt believes Direction Days 2001 accomplished its goal, "(to) orient incoming freshmen to everything SLUH has to offer."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Seniors interested in a career in national security (intelligence) can apply for a full four-year college scholarship and summer internship program with the National Security Agency if they meet the following criteria: minimum GPA of 3.0, minimum score of 25 on the ACT or 1100 on the SAT, leadership experience and U.S. citizenship. Application deadline is November 30, 2001. See Mrs. Berger for an application.

This year, students, faculty, and staff, can join Our Lady's Association of the Miraculous Medal. The fee is 25 cents to be enrolled in the Association for 1 year. Members share in three novenas of Masses and 30 additional Masses every month—a total of 57 masses monthly. Members

also share in other Masses offered for them in the daily prayers and masses of the Vincentian community. Anyone, living or deceased, including non-Catholics, can be enrolled. The SLUH student and staff commitment is very simple. Mrs. McCarthy asks that students and staff promise to pray the Rosary at least once during the school year on a Thursday. She also asks that the individual volunteer at least once during the school year for community service at SLUH or in their parish. Our Lady's Association will continue to operate the SLUH prayer hotline, which is located on the school's webpage. Anyone can type in a prayer request and the Thursday Rosary group will pray for that request.