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# Prep News

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## Principal Search Committee chooses finalists *Sheridan plans to choose principal before Christmas*

**Matt Hoffman**  
Core Staff

The Principal Search Committee, which began its process in early September, has selected SLUH math teacher Craig Hannick, Mary Schenkenberg, PhD. and Todd Sweda as finalists.

"A number of qualified people were being considered for the job," said Ted Hellman '66, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "We had a lot of data and had to sort through (the candidates) to find the best balance (of qualities)." The committee is focusing on candidates that have

extensive experience and accomplishments in both education and administration.

Todd Sweda currently serves as the Dean of Student Life and Assistant to the Headmaster at Gilmour Academy, a Catholic preparatory school in Gates Mills, Ohio. He has a master's degree in the humanities from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree in English from Wittenberg University. Sweda has previously spent eight years as an English teacher and Associate Dean at Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda, Maryland.

"(Sweda) has extensive experience

as an educator and administrator," said Hellman. He added that having spent time at Georgetown, another Jesuit high school, is "certainly a nice piece to have in the equation." In addition to direct teaching and administration experience, Sweda has conducted workshops for high school teachers and authored several articles for educational magazines concerning teaching skills.

Mary Schenkenberg is currently retired after having spent eight years as principal of Nerinx Hall High School and 24 years as an English teacher at Nerinx  
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Chris Story, Joey Neilsen, Justin Smith and ????? in the Dauphin Players' production of Terra Nova showing this weekend in the SLUH theatre. Story on page 2

### MOSCOW EXCHANGE CANCELLED FOR 2001-2002 YEAR

**Brian Kane**  
Core Staff

If St. Louis U. High students take a stroll around the school, one thing they will not see is a group of Russian students.

In light of the Sept. 11 attacks, and a questionable international traveling situation, the exchange program between Moscow School 1253 and SLUH has been cancelled for this year. Not only does this mean that the Russian students will not be coming to SLUH, but SLUH students will not be traveling to Moscow next March.

In early October, SLUH Russian teacher Rob Chura received an e-mail from Marina Serova, the contact at the Moscow School. It brought up the  
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# CloseUp trip cancelled due to lack of participation

**Denis Agniel**  
Reporter

It seems that this year Mr. Smith will be the only one going to Washington.

Due to lack of student interest, the administration cancelled the annual CloseUp trip, scheduled for Jan. 27 through Feb. 2. Principal Robert Bannister cited "a lot of concerns" felt by many prospective students and parents about traveling to Washington, D.C.

Bannister emphasized that the administration does not harbor any fears about travel. He said, "I think more concerns from parents and students caused the lack of signups," which in turn forced the school to cancel the trip.

History teacher Tom Wilson, scheduled to be the faculty chaperone for this year's trip, said that many buildings were shut down, another reason some

have cited for cancelling the trip.

The structure of the trip allows for students to study the federal government and historical events. Students witness such events as Congressional hearings, Senate proceedings, and other government affairs.

Wilson, who has taken previous groups to D.C., noted, "It's very valuable for the student to have an opportunity to witness government right there." Commenting that what a student might see on television cannot compare to the experience of the Close Up trip, Wilson added, "You see how they get to the product."

History teacher Tom McCarthy called the trip "a great program" that allows someone to find "things (one) can't find anywhere else." McCarthy noted that students learn a lot both from witnessing

specific governmental proceedings, such as floor debates, and from meeting students from across the country.

Both Wilson and McCarthy thought that meeting other like-minded students from such places as Texas, Florida, and Mississippi enhanced the value of the trip for the students. Both agreed that a trip comprised of just SLUH students studying local government "wouldn't compare" to the experience of Close Up.

Dano Monahan, who has led three trips, reflected, "There is nothing like the personal experience" of the trip, experience he doesn't think can be replaced.

Echoed fellow history teacher Steve Aylward, the trip's value lies in the "really intensive immersion into the culture of Washington, D.C."

As Aylward noted, "It's a shame" that the trip has been cancelled.

# Terra Nova features Antarctic exploration, death

**J.R. Strzelec**  
Reporter

In the winter of 1911, five Englishmen and five Norwegians raced each other to the bottom of the earth.

*Terra Nova* is the story of the Englishmen. The play dramatizes the last leg of the British expedition to the South Geographic Pole as seen through the eyes of Captain Robert Falcon Scott (senior Chris Storey), the team's commander. Storey describes Scott as "motivated by such a passion for greatness, and yet he was constantly haunted by so much insecurity and fear of failure."

In addition to detailing the events that led to the deaths of all five men, the play explores Captain Scott's mind through a series of visions and flashbacks. Conversations with his wife, Kathleen Bruce Scott (Kirkwood junior Jen Sheehan), provide relevant insights regarding the captain's personal life at home and his motivations for going to the Pole. Scott also has visions of Roald

Amundsen (senior Alex Green), the leader of the Norwegian expedition. Amundsen points out to Scott the flaws in his planning, and he gives advice that Scott often does not want to hear.

Green says of his character, "Amundsen is the part of each of us that knows what has to be done even though the rest of us is afraid to admit it."

The play is not all gloom, however. The four other Englishmen (seniors Justin Smith and Joey Neilsen, junior J.R. Strzelec and sophomore Tyler Sinks) are depicted as people who joke as well as cry. The team's youngest member, Henry "Birdie" Bowers (Smith) spends much of his time cheering the others with jokes, most of which target Titus Oates (Sinks). Oates is a somewhat rigid former cavalry officer who values the success of the mission above all else. Neilsen portrays the team's doctor, Edward Wilson, and Strzelec plays Edgar Evans, a strong man who wants desperately to go to the South Pole.

The show is extremely technical, with

costumes and equipment designed to closely resemble those used by the members of the real-life expedition. Stage crew workers have spent two months building the set and assembling various effects to provide an Antarctic atmosphere onstage under the leadership of tech staffers Scott Sanders and Eric Elz.

The production team, headed by director Kathryn Whitaker, has been overseeing and working hard on the show from day one. The small group has the double duty of working on both the dramatic and the technical aspects of *Terra Nova*.

As stage manager, junior Brandon Bieber will be responsible for all of the many light and sound cues in the play, while junior Tom Recktenwald has the equally daunting task of managing the show's plethora of props while serving as Bieber's main connection to the backstage.

*Terra Nova*, the first SLUH show to spawn a video advertisement (last week's trailer), will go onstage Friday night and play through Sunday, with shows starting at 7:30 each night.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Water polo captains bid farewell to Busenhart

To the Editors,

In lieu of Mr. Busenhart's recent retirement announcement, we would like to ask readers of this letter a question: Have you ever been so enthusiastic about and appreciative of a person that the only way to thank him is to toss him into a pool?

Mr. B has been the head coach of ten water polo state championship teams, and after each one he has been thrown into the pool. Thirty-three years ago, however, when Charlie Busenhart began in the water polo program here at SLUH, it was not as glamorous. "I waited for the referee to blow the whistle to the first quarter and then sat down to watch the first water polo game I'd ever seen!" recalled Mr. Busenhart of the first game he ever coached.

In case you didn't know, Mr. B has come a long way since then. The twenty-nine years after that first season is all rumors to us, but we do know about the last four. As members of his team these last few years, we know how far he has come and how far he has taken us. This last season Mr. B's coaching took us to the finals and brought us a championship. If you watched those

Friederick wonders why Veterans'

## Day was not acknowledged

To the Editor,

Saint Louis U. High has long been widely acknowledged for its outstanding tradition and general good citizenship. Apparently, though, we do not carry on an even more civic obligation in honoring the veterans of the United States who have served in the armed forces.

Veterans' Day, ever since 1938, has been a federal holiday, meaning that all federal employees are off, and typically most state and local government employees are also off. The intent of the paid day off is to allow workers time to honor the veterans and to contemplate their contributions to our society. Celebrations for Veterans' Day usually include parades and speeches.

It is not necessarily critical that we, as students, have the day off. But should we not have recognized the contributions of so many? Not one word was uttered about this holiday either Friday or Monday. One would think that a school of such standing in the Saint Louis community, of such high caliber, a school that demands respect, would do something to honor this holiday. How about a school assembly in which a guest speaker, perhaps even a veteran, spoke to the students concerning the importance of Veterans' Day? Unfortunately, the administration doesn't think this holiday is important enough to honor, which in my opinion is very sad. Aren't we supposed to be setting an example for other schools to follow? What ever happened to the tradition of honoring our true heroes? Where did our class go? This is one instance in which I can say that I am not proud to be a Junior Bill.

Tyler Friederick '03

last two games, it was easy to see how far Mr. B's teams have come. Mr. B's experience and cool really showed in his last game.

Mr. B was more than just a coach to his players. Though he maintained the discipline necessary to make a championship team, Mr. B also provided a friendship to all his players. This friendship was the foundation to the team ideal. As all of his players know, Mr. B has helped us not only become better polo players, but better people. He has taught us to win with grace, as well as lose with class. Throughout all the games he has coached, he has always reflected the spirit of this school and team.

As members of his final team, we are proud to help Mr. B go out on top because he deserves nothing less. Although the Busenhart era has come to an end, the base he provided to SLUH water polo has not only changed the program for SLUH, but has changed the shape of high school water polo in all of St. Louis. Thank you for everything you have done for us Mr. B; it will never be forgotten.

Dan Klein, Kevin Price, and Greg Szewczyk  
Water Polo Captains

## Pettit thanks SLUH fans for support at football games

To the Blue Crew, SLUH students, and football fans,

What a great season! Our Junior Bills played their hearts out every game, and you were there to support them, home and away. You all played a part in the team's success. The players knew you were there, and it meant a lot to them.

I've been going to SLUH varsity games for the last nine years. I've never seen a Blue Crew with as much spirit, and for lack of a better description, creative costumes. You entertained the large crowds, and really led the student body in their great vocal support. I know the players and their parents really appreciate the way you supported them throughout the season.

Most of you are aware of my health situation. The support you provided me was wonderful. Those "Mr. Pettit" cheers really got to me. It's difficult to put into words what that has meant to me and my family, especially Mike. As I go through the various medical procedures over the next few months, your kindness and support will be with me, helping me throughout the process.

You young men have really grasped the Jesuit motto of "Men for Others." You show it in so many ways.

For those of you returning to SLUH for next year's football season, look for me in the stands. I plan to be there whenever I can, cheering on the Junior Bills.

Thanks again for supporting the second best team in the state on the field, and the best team in the state off the field.

Steve Pettit  
# 13's Dad

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Grier addresses cruelty at SLUH

To the Editor:

During the week of the second round of parent-teacher conferences, two events struck me. First, a teacher discovered a four-letter term for female genitalia in block letters on the board in the room in which she was to conduct conferences. This act was most likely perpetrated by a member of the junior class. Later, at a Mass for juniors, Father Sheridan said to the members of that class: "You are intrinsically good."

An accurate interpretation of Father's message would be that some SLUH students display an array of kind and generous actions and that these are indicative of the light of God within humankind as a whole. Unfortunately, some students may have assumed some glory by association from his remarks. They may be taking individual credit for activities in which they took no part. Such an unreflective and self-aggrandizing response worries me. Yet, I fear even more that many students may have taken the remark about their intrinsic goodness to mean that they are not fallen—that the rest of humanity may be good, evil, or both, but that the members of this junior class can do only good.

While Father's advice to get in touch with the goodness inside us and curb our impulses toward cruelty was certainly inspiring, I am concerned that the student achievements and services he listed in detail may have over-riden for some students the cruelties he did not know of or name. Nor is it necessarily his responsibility to do so. Whether Father names them or not, each of us must look at our own sins—the ways in which we forget to consider others, do harm to ourselves, turn away from God in our neighbors—admit them, and resolve to avoid them in the future. Nor should we consider ourselves exempt from this examination because we would never write anonymous graffiti in classrooms. Some write coarse descriptions of female genitalia; others call a teammate a woman if he drops a pass or holds his hand a certain way. Each of these contribute to the idea of male superiority, and each should be discouraged both on an institutional and on an interpersonal level.

I wonder if students who hear only praise will feel motivated to question themselves: Do I, as an individual, deserve praise for academic achievement? Do I deserve praise for kindness and service to others, wherever I am? What are the possible results of my cruelty and what can I do to amend for them? Do I better physical and moral aspects of our community that need cleaning up? Do I combat offenses against our ideals, whether great or small?

Being admitted into SLUH is not the same as being admitted to heaven; the criteria are exceedingly different. None of us, student or staff, is so devoid of sins both past and present to diminish their importance and congratulate ourselves on having already achieved goodness. I doubt that Father meant to imply that, but for the sake of the junior class and the school in general, I wish to make the point clearer: SLUH students are not, at bottom, different from people elsewhere. While many of the

students here have certain economic and educational advantages, these are not in themselves indicative of a state of heavenly grace. Not only has God blessed those outside this building, but we inside this building have the special challenge of seeing ourselves as we really are and not as we pretend we are—even if much of the local world propagates this reputation. Pretending that we are perfect princes will freeze us in a gaze of adoring self-regard but provide us an incomplete picture of ourselves. The acts that have been committed, whether vicious or complicit, are not minor and should not be treated as such; they are part of the picture of who and what SLUH is. The acts are not beyond divine or human forgiveness, but nor are they too small to bear scrutiny and require penance. As for redressing the human damage done and creating a truly good and welcoming community, I have only brief advice. We should not consider the secrecy of this act, or the all-male settings in which other expressions of male superiority take place, as cause to excuse the act. Curbing cruelty is a nobler cause than creating ways for it to flourish without hurting anyone nearby.

Self-examination, penance, confronting injustice—these are not small tasks. Then again, we do not claim to be small people. The loftiness of Father's claim about our goodness should serve then not as a plateau which we have reached but a mountain which we have identified as ours to scale. Believe it or not, that mountain is not the province of SLUH students alone; we are all human pilgrims on a perilous quest. To prepare and fortify ourselves for this journey, we must take adequate stock of our shortcomings and enter into a supportive, communal relationship with others who both need us and help us achieve the summit we seek.

Miles P. Grier  
English Teacher

### THIS WEEK IN PREP NEWS HISTORY

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"SLUH is Tiffany Crazy" and "Tiffany mania at SLUH" proclaimed just two of the many signs that have decorated the halls of SLUH during the last few days. This sudden burst of energy was ignited by senior Chris Lawyer's idea to participate in the KHTR radio "Tiffany High School Spirit Contest."

The contest is open to all St. Louis area schools. The school that turns in the most pounds of 3x5 note cards with "103.3 KHTR radio" and the name of the school written on them will win a concert featuring Tiffany.

Tiffany is a sixteen year old pop singer who just recently hit #1 with her song "I Think We're Alone Now."

An announcement on Monday afternoon over the PA prompted people to bring in as many 3x5 note cards as possible. On Tuesday morning, an estimated 30,000 cards were turned in after only one hour."

# '98 grad Hodits leads Mizzou Habitat for Humanity

## *Helps raise \$32,000 for new house*

**Andy Neilsen**  
Editor in Chief

After almost two years of trying, Tim Hodits, '98, accomplished his goal of raising \$32,000 for a Habitat for Humanity house in Columbia, MO. The house was the first Habitat house ever to be completed by only students.

400 students volunteered from the Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity at the University of Missouri-Columbia to help build every part of the house, from the foundation to the frame to installing the plumbing.

"It was a personal goal that became a group goal," Hodits says of the project.

Hodits began working for Habitat during his junior year at SLUH. When he got to Mizzou, he continued his involvement with Habitat, becoming president of the Mizzou Campus Chapter in his sophomore year. The fundraising project began the second semester of his sophomore year, during the winter of 2000.

After an initial fundraising project—selling Blow Pops at Wal-mart—netted the group only \$76, Hodits decided to turn to other options. As detailed in a *Prep News* feature on Dec. 1, 2000, Hodits and a few fellow Habitat members lived in a box for a full week, earning \$3,200 in that week alone.

In addition to that money, MSA, the Mizzou student council, donated \$5,000 to Hodits' cause. Mizzou's Habitat club continued to receive generous donations from the Mizzou student body, including a donation of \$6,250 from the organizers of Greek Week, a fun-filled week of games for students at Mizzou, after which the organizers donate all the money that they raise to an on-campus charity.

Under Hodits, the Habitat club also gained \$4,000 total from a program called "Shack'n the Box." Similar to SLUH's "Cardboard Castles," this program requires people to pay to spend a night sleeping in a box and receiving education about homelessness and a simulation of the homeless experience.

Part of Hodits' mission is to increase understanding and awareness of the problems of homelessness.

The Mizzou Habitat also received a generous grant of \$10,000 from the Habitat International Campus Chapters for Youth Programming foundation. This donation gave the Mizzou Habitat chapter enough money to begin building on Sept. 6, 2001. After just over a month of building, Hodits and company dedicated the house on Oct. 14, 2001.

Hodits says that he enjoys working for Habitat for Humanity because of the

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possibility of cancelling or postponing the exchange this year. Chura sent word to them that the school would understand if the exchange did not take place. On Nov. 2, Chura got an e-mail confirming that the group would not be making the trip.

Chura cited several possible reasons for the cancellation. One was the relative closeness of the scheduled exchange and the Sept. 11 attacks.

Chura noted that the lack of solid information on the traveling conditions is another cause. "There's never going to be a global sign that says, 'It's okay to travel now,'" he said.

According to Chura, the planning process was nearly completed when the attacks occurred. The group most likely would have been purchasing plane tickets soon after Sept. 11 if it were not for the attacks. The doubt on both sides of the world prevented final planning from happening. Chura says that having to cancel a trip after buying tickets is "not an easy problem to get rid of."

Chura emphasized that he was not absolutely certain about the reasons for

"tangible result."

"(This project) was more rewarding because we did everything," Hodits said.

"Every step of the way we contributed something."

Not only has this club given a family a home, but they will continue to provide many valuable services. For the family of five that is moving

in, Mizzou students will tutor one of the children, provide education on homeownership, and ease the transition of moving to a new neighborhood.

Hodits' future goals include developing by-laws and a mission statement for all Campus Chapters of Habitat for Humanity.



Hodits in front of the Habitat for Humanity House.

the cancellation, since the decision was made primarily by the Russians.

As of now, the exchange with students from St. Petersburg is still going to happen. Chura also said that he has "every intention" of making the summer trip to St. Petersburg.

Russian student Joey Neilsen expressed his disappointment with the cancellation. "I think it's unfortunate. The exchange program provides a good way to interact with the other culture," he said. But he added, "I understand their motivation and I sympathize."

Other SLUH foreign language trips may also feel the effect of the September attacks. Spanish teacher Greg Bantle says that he will make a final decision on the trip to Spain soon. He also noted that whether or not it happens depends on some reasons unrelated to the September attacks.

French teacher Jennifer Crespin said that the trip to Europe is still set to happen. According to her, it only depends on student and parent interest. She says, "We're still planning on it."

# Soccerbills lose to DeSmet in Quarterfinals

**Kevin Moore**  
Sports Editor

The Jr. Billiken soccer season ended last Saturday with a 2-0 loss to DeSmet in the state quarterfinals at the Anheuser Busch Sports and Conference Center.

Playing on a wet field, the Jr. Bills played tentatively in the first half as players from both teams slipped while trying to kick the ball. The Jr. Bills had trouble controlling the ball on the wet field, and they were unable to muster any good scoring opportunities in the first half. "The field was really slick, and when everyone went to kick we would kick the ball timidly so we wouldn't miss it," said captain Ian Mulligan.

However, the Soccerbills' defense also held strong until DeSmet scored on what initially seemed like a harmless play with 2:15 left in the first half. At about the 18-yard line a well-defended

Spartan unleashed a shot that looked like it would go wide right of the goal, but the ball deflected off of a SLUH player and was sent spiraling toward the goal. Goalie Steve Howenstein's dive to save the shot proved unsuccessful as the ball passed him into the upper right corner of the goal, giving the Spartans a 1-0 lead and much momentum. "(Howenstein) did all he could, but it was just a fluke," said Mulligan.

Howenstein agreed, saying, "We didn't really make a mistake on the play. Our guys were where they should have been."

The Spartans took their 1-0 lead into the second half, and they continued to apply pressure to the Jr. Billiken defense.



Joe Germanese screeches to a halt as the DeSmet keeper retrieves the ball. SLUH lost the game 2-0.

With about 18 minutes left in the game, a DeSmet forward wiggled his way past a defender close to the left side of SLUH's goal. As the Spartan tried to gain control

of the ball, Howenstein charged out and made an impressive save on the partial breakaway to keep the Soccerbills within one goal of the Spartans.

The Jr. Bills had their best opportunity of the night with about 13 minutes left in the

game. After saving a SLUH shot, the DeSmet goaltender fumbled the ball towards the right side of the goal. A SLUH player gained control of the ball and sailed a shot over the scrambling goalie's head on a bad angle toward the left side of the goal, but the shot went wide.

With 9:03 left in the game, DeSmet added another goal off of a Jr. Bill miscue. After gaining control of the ball away from the goal and not being pressured by any DeSmet players, Howenstein looked to clear the ball to a teammate. However, he misplaced the clearing attempt, sending the ball skirting on the ground toward a DeSmet player. Mulligan scrambled to steal the ball, but the DeSmet player sent a shot past a retreating Howenstein to the lower left corner of the goal to make the score 2-0.

"That was disappointing because we had started picking up our game," said Howenstein. "All of our momentum just dropped."

The Jr. Bills didn't have anymore good scoring chances, and the game and the Jr. Billiken season ended with a 2-0 loss.

"I thought it was a good game except that DeSmet established momentum in the first ten minutes of the game," said head coach Charlie Martel. "That's what I told our players we needed to do."

## Racquetball team prepares for upcoming '01-'02 season

**Chris Guilfooy**  
Reporter

The Racquetbills opened their season this week in a tough match against defending national champion Kirkwood. Taking on the Pioneers, who lost only one varsity player this season, the Rolloutbills pulled off an upset 4-3 in a squeaker.

The top three seeds, Kevin Moore, Joe Sharamitaro, and junior Chris Guilfooy (who was filling in for injured Andy Schumert), all won their games. A strong doubles team, with sophomore Phil Matthews and returning doubles player junior Mike Brand, won their game to ensure the four wins against rival Kirkwood. The doubles team, who had just started practicing together a week ago, showed great teamwork as they handled their opponents to prove they will be of great importance later on in the

year. Since third seed Andy Schumert was out with a fractured left clavicle, the Racquetbills moved the fourth, fifth, and sixth seeds up a spot, playing at a disadvantage against higher seeded Kirkwood players.

Originally fifth-seeded senior Matt Soraghan played a tough match at the four spot, yet he barely lost in the tie-breaker 11-7. Soraghan said of his match, "I had him beat in the first game, but I got exhausted in the second and third games. I just need to remain focused throughout the season, and our team will definitely take it all the way to state."

Sixth-seeded senior Mike Gau lost in similar fashion as he could not find his stride, losing 11-15, 13-15. Top-seeded on Junior Varsity, sophomore John Reagan played in the sixth spot, yet he lost to a strong Pioneer. Under duress because of a mid-season soccer injury, Reagan lost his

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# Legendary Busenhart retires from water polo

**Tim Piechowski**  
Core Staff

“The first game I ever coached was essentially the first real game I had ever seen. We lost 20-2,” reflects Charlie Busenhart, SLUH’s water polo coach since 1967. Busenhart said he was initially asked to be the moderator of the water polo team by Pat Berger, a Jesuit Scholastic who was teaching here at the time. Berger had been the coach of the team in ’66, a team which won districts, but due to other obligations Berger could not continue to coach the team. Busenhart remembers that when Berger asked him to take over the team he said, “Just show up to practices and games; they’ll coach themselves.”

“At the time, I was just moderator of the Science Club, and I wanted to get more involved in the school,” said Busenhart.

Busenhart said that when he agreed to coach the team, Berger gave him a book on water polo to read. “I had no idea what we were doing,” said Busenhart of the first game, even though he had read the book. Throughout the whole first season, “(The team) taught me what I was supposed to do.”

Over his career, Busenhart has built up a record of 449 wins and 170 losses, a winning percentage of 72.5%. He particularly thanked his sons for those stats, as they totaled his career record for him when they went to school here from ’89-’94. Busenhart commented on those years, proudly saying, “My sons were the managers when they were here,” jokingly calling those years the Busenhart dynasty.

His teams have won 8 district titles, in ’78, ’87, ’89, ’92, ’93, ’94, ’96, and ’01; additionally, they have had six second place finishes. Lightheartedly he commented on the seasons from ’97-’00, saying that the team went through a “rough time” those years, with just two second place finishes, and two third place finishes.

After his first year of coaching, Busenhart began trying to develop a system for his coaching. He tried to learn more game strategy while having upperclassmen run practices and teach basic skills to underclassmen. Busenhart said, “Some of the most fun times were watching guys turn into leaders by teaching freshman and sophomores to learn the game.” However, don’t think that Busenhart has been a coaching sensation



Busenhart, who is retiring as the head coach of the water polo team after 33 years, sits at his Science Department desk.

because he let his upperclassmen instruct the underclassmen; he has a deeper reason for allowing this kind of instruction to go on. “I hate swimming,” Busenhart says. After 26 years, he contends that “Upperclassmen make the best teachers.”

Just when Busenhart thought he had figured out how to build a winning team for the future, he had to take a break from the game. In 1969, he was drafted into the Marine Corps, and for two years he had Fr. Valequette, S.J. cover his team. Busenhart chuckled, saying that when Valequette said he would take the team, he repeated a line that was once said to him: “I told him to let (the team) run practice, and handed him a book on the game.” Valequette must have done more than read the book though, as in his first year of coaching, 1969, Valequette’s Jr. Bills went onto to win a district title.

In 1971, Busenhart returned to the scene, and had a team with a 4-8 record. He had to work for three years with his

Polobills until 1974 before he would have a truly great season. That year the team entered the final four in districts. “We lost to Clayton in the semis,” Busenhart recalls, continuing, “We beat Ladue for the third place game though.”

When one of his teams won their first district title he replied, “1978,” but said that he honestly couldn’t remember the opponent, Ladue, off the top of his head. He explained his forgetfulness saying, “The first time you win districts, that’s great. The first time you make the final four is just as memorable.”

Busenhart said that after having coached so many seasons he cannot pick out a single season as the most memorable. However, he did point out his teams from ’92-’94 as well as the team from this year as being particularly special. He said his three teams from ’92-’94 were amazing, as the varsity team won 65 straight games, all three years were perfect seasons. The hardest part about coaching those teams, which had such skill, he says is that he “had to convince them to play as a team instead of building up their own statistics.”

Looking at this year’s team, Busenhart remarked that there were no dominating players. He said that this year was particularly special because “Everyone had to work hard,” and that “all the seniors worked to bring the team together.”

Busenhart explained that there were several reasons for putting his water polo ball back into its bag after all these years. “You just get old,” he commented. “The game enthusiasm is always there, (but) when practice doesn’t become fun anymore, you have to evaluate what you are doing.”

Busenhart cited one frustration which led him to retirement, which was that “players have changed.” Busenhart noted that players in recent years have had an attitude that, “I need to play, and if I don’t play, I quit.” The fact that players today won’t play on the team, for the

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(from 7) team bothers Busenhart. He said that in the past, he would start out with 20 freshmen and finish with about as many seniors. Now he says that he usually starts with 22 players and finishes with about 14, although he did say that the pattern which he had noticed over the last few years did not hold true to this year's team.

B team coach Paul Baudendistel will replace Busenhart next year. Busenhart had great praise for Baudendistel, saying that he is "capable of making the program as winning as it has been," and that he is "the best teacher of water polo skills in the area."

When asked how he felt about replacing Busenhart, Baudendistel replied, "The guy's a legend."

He continued, "There have been hundreds of polo players who went through

this school and had a great experience" because of Busenhart. Baudendistel said that one thing that Busenhart has taught him is to have "high standards" for his own players and to "allow them to make mistakes."

One other thing which Baudendistel hopes to be able to do like Busenhart is to "really (get) players to play together and think together."

Busenhart said, "I'll probably regret (leaving coaching) next fall," but added, "It's Baud's turn." He said that he will miss most "working with the guys, the camaraderie, the tears of joy and sadness, helping everyone get through, and making the game fun for practice, and fun for play."

Busenhart will fill his new free time by trying to improve his chemistry classes and increasing the hockey coaching he

does. He will still attend all of SLUH's home games next year. "I promised to be there for all of the home games. I never taught (Baud) how to set up clocks for home games," Busenhart chuckled.

## **B's FORMER PLAYER QUOTES**

"What I learned from Coach B helped me in high school and on through collegiate water polo ... I will miss seeing him on the pool deck, but I don't know that I'll miss coaching against him."

—Paul Granneman, '93

Water Polo coach, John Burroughs

"He was able to in those days take a kid who had never seen a water polo ball, and put them in the water...and then take that kind of raw material and make district champions. He always made sure sportsmanship and personal growth were as important as winning."

—Kurt Baudendistel, '78, played on Busenhart's first district-winning team

"Mr. Busenhart did a great job motivating us all this year, and it really came through at the end of the year."

—Donny DesPain, '02, played on Busenhart's final district winning team

"He taught me to always try my hardest in everything I do."

—Greg Szewczyk, '02, played on Busenhart's final district winning

## **Puckbills go 1-1 in first week**

**Jimmy Heisner  
Reporter**

After ending last season sooner than they would have liked at the hands of Rockwood Summit, the Puckbills stormed into this season looking to issue a warning to all opponents. The Jr. Bills took on Ladue in their season opener at the Affton Skating Rink and won 8-1.

Jr. Billiken scoring started early as John Greffet took the puck from his own end all the way down the ice and rifled a shot past the unfortunate Ladue goalie just a minute into the game. With momentum on their side, the Jr. Bills netted three more goals before the period was over.

Junior Jeff Neyer said the Jr. Bill defense was "stifling," as it allowed Ladue only seven shots the entire game. Ladue only scored one goal, which came in the second period after bouncing off of players like a pinball.

However, the Sharpshooterbills came right back, tallying two goals in both the second and third periods before the netting wore out on the goals, ending the game.

Tim Mudd had a hat trick, Greffet had two goals, and Bobby Lachky, Joe

Mantovani, and freshman standout Mike Tangero each had a goal. The Jr. Bills easily won the game 8-1, giving them a positive start to the season.

However, the team's first real challenge came Monday night against last season's state runner-up Vianney at the South County Skating Rink.

Unlike the Jr. Bills, Vianney was coming into the game riding the frustration of a 6-3 loss handed to them by Fort Zumwalt South, and they were not looking to be upset again. Their head coach was not on the bench for the game against SLUH because he had been kicked out of the game against Fort Zumwalt South.

A handful of diehard energetic Jr. Billiken fans were pumped for the game. The Canadianbills were eager to get the advantage early, but a penalty five minutes into the game proved costly after Griffin Joe Leienhecker netted the first of his two goals on a failed clearing attempt by the Jr. Bills.

Unfortunately, that would be the only goal Vianney needed that night. Late in the first period Vianney's Jack Fleming added an insurance goal on another power play as he skated down the right side and

see **BLADES OF STEEL, 10**



## Seniors lead '01 Gridbills to 10-1 mark, MCC title

**John Stewart**  
Reporter

Despite losing to the Hazelwood East Spartans last week, the 2001 edition of the varsity football team can take many positives away from the season and can build on its success for next season.

The team finished with a record of 10-1 and the MCC and District 8 titles, but they were possibly shortchanged as they were forced to play the top-ranked Spartans in the first round. It was a typical belief that the winner of that game would go on to the finals and possibly win the

state championship. However, the team has to accept the defeat and hope for a higher finish next season.

Many fantastic individual performances and great team leadership fueled the team's success. Captains Chris Finney, Craig Schlappizzi, Alex Glennon, Adam Siebenman, Mike Pettit, and Stanford Richardson led by example and paved the path for inexperienced juniors to come in and produce.

Quarterback Dossie Jennings led the MCC in passing, throwing for over 1700 yards and scoring a combined 23 touchdowns on the ground and through the air.

The Footbills will look to Jennings to lead the offense next season, as they will lose 7 starters from this year's unit.

Jennings will be without the likes of Tim Boyce, who finished second in the conference in receiving with 620 yards on 20 receptions, and Chris Carter, who rushed for 622 yards on only 81 carries. The team will look to sophomore Brent Harvey to take the majority of the carries and build on a successful first season on the varsity level.

"Our offense did a great job of putting points on the board," said Boyce. "It would have been nice to beat East, but I still feel good about the way we played the whole season."

The defense will also lose many players who made contributions this year. Standout linebacker Schlappizzi will leave after leading the conference in tackles with 125. Along with Schlappizzi, the defense will be without the duties of Chris Finney, who led the MCC in tackles for a strong safety and total yards from scrimmage with 1009.

Finney anchored the trio in the secondary that will graduate this May. One of the team's strengths was its ability to shut down the passing game with the dominating play of the secondary. After the depletion of this unit, junior Joe Neely will be the only returning starter for the 2002 season; the team will look to senior leadership and the development of the class of 2004 in order to ensure success for seasons to come.

One of the definite Jr. Billiken strengths next season will be the defensive line. With four out of five returning starters, they can only improve on the best defensive front in the conference. Juniors Chris Price, Phinney Troy, and Joe Gilfoil dominated opposing offensive lines by combining for 24 sacks and 162 tackles. The team will look to these three to give the same amount of productivity next season and possibly contend for another conference title.

"I think our D-line had a great season," said Price. "It's nice that we're going to have the nucleus of the line back

see HAZ'ED, 10

## Grapplerbills lose weight, gain experience for '01-'02 season

**Mike Smallwood**  
Reporter

The smack of bodies against the mats is all that has been heard coming from the theatre loge lately as the SLUH wrestling team prepares for the season.

Over the past several years, the wrestling program has been improving gradually, and the team is expecting an even better season than last year because of this year's talent and experience.

A strong group of four core seniors, three of whom qualified for the state meet last year, will lead the team. Alex Born qualified for State last year in the 103 weight class for the first time, and he will wrestle at that weight this year as one of the co-captains. His experience gives him a great advantage since, as he said, "many teams don't have senior 103's." Thus he will be facing a lot of underclassmen.

Also returning this year is co-captain Colin O' Brien, who will wrestle at 160. He has been to State the last two years, so he also brings a lot of experience to the team.

Joe Bommarito also went to State last year, and will be co-captain, wrestling at 152 again. Dan Wankum brings additional experience and leadership. Head coach Tim Curdt called Wankum his "most improved wrestler" and is expecting a lot

out of him and the rest of the seniors.

There is also a great deal of talent as well as a lot of experience coming from junior and sophomore wrestlers. Juniors Rob Nahlik, Boyd Gonnerman, Justin Clerc, and John Stathopoulos, as well as sophomore Nick Born, all have had experience on the varsity level and have good chances at qualifying for state. Juniors Chris Wagnitz and John Orbe will move up from the JV team to add additional strength.

"The team has a solid lineup but not a lot of depth," said Curdt, so injuries could become a big obstacle to a successful season. However, so far there have been no major injuries, and the team is actually well prepared for the upcoming season. Their preparation comes mostly from the team camp that SLUH wrestlers attend over the summer in Wisconsin. The camp gave the whole team a great jump start on the preseason so that everything didn't have to be broken down as much, said Curdt.

The team will be looking to score more to surpass the team dual meet record of 6-3 set last year, and hopes to "send more wrestlers to the state meet" with such a powerful line-up, added Curdt. The first competition the team will face is Hazelwood West on Nov. 27, but the first home meet is Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m.

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next year. We should be able to present a lot of problems for other teams."

Many positives can be taken away from this season, but maybe none greater than the fact that they went undefeated during the regular season. It's even more impressive that it was the seniors' third undefeated season in four years. Few classes can say they went three seasons without losing or have a combined 35-3 record, but the class of 2002, along with the class of 2003, showed great amounts

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Martel continued, "(DeSmet) played a good defensive game. They set the tone and played with intensity."

Captain Dan Hartwig commented, "I think the game could have gone either way. We had a really good chance to go to the final four. They just came up and were fired up."

Said Neil Sanders, "We had an off day. We weren't passing the ball well like we usually do."

Despite the quarterfinal loss to DeSmet, the Jr. Bills' season was still a success. The team compiled a record of 14-6-5, and in those six losses they lost only two games by more than one goal, losing to Chaminade earlier in the year 3-0 and DeSmet 2-0 to end the season.

"It was a great season," said Martel. "We had one of the finest defensive clubs that has ever played here. We just had trouble at times getting the big goal we needed."

Howenstein played well in goal the whole season. "Steve was incredible," said Martel. "He controlled his box really well. He established himself in goal and gave the defense confidence. He's a great athlete." The team's goals against average was one of the lowest in the area. "All four of the goalies trained really hard," said Martel.

The Soccerbills' strong record is even more impressive when one considers the many losses the team endured throughout the year. Frank Simek and John DiRaimondo left the team before the season started to pursue soccer interests in

of talent and class during this year's campaign.

Illustrating the Footbills' dominance, 21 Jr. Bills received first or second team All-MCC honors (see page 13), and Finney was selected as the player of the year in the conference.

"It shows a lot about the kind of guys we have on this team," said Finney. "Every single person on this team gave everything they had, and I think it's pretty obvious by the way we played every game."

England and Florida, respectively. Star junior Matt Kreikemeier broke his foot early in the season, and Adam Twellman and Kurt Fiehler were also injured for the majority of the season. Yet despite these setbacks, the Jr. Bills still had one of the top teams in the area.

Assistant coach Terry Murray said, "The players overcame a lot of obstacles. I was very pleased at how well the young players responded to the pressures of varsity. I felt like the team focused on getting better ... and I think they really did get better."

Murray commented, "All of our seniors were great leaders, and (Hartwig) and (Mulligan) were great captains who led by example."

The team had a great time practicing together. "A few days ago I told the team that (this season) was the most fun I've ever had," said Mulligan. "Everybody was so fun. I was talking to (Howenstein), and we were just talking about going out to practice to kick the ball around for fun."

Mulligan continued, "There were so many different ways (the season) was successful ... as far as developing as players and people. We became a close-knit group of friends even though our ages and social lives are different."

Yet now that the season is over, many returning players are thinking ahead. "Next year we're going to be awesome," said junior Matt McCarthy. "We're going to miss our seniors, but with Twellman and Kreikemeier back from their injuries, we're going to be really good. I'm already looking forward to next year."

The team would like to thank the student body for the great amount of support they received this season. Going 10-1 is nothing to be ashamed of, so the Footbills should be proud of what they accomplished and look forward to a successful season next year.

Finney closed by saying, "Our fans are great. To see so many of the guys go out to Mattoon and watch us play out at Fort Zumwalt South is incredible. It means a lot to us when the fans recognize all of the hard work we put in."

## BLADES OF STEEL

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slipped the puck between the legs of SLUH goalie Dan Dileo.

The Looking-for-a-comeback-bills dominated the second period, containing the puck in the Vianney zone for most of the period as the Griffins took many foolish penalties. However, as Leiendecker was coming out of the box, he found the puck at his skates and scored on a breakaway, giving Vianney a 3-0 lead.

Joe Mantovani commented, "We outplayed them, but we couldn't bury (the puck). We had a couple of letdowns, and we got behind." The Jr. Bills outshot Vianney 28-25, but not even one of Greffet's laser-like shots could beat Vianney goaltender Jason Berra.

Both teams vented their anger with each other in the third period as many skirmishes broke out. With eight minutes remaining, Vianney's Nick Tobias, who was already in trouble for starting a fight with a South player after his game on Saturday, took his frustration out on Mantovani when he gave Mantovani a cheap shot, starting a skirmish between the two. Both Mantovani, who wished not to comment on the fight, and Tobias were booted from the game.

With only a few minor incidents the rest of the game, Vianney won 3-0, evening both teams' records to 1-1. Head coach Charlie Busenhart said about the Jr. Bills, "They played with great intensity."

Busenhart also wants "all of the east-siders to come to the game Monday night" against Althoff at 7:00 at Fairview Heights.

# A Visit to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

*Rec room plaque triggers journey*

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

So it's Veterans Day. Everyone wants to exchange stories about their grandpa's heroic role in World War II, and every grandpa wants to remember his younger days with some of the closest friends he ever made. It is our job to remember too, and that remembering does not need to come under the guise of patriotism or anything else. We remember to remember, so that we know who we are, who we were, and where we come from.

It is for this reason that this week of all weeks we should discuss those who have died, especially in war. Another war looming in the Middle East stirs up different feelings among different people, but everyone can reflect on the suffering that goes on in war.

A little ways down I-55, there is a place that shows us in implacable detail what we get from wars. As compelling as a clear starry night, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery holds the bodies of thousands of dead soldiers and their families. A sight like this will not let us turn our eyes away, will not let us forget.

In the basement of the rec room, between worn out church pews and cones of chalk, a plaque tries to remind SLUH of what it has lost. On this plaque are the names of SLUH alumni who lost their lives in combat before July 9, 1948, when the plaque was installed. Some of these men are now forever housed among the rooms of Jefferson Barracks, the low and rolling hills their dens, with a window to the Mississippi.



While bringing ourselves to dwell on painful memories is psychologically difficult, finding a physical memorial to dead men is harder than it may seem. Though there are resources—the Rec room plaque, the locating computer at Jefferson Barracks, and countless military records—the search is not a simple one. With limited information, one cannot easily tell if he is standing before the grave of a SLUH graduate or of a like-named stranger. What is certain is that the memorial is present.

Among the legions of gravestones, which stand as regular as any army line, the marble monument to the life of Harold

Schramm, stands two and a half feet tall, like every one of its brothers. This particular stone accompanies a field of primarily ancient stones, more stylized and weathered than the rest, proclaiming the names of Civil War veterans in swirly writing. A brief anecdote of their service is inscribed, unlike Schramm's, in a faded shield.

A visitor to this park, even a visitor who has nothing in common with the dead beyond a shared high school, must be moved by the scene. Among a field whose solitary stones often coalesce into a snowy puddle in the distance, a name, a year is recognized, sometimes only to see that the middle name is different, that you haven't found a relative or old schoolmate.



The grave of another SLUH alum, Robert O'Neil, '31, stands by the roadside. His stone proclaims no birthdate, only day of death: April 18, 1938. It is this mystery of the stones that makes even a tenuous relationship seem uncertain, not to mention the thousands of neighboring strangers, whose lives are even more veiled than O'Neil's. We ask questions, trying to remember. When did he graduate? Do you remember where he served? What was his

rank? While the stories get old with each passing veterans day, we *cannot* forget them.

In another section of the park, Kenneth Rohman, '38, is buried. The rows of graves, strangely interrupted by huge oak trees, give way over the fence to the still-standing barracks, with green camouflaged jeeps and tents, a relentless reminder of how the dead came to this place. Rohman's grave is flooded with information, a clean, white stone with his credentials all over it. "Tec 4 Sig Corps," it reads. Rohman was only 24 when he died. Seeing the beauty of the cemetery sharply contrasts the horrible truth that this solemn stone explains so clearly: young men die because of war.

As I leave the park, thinking of the dead, thinking of war, thinking of life and the current war, I see, on the back of the glossy stone monolith at the entrance, two letters between the towering pine trees that frame the stone: "E A" in glossy black, begging me to ask what they mean. Upon approaching the wall, the rest becomes visible. Through the evergreen branches, the letters "P" and "CE" frame the two I saw at first. Leaving the park, I see "P E A C E."

Like me, you are probably thinking of the irony of a military cemetery telling me to believe in peace as I leave. While I have dwelled on this thought, a more important one strikes me. These are men that now have peace. In the almost total silence and reverence of the cemetery, the soldiers whose lives were fraught with noise and terror have finally found peace, a quiet, beautiful resting place. When we remember them, we feel that peace as well.

# Back to the Feature: SLUH filmmakers part II

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

Even though he began making 8mm films when he was about 11 or 12, James Gunn, '84, still remembers his friendships with fellow student artists as eye-opening. "It was extremely exciting to be a part of an artistic community." In high school, Gunn found people who shared his interests, like films and comic books, and he fit in perfectly, even acting in many of his friends' 8mm films. Bill Boll, '83, remembers that Gunn and the other people in the group—including highly successful director, George Hickenlooper, '82, Chris Curtis, '83, Steve Goedde, '83, and Tim Gallaher, '84—called themselves The Splicers, as their main focus was filmmaking.

Gunn, who wrote the superhero parody *The Specials* (2000), which made its St. Louis premiere last night at the Tivoli, also remembers taking every art class he could while at SLUH. Aside from taking every class theater teacher and Dauphin director Joe Schulte offered, Gunn took Jesuit A. J. Deeman's two-semester film/theater course as well as drawing and sculpture classes. After some time at Loyola Marymount, Gunn settled at St. Louis University and later earned a master's degree in fine arts from Columbia University.

Even though he focused much of his effort on fiction writing, film still played a major role in his life. He said he unequivocally preferred film production over scholarship, explaining, "I am not a critical analysis type... (but) you have to be somewhat of a film scholar. All great filmmakers are people who are huge fans of film."

One of his greatest influences as a screenwriter, he said, is Preston Sturges, writer and director of many great screwball comedies like *The Lady Eve* (1941). "There is an energy and vibrance to his work that is rarely seen." As a filmmaker he also admires Sturges because, "He was a populist... film is a medium (in which) people get together, a mass medium. (Sturges) was great at balancing art and commerce."

Gunn said the populist inside himself often conflicts with the artist, though. "I'm torn between novels and film," he lamented, "but as long as I'm creating and still having fun, I find the process to be pretty much the same."

Having published his second book, *The Toy Collector*, last year, Gunn says that whereas writing an independent screenplay could take a matter of weeks, writing a novel is "a big undertaking." He said he often feels the urge to start writing a novel but is checked by the immensity of the project.

One of the frustrations of screenwriting, he said, is that sometimes he will labor over a script only to have it rejected, but people have also warmly received scripts that he wrote relatively quickly. Such was the case with *The Specials*.

Gunn said he had the idea for the story since he was a young boy. He had always considered the idea of a superhero film where there are no battles and no displays of power, but rather insights

into the characters' private lives. He always thought the idea was too esoteric, he said, until he told it to his brother Brian, who thought it was hilarious. Gunn finished the script very quickly, and as it made its rounds in Hollywood, it brought in many offers and Gunn got an agent.

Although his 1996 film *Tromeo and Juliet* taught him much about making a film, it did not bring in the attention or the money *The Specials* did. The other amazing thing about *The Specials* is that it was produced for about \$1 million. Everyone working on the film "did it for nothing," he said.

Compared to *The Specials*, the creative process for his latest project, a Scooby Doo live action film, was much longer and more tedious. The very process of composing the script was much more carefully scrutinized by Warner Bros., as the movie will be their major summer release next summer.

The Scooby Doo film will also cost about \$84 million more to produce than the *The Specials*. But, Gunn said, "Even Hollywood executives are making movies because they like movies. If you're looking to make money, go somewhere else."

The same elements that altered Gunn's artistic environs—the money elements—George Hickenlooper credits partially with the lack of progress for cinematic storytellers. "Film incorporates so many mediums that its possibilities are boundless," he said in an e-mail last week. "Unfortunately, it is such an expensive medium to work in that the storytelling is very limited by commercial restraints. Consequently, narrative form hasn't advanced much in filmmaking. We're still sort of in the pre-renaissance phase of storytelling... The process will be slow because there are so many limitations placed on filmmakers by financiers."

Hickenlooper, who majored in history at Yale, says his film study is limited to his high school career, where his interest in film creation began. He says he began seriously making films with his fellow Splicers and that they received a lot of encouragement from people like Schulte, English teachers Bill George and Jim Raterman, and Deeman, their film instructor.

Hickenlooper said he thinks the best thing a student who wants to make films can do is "to get a solid liberal arts education and learn about the world so that they will have something to draw from when they do make films."

One of Hickenlooper's earliest cinematic efforts, *The Low Life* (1994), which he wrote and directed, will be showing this Saturday (1pm, Tivoli). John Enbom, a Yale classmate, created the

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# SLUH FACULTY VETERANS

**Tom Becvar (1971-'72)**  
drafted during Vietnam  
mathematical/statistics assistant  
general equipment testing- Fort Lee, VA  
weapons testing-Aberdeen Proving  
Grounds, MA

**Charles Busenhart (1969-71)**  
Marine Corps-Infantry (radio man)  
Legal Clerk, Court Reporter

**Brother Richard Witzofsky (1951-53)**  
served in Korea, near Suwan  
Military police-desk sergeant

**Daniel Shelburne (1968-70)**  
'69-'70 in Vietnam  
Located near Ben Cat, Base Camp in Lai  
Khe  
Combat Engineer- Demolitions  
Wounded at least twice  
Earned Soldiers' Medal

**Raymond Manker (1964-68)**  
13 months in Japan  
8 months in Vietnam (Chu Lai)  
Marine Corps- Aviation Supply

**Mark Tychonievich**

## QUEL

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story of a struggling young writer in Hollywood. "I completely rewrote the script," Hickenlooper said, "and created the Sean Astin character of Andy Mauer in order to give the film more of an emotional arc."

"(The story) is about cynical, jaded youth and I wanted to break that trap with a kind of hayseed-like character, based on two people I had known in my life."

Strongly influenced by eye-opening American filmmakers like Stanley Kubrick and Orsen Welles, it is no surprise that Hickenlooper thinks he may have been trying to "make an anti-generation-X statement...kind of throw a wrench into the snarky atmosphere that I find suffocating in the post modern world of hipsters."

"It is not your typical plot-driven star vehicle," he warned, "It is a plodding character piece and either you get it or you don't"

1st Infantry in Fort Riley, Kansas and  
Bavaria, Germany  
Field Artillery Unit- operation section  
(found targets for artileries)

**Al Teske (1970's)**  
MP in Vietnam

**Tom Brady (1953-55)**  
Korea  
Army Corps of Engineers- Combat  
Engineer (built bridges and roads)

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## SPLAT IT

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match 7-15, 10-15.

Kevin Moore, top seed and team motivator, won his match handily, as he easily took the Kirkwood number one out of the running, 15-3, 15-6. He described the confidence he has in the team this year, saying, "Considering our third seed Andy Schumert was injured and that we still beat Kirkwood, one of the best teams in the league, I think we'll probably have the strongest team in the league once Schumert is healthy." He also noted that some of the varsity players competed at a higher seed, and they either had close matches or won, which is a good sign for the Racquetbills this season.

Junior third-seed Chris Guilfooy, who moved up a spot to fill in for Schumert, played the final and deciding match of the night. At that point, both teams had each won three games, so that match was extremely important for the U. High. Playing strong and in control, Guilfooy won the

## FOOTBALL AWARDS

SLUH ALL - MCC 2001

### 1st Team

Tim Boyce	Dossie Jennings
Chris Carter	Stanford Richardson
Brad Drakesmith	Craig Schlappizzi
Chris Finney	Adam Siebenman
Alex Glennon	John Stathopoulos
Joe Gilfoil	Phineas Troy

### 2nd Team

Joe Devine	Joe Neely
Joe Finney	John Niehoff
Brad Johnson	John Orbe
Mike Klevorn	Mike Pettit
	Chris Price

### Honorable Mention

Nick Koenig	Kevin Steffens
	Jack Pelikan

MCC Player of the Year: Chris Finney  
MCC Coach of the Year: Gary Kornfeld

### SLUH All-Academic

Chris Finney	John Niehoff
Joe Finney	John Orbe
Joe Gilfoil	Jack Pelikan
Brad Johnson	Mike Pettit
Mike Klevorn	Chris Price
Nick Koenig	Craig Schlappizzi
Joe Neely	Adam Siebenman
	Phineas Troy

first game 15-11. During the second game, the Kirkwood player took his play up a notch, giving Guilfooy a tough game. Down 13-7, Guilfooy regrouped after a TO on his way to defeat the Pioneer 15-14, securing the 4-3 victory for the Racquetbills.

Head coach Joe Koestner spoke strongly about his team's victory against Kirkwood. "The league has become significantly stronger ... this year's team is up to the challenge, and they are ready to take the challenge all the way to state."

The Racquetbills' next game is Tuesday, November 20, against MICDS. Summed up in two words by coach Koestner on the future success of this season: "WE'RE BACK!"

by Patrick Meek

September 21-28

**FRIDAY, NOV. 16**

Schedule R

Dauphin Players' *Terra Nova* @ 7pm

V-HK vs Webster Groves @ Webster @ 9:15pm

**SATURDAY, NOV. 17**

Dauphin Players' *Terra Nova* @ 7pm

SUNDAY, NOV. 18

JV-HK vs Oakville @ Affton @ 9:15pm

**MONDAY, NOV. 19**

Schedule L

V-HK vs Althoff @ Fairview Heights @ 7pm

Activity Period: United States Air Force Academy (John Antal, SLUH '99)

**TUESDAY, NOV. 20**

Schedule M

RB vs. MICDS @ Concord @ 3:30pm

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21**

Schedule H

**THURSDAY, NOV. 22**

No Classes

**FRIDAY, NOV. 23**

No Classes

**SATURDAY, NOV. 24**

V-HK vs Chaminade @ Affton @ 9:15pm

**SUNDAY, NOV. 25**

JV-HK vs Parkway Central @ Affton @ 8pm

**MONDAY, NOV. 26**

Schedule R

PLAN Exam for Soph.

Activity Period: United States Naval

Academy (Jhn Quinn, SLUH '00)

V-HK vs Pattonville @ North City @ 7:15pm

**TUESDAY, NOV. 27**

Schedule R

V/JV/C-WR @ Hazelwood West @ 6pm

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28**

Schedule R

**THURSDAY, NOV. 29**

Schedule R

V/JV/C-WR vs Winsdor @ 6pm

V-SW vs Clayton @ 4pm

**FRIDAY, NOV. 30**

Schedule R

V-BB @ Pacific @ 7:30pm

B-BB @ Pacific @ 6pm

C-BB (White) vs Berkeley @ 4pm

V-SW vs Lafayette @ 4pm

## FINALISTS

Hall, Webster University, and Fontbonne College. Over her eight year stint as principal she introduced block scheduling, moved the faculty to computerized grading, added four years of German, and integrated African, Asian, Middle Eastern and Russian history into the Social Studies Department.

"She has 25 years of experience in education and administration," said Hellman, "She was a teacher, co-principal, and principal." Of the three candidates Schenkenberg is the only one with actual principalling experience. Hellman added, "feedback from faculty at Nerinx was glowing," Schenkenberg has won numerous education awards and has spoken at National and Regional meetings of principals. Hellman added, "Under her leadership Nerinx has made excellent progress."

The final candidate, Craig Hannick, is currently a member of the board and a math teacher. He began teaching at SLUH in 1989 and has taught Calculus, Statistics, Algebra II, and Algebra. In addition to teaching he has coached C-Soccer, B-

Baseball, coordinated the Wellness Team and moderated the Prep News.

"[Hannick] is an experienced SLUH teacher, but he also brings business experience," said Hellman. Hannick left SLUH in 1998 to work for General American Life Insurance Company as an actuary, but has remained a board member. He returned to SLUH in 2001 and is currently teaching Advanced Algebra II and Geometry. "He has been well recognized as a teacher," Hellman added. In addition to teaching, Hellman stated that Hannick's experience with sports and clubs within SLUH, "is certainly valuable."

On November 27, 28, and 29 the three candidates will be giving a short statement to the entire faculty and staff, followed by a 45 minutes of faculty questions. Following the general meeting the candidates will meet with the Search Committee and finally personally with SLUH President Paul Sheridan, S.J. Sheridan will make the final decision sometime before Christmas.

"Any three of [the candidates] I would

be very happy with," Sheridan said of the final decision. Sheridan explained that they all have different strengths and personalities, but all are qualified. Sheridan added of his final decision, "There would have to be an extraordinary reason for me not to follow the committee."

Hellman echoed Sheridan's feelings saying, "I have a high degree of confidence that the next principal will be very talented and highly qualified."

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