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Author Hayes, '53, hosts national book release

Andrew Ivers
Editor in Chief

Yesterday morning, Leo Hayes, '53, a diocesan priest, returned to his alma mater for the official release of his newly published book *Evil in Mirror Lake*. Hayes and his book have drawn considerable media interest in the last few months as Hayes' thesis focuses on the presence of evil in the world, its origins, and how people can deal with it.

Around 11 a.m., Hayes spoke briefly with junior theology students before opening the floor for a question and answer session. A staff from CBS's *60 Minutes* even taped Hayes' remarks as part of a segment that will air sometime after the first of the year.

Steve Sussman, Hayes' publisher with Oakland Publishing Press of Chicago, said the book is one of the fastest-selling in the country, but Hayes thought there would be no better place to hold his book release than the place where he first learned to question the world and think critically.

According to Sussman, "There is no hotter topic than evil" since Sept. 11. President Bush, he said, has used the word "evil" 435 times since the attacks, yet "Nobody has been able to define it." Hayes is considered one of the foremost authorities on theological and philosophical studies of evil, Sussman said.

The book was actually on the press on Sept. 11 when the publishers made the rare decision to halt printing. The printers knew the book's subject would become pertinent, Sussman said, and they decided to reformat the text, letting Hayes write a few extra pages explaining the evil

involved in the terrorist attacks.

Sussman made the point that very few people are seeking out the true impetus for the attacks. Hayes tries to disprove a few extreme theories—from radical Muslims and some radical Christians in the U.S.—that suggest the attacks were the will of God or Allah. Hayes takes a very vocal stand against such conservative Christians, according to Sussman, and equates the terrorists' manipulation of divine will to justify their personal motives with the way people like Jerry Falwell and

Pat Robert use the fear of such attacks to drive their congregations in the way they want them to move.

Hayes, who holds master's degrees in Divinity and Rehabilitation Counseling, served until two years ago as a chaplain at Menard Penitentiary in Chester, Ill. He is currently a pastor of three parishes in and around Ava, Ill.

When he was a chaplain, he taught a class about evil and composed a series of essays he would distribute to his students at the end of the course. Twelve years ago, a friend suggested he begin compiling the



Leo Hayes addresses a junior theology class.

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Clark unveils security plan

Patrick Meek
Core Staff

Last Monday, Charlie Clark, director of SLUH security, outlined a new security plan to faculty and staff that will bring SLUH's security plan into the 21st century. With the presentation, Clark outlined the four parts of his plan: electronic card access, security manpower issues, access to campus during school hours, and re-keying all classroom doors.

Clark's proposal originated after years of security problems around the campus; such incidents include vandalism, theft, and break-ins. The plan, which could cost from \$50,000 to \$90,000, hopes to put a stop to such problems.

The first major part of Clark's plan concerns the changing of the school's

exterior doors from a standard lock and key system to an electronic card system similar to a hotel's key system.

The new keys will be located at six or seven locations across the school. Even though it has not yet been determined which doors will use the card system, some of the doors under serious consideration are the Oakland lot door near the switchboard, the door under the library, and the theatre entrance door. The alley door near the receptionist's desk and the student door on Berthold Avenue are also being considered for the new system.

These doors were "chosen with the idea of accommodating as many people as possible," said Clark of his plan.

The new card system will be run by a computer which will be able to detect

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Water polo raises banner at all-school assembly

Activity period assembly honors team, Busenhart

Last Friday, for the second day in a row, St. Louis U. High students and faculty gathered at an all-school assembly. The assembly on Friday, however, was on a lighter note, as the SLUH community came together to celebrate the accomplishments of the school's fall sports teams. The assembly took on special meaning as the entire school came together to honor the victory of the state water polo champions.

Athletic Director Richard Wehner addressed the crowd, as did Sports Commissioner Adam Shukwit. Shukwit credited both SLUH fan support and his Jostens bling-bling tassel for water polo's come-from-behind victory over Parkway South in the semifinals. The team tied the game with just 0:22 left and later won in overtime.

Following Shukwit, captain Kevin Price introduced the team to the assembly, and captain Greg Szewczyk thanked the fans, players, and coaches for their role in the state championship.

Assistant coach Paul Baudendistel then took the podium, and he attributed much of the team's success to the years of dedication that retiring head coach Charlie Busenhart contributed. About his speech, Baudendistel said, "(Busenhart) has been



The water polo team's seniors raise the state championship banner. From left, superfan Colin Carroll, captain Dan Klein, Jason Jacobi, John Pimmel, captain Kevin Price, captain Greg Szewczyk, Donny DesPain, and Mike Petersen. Not pictured: Brendon Sanders.

dodging public acknowledgement of his value to this school for...years, and it was good that he was forced into it."

Busenhart said that he and Baudendistel were on the verge of tears as Busenhart took the podium in front of a standing ovation. "I was surprised and pleasantly pleased when Mr. Baudendistel introduced me and said all those kind and generous things about what had gone on over the last thirty years. Then the fact that the whole group stood up and gave me a standing ovation...that was really moving.

"As far as any team is concerned, I've had great teams,

but I've never had a better team effort by a group of young men. So that's a great way to end it."

After three standing ovations, students returned to the tedium of the school day. Though SLUH water polo may win more state championships, they will surely miss coach Busenhart and the attitude of sportsmanship and fun that he brought to every game.

—compiled by Kevin Moore



Team members Phil Abram, John Pimmel, and Billy Dahlman laugh at one of Baudendistel's many jokes.



Senior captain Greg Szewczyk speaks to the crowd. In the background, Busenhart and Baudendistel share a good-natured chuckle.

EDITORIAL

Looking inward for Advent: a response to Sheridan's speech

The oracle at Delphi professed some of the greatest advice a human being can heed: *gnothi seauton*, know thyself. In the last several weeks, students and faculty have been called in a variety of ways to look inside and try to discover their real focus in life. Last Thursday, President Paul Sheridan, S.J., asked members of the community to determine through reflection and dialogue what their values are and then to enact them to better the school. Last Friday, many people fasted and reflected for world peace. Senior Project will, hopefully, give seniors a month of similar focus and evaluation, and the next few weeks will also give all the members of the community time to relax and reflect on the state of their lives.

Such meditation on the motivations behind our actions and on our true beliefs is essential for anyone who wants to be healthy. Students especially need to evaluate and re-evaluate their actions and determine whether they are choosing, as Sheridan said, to build community or to tear it down. Sheridan remarked that members of the student body who act in a prejudiced way are in the minority. This may be true as far as outward signs and attacks, yet a great majority of people prolong prejudice and injustice through apathy. Too often, one will compromise one's internal beliefs, which are usually oriented toward love and equality, due to social pressure.

But inward focus is only the first step for change and progress. For any person to grow, he or she needs to decide inside that they believe in change; it cannot be forced. Yet one must move beyond inward certainty to open dialogue, as Sheridan suggested, in all possible venues. The school community is

filled with people, from freshmen to master teachers, and places, from the classroom to counseling office to hallway, that encourage the development of the self. One cannot hope to healthily re-evaluate oneself if he does not entertain the views of him that others hold. Comprehensive dialogue among the members of the community about both the individuals and the groups of the school *can* foster change.

When one reaches a point where daily re-evaluation and reflection have given him a stable sense of self, he is obligated to help those who are struggling with their own external and internal state. Last Thursday mourning, Jeff Harrison, S.J., told the senior class in a prayer service that they may not be called to lay down their lives for their loved ones, as Jesus said, but they are called nonetheless to sacrifice things like their pride to help others. Students need to be ready to let go of the things in their lives that are not as important in order to improve their lives and the lives of others. Sheridan has challenged all in the community to look inside and begin to change that which should and can be changed. He has asked all the members of the school to support one another as they do this. It will be hard for many people, but such change is necessary for growth and health. The means and the strength for progress are present; the worst thing anyone can do is turn away.

Quote o' the Week

San Dimas High School football rules!

—Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SLUH parent suggests Mothers', Fathers' Club help fight sexism

To the Editor:

Reading the *Prep News* has always been a wonderful tonic for me. It helps me to unwind after a hectic week of work. There is always something within this weekly newspaper that challenges my mind and touches my heart.

I read Mr. Grier's letter ("Grier addresses cruelty at SLUH," Nov. 16, 2001) to the editor with sincere interest. His comments regarding the written sexual harassment of a SLUH female teacher are very well done and long overdue. It was written with the proper sensitivity due to a situation of this type.

I was also very troubled after reading Mr. Grier's letter about an individual using his grammar skills (or lack thereof) to sexually harass a female teacher. Unfortunately, this was not the first incident against this particular female teacher. I understand a similar incident occurred last year. Supposedly, an accused student was given the choice of leaving on his own or being asked to leave. The student apparently left on his own. The

discipline dealt to the departed student was not a strong enough message.

How can St. Louis University High School, with its prestigious reputation, allow this type of behavior? I believe it is time for the administration, Board of Directors, Mothers' Club, and Fathers' Club to collectively meet and discuss this matter. This incident should be given top priority in order to achieve some type of resolve.

My wife and I do not condone harassment or discrimination of any type in our home. We did not send our son to St. Louis University High School to be exposed to such cowardly and hypocritical behavior. SLUH students pride themselves on being men for others. I seriously doubt that a real Junior Billiken would have attacked his own teacher in this manner.

Thank you for allowing me to express myself on such a serious yet sensitive matter.

A Concerned Parent

COMMENTARY

News apathy and the *SLUH Forum*

Andrew Ivers
Editor in Chief

With about a minute left in homeroom on Monday, I glanced at the desk at the front of the room and saw a stack of the latest *SLUH Forum* stuffed under some piles of other homeroom papers. Although some people were reluctant to do so, most people at least entertained the paper for the last few minutes of homeroom. I was happy to see that the paper even sparked a few conversations. Yet any happiness I felt soon abated as I entered classrooms throughout the morning and afternoon to find pristine stacks of the new *Forum*. Once again, I was reminded how warped the core intellectual values of the school are. The general sense of apathy for fact-finding and news research coupled with an enthusiasm (at least in conversation) for many of the tenets of popular culture—sports, television, even drinking parties—suggests to me a loss of focus, as citizens of the world, among most students.

This is not to condemn the hot topics of conversation; more often than not I spend homeroom talking about a weekend film or last night's episode of *The Simpsons*. Rather, I feel that the way in which students ignore the obvious presence of global news right in their own homeroom, disregarding it as a waste of time, says that the news of the world must be catchy enough to fit into my busy schedule. Students, it seems, treat such fact-finding and political and economic thought as a hobby or a chore for social scientists and their students. I may be biased, as this is one of my pastimes, but I don't think I am entirely wrong. Those who are at

fault are those who do not see it is the obligation of every active citizen of the globe to know the state of the world to the best of their ability. To be informed does not take hours upon hours every week, although the more time invested, the more accurate one's worldview will become. Rather, fifteen minutes of serious news reading each day or perhaps just an hour on Sundays would be no great chore, yet would inform the reader better than the same time spent watching a fraction of an *additional* show or game.

Perhaps the case for the informed populace would be weaker if the members of the SLUH community did not claim to be preparing to be leaders of the communities they will enter. With leadership comes the power to make decisions, and the only good decisions are based, at least initially, on facts and basic truths (those that the leader determines for himself). Even now, every day, students desire to have opinions and make decisions about the major events of the world—the war in Afghanistan, the flaring Israeli and Palestinian states, or the actions of Washington and the president, to name a few. Clearly, students do not know the facts behind these situations without researching. All the opinions tossed about in classrooms and hallways must be cast from a sound platform, i.e., an informed mind.

For the work that Jason Wever and his staff dedicate to each issue of the *Forum*, students should at least pick up the paper and bring it home. For the opportunity the paper offers to students wanting to learn or express legitimate opinions and facts, the *Forum* should be taken seriously. And for the integrity and pertinence of the *Forum's* content, it should be read.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Schulte proposes solutions for sexism

To the Editor:

The issue of sexism at SLUH is most definitely a controversial one. There is a minority that have brought it up recently and demanded a change, and there is most likely a majority that has tried to silence this minority and say that sexism either doesn't exist, or is a moot point. Fact is, sexism does exist at SLUH, and has existed there since SLUH's founding. What I find most disturbing is that some people are actually surprised to hear this. "Hey, did you hear there's sexism at SLUH?" "What? Sexism at an all-boys school? Well, no [insert expletive here]?! How do you figure?"

SLUH is a great school. I had a great experience there I wouldn't trade for the world. However, being an all-boys school, there is of course going to be a greater chance for sexism to occur within the halls. The blame for this, though, should not be put on the fact that there is an all-boy student body, the students themselves, or the faculty and administration. There is, actually,

nothing to place the blame on. I'm not one to blame things on society, and this is not a "cop-out" (apologies to my English teachers for the cliché), but the fact is that we are a product of our environment and a reflection of our society, and as long as there is sexism in our society, there will be sexism in SLUH as well as sexism in public high schools, in universities, and in businesses.

This is not to say, however, that there shouldn't be something done at SLUH. SLUH students strive to be number one as a family, from sports to theater, and also strive to be number one within the family. Why then can't they strive to be number one in how they handle social issues? Maybe the SLUH family shouldn't just tackle sexism within the halls of SLUH, but should make their plight public and work with other schools and organizations to help wipe it out entirely. That is, however, if it is such a big issue that people talk about it being (emphasis on talk).

Nick Schulte, '01

The birds and the bees: faculty babies arrive

Dennis Agniel
Reporter

St. Louis U. High's faculty has been especially fertile this year. During the first semester, three of our beloved teachers have welcomed new children into their families.

On Oct. 4, history teacher David Barton witnessed the birth of his first child, Emily Jane, at St. John's Hospital. He and his wife Michelle have made room for all 20.5 inches and nine pounds, two ounces of their new child.

Two days later at St. Anthony's Hospital, Peter Timothy Curdt was born to English teacher Tim Curdt and his wife, Theresa. Peter weighed in at seven pounds, nine ounces, while stretching 21 inches in length. Two-year-old Thomas Curdt welcomed his new baby brother, whom he affectionately calls "Baby Peter." Thomas enjoys hugging, playing with, and tackling Baby Peter. Curdt expressed joy at having the new child even though it means "a lot less sleep" for him and his

wife.

Math teacher Dan See and guidance counselor Nina See brought their second child into the family. Micah Anthony, born seven pounds and 19 inches at St. Luke's Hospital, said "hello" to this world at 8:45 a.m. on Dec. 10. Naomi and her parents have been trying to get used to the

baby, and it is going well, See said.

Still waiting, math teacher Rebecca Ferrigni has passed her due date without giving birth. The expected date for the arrival of the newborn was Dec. 18, but it passed without much "forward progress" toward birth, said Ferrigni. She and her husband haven't picked out a name yet.

Colombiabills bid farewell to SLUH

Jorge Osorio and Santiago Sanmiguel are leaving SLUH after visting for the first semester. They will return to San Pedro Claver and Colegio San Jose schools, Jesuit institutions in Bucaramanga, Colombia and Barranquilla, Colombia, respectively.

In the first semester of every year, each of these college prep high schools sends one student to SLUH.

—Brian Kane



Santiago, Merriot, and Jorge at yesterday's farewell party.

Drunk-driving wreck visits SLUH student lot

Matt Hoffman
Core Staff

A car wrecked during a drunk driving accident is currently being displayed on the walkway on the upper field. School nurse Scott Gilbert and Craig Hannick coordinated the renting of the car from Continental Salvage to be displayed from Tuesday until Friday. The car was towed to the display spot Tuesday morning.

The only information available about the car is that the driver was drunk and was broadsided while running a red light.

"December is National Drunk Driving Awareness Month," explained Hannick concerning the timing of the display.

"With the holidays right around the corner I think we need to increase everyone's awareness of the effects of alcohol and getting behind the wheel," said Gilbert.

"Not only behind the wheel, but in a

car where the driver has been drinking," Hannick added. "You're responsible too for making a desiscion to get into a car where the driver has been drinking."

"We've gotten quite a response," said Gilbert. "Disbelief, astonishment, amazement, questions. You can feel the impact. (Students) back up from the car with some really concerned looking faces."

"It's for the whole community to see," said Hannick. The car is positioned in such a way that students can see the damage through windows facing the upper field and parents picking up students can see the car from the parking lot.

"That's a lot of damage," said one student reflecting on the driver's side of the car, "Don't drink and drive."

"It's good to put solid evidence (of drunk driving) out there," another student said.

Athletic Director Richard Wehner requested that the car stay Thursday night for the DeSmet/SLUH basketball game because of the placement of the car on the walkway to the gym.

Continental Salvage has agreed to lend SLUH another wrecked car during prom week.

As one student summed up his feelings, "It's a horrible way to end."



Ganglybills edge CBC in MCC opener

Jr. Bills earn second MCC win in last 17 tries

Reid Heidenry
Reporter

In this, their third year at the varsity level, seniors Kris Lowes and Adam Siebenman had never beaten rival CBC. Put it this way: SLUH hasn't beaten CBC in basketball since the last millennium.

Coming into CBC on Friday, the SLUH seniors were determined to change that. But in order to seal their fate, they would have to stop junior standout Taj Jackson, who averages over 20 points a game, tops in the MCC. "Our defensive game plan was to take Taj out of the equation and force someone else to score," said head coach John Ross.

As the first MCC game of the year got under way, both teams looked a little hesitant. CBC's first offensive possession seemed as if they were holding the ball for a last shot. After one quarter, the game was in a defensive deadlock 6-6.

After the slow start from both teams, the game took an offensive turn. CBC and SLUH exploded for 20 and 19 points respectively, including a drop step, one-handed dunk by senior Matt Wyrwich. The dunk gave Wyrwich the big game play of the week honors from the *St. Louis Post Dispatch's* Prep Sports show. Wyrwich led the team in scoring with 14 points on 6 for 7 shooting and added 5 blocks.

Going into the fourth quarter the Basketbills were up one, determined to get their first MCC victory of the year. Freddie Daues started the team off, drawing an offensive foul and following it up on the next possession with a one-handed fadeaway jumper in traffic. Daues shot 4 for 5 on the night, finishing with 10 points. Lowes continued the U. High run with two more points to put the Bills up by 5.

Just as it seemed the Jr. Bills were going to pull away, Taj Jackson hit the

trey ball with a little over 3:00 left. As the SLUH fans taunted CBC, "Where's your Cattle?", the Basketbills took their offensive onslaught to the line. In four different 1-and-1's during the fourth quarter, the Jr. Bill's were flawless. Sean Reidy, Lowes, and Kevin Schroeder kept the SLUH lead by going 8 for 8 in the first 4 minutes of the fourth quarter. For the game, SLUH shot 82 percent from the line, including 8 for 12 in the fourth Quarter.

With the Jr. Bills up 49-45 with 1:39 left, CBC's Jackson stole the ball and took it to the basket. Wyrwich stepped in and swatted the shot, but he fouled the cadet in the process. Distraught fan Ryan Brennan didn't like the call. "I don't know about that one! Terrible call!"

After Jackson hit both free throws, SLUH stalled. Eating up a minute of clock time, SLUH got one out of their next

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Icebills fall apart against DeSmet on Friday

Brian Wacker
Reporter

The varsity hockey team battled with top-ranked DeSmet last Friday, falling 4-2 in one of the closest games of the year. SLUH put together their best effort of the season, but penalties and shoddy transition play prevented them from dethroning the Spartans.

SLUH West struck first in the MCC battle. They put tallies on the scoreboard twice in the first period to put the Jr. Bills in an early hole. "Those goals were scored because of our play on defense. Those weren't (goalie) Danny's (DiLeo) fault," commented senior Bobby Lachky.

The second period proved to be a different story, though. The rejuvenated defense started throwing real checks and pushing the Spartans out of the zone. The EastonBills, in turn, had more opportunities on offense. SLUH capitalized on the situation like a *Prep News* Editor does on a proper noun. Sophomore Tim Mudd

scored to cut the lead in half. "You can't say enough about that kid," said senior John Greffet "It's about time he scored." Reeling from their dwindling lead, the Spartans' play got sloppy.

Lachky did his best impression of Mylo from *Saved by the Bell: the Junior High Years*, by cleaning up the slop. He tied the game midway through the second with a rocket from the slot.

The lead, however, was short-lived. DeSmet got back to form, regaining the lead on a wrister that snuck by DiLeo.

The third period was dominated by the Jr. Bills, but they couldn't seem to put the biscuit in the basket. Penalties also

killed the Bills. "Anytime we got something going, we got another penalty. It is so frustrating," said one Jr. Bill.

Meanwhile, the Spartans took advantage of the short-handed Bills. An-

other goal put the game away late in the contest. The final score was 4-2, but SLUH took a lot out of the game.

"We proved that we can play with the best. If you take away our own mistakes, we win that game," said senior Joe



Bob Lachky skates against a Spartan in the Jr. Bills' 4-2 loss.

Mantovani.

The HockeyBills go into the Christmas break with a hard-fought, well-earned record of 6-4-1. They face Kirkwood on Saturday with the second rotation of MCC games on the horizon.

Spandexbills floor the Rams to continue streak

Mike Smallwood
Reporter

Last Friday night, the Wrestling Bills showed their horns against the MICDS Rams. STUCO members on hand for the match undoubtedly helped cheer the team off to a good start with their cries of "Diamond Cutter."

Sophomore Mike Smith (135) used a gramby roll to reverse his opponent. This maneuver forced his opponent onto his back while Smith fell into perfect position for the pin at 4:14. Justin Clerc (145) also put his opponent into position for a pin after a reversal, which head coach Tim Curdt attributed to sheer focus, and then just squeezed the life out of him as he forced him into the mat to finish him off at 2:38.

Chris Wagnitz (152) and Joe Bommarito (160) both controlled their entire matches until they finally pinned their men at 2:21 and 3:46, respectively. Colin O'Brien (171) violently snapped

his opponent's head down time after time as he went for the takedown, pounding him into the mat for a pin in a mere :34.

John Stathopoulos also dominated, coming off a good first period in which he lifted his opponent off of his feet using brute strength and then slammed him down for the takedown. After choosing top position at the beginning of the second period, he went on to pin his opponent at 2:55.

Rob Nahlik (112) picked up a 17-5 major decision after getting off to a slow start. He finished his opponent off in the third period after completely wearing him

down and getting several chances to pin him, picking up points in doing so.

Nick Born (125) match summed up the

SLUH victory. He wrestled a tough, aggressive match in which he never gave his opponent a chance. He even rammed his opponent so hard at one point that he broke his



Joe Bommarito dominates his Parkway North opponent in a 15-0 win. The Jr. Bills beat North Wednesday night 47-21.

nose. His victory came in the second period with a pin at 3:43.

"It was nice to get on a roll," commented Curdt. He continued, "It's good that we can get out with a nice win" against such a "well-coached team."

Racquetbills sweep the Parkway district

Chris Guilfooy
Reporter

The Racquetbills continued a strong showing this season as they took on Parkway West and Parkway Central this past week. Entering their first game since a loss to underdog Vianney, the Jr. Bills waited in anticipation to begin another winning streak.

SLUH opened strong with quick wins by Matt Soraghan and Andy Schumert. Fifth-seeded Soraghan fought his opponent with strong play and dominance as he easily won in two games. In similar fashion, third-seeded Schumert won his game very handily. Schumert only allowed one point in the whole match to defeat his opponent 15-1, 15-0.

Joe Sharamitaro and junior Chris Guilfooy also tore their opponents apart very quickly. Sharamitaro, second seed, took his play up a notch as he power-housed his opponent, winning in two

games. Fourth-seed Chris Guilfooy also won in style in two games, 15-0, 15-5.

A strong doubles team of the dynamic duo, featuring junior Mike Brand and sophomore Phil Matthews, played a well-placed game, also winning their match in two games.

To round out the sweep of Parkway West, top-seeded Kevin Moore played a smart game to help build his confidence, as he would later play a more talented Parkway Central opponent. Said Moore of the team's play, "We needed to win big, and that's what we did."

The Racquetbills took their motivation from the Parkway West game and moved east to Parkway Central. The Jr. Bills continued their dominance of the Parkway district as they swept another Parkway team.

With only two players going into tie-breakers, the rest of the varsity squad dropped a bomb on Parkway Central. Junior Chris Guilfooy played a strong first

game as he handled his opponent, winning 15-9. However, Parkway stepped it up in the second game and won by the same score, 15-9. The Parkway player brought his momentum into the tie-breaker, yet was no match for the Jr. Bill, who easily won 11-2.

Top-seeded Kevin Moore also won in the tie-breaker, with strong play in the first and third games. After a mild injury at the end of the second game, Moore regained his stride, winning 15-13, 13-15, 11-3.

The rest of the varsity played strong games, sweeping Parkway Central and all of the Parkway district. Doubles player Brand spoke strongly of their play as he and his partner "put shots away and used perfect placement."

Team captain Moore reminded everyone of the well-played match, as he noted, "We got out the brooms and took it to the house."

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possession to put them up 50-47. After a defensive stop from the Jr. Bills, it seemed that they had control of the game. But a steal just after the outlet pass by who else but Jackson gave CBC the ball back and two more points. After another SLUH free throw from Lowes, the Basketbills had a 51-49 lead.

As CBC took the ball up the court with 15 seconds left, Adam Siebenman took on the responsibility of shutting down Jackson. Once Jackson got the ball, Siebenman's defense forced him to pass the ball. With seconds left, senior captain Kevin Schroeder slapped the ball out of the CBC player's hand and the game was over, with Lowes' and Siebenman's first varsity win against CBC under their belt.

"It was nice to get the monkey off my back," said Lowes.

Ross was also pleased with the performance. "I'd like to thank the fans for this one. They were great."

Coming off the CBC win, SLUH had to play another big game against East St. Louis at UMSL. The Jr. Bills jumped to an early lead, 12-6 in the first quarter, getting 6 points from Lowes and a trey ball from both Kevin Schroeder and Adam Siebenman. But at the end of the first quarter, East St. Louis's Tommie Lindell answered with a 3-point buzzer beater. Lindell went 5 for 6 from the arc and had 24 points before the night was over.

With the score tied 18-18 in the second, Siebenman saw Wyrwich running the floor. Siebenman gave Wyrwich the ball and he threw down a two-handed bomb after soaring through the air for approximately 6 seconds. As the buzzer sounded at the end of the half, Lindell hit another three, this time giving his team a 24-22 lead.

Early in the third, trouble struck the Jr. Bills. After a 3-point play from SLUH's version of Darius Miles, Wyrwich seemed to aggravate his lower back, causing him to leave the game momentarily. Though he returned, he was obviously not a hundred percent. Stepping in for Wyrwich was Daues, who became the newest member of the SLUH Swat Team, tagging two East STL shots.

The Basketbills hurt themselves though, especially in the second half, turning the ball over routinely and not making the shots they needed to. Reidy shared his team's sentiments: "We played awful." Even Rob Boehm's late trifecta and Andy Wahl's clutch free throws with 7 seconds left couldn't save the Basketbills from this one. Lowes finished with a team high 12 points, but in a losing effort. The game ended with East STL on top, 49-39.

This Thursday, the Basketbills have their second MCC game against the 6-0 DeSmet Spartans. Just like CBC, SLUH hasn't beaten DeSmet since the last millennium, and this year DeSmet has

outscored its opponents by over 20 points a game. This is SLUH's first home game; make sure to check out the action at 6:30

RIFLE TEAM BEATS QUINCY BY 101 IN SEASON OPENER

**Chris Seals
Reporter**

The SLUH varsity and JV teams began their seasons this past weekend in Quincy, Illinois. After graduating three seniors from the varsity team last year, other rifle teams expected SLUH to pose little threat this year. The varsity team will have to work extremeley hard to improve on its number three spot in the national rankings last year.

Saturday was the first day for the SLUH rifle teams to show that they would not step down in the ranks after losing three varsity shooters. Although the varsity team did not do as well as it hoped, it still put up 2137 points to Quincy's 2036. This was a big win for the Riflebills, as Quincy returned all shooters from last year and is currently ranked number one in the state of Illinois. Sophomore Chris Seals led the way to a victory with a 543, earning his first ever individual win on the varsity team. Seals was closely followed by junior Adam Hilkenkamp, junior Scott Isaac, and Giles Walsh with 542, 542, and 540, respectively.

The JV team, composed of sophomores Andrew Hrdlicka, Keith Reilly, Bo Purcell, and Hilkenkamp scored a decisive victory over Quincy's JV team, crushing them by more than 400 points, 2024 to 1619.

Announcement: The rifle team is still in need of a manager. The job is two days a week after school until March 1, including traveling to matches with the varstiy and JV teams. If anyone is interested in being a part of this championship team, please come down to the rifle range any day after school.

THIS WEEK IN PREP NEWS HISTORY

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"The construction inside the theater includes the placement of the interior wall, the plumbing, and the electrical work and ducts for air conditioning. The installation of the ducts, according to (SLUH President Fr. Robert) Costello, is 'one of the major works coming up.' The chairs will also be installed during this time, both the approximate 325 permanent seats and the other 300 seats in the form of bleachers that will be movable at the touch of a button. The price of these automated seats

will cost approximately \$110,000.00."

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"The best way to learn to fix cars is to fix cars.' So stated Mr. Overkamp on the aims of the newly formed Auto Repair Club.

The first meeting of the club will take place today immediately after school; the members hope to settle the main problem of finding a 1-car garage to work in, whose owner won't mind a car occupying space for a matter of weeks. Mr Overkamp will host the meeting in Room 107."

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when a door is opened and by whom, and generate information concerning the amount of times each door is used in a given period.

Clark said he has contacted several firms, including Honeywell and AMS, and has received offers from roughly six companies.

The second major issue addressed in Clark's plan is the issue of security manpower around the school and its facilities. Within the past two weeks, SLUH has hired Whelan Security to replace Sentry Security, which had been patrolling SLUH for the past several years. Clark chose Whelan to replace Sentry because it "been highly rated," he said.

With the arrival of Whelan Security comes new hours. "We are reshifting the hours on campus from an overload during the school day to a more spread out schedule," said Clark.

As before, a guard will patrol the Berthold lot during the school day to prevent break-ins on student cars. During the evening, another guard will watch over the facilities until 11 p.m. During this time, the guard will monitor all activity on campus, lock all doors, and turn off all lights in the entire facility.

A weekend guard will be stationed at SLUH from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings to open the facilities for the weekend events.

The newest addition to the force will be a day guard on the Oakland parking lot. This guard will welcome visitors at the front gate and show them to the switchboard, where they will be asked to sign in. This guard will work during each school day from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Although the new plan appears to require more hours of staffing, Clark stresses that the number of hours will be roughly the same and not cost the school much more money.

One of the other major points in the new plan will be access to SLUH during the school day. Under the new plan, visitors to SLUH will no longer be allowed to come and go as they please. Rather, a security guard will direct each visitor to the switchboard and in the process inform

the receptionist that a visitor is on their way. Once at the switchboard, visitors will have to sign-in with the receptionist. As the visitors leave, they will be asked to sign out.

"This system will allow us to keep all outside doors unlocked... (and) students and staff will be allowed to move about without obstruction while also having protection at the front gate," explained Clark.

The final point in Clark's plan concerns the reconfiguring of the locks of all the classrooms around SLUH. Clark said that he wants to put all the classrooms and offices under the same key to prevent problems that come with multiple keys. Each teacher and faculty member would be issued the keys, thus allowing them to gain access to all the rooms at SLUH.

However, this proposal does create problems. Several clubs, such as the *Prep News* and the Yearbook, give their ranking members keys to their respective offices. Giving keys to these students would enable

them access to areas where they would normally not be allowed.

Clark also said he would like to implement a system in which each classroom can be locked by a twist of the handle. This system would let each classroom be locked without keys.

This proposal has raised some questions, such as how students will be able to reenter the room if they have to use the washroom.

Because of these concerns, several teachers have voiced strong opinions concerning the recent proposal. "It saddens me to see how much emphasis needs to be put on things like these, but I am not naive enough to believe that we can get by without them," said English teacher Terry Quinn.

All these plans are scheduled to be implemented in the near future, with the changes to the security personnel's hours beginning during the Christmas break. Clark said he also hopes that the electronic locks will be installed during the break.

60 MINUTES

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essays into a book, which he has been doing since then. The search that produced the book was more personal than anything else, he said.

"Bad things happen to all of us at times and we usually always ask, 'Why? Why me?' and one of the answers that is traditionally given is 'It's God's will,'" Hayes said. "I never liked that answer. And so I researched all the other answers that other people had given and still didn't like their answers and I came up with my own answer."

His contention is that all evil originates in one of three places: one's own bad decision, a neighbor's bad decision, or an act of nature. "That's the source of all evil," he said. "It's not God. It's not the devil." He concludes, rather, that God is a great part of the lives of humans but evil entered the world when God forfeited some of his omnipotence, and gave humans free will. "We are the people who make the choices."

Hayes said in his ministry he has

trouble being pragmatic with those who mourn, yet he does not believe that everything is the will of God and happens for a purpose, or that people die because God says it is their time. People die untimely deaths due, again, to nature or bad decisions. He also does not think that God creates evil so that good may come from it. Evil is present and good comes from it independent from the will of God.

Evil is not part of God's plan, he says. "God's plan was frustrated. I see God (being) as unhappy about these things as we are."

While answering questions from Randy Roseberg's theology students, Hayes spoke on topics ranging from the death penalty to miracles to mourning to the conflicts in Afghanistan and Israel and Palestine. He said he was a deist to a degree but does not see God as removed from human life like a clockmaker. He said the theist in him sees God as acting by persuading human actions, showing humans to the right decision yet letting them make it on their own.

A SLUH Christmas Carol: teachers take over

The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come

Spirit Editor

First of all, I never told Raterman that the sleigh flew like a B-52. That was a lie. I did say that it was fast, and the handling, well, superb, but he was talking about *Catch-22*, so we might've gotten our signals crossed. And, for the record, I told Fr. Harrison and Mr. Shelburne to keep away from my elves. They'd always prance around my house in those ridiculous curled shoes and ask me when they could see the workshop. I mean, seriously. Doesn't everyone know we shifted production to Indonesia seven years ago?

I'll tell you how it really happened before that damn newspaper gets ahold of the story and screws up all the facts. I'll tell you, these rumors get spread around just as they did at the beginning of my tale. You see, I was forced to attend the annual St. Nicholas Day conference, hosted by Fr. Sheridan, down at Jesuit Hall. After the proceedings, the SLUH Jesuits invited me down to the Lawn Place residence for a little "holiday cheer," as Fr. Hagan called it. Well, I don't mind telling you that after a couple of glasses of Fr. Knapp's special recipe, I was feeling, well, a wee bit relaxed. I guess a little too relaxed.

After Fr. Houlihan's rousing tale of his plunder of Mesopotamia, I felt pretty outdone. Here I am, old St. Nick, without an equal tale to tell. Sure, my job is about as high profile as they come, but it's none too glamorous. Really, all I do is grab the toys, flick the reigns, pop down the odd chimney, and thwam! it's Christmas!

The crew turned to me, hopping for an even bigger whopper than Houlie's to get the night rolling. Luckily, I was one step ahead. "Sounds like you were sweatin' down there with the Hittites, eh Father?" I scoffed in mock disdain, winking at the rest. "Psht. Every letter I get, it's the same old thing. 'Santa, how do you deliver all those toys to all those kids in just one night?' You'd think I'd be about a few bulbs short of a chandelier by the time I got through all those lists, eh? Well lemme tell y'all something." I paused for build-up, seeing every Jesuit on the edge of his seat. I leaned in.

"This is easier than Latin I! I barely have to show up, and what with the light-speed hookup from P-Biddy for my sleigh, the delivery's a breeze!" I was on a roll. Houlie's Hittites had nothing on me. "I'd bet all the tea in China that anybody could do it." I sat back in my chair, enjoying the dazed silence and the

stunned looks on the faces of the Jesuits. Not just anybody can stupefy a Jesuit, I chuckled to myself.

Something was wrong. Fr. Knapp was giggling more than usual, and I didn't think it was because of his special recipe. Fr. Sheridan kept tapping his fingers together, saying, "Excellent" over and over. They all hurried to the kitchen. I was about to follow, but, having dispatched more than my share of egg nog, I had already fallen asleep.

Before I knew it, the word was all over the U-High. It seems Sheridan had been angling for China's coveted tea assets to appease the English department. English teachers immediately took over organization of what they called "SLUH-mas." Everyone wondered who would get to be Santa Claus. Dr. Monahan was ruled out after his Christmas cheer was called into question. Tension began to build in the English office as competition for the role between Moran and George increased. The conflict finally ended in a default victory for Moran when George mysteriously broke his toe.

Anyone within twenty yards of the Math office could hear Mr. Mills and Mr. May arguing about the route Santa would take (Mills kept shouting something about a geodesic), and the Science department could only be calmed with promises of sleigh rides for everyone. Until then, they needed candy canes.

Mr. Zarrick and Mr. Clark, both armed with candy-striped crowbars, handled security. With security in place, the Art department was put in charge of the sleigh. I wasn't too sure about Mr. Mueller's choice of purple for his new sled design, but the decision was no longer up to me. Where was I, you ask? I was serving a double jug, under the close supervision of Eric Clark, having forgotten to keep my vast beard neatly trimmed.

As you can see, there wasn't really anything I could do. Security was under strict orders to keep me away from the English office, now covered in fake snow and dubbed the north pole. I can't say I was too upset. I had a bunch of Calculus to make up and there was a test next Friday.

If you hear "BLAM!" on Christmas eve instead of the familiar sleigh bells, or see a round, spectacled face instead of mine, don't be surprised. The success of SLUH-mas is out of my hands. I'm sure it won't be that bad, save the occasional copy of the Communist manifesto. And you gotta envy the kid who gets one of Aylward's old rotary phones! Just remember: Graph paper is fun! It could be worse. At least I wasn't at DeSmet.

Father Hadel drops a line from El Salvador

Return to SLUH set for May of 2002

Brian Kane
Core Staff

In July of this year, St. Louis U. High teacher Richard Hadel, S.J., left for El Salvador. Sponsored by the Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus, along with the Central America Province of the Society, he is living in Central America until his return home in May. Via e-mail correspondence, he told of his experiences in the area, and some views on its issues.

Hadel is living in Antigua Cuscatlán, a suburb of San Salvador, El Salvador's capital. According to what he has been told, the city of San Salvador with all its suburbs is a city of about a million people. "Like any large city, it is big and fast and dirty," he said.

Hadel is not the only person there from out of town. "I live with four other Jesuits, each from a different country," he said. One of them, Spaniard José María Tojeira, is the president of the University of Central America, the nearby Jesuit school with 8,500 students.

The other Jesuits living with Hadel are scholastics from various Central American countries. Jean Maxene Joazile is Hatian, Everardo Victor is from Panama, and Juan Pablo Sanchez is a native of the Dominican Republic.

The reason Hadel is spending this time in Central America is closely related to SLUH. "My purpose for coming is to learn Spanish well so that I can teach it next year."

Hadel has been going about his task in several ways. Of his classes he said, "I have been sitting in on theology classes, primarily to listen to the Spanish spoken. I also took a course in conversational Spanish."

Taking classes can help someone learn a foreign language, but sometimes more creative methods are needed. "I am presently trying to finish, for the second time, a Harry Potter novel that was translated into Spanish," he noted.

"(The language change was) very difficult. I am too old to be doing this; I should have come here 45 years ago."

He added, "The change of culture is equally different. Some things I like; others I dislike. This is a very macho society, where women are treated very shabbily, in my opinion. Women walking down the street are constantly barraged with sexual comments from men."

The time in El Salvador has given Hadel chances to visit many nearby areas, some of which are befallen with abject poverty, such as the town of Arcatao. Said Hadel, "I went to a

small town near the Honduran border...It is beautifully situated in the mountains but is very poor, no running water, for instance; however, the people are very welcoming. I celebrated two Masses with the Jesuit pastor."

"I have visited a number of other places; for instance, Santa María Ostuma, where I did several Masses. It was nearly totally destroyed by the earthquake of last February, including the 300-year-old church, which had six-foot-thick walls of adobe that toppled. The people there now live in houses of corrugated zinc, which are like ovens in the daytime and cold at night."

The SLUH community should be familiar with Santa María Ostuma already. "That is the town to which our SLUH NHS (National Honor Society) donated \$1,500 for ten scholarships to ten young people who want to go to high school but are too poor. The tuition is \$15 per month for ten months," he said.

"The Sunday after Christmas I will have Mass in a poor barrio here in town called Las Palmas. It is about a 20-minute walk from where I live."

Hadel's time away from home will not be restricted just to El Salvador. "Since my tourist card here in El Salvador expires in January, I will travel to Belize, where I spent fourteen years, to visit some of my friends, try to find the seniors who are there for their senior project, and also try to renew my tourist card for three more months. Then I will return here."

Hadel's situation meant that he was in a foreign country during the events of Sep. 11.

"I had seen the terrorist attacks on CNN in Spanish and spent a good part of

the day listening. We have cable TV here, so I could watch the major networks in English if I wanted to do so, though I do not. The reaction of people here to the attacks was mixed; most have relatives in the U.S.—nearly a hundred Salvadorans were killed in the twin towers—so they oppose terrorism. On the other hand, the U.S. has many enemies here; our government supported the Salvadoran government that massacred hundreds of campesinos here who were asking for justice, a piece of land, a fair wage. Included in the massacres were six Jesuits who taught here in San Salvador at our University."

In closing, Hadel has these words of wisdom to impart on the SLUH community: "Try to think globally; that is, try to understand at least one other culture. We Americans are terribly isolated; we have very little knowledge of how or what other peoples (and) cultures think. If we were less ignorant of other cultures, we might be less apt to make bad decisions in our international relations."

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by Patrick Meek

Calendar

Dec. 21 - Jan. 18

FRIDAY, DEC. 21

No Classes
 C-WR @ Vianney @ 12 pm
 C-BB (Blue) vs. Vianney @ 1:30pm

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

No Classes
 C-WR @ CBC @ 10am
 V-HOC @ Kirkwood @ 9:15pm

MONDAY, DEC. 24

No Classes

TUESDAY, DEC. 25

Merry Christmas

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26

No Classes
 B-BB @ Collinsville Tourn.

THURSDAY, DEC. 27

No Classes
 V-BB @ Collinsville Tourn.
 B-BB @ Collinsville Tourn.
 C-BB (White) @ Jennings Tourn.
 V-WR @ The Spartan @ DeSmet

FRIDAY, DEC. 28

Classes—No, wait, no classes
 V-BB @ Collinsville Tourn.
 B-BB @ Collinsville Tourn.
 C-BB (White) @ Jennings Tourn.
 V-WR @ The Spartan @ DeSmet
 JV-WR @ Melhville Tourn.

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

V-BB @ Collinsville Tourn.
 B-BB @ Collinsville Tourn.
 C-BB (Blue) @ CBC @ 10am
 C-BB (White) @ Jennings Tourn.
 C-BB (White) @ CBC @ 11:45am

MONDAY, DEC. 31

No Classes

TUESDAY, JAN. 1

No Classes
 V-HOC vs Fox @ Affton @ 7:15pm

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

Schedule R
 B-BB @ CBC Tourn.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3

Schedule R
 V-BB @ Vianney @ 7pm
 B-BB @ Vianney @ 5:30pm
 C-BB (Blue) vs. Vianney @ 4pm
 C-BB (White) vs Bishop DuBourg @ 4pm
 V/JV-WR @ Ladue @ 4pm

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

Schedule R
 B-BB @ CBC Tourn.
 C-BB (Blue) vs. Berkely @ 4pm
 V/JV-WR @ Vianney Tourn.
 V-SW vs Cape Central @ 4pm
 V-HOC vs Vianney @ Affton @ 9:45pm

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

B-BB @ CBC Tourn.
 V/JV-WR @ Vianney Tourn.
 V-RB @Hendren Invitational@Concord

MONDAY, JAN. 7

Schedule H
 C-BB (Blue) @ Jennings @ 4pm
 C-BB (White) vs Fox @ 4pm

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

Semester Exams
 V-BB @ Fontbonne Tourn.
 V-SW vs DeSmet @ 4pm
 RB vs DeSmet @ Concord 3:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

Semester Exams
 V-BB @ Fontbonne Tourn.

THURSDAY, JAN. 10

Semester Exams
 V-BB @ Fontbonne Tourn.
 C-BB (Blue) vs DeSmet @ 4pm
 V-HOC vs DeSmet @ Queeny @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, JAN. 11

No Classes
 V-BB @ Fontbonne Tourn.
 C-WR vs Bishop DuBourg @ 4:30 pm
 JV-WR vs Bishop DuBourg @ 4:30 pm
 V-SW vs Vianney @ 4pm
 V-RB Winter Rollout @ Concord

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

V-BB @ Fontbonne Tourn.
 C-BB (White) @ Chaminade Tourn.
 C-WR @ Fox Tourn.
 V-RB @ Winter Rollout @ Concord

MONDAY, JAN. 14

Schedule R
 C-BB (White) @ Chaminade Tourn.
 C-WR vs Ft. Zumult West @ 6pm

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

Schedule R
 V-BB vs Chaminade @ 6:30pm
 B-BB vs Chaminade @ 5pm
 C-BB (Blue) vs Chaminade @ 3:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

Schedule R
 C-BB (White) @ Westminster @ 4:30pm
 V/JV/C-WR vs Ft. Zumult North @ 6:30pm
 V-SW @ Melhville @ 4:30pm

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

Schedule R
 V/JV/C-WR vs Chaminade @ 6:30pm
 RB vs Ladue @ West James @ 3:30pm

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

Schedule R
 V-BB @ Kirkwood @ 7pm
 B-BB @ Kirkwood @ 5:30pm
 V-HOC @ Kirkwood @ 9:15pm

Because of the short week following Christmas break, the *Prep News* will not be published on Friday, Jan. 4. Instead, an abbreviated issue will be available on the internet at www.sluh.org/prep_news.cfm. The following week,

there will be no paper because of semester exams. Normal issues will resume on Friday, Jan. 18, the week after semester exams. Be sure to check out the groundbreaking all-web issue on Jan. 4! Merry Christmas!