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Dunn, soccer coach and math teacher, dies at 73 *38-year coaching veteran remembered as role model, mentor*

Kevin Moore
Sports Editor

An influence on the lives of many St. Louis U. High students for almost four decades as the varsity soccer coach and a math teacher, Edward "Ebbie" Dunn died of cancer of the esophagus on Thursday, Jan. 10, at St. Mary's Health Center. He had a private funeral, but a memorial mass will be held in the gymnasium at SLUH on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 a.m. After the Mass, there will be a reception in the Danis Lobby.

After former principal Gerald Sheahan, S.J., hired him in 1955, Dunn coached the varsity soccer team from 1955 to 1992, winning state titles in 1973 and 1990. At one time Dunn was the winningest high school soccer coach in the country, with a career record at SLUH

of 592-197-104. (His record has since been broken by current CBC coach Terry Michler.) After leaving the SLUH teaching staff in 1995, Dunn continued to tutor students at Children's Hospital and even occasionally worked as a substitute at SLUH.

During his long tenure at SLUH, Dunn earned many awards for his skill as a coach and teacher. The Missouri State Coaches Association selected him as the 1973 High School Coach of the Year. Dunn received the prestigious Monsignor Jimmie Johnston Award from the St. Louis Olde

Timers Hall of Fame in 1986. The National High School Athletic Coaches Association and the National Soccer Coaches Association selected him as the National High School Soccer Coach of the Year in 1979 and 1987, respectively. He is also a member of numerous Halls of Fame. In 1993 Dunn was picked as a Finalist in the Walt Disney Teacher of the Year Award. He and his wife Eva received a six-day trip to Disney World prior to the ceremony.



The 1974 yearbook photograph of Dunn

Although Dunn was a finalist in the "Coach of the Year" category, he didn't actually win the award.

As a plaque in the center hallway reads, the Dunn-Martel Scholar Athlete Award (named after Dunn and longtime friend Paul Martel) was established "to commemorate the 500 varsity soccer wins of Edward A. Dunn and the 200 varsity football victories of Paul J. Martel, both achieved in the fall of 1987." Each year, the award is presented to "the senior who maintains the high level of scholarship as well as the discipline and commitment of athletic participation that earn for him selection as 'Scholar-Athlete of St. Louis University High School.'"

Said former football coach Paul Martel, "When I first came to St. Louis U. High, Ebbie was the sophomore football
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Olympic torch passes SLUH

Andy Neilsen
Editor in Chief

On Monday, Jan. 8, Bill Wiese, '70, and Jason Ottenad, '00, carried the Olympic torch through St. Louis. Chris Hemmersmeier, senior Brian Hemmersmeier's cousin, brought the torch to the U.S. with the Olympic delegation

Under the orangy glow of streetlights in the January twilight, spectators wave and cheer. Behind a large van loaded with TV cameras and lighting, a smaller light burns and bobs up and down. The Olympic flame is passing SLUH.

Later that same night, in the deserted

limbo of Olive Blvd. between Grand and downtown, more excited onlookers wave their flags and smile. Unlike the group before, this group is there for the man, not just the torch. Instead of waving the freebie pennants that Coca-Cola handed out, the people here are waving homemade banners, white flags with "Bill" handwritten all over them. Children, when asked why they are there, respond only, "For Bill!"

As the van approaches again, people rush forward, hoping to get a closer look at their star. The crowd roars as Bill Wiese, class of 1970, accepts the torch from the

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Dulac returns to SLUH

Junior class honors return with tie day

Tim Piechowski
Core Staff

Last Monday, the junior class dressed up in ties to celebrate the long-anticipated return of classmate Chris Dulac. Dulac has not attended school this semester, as he has been waiting for his revitalized immune system to gather strength after having had stem cell surgery earlier this year to treat T-Cell lymphoma.

Though Dulac has not been coming to campus for school, he has still been maintaining a rigorous course schedule. Dulac took five subjects while recovering at home, dropping Chemistry and English.

Math teacher Dan See, who tutored Dulac for his Algebra 2 class on a regular basis during his sickness, said, "Chris has excellent work habits and is interested in learning."

In order to receive the science and

New locks to be installed

Matt Hoffman
Core Staff

Director of Security Charlie Clark is overseeing the installation of new locks for every door in the school, including electronic key card locks on six of the outside doors.

"When I was hired, Father Sheridan asked me to explore the possibility of a new (lock system)," said Clark. The old system is much older than the ten-year ideal for a standard lock system. "We want to bring the system up to date," explained Clark.

The system needs to be changed because there are currently too many keys in circulation. Some teachers and students who were given keys did not return them when they left SLUH. "I have no idea of how many keys there are," said Clark.

Following Clark's presentation to the faculty, he asked teachers to e-mail him any concerns or suggestions they had toward the system he proposed. Clark's

English credits he will need to graduate, Dulac is currently taking a senior class, Anatomy and Physiology, and will take Chemistry during his senior year. To make up his missed semester of English, Dulac will be taking a summer course offered through SLUH to Nerinx and SLUH students. In the second semester, Dulac will be taking a full class load.

Dulac commented that he was excited to return, saying that this spring he plans to run for either Social Commissioner or President of STUCO. In addition to running for STUCO, Dulac also plans to film games for varsity football next year. Dulac said that over the next year he wants to "just try to have some fun."

Of his lymphoma, Dulac said, "All signs of cancer are gone as of now." He also said that since his immune system has been revitalized through his surgery, in effect he has the immune system of a
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original plan was to replace the indoor key system now with new locks which would remain locked at all times, even after being opened with a key.

This system, however, would prevent students from accessing classrooms to study during activity period and require students to wait in the halls until their teacher opened the door for class, which would contribute to already-congested halls.

Due to concerns from teachers, Clark is considering locks which can be opened but not unlocked from the outside, but can be unlocked from the inside. This system would undoubtedly be more convenient but would also cost more.

Another advantage of the new system would be a reduction in the amount of different keys.

"Some teachers have eight or nine keys," Clark explained, "That is ridiculous as far as I'm concerned." Clark's proposed system would have one key for
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Basement construction nears completion

Patrick Meek
Core Staff

This past week, SLUH finished confronting a problem that has plagued the school since the days of Mrs. Backer: storage.

Storage has long been a problem in this land-locked school. To help solve the problem, Vice President of Administration Brian Sweeney and others decided late last year to dig out a dirt-filled crawl space.

After determining that the area would be able to be used for storage, crews from Singer Inc. began to excavate the dirt on May 28, 2001. Workers spent most of the summer digging out the crawl space and knocking down existing walls to open up storage rooms for various departments. Following that, the crews put up support columns to help support the ceiling and meet building regulations.

After the rough work was finished, Darbeck Inc. was hired to finish the cosmetic work, such as the molding, painting, and the laying of the tile floor.

However, this process was not completed without problems, such as support columns the crews encountered that would crumble at the touch of a hand. According to Sweeney, the columns crumbled because of improperly-heated concrete mixture. The project was set back for several weeks while the new footings dried.

The project also encountered financial setbacks. Because of recent budget cuts and unforeseen costs, a couple of projects had to be postponed.

One of the unforeseen costs involved the newly-planned weight room. Since the room needs its own separate heating and cooling system—a "substantial cost," according to Sweeney—the weight room was put on hold until the school could afford it.

Another cost that popped up was the
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COMMENTARY

Moore praises STUCO for Talent Show

Kevin Moore
Sports Editor

When Student Council held the first-ever talent show on December 20, I didn't know what to expect. I was actually a bit skeptical of the idea two weeks before the show, when some of the STUCO members came to my homeroom encouraging students with "real" talents to participate.

However, after listening to Tim Roth put "Tiny Dancer" on repeat in the *Prep News* office and sing along with Elton John several days in a row the week before the show, I wanted to see how his singing and the rest of the show would turn out. I'm happy I went because I really enjoyed the acts, from musical talents to juggling fire, and others which simply provided much-needed comic relief after semester exams.

I give credit to STUCO for taking a risk on a new activity. Vice President Mike Lewis said after the show that everyone backstage was nervous that the audience wouldn't find the acts entertaining or funny. Judging by the energetic crowd reaction

and various students' opinions afterwards, the show was a huge success.

The show had many positive aspects. The audience was so large that the show generated \$864 for the Peggy Sansone Foundation, which will provide money to research mental illnesses such as depression. The jokes weren't dirty or slanderous, but they were still funny. Some of the acts were extremely unique; where else are you going to see someone eat cereal out of someone else's chest? STUCO added some of its own creativity with such acts as the "Poetry Corner," which included silly and funny poems. The audience and the performers relaxed and had fun like high school students should.

Thanks to all of the participants who got in front of a theater crowded with peers and performed. You made my night fun and memorable. In planning the talent show, STUCO started what hopefully will become a lasting event at SLUH. STUCO has said there's more innovation to come in the second semester. By going beyond what was expected, they showed why the seniors elected them last spring. Keep up the good work.

SKELETON KEY

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opening all of the classrooms, and only a couple of special keys for some science rooms, the theatre, and other rooms which contain expensive equipment. The indoor lock system is still in the refining process. "I want to change every lock in this place," Clark explained, but reminds the lock enthusiasts, "You've got to go slow with change."

Clark plans to install the indoor locks next summer. However, Clark's key card plan for the outside locks is almost complete. "We're going to start the exterior doors while I examine more on the interior doors," explained Clark. The current plan is to install electronic key card mechanisms on six of the outside doors "at strategic points," said Clark. Every teacher and faculty member would then be given a key card. Once the teacher keys in, a message of whose card opened the door, and which door was opened would be sent to a central security computer. Clark plans to have the system installed within two weeks.

Some teachers, however, have concerns about the system. "What problem is this technology solving?" said history teacher Jeff Harrison, S.J., concerning the new system. "I'm not necessarily against it," said Harrison, "but I am uneasy with it." Along with a handful of other teachers, Harrison questions why the system sends the specific name of a teacher to the computer instead of something more generic, such as "teacher."

Clark insists that all of the new security measures have been implemented to increase safety. "This isn't an idea to hurt people," Clark said.

DULAC

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newborn. In order to bring his immune system back to adult strength, Dulac will have to begin infant immunizations this summer. In addition, Dulac will have to undergo biopsies, in which samples of bone marrow will be taken from him and analyzed to make sure they are acting normally. Relieved, Dulac said that he should not have any more major surgeries, saying any surgery would be "nothing like (I've) had before."

Junior class officer Casey Barrale, who came up with the idea for juniors to wear ties this past week, excitedly spoke of Dulac, saying, "He's the man." On a more serious note, Barrale said that it is "good to see (Dulac) back with such strength. He's an inspiration."

Dulac is thankful for the support he received from the SLUH community, particularly from his junior class. He expressed thanks for the many e-mails he received, and more notably, the Christina Aguilera stand-up poster he was given.

WEB ISSUE

The Friday, Jan. 4 issue of the *Prep News* was published exclusively on the internet at www.sluh.org. Visit the site to read articles on the STUCO talent show, Rebecca Ferrigni's new baby girl, and the school's experimental announcement system. The *Prep News* would like to make clear that the web issue was a temporary installment to present news as soon as possible, given that a print issue would not be published for another two weeks. Future web issues will be announced prior to publication.

Third floor welcomes four new employees

New Vice President allows Digman to focus on Vision 2000

Brian Kane Core Staff

St. Louis U. High recently added four people to its staff. The four new employees are Robyn Pilliod, Kate Sickles, Betsy Malinak, and Jason Stockmann.

Robyn Pilliod was hired to take the position of Associate Vice President. Her past business experience includes 20 years at the Big 5 accounting firm Deloitte & Touche. She joined the SLUH community to "support Jesuit education." At SLUH, she will assist Vice President of Advancement Thom Digman in day-to-day operations to free up more of his time. Though she has only been here a short time, she is already enjoying the job. "I like the family atmosphere," she said.

Kate Sickles was hired as an Administrative Assistant. She is no newcomer to SLUH, as her son Ryan graduated last year. She will spend her time assisting

with finances, sorting donations to corresponding accounts, and serving as a liaison to the Mothers' Club and Fathers' Club.

Betsy Malinak will begin working part-time as a Development Associate starting on Feb. 4. She will work on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Her responsibilities will include coordination of the Alumni Annual Fund and the class scholarships.

Jason Stockmann, '98, will work on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays as a Development Associate. He is currently finishing his last year at St. Louis University. He will be coordinating the Alumni Board, working on the school web page, and managing spiritual outreach. He will also be the Community Service Coordinator.

According to Digman, work on filling positions on the third floor began in August, partially to give him more time to work on the Vision 2000 program. "We're in the process of still trying to do the

Vision 2000 program. In order to be successful at that, Father (Sheridan) and I need to have some time to go and meet with people... For us to be successful at fundraising, it's all about creating and servicing relationships with our donors," he said.

While there are more employees, no new positions were created. Instead, some responsibilities were shifted, and some positions were split.

Digman sympathized with possible uneasiness with the increased number of employees by saying, "I think there's a basic concern that says, in any school you don't want a top-heavy administration."

Digman foresees improvements because of the changes. "This is pretty exciting for us," he said, "We've had a pretty good track record with success and fundraising and advancement efforts on behalf of the school. We think that what's going to happen now is that we're going to be even better."

FIRE

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previous runner, and cameras flash as he waves and thanks his audience.

After his 0.2 mile run ended, Wiese was swarmed by his family, friends, and business associates. "I think every facet of my whole life was represented," Wiese remembers.

There are around 11,500 torch bearers in the course of the torch's journey to Salt Lake City. The torch run, which Coca-Cola sponsored, elicited runners who represented the Olympic spirit.

"All along I've felt that there are people out there a lot more special and inspirational than I... I wasn't sure I deserved it," Wiese reflected.

Wiese volunteers his time at a number of places, including the St. Louis Wheelchair Athletic Association and the Graham Academy of Irish Dance.

In addition to his volunteer work and his full-time job as First State Bank's chief financial officer, Wiese has recovered from osteo-sarcoma, a potentially

life-threatening cancer that hit him in 1992.

"I just took it a day at a time," Wiese said of his recovery. "I had faith, family, and friends, everyone supporting me."

Wiese graduated from SLUH in 1970 and returned to work on the third floor in Advancement from 1998-2000. He left to take his current position at First State Bank.

Another SLUH grad, Jason Ottenad, '00, carried the torch just west of SLUH, near the intersection of Oakland and Tamm near Turtle Park. Though Ottenad was not nominated, his younger brother was. Diagnosed two years ago with osteo-sarcoma in his leg, Jeff Ottenad had always dreamed of carrying the torch. Jason

ran with his younger brother many times, helping Jeff to win second place in the 5000-meter run at the Missouri Special Olympics.

Jeff underwent chemotherapy for his cancer and was in and out of the hospital as the date for his torch run approached. His leg was amputated because of the cancer, and Jason recalls "He was working really hard with the prosthetic leg, trying to get ready to run."

However, he spent the last six weeks of his life in Barnes-Jewish Hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

"The last couple of weeks he knew that he wasn't going to be able to run," Jason said. On one of Jason's visits home

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Bill Wiese, '70, carries the Olympic torch.

Ferrigni cited for acting by *Post-Dispatch*

*Portrayal of Scotsman in *The Rivals* earns recognition*

Geoff Brusca
Reporter

Added theater staff, substitute, and actor Ken Ferrigni to the long list of SLUH faculty members who have been recognized as some of the best in their profession.

Theater critic Judith Newmark cited Ferrigni in a year-end review in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, calling him one of the top comedic performers in St. Louis for his work in a theatrical duo.

Ferrigni played a fiery Scotsman in the play *The Rivals*, the equivalent of a

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coach. Then he became an assistant varsity coach, so I molded a pretty good friendship with him that continued up until these last few days," said Martel. Dunn was an assistant football coach until 1975 when soccer, previously a winter sport, moved to the fall sports season.

"He was a player's coach," Martel continued. "He did a lot for the kids. No question he's going to be missed. He was a great influence and did so much to develop his kids as a coach and a teacher. I'm going to miss him...it was a privilege to be honored with him on that plaque."

Those who knew Dunn as a coach or a math teacher consistently emphasized that he was much more than a number of victories or awards. He showed his students compassion, and he truly wanted to develop them as individuals.

"If someone was having troubles or struggling, he was often referred to Mr. Dunn," said science teacher Charlie Busenhart, who taught with Dunn for many years. "No matter how long it took, he would make sure the students learned. He had the ability to make hard concepts easy to understand. He would not let you flunk. He might scream and holler at you and maybe scare you, but you always knew he had your best interest at heart."

Math Department Chair Tom Becvar knew Dunn well. "Ebbie was a very respected math teacher," Becvar said. "He

17th-century romantic comedy. His role, according to him, required "a kilt, a giant mustache, and a penchant for violence. (My character) was supposed to train someone how to duel, but I wanted (that character) to die, so I had to train him wrong."

Ferrigni enjoyed doing the play, but he "didn't expect anything like" the praise he received from Newmark. His first reaction was that the citation was "very nice," but he noted that in order to have anyone notice an outstanding performance in theater, one must be "very fortunate." He said, "Without a great play and a great

cast and a great director you really can't stand out."

Ferrigni is currently looking to go to graduate school and thinks that this notice will be a beneficial addition to his application. In February and March he will be auditioning at several schools, and hopes that this citation and other previous stagework and theater achievements will be an aid to his acting.

Ferrigni will be appearing in the play *Sordid Lives* at the Hothouse Theater in mid-April, and in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in the Shakespeare Festival this summer.

was able to grab the kids' attention, made sure they learned, and felt good about it when they did. He was able to reach students who were struggling better than most other teachers could. He was a great person."

Athletic Director Dick Wehner remembers coming to SLUH in 1985 when Dunn was closing in on the wins record. He recalls learning a lot from Dunn and the other SLUH coaches, including Paul Martel, Busenhart, and then basketball coach Joe Mimplitz, during his first few years. "Ebbie taught me that my job as (Athletic Director) was to help coach and help the kids...that I was the torchbearer of the tradition. He was always very appreciative of my work, and that made me feel good."

Wehner continued, "One of his most endearing qualities was that he told it how it was...he would speak his mind. There was no hidden agenda."

History teacher and B-soccer coach Tom McCarthy assisted Dunn's varsity team for six years. McCarthy remembers how honest Dunn always was. "The number one thing was Mr. Dunn's integrity. He was the best role model as a teacher and father. He never played any favorites. He never even started his son, Ebby."

"He'd treat every opposing team with respect. He had the attitude of, 'Go out there and respect the official and your opponent.'" McCarthy remembers one

particular game against Vianney when a SLUH player knocked a ball in the goal with his hand. The referees didn't see the handball, so Dunn asked his player if he had actually knocked the ball in with his hand. When the player told him that he had done so, Dunn told Mike Villa, the Vianney coach, that the goal didn't count. He convinced the officials to reverse the call.

Dunn often scheduled his players to work at Special Olympics at the Soccer Park on Sunday mornings. "That was as important to him as extra training," said McCarthy. "Mr. Dunn was a role model. There are a lot of guys in their 40s and 50s who still call him 'Mr. Dunn' or 'Coach Dunn' because they respect him so much."

Dunn always had a special knack for being able to make people feel welcome at SLUH. When theology teacher Jim Knapp, S.J., whose father was a SLUH treasurer and good friend of Dunn's, returned to SLUH as a scholastic, he remembers that Dunn often took time to talk to him. "He'd always want to know how my life was going. He was genuine and was always interested in you...he would look you in the eye and genuinely see how you were doing. It mattered to him."

Dunn obviously had a special relationship with his players. "I was always impressed with the loyalty the players had to Ebbie long after they left St. Louis U.

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High,” said Wehner. “When I would say I worked at St. Louis U. High, the first thing people would ask me was, ‘How’s Ebbie?’”

Pat McBride, who was an All-American at Saint Louis University, and who played in the World Cup before coaching the St. Louis Steamers, had a close relationship with his high school coach after playing for Dunn from 1959 to 1961.

“On the outside he had a gruff demeanor,” said McBride, “but by the time you got done playing for him, he was like a big teddy bear.”

“Every achievement I made, he would give me a call to congratulate me. Just by being around him, we grew as people. ‘Men for Others’—that’s what it’s all about. He embodied that even after he retired.”

When McBride was inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 1994, he walked into the restaurant in Oneonta, New York, where the reception was going to take place, and the first people he saw were Dunn and his wife.

“He acted like it was a hop, skip, and a jump from Maryland, where he was visiting relatives,” McBride said. But that’s how he treated all of his players.”

Jamie Posnanski, ‘90, who played on Dunn’s 1990 state championship team and later moved to South Carolina for college and to play professional soccer, remembers the influence Dunn had on

him. “Tough love was the way you would describe him...he was great. He was such an inspirational leader. He really had a gift for teaching us about life. Eleven guys on the field working together was his most important thing.”

Posnanski continued, “We knew he was coming to the end of his coaching in ‘90, and we wanted to win state for him. The sense that you made him proud was always better than any (individual) achievement. We had all come from soccer clubs, and to have this guy with football cleats from the 1950s and a whistle to coach us was great.”

Current head soccer coach Charlie Martel was a midfielder on Dunn’s 1973 state championship team. “He was the kind of guy that everybody respected,” commented Martel. “He was a natural leader...you wanted to get good results for him. He just had that charisma...that’s why we played hard.”

The Jr. Bills’ hard work paid off when Tim Twelman scored the winner in overtime of the championship game.

The team gathered at Martel’s house after the game for a spaghetti dinner, and some people wore bibs with little Jr. Billikens on them.

“Coach Dunn was beaming with pride with his bib on,” said Martel.

Following Dunn’s retirement from soccer, Martel was hired to replace him. “The transition was really smooth because Coach Dunn kind of stayed in the

shadows. He supported me in key games and told me he thought I was doing a good job, which reaffirmed everything I had already thought about him. One of the things that he taught us was the commitment he had to his team...I just wanted to be true to the legacy that he established at SLUH.”

Wehner agreed, saying, “He let the new guy put his stamp on the program right away.”

When Martel’s Jr. Bills lost in the state finals to DeSmet 1-0 in 1995, Martel remembers Dunn consoling him after the game. “He talked to me for an hour after the game on Field 1 at Soccer Park. It was really just a defining moment in the transition from one coach to the next. It was something I’ll never forget.”

Martel concluded, “He’s the kind of guy we always thought would be around forever. He was a good man. He influenced an awful lot of people.”

OFFICES

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need to raise the ceiling. Before the excavation began, many of the school’s electrical wires and utilities were stored in the vacant area above the ceiling. However, in order to meet building regulations, crews had to move the wires higher up into the ceiling. Sweeney said that moving the wires much closer to the ceiling was expensive

Sweeney also stated that Ameren UE required the school to increase the capacity of its transformer. This came as a bit of a surprise to SLUH, since the school had

updated the transformer as recently as 1998. However, because of the recent integration of technology into the school, the school had no choice but to comply.

The first three rooms of the basement area will be used for the storage of academic and financial records. The next two rooms will be given to the Mothers’ Club, which has already moved into its new residence. The remaining rooms have been allotted to custodial and music storage.

Sweeney says that the project will most likely cost the school in excess of \$800,000.

THIS WEEK IN PREP NEWS HISTORY

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“In response to the outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf, the *Prep News* conducted an opinion poll of the SLUH student body, faculty, and staff on the issue of the Gulf War yesterday. . .

To the question, ‘Would you support the use of military force against Iraq by the United States and allied forces in the Persian Gulf in order to achieve this coalition’s objectives?’ 75% of the respondents answered ‘yes,’ while 17% answered ‘no.’ Eight percent of those polled were undecided on this question.”

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“A subcommittee, formed from the Advisory Committee on Student Affairs, began work on its goal of achieving a more economical cafeteria. . .”

Grapplers gear up for State in Vianney Tourney

Bommarito earns Athlete of the Week recognition

Mike Smallwood
Reporter

The SLUH wrestling team has been taking on and taking down some tough competition over the past week.

On Wednesday, the 6-0 Jr. Bills took on the Fort Zumwalt North Panthers at home. The Panthers picked up several early wins, but then the mid-weights picked up the action. The consistent Joe Bommarito (152) won 5-2 after picking up three points in the third period. Junior John Kister (171) earned his first varsity win 10-4 after fighting off the onslaught of his opponent and not getting pinned in the second period. Sophomore Mike Smith (135) picked up a crucial 8-0 major decision for the four points needed to tie up the team score 32-32. However, SLUH was defeated in the last match of the night and lost the dual meet 36-32.

Going into the crucial part of the season, Coach Tim Curdt hopes this loss will "be something we learn from, and I

think it will be." He hopes that this will make the team hungrier and complimented the group, saying, "These are the kind of guys who can rebound."

Last Friday and Saturday the team faced very good teams from around the area at the Vianney Tournament. Several members of the team had strong showings against their intense competition.

Rob Nahlik (112) tech-falled his second round opponent 15-0 after picking up several points in various attempts to pin his man. His finals match was a tough struggle against Weigle from Fox. He made a comeback in the second period to tie the score, but then unfortunately got taken down in the third. Nahlik simply ran out of time, losing 9-5 to earn a second place finish.

Justin Clerc (140) and Chris Wagnitz (145) also had chances to medal at third place in the tournament after first round and wrestleback wins. Clerc could not take down his competition despite his tireless efforts and had to settle for a 9-4

loss and a fourth place finish. Wagnitz lost in similar fashion but, like Clerc, continued to work hard in the third period, doing his best to get some points. Wagnitz also placed fourth with the loss.

Colin O'Brien (160) had a great tournament. His unbreakable focus lead him along a path strewn with defeated wrestlers. His first round competition only took him 1:37 to pin, but his second round rival caused him a bit more trouble. However, Colin controlled the entire match to pick up a 14-4 win and a place in the finals.

His finals match faced him off against another undefeated wrestler and a returning state champion in Perry from Hickman. O'Brien, however, lost this match by tech fall in a fighting fashion.

Joe Bommarito (152) had the best tournament performance of any SLUH wrestler, placing first in the tournament. He had a convincing 9-4 first round victory and also had a great second round

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Icebills clip DeSmet for fifth Jesuit Cup

Jr. Bills win Jesuit-Catholic Invitational over the break

Bobby Lachky
Reporter

The hockey team has been on the ice a great deal throughout the past month, acquiring two trophies and a 7-1-1 record along the way.

At the beginning of Christmas break, the Icebills skated to a 2-2 tie with Kirkwood before heading to Indianapolis for a Jesuit-Catholic Invitational. Expectations were high for the Puckbills, the defending champs of the annual tournament. The squad played five great games in a span of two days, bringing home the championship trophy for the second straight year.

Unfortunately, the Busenbills weren't able to carry over the momentum from Indy, as they suffered a 1-0 loss to Fox on New Year's Day. They were determined to bounce back, however, realizing their schedule would only get harder.

The Icebills played an aggressive game against Vianney, and achieved a hard-fought 6-3 victory. This gave the club a boost heading into the annual Jesuit Cup game versus DeSmet. The game has been played since 1973, but SLUH had only won four times: in 1977, 1981, 1993, and 1994.

A large crowd poured into the Queeny Park ice rink to see last Thursday's duel. Although DeSmet struck first with a goal early in the first period, senior Joe Mantovani answered later that period with a rebound goal to tie the game.

Early in the second period Mantovani buried his second goal on a similar play.

DeSmet tied the game early in the third at 2-2, but Mantovani completed the hat trick on a beautiful individual effort that took the SLUH fans out of their seats. Those three goals would be all the Puckbills would need, as junior netminder Dan DiLeo delivered another stellar per

formance in goal. After a nerve-racking last half of the third period, the Jesuit Cup belonged to SLUH with a 3-2 win. It was a special moment as each player touched the Cup, and the captains displayed it to the fans.

The Puckbills are proud of their achievements thus far, and know that their 8-5-2 league record isn't too shabby. Unfortunately, the road ahead is not going to get any easier.

Though they have played some terrific games lately, they know they will have to do even better if they want to beat powerhouses CBC and Chaminade, who are their next two opponents. The Icebills have the confidence and momentum right now.

Goalies Charlie Effinger and Dan DiLeo are playing remarkable, the defense is solid, and the forwards are finding ways to score. They welcome the challenges ahead.

Racquetbills tear up Hendren, Winter Rollout

Chris Guilfooy
Reporter

The Racquetbills opened a hard month with a tough match against rival DeSmet. St. Louis U. High came into the match fighting for a top spot along with the Spartans, hoping for a strong finish going into the state tourney on Jan. 26. Entering the match with identical 7-1 records, the winner could decide who takes it all the way to state.

A confident and decidedly more powerful Jr. Bill team prevailed, defeating the Spartans 6-1. "The 6-1 win was huge because (DeSmet) has been right behind us in every tournament this year," said top seed Kevin Moore. Moore later noted, "We were able to pull out the close matches. Hopefully our players can take the momentum of this match into the state tourney." With only one loss on the night, by Mike Gau, the Racquetbills took it to the house and dominated DeSmet.

Even though SLUH came out on top after the closing shots of each match, many of the games were closer than it seemed. Moore, Joe Sharamitaro, and Matt Soraghan took their games to tie-break-

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match. Bommarito escaped in the second period to pick up the only point of the match.

Despite this slim lead, he chose to cut his opponent at the beginning of the third when he chose a down position, giving him one point to tie the score. Then Bommarito turned it up a notch, getting a takedown and two points to win the match.

His finals match was also tight. Both wrestlers got off to a slow start, but Bommarito was able to get a reversal in the second period after choosing a down position at the beginning of the period. With the score 2-1, Bommarito again chose to cut his opponent to tie it up. Bommarito then got a quick takedown, but his opponent escaped, taking him down as the period ticked away. Bommarito did not panic and instead worked himself into position to get a reversal to pick up 2

ers, but opened up to finish strong in each. Andy Schumert and junior Chris Guilfooy also fought hard, winning in two games.

Second seed Sharamitaro said, "We all came out and took every point seriously but also focused more on the whole match than on the point." He further commented, "We therefore took advantage of our strengths and their weaknesses."

The Racquetbills entered the Gary Hendren Invitational later that weekend, which included many of the surrounding St. Louis teams. In the Hendren, each varsity player played two full matches against randomly selected players within their seeding. For each match win, each team earned one point. Because there are eight seeds in the tournament, there is a perfect team score of sixteen.

SLUH entered the tourney with confidence. The Winfirstplacebills opened up on all of their competition and earned a high score of fourteen wins. The closest team was DeSmet, with a score of twelve.

Third-seed Andy Schumert was one of the many Jr. Bills who displayed stellar play in the tournament. Overcoming a tough defeat in the regular season, Schumert rebounded against his Vianney

points to win 6-5.

Despite this good tournament, Bommarito was somewhat disappointed in his performance.

"I didn't wrestle the way I wanted to. I should be going all out right now to prepare for districts," he said.

Curdt had similar remarks but said, "That just shows how much better he can be."

O'Brien and Bommarito are leading the team into the upcoming district tournament. Curdt said, "It's nice to have those two providing leadership." Their maturity and dedication to hard work along with the other members of the team have SLUH sitting in good position to compete well in the upcoming postseason. But before that district tournament, the Jr. Bills have several remaining matches including the MICDS Tournament tomorrow at MICDS.

opponent, Ryan Finke. Remarking on his play, Schumert said, "I was very disappointed with my regular season loss to Finke, but it felt very good to show him who's the boss."

This past weekend the Racquetbills entered another January tournament, the Winter Rollout. In this tourney, the teams were split up into four brackets: one for the top three varsity seeds, second for the bottom half of varsity, third for the junior varsity one players, and the fourth for the remaining junior varsity teams.

The tournament was set up so that the farther along a player progresses in the brackets, the more points he will earn for his team. These points will go towards the scores for State and help each team to have an easier chance to remain the lone winner after the state tournament in two weeks.

Soraghan defeated Guilfooy in the second division for the championship, and sophomore sensation John Reagan avenged a regular season loss to a CBC opponent to win his division. The Racquetbills once again edged DeSmet for the team victory.

PN Nightbeat



After dominating the match, senior Joe Bommarito (152) pins his opponent.

At last night's Senior Night match, the Spandexbills crushed Chaminade with a 61-12 victory. They scored eight pins, at 103, 112, 119, 152, 160, 171, and 275 pounds. The wrestling team is now 7-1 in dual meets.

Basketbills suffer a loss against the Red Devils

Reid Heidenry
Reporter

Going into their third MCC game, the Basketbills were hoping to use the momentum from the Collinsville tournament to roll past Vianney. Vianney had other plans—to get its first MCC victory.

Looking at the stats for the Vianney game, you would think that SLUH had won. The Jr. Bills had higher free throw, 3-point, and field goal percentages, more steals, and more blocked shots. The Basketbills made 72 percent of their free throws with senior Matt Wyrwich leading the way, going 9 of 11 from the line. They were slightly edged out in rebounds, 26 to 23, but overall the stats looked good for SLUH. Despite those marks, the Basketbills lost 69-57.

After the loss to Vianney, SLUH opened up the Fontbonne Tournament against powerhouse St. Charles West. With 11 wins and only 1 loss, West was ranked third in the tournament behind #1 Vashon and #2 DeSmet.

Lots of first-half turnovers and trouble spreading out the ball in the second quarter made things difficult for the Basketbills in the first half. SLUH trailed 26-18 at the half.

Freddie Daues put his team on his shoulders in the second half. He was all over the court, blocking out, grabbing rebounds, and scoring. “He did a lot of things right, not just making shots. Freddie had a complete game,” said coach John Ross. Daues scored his team’s last 6 points of the quarter, including a trey ball with the clock ticking down. Crazy fan and hoops guru C.J. Baricevic with the call: “Whoa, the Southpaw from SoCo, my main man Freddie Daues, the Windex Man, pulls a 3-ball out of his back pocket, baby! What’s this kid gonna do next?” The Windex Man finished with 11 points on 4 for 5 shooting and 11 boards.

In the fourth quarter, SLUH walked onto the court down 34-27. Lowes, determined to get his team back in the ball game, took the ball to the rack, got fouled, and still hit the shot. Following the free throw, SLUH was down 4. On the next

possession, Jason Laflora cut West’s lead to 2, feeding Lowes a pretty scoop pass in transition. That would be the closest SLUH would get. West jumped out on an 8-2 run and the Basketbills couldn’t recover. West took the game 45-36.

The next game against Ladue would be one SLUH players, coaches, and fans would soon want to forget. With a four-point lead going into the fourth quarter, SLUH virtually gave away the game. Ladue had 43 points in the game, 20 of which came in the final period. The



Fred Daues fouls a Chaminade rebounder in the waning minutes of SLUH’s eight-point loss to the Flyers.

Basketbills shot only 44 percent from the free throw line and 35 percent from the field. Ladue won despite only making 36 percent of its shots.

Everything that could go wrong did. “There was a lot of individualism, and we gave the game away,” said Ross. Ladue won 43-38, knocking SLUH out of the Fontbonne tournament.

After a three game winning streak in the Collinsville tournament, SLUH had dropped 3 straight. Going into their second home game, the Basketbills were hopeful that a win against MCC rival Chaminade could bring their record to .500 and change the tone of the season.

Beginning the game, sophomore sensation Andy Lowes moved into the starting lineup. “Lowes had a couple of great practices where he stepped up and really showed his leadership. He also showed that he deserved to be in the starting lineup,” said Ross.

Starting for the first time together this year, the Lowes brothers sported

matching wristbands. Also getting into the action was junior Patrick Ostapowicz, who made his bid for more clock time after dropping 30 in a SLUH/DeSmet JV game. Two points from Ostapowicz and another basket from Kris Lowes made it 12-7 in SLUH’s favor after one.

After three air balls from Chaminade, the Flyers took over the second quarter. Where SLUH controlled the first quarter, Chaminade owned the second. Chaminade’s 19 second quarter points to SLUH’s 9 put Chaminade up 26-20 at half. Highlighting the Flyers second quarter was a 2-handed dunk from the monstrous Ted Morris. T-Mo’s dunk ignited a 9-3 run for Chaminade.

In the third it was SLUH’s turn to take over the game. Daues’ 3 baskets in the third quarter were 6 of his 17 total points on the night. Down one nearing the end of the third, senior captain Kevin Schroeder threw a nifty behind-the-back baseline pass in traffic to Lowes, who gave SLUH the one-point edge. Schroeder’s pass brought the SLUH fans to their feet and swung the momentum back to the Basketbills. SLUH outscored Chaminade 14-7 in the third and took them into the fourth up 34-33.

In the fourth it was all Chaminade. The Flyers scored 26 points in the quarter and they took the game 59-49. Each quarter showed a different team on top. Unfortunately for the Basketbills, Chaminade got the last turn at bat. Said junior Phineas Troy, “If a couple more of our shots went down, it was our game.” Ross commented on the team’s performance as well, saying, “We’d have five minute spurts where we looked really good. Then we’d have three minute spurts where we played bad. We need to be more consistent.”

The Basketbills are at 7-9 with a 1-3 MCC record. But there is still a lot of basketball to be played. With four MCC games in the next month and 5 of the next 8 games at home, the Basketbills can still do some serious damage before the season’s end. Make sure to come to Kirkwood tonight at 7 p.m. to cheer the Basketbills to victory.

by: Patrick Meek

Calendar

Jan. 18-25

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

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

SATURDAY JAN. 19

V-WR @ MICDS Tourn. @ 9am
V-HOC vs CBC @ Affton @ 8:45pm

MONDAY, JAN. 21

No Classes
V-SW vs. Chaminade @ FPCC @ 4pm
V-HOC vs Chaminade @ Queeny @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

Schedule R
C-BB- Blue @ Ft. Zumwalt South @ 5:30pm
B-BB vs. CBC @ 5pm
V-BB vs. CBC @ 6:30 pm
V/JV/C-WR @ Pattonville @ 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

Schedule R
C-BB- White @ Oakville Tourn.
V/JV/C-WR @ DeSmet @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

Schedule R

C-BB-Blue @ Riverview @ 4:30 pm

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

Schedule R
C-WR @ MCC Tourn. @ DeSmet @ 4pm
B-BB at Jefferson City @ 6pm
V-BB @ Jefferson City @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

Schedule R
V/JV WR @MCC Tournament @ SLUH @ 9am
V-SW vs. MICDS/Columbia Hickman @ Rec-Plex @ 7pm

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from college, Jeff told him that if anything happened so that he couldn't run with the torch, he wanted Jason to do it.

Jeff died on the Sunday before the torch run, just one day before his turn to run. The Ottenads contacted the Olympic Committee, who agreed to let Jason run in Jeff's place.

Jason ran for his brother the next day. "It felt really special, because most of the people are out there running for themselves, but I was there running for someone else, representing someone else."

"It was exciting, with everyone looking at you. It's an amazing feeling. People I didn't know wanted to take pictures with me and the torch."

These two SLUH graduates do in fact embody the Olympic spirit, a selfless giving to others, and a sense of accomplishment when helping people.

The SLUH connection to the torch does not end here. Senior Brian Hemmersmeier's cousin Chris went with the Olympic delegation to Athens, Greece, to bring

the Olympic flame itself to the United States. Hemmersmeier works with General Motors in Salt Lake City, a company whose corporate executive, Hemmersmeier's boss, was supposed to attend the ceremony in Athens. His boss could not attend, and chose Hemmersmeier to go in his place.

The flame, which begins its journey in Olympia, Greece, is then brought to Athens where, after a missioning ceremony at Olympic Stadium, it is taken to the host

country for that year. "It was certainly a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Chris Hemmersmeier.

On Dec. 4, Hemmersmeier, along with GM executives and Olympic delegates, flew

back to the States with the Olympic flame. "(The flame) was held in three lanterns, one main one and two backups, in case something happened to it," Hemmersmeier explains.

As the Olympics begin in a country recently devastated by terrorist acts, Hemmersmeier believes that "a lot more people will be paying attention to the Olympic ideals."



The Olympic torch passes by the SLUH faculty parking lot.

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Attention: There will be a presentation for all freshman students Friday January 18th, during Activity Period, given by registered nurse Phyllis Edler. The name of her talk is: "STDs— What You Don't Know May Kill You." All others who wish to attend are welcome.