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## Barrale and Hennelly to head '03 STUCO

### Geoff Brusca Core Staff

Speeches are important to every election, but this year they played an especially influential role in the elections of new STUCO officers Casey Barrale (President), Mark Hennelly (Vice-President), Matt Hof (Treasurer), and Kevin Pape (Secretary). It was widely agreed that most of the winners this year pulled away from their close competition by merit of their speeches.

"I didn't really know who I was going to vote for (for Vice-President), but Hennelly's speech was so good it really made my decision," said one anonymous student.

Many students, though, were concerned about the apparent lack of seriousness in the speeches.

"Funny speeches really couldn't sway my vote," said junior Joe Fragale.

Mark Murphy added, "I didn't really want to see a popularity or funniness contest."

STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson said, "I thought the candidates tried to play to their classmates too much, and so the speeches sacrificed substance for humor."

Barrale responded to concerns by saying, "It is important for STUCO to be funny, but we need to be serious when we need to be serious and joke when we need to joke." He also realized that a lack of gravity in STUCO would be a problem, and it is a goal of his to "get across (the idea) that STUCO leads the school."

But the new officers will have to look past the controversy over speeches and

focus on the future, and they are already working on ideas. Barrale said he would like to bring the Belly Brigade back in full capacity as a means to bolster school spirit.

This election was an important one for the class of '03, though, as they bucked their previous trend of noninvolvement and turned out in record numbers, with over 85% of juniors voting.

The new STUCO will be an  
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Casey Barrale and Mark Hennelly—'03 STUCO President and Vice-President—near the Upper Field.

## ACSA finale focuses on Allies

### Matt Hoffman Core Staff

The fourth and final Advisory Committee for Student Affairs (ACSA) meeting of the year took place on Monday. Attendance was down, with only 41 of roughly 60 committee members attending.

The first topic for the one and a half hour meeting was the Ally campaign. Dean of Students Eric Clark started out by reviewing the Ally campaign for parents who did not know exactly what had happened in the past few weeks.

"Students feel that students who are gay are not being protected," said Clark. He expressed concerns that racism and sexism are not tolerated, while homophobia goes unchecked. "Why is (homophobia) being tolerated and other things aren't?" asked Clark.

However, Clark also said, "As a

school we're not prepared for (dealing with homosexual counseling)." Clark does not believe that the counselors are prepared to help homosexual students. Said Clark, "Should we be ready? Yes. (Were we) sitting on our hands? Yes." Clark assured the ACSA participants that meetings have been scheduled and experts are being called. "We're not sitting on our hands anymore," said Clark.

Junior Tom Queathem started the discussion. He felt that students are not equipped to deal with homosexual students who come to them for help, as he felt the Ally pledge required.

The pledge states that a person who signs it is, "committed to providing support and maintaining confidentiality... If I don't think that I can assist them with their particular concern, I'll refer them to another ally."

Theology teacher Paul Spitzmueller

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# Schenkenberg to meet with faculty, staff, students

*This Monday's forum will provide sneak-peek at new principal*

**Kevin Moore**  
Sports Editor

Almost everyone knows that Dr. Mary Schenkenberg will be the principal at St. Louis U. High next year. However, not as many students and staff members have gotten the chance to actually get to know Schenkenberg. She has decided to devote three days of her time next week in an effort to learn more about SLUH, its goals, and the students, faculty, and staff at the school.

On Monday, SLUH faculty and all staff members have the opportunity to talk to Schenkenberg in Ralph Huse's, S.J., office. They can discuss concerns for the upcoming year, what they believe should be preserved at SLUH, or anything else on their minds.

"As a new administrator, one of the most important things you can do is to listen before starting to formulate your own plans," said Dean of Academics Mark Michalski, who coordinated the times and places of Schenkenberg's visits.

"Dr. Schenkenberg is interested in learning about the school from all different viewpoints," continued Michalski. Indeed, Schenkenberg will be available to

talk to all students Tuesday in the cafeteria.

"I've met so many members of the SLUH community already, but I want an opportunity to meet the students so I can get to know who they are and what they think about SLUH," explained Schenkenberg. "I want to make sure I get a sense of the student body before I get involved as principal."

Schenkenberg sent a letter to all students in homeroom this morning regarding Tuesday. She will be available to get to know students in the cafeteria Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She plans to get to know as many students as possible, and she is particularly interested in hearing what people like about SLUH as well as what students believe should possibly be changed at SLUH in the future. "I

would call it a listening session," she said.

Michalski emphasizes that a student need not sign up to be able to talk to Schenkenberg. "People should come in if they have anything specific to tell her, but also just to meet her and to talk informally with her about SLUH," he said. "Basi-

cally she plans to meet the students and see what they have to say about the school."

After meeting with faculty and staff Monday and students on Tuesday, Schenkenberg will meet with the Instructional Council—consisting of department heads and administrators—to learn more about how

each department plans to progress in the future.

Schenkenberg is optimistic about getting to know SLUH personnel better. "Often ideas come out of things like this that are very helpful," she said.



Principal Robert Bannister and Dr. Schenkenberg chat after she was named principal in December.

## COMMISSIONER FINALS

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## ELECTION

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experienced crew, with all of the members already heavily involved in SLUH and Barralle serving his third straight year on STUCO. But the change from class officer to school President will still "be a huge change that will put me in the spotlight," said Barralle.



Secretary Kevin Pape

Treasurer Matt Hof remarked, "The guys I am working with are great guys, and we are really going to do a good job together." Hof is hoping and planning

for a great Bosnian drive next year, as well as some great school shirts.

Hennelly joked that "If (Barralle)'s ever sick, just remember to look for me," but then waxed serious and promised, "I want to make next year the best year for everyone in our school."

Barralle then summed it up best for all the officers, saying, "STUCO's really awesome and I'm really looking forward to it."



Treasurer Matt Hof

# Jazz Band, Chorus charm Rockies with song

**Justin Luner**  
Reporter

As part of SLUH's music program, the almost forty members of the Varsity Chorus and Jazz Band III set off on its tour late in the afternoon of Wednesday, April 17. The group flew into Denver, Col., and then loaded its luggage and equipment onto a tour bus, which took them straight to Regis Jesuit High School. At the school, the musically-inclined Jr. Billikens met with the family that would be hosting their stay for the next two days. Beginning early the next morning, the two groups embarked on a whirlwind performance schedule, singing and swinging for four area grade schools and Regis in two days, before heading up into the Rocky Mountains for the weekend.

Thursday and Friday, the two groups traveled to four inner city grade schools. These schools, part of the Denver Archdiocese's Catholic Schools in Urban Neighborhoods, or SUN, program, serve

the children who live in the inner Denver neighborhoods. These schools—Annunciation Grade School, La Escuela de Guadalupe, St. Catherine of Siena Grade School, and Guardian Angels—all warmly welcomed their St. Louis guests and sat attentively as first the chorus and then the jazz band performed for the children.

The chorus, led by Joseph Koestner, performed a number of songs, including "Seven Bridges Road," "Lift a Glass to Friendship," a Hebrew song named "Zemerlach," an African song entitled "Mangwani," "Seize the Day" from the Disney movie *Newsies*,

and West Side Story's "Somewhere." The jazz band, under the direction of Bryan Mueller, performed "Stella by Starlight," "Ran Kan Kan," "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag," "Top Daddy," "St. Louis Blues," and others.

Thursday afternoon, the SLUH students returned to Regis, where they put on a show for the Regis student body. The chorus received the opportunity to sit in on one of the Regis chorus' rehearsals. "They were very good,"

noted Koestner. During the performance, the Regis students sat entranced, erupting  
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Eirik Cheverud solos on the tenor sax as junior Joe Gilfoil waits with his trumpet. Both are two-year Jazz III veterans.

## Caesarbills rock Columbia, Certamen *MOJCL convention sees costumes, classical solidarity*

**Patrick Stephens**  
Reporter

Last Saturday, Latin teachers Mary Lee McConaghy, Mark Tycho-nievich, and Ralph Houlihan, S.J., accompanied 22 Latin scholars and seven fans to the Missouri State Latin Convention at Columbia-Hickman High School. The team of Jr. Bills committed much of its Saturday, from 7:15 a.m. to 7:15 p.m., to Latin.

If you've been listening to announcements this year, you've surely heard calls for the Dream Teams to congregate in Room M216 during activity period. They met once a week for the first semester, but they upped their attendance to twice a week during the third quarter.

Their dedication paid off as the freshman and sophomore teams captured first place, winning by huge margins. The varsity team (comprised of juniors and se-

niors), led by Mike Ziegler, Joe Griffey, Jon Britt, and Nick Winker, came in a close second to Pembroke. McConaghy noted that both teams "did a lot of reading on their own, which helped them be successful."

The Certamen (Latin for "contest") took place in a Jeopardy-type format, with anyone from the team able to ring in at any time to answer a question. Sixteen schools participated in each grade level, using a four-round bracket system. Fifteen toss-up questions were asked, five on grammar, five on history and culture, and five on mythology. Each one was worth ten points, and if the individual player got the question right, two bonus questions worth five points each were awarded for the whole team to answer.

"Being successful required a combination of knowledge and quickness," said McConaghy.

The teams reveled in their success as McConaghy praised them afterwards, say-

ing, "They did a superlative job in preparing carefully," and were "finely-tuned instruments of Latin knowledge." One sophomore was so grateful for the guidance of his teacher that he created a Magistra (McConaghy's alias, which means "teacher" in Latin) standard to be brought instead of the usual Billiken Standard displayed at the Latin Convention.

But Certamen was just a small part of a big weekend at the Missouri Junior Classical League State Convention. There were costumes, artwork, sculptures, paintings, and chess contests, as well as a lecture on the Latin roots of the alphabet and a showing of the movie *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

In addition to the two first-place trophies and one second-place award, SLUH took home eleven individual medals from the state Latin tests taken in March covering such areas as mythology, history and culture, derivatives, reading comprehension, and grammar.

**HEAVY**

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felt that the pledge did not require an ally to counsel anybody. "I think where Ally is coming from is having a dialogue and having a listening ear," said Spitzmueller, "It's not the answers you offer, but the listening ear you provide."

However, many attendees felt the pledge was ambiguous. "I didn't think it was that clear about condoning the action," said senior Sam Clemens, who also felt that students who did not sign the pledge were seen as homophobes.

Many students at the meeting felt that the Ally campaign created an unnecessary separation between students who signed the pledge and students who did not. Some students who did not sign the pledge felt Ally members looked down on them. Clark cited an incident when a student came into his office crying because he had been called a bigot for refusing to sign the pledge.

Sophomore Ryan Cullen disagreed with the system of people wearing buttons after they sign the pledge. "I don't see why we have to put a tag on. Why can't the whole school be a safe zone?" he said.

Much of the controversy stemmed from the materials given out to students who signed the pledge. Some students claimed they were not allowed to read the handouts until they signed the pledge. "They wouldn't let me read about what Ally was until I signed my name," said junior Jon Boland.

In addition, Ally campaign members put up signs around the school without Clark's signature, which is required on all signs hung around the school.

Ralph Houlihan, S.J., revealed that some of the materials, which were handed out by the Ally campaign, were from websites that supported homosexual sex. "There's a gay agenda out there," said Houlihan.

Houlihan felt that the students who started the Ally campaign simply got the pot boiling, then left the administration to deal with all of the problems. "Who's taking the heat?" said Houlihan. "This is an old tactic," he explained. "Create controversy, sit back, let the administration

take the blame."

Houlihan thought that the administration had been very tolerant about the process. "This is a very complicated issue," said Houlihan regarding the administration's decision to stop the Ally campaign. "We have to know where we stand and have good reasons."

Linda Howenstein felt that students should trust in the faculty. "As a parent, I'm totally committed to the administration and faculty, that they are guiding our boys," she said.

However, some students were not convinced that the administration did the right thing by stopping the Ally campaign. "I don't know where a school stands in telling people what they can or can't experience," said junior Dan Riley.

All of the attendees agreed that negative language regarding homosexuals should not be tolerated. "There are two words that begin with 'F' that shouldn't be used in this school. 'Fag' is the second one," said Houlihan.

Almost everyone agreed that talking about the issue of homosexuality represents a step forward. Riley said, "The real intent was to get people talking about the issues, getting it out there."

However, committee member Maureen Mahach felt that sexuality should be a private matter. "I subscribe to the 'don't ask, don't tell' philosophy," said Mahach.

Clark called the discussion after a little over an hour, saying, "We're a family, and one can't do it without the other. We have to make a decision and hopefully move in the right direction."

The rest of the discussion was spent on after-prom activity. Clark cited the situation in 1998 where students could sign up for a lock-in after the prom to prevent drinking, drug use, and sex. "The purpose was to keep the young men out of trouble," said Clark. Clark proposed doing some kind of lock-in after this year's prom. "I think it's a great idea, great intentions," said Clark.

Most attendees agreed it was a good idea in theory. "I think we have to come

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## WOMEN'S ISSUE FORUM DISCUSSES FEMALE FACULTY ISSUES AT SLUH

**Brian Kane**  
**Core Staff**

The Women's Issues Forum extended an invitation to the entire St. Louis U. High faculty to meet before the late start school day on Friday, April 12.

The group originally had a meeting in November of this school year for the female faculty, who met to discuss gender issues, harrassment towards female faculty, and student attitudes toward both. Last Friday's meeting was a chance to bring in the viewpoints of the entire faculty on these issues. Over 30 faculty members attended the meeting, many of whom spoke about their experiences and/or opinions during the meeting.

Pride called the meetings "a beginning discussion" of the issues the female faculty face. "It's really a question of respect," she added. Pride expressed hopes that future SLUH principal Mary Schenkenberg would be open to input over the next year.

One problem discussed at the meetings was the fact that the punishment for harrasment against a female faculty member does not always fit the crime. However, identifying problems was not the focus of the meeting. "We concentrated mainly on finding solutions," said Spanish teacher Myriam Aliste.

The Forum will be looking for ways to deal with these issues in the future. Pride stressed student awareness as a step in dealing with the issues. "We need to educate," echoed Aliste.

Pride also emphasized the importance of student input in regards to these issues.

Due to the fast-approaching end to the school year, it is doubtful that another meeting will take place this year. However, Pride hopes these issues will be on the agenda next school year.

# Tracksters swipe second at Ladue, break records

**Brian Gilmore**  
Reporter

Hot on the heels of their first place performance at All-Catholic on the 9th and 10th, the Track&Field-Bills ventured west to Ladue Horton Watkins High School last Thursday to try to continue their winning ways in the Ladue Invitational.

Scoring 60.5 points, the Jr. Bills finished second among the 17 teams, behind only defending meet champion CBC's 72 points.

Running first on the day, the 4 x 800-meter team continued to impress, further establishing themselves among the top such teams in the area. Made up of Andrew Linhares, Pat Leinauer, Peter Schaefer, and Tom O'Brien, the squad broke the tape in a meet-record time of 8:16.23, defeating second place Parkway Central by more than 16 seconds.

Going without the aid of his speedy

teammates, Schaefer later won the open 800-meter, running a personal best 1:58.4 to take the gold. Not to be overlooked, Schaefer defeated Rockwood Summit's Kevin Domian, an all-state 800-meter athlete last season, in the race.

O'Brien was the other double-gold medal winner on the day, winning the 1600-meter run in a modest 4:30.1 to keep his undefeated 1600-meter season intact. Running his first 1600 race of the season, senior John Parr finished second behind O'Brien in 4:34. Parr led for much of the way, but O'Brien unleashed a 60-second final lap to take the win, an amazing feat that very few high school runners are able to do.



Reid Heidenry (center) clears 6'2" at Ladue.

Reid Heidenry continued his high-flying ways in the high jump, soaring over the 6'2" bar to defeat his nearest challengers. In the 3200-meter run, Leinauer picked

up his teammate Parr, who was forced to drop out of the race due to a nasty blister. Parr finished third in a solid time of 10:07.52.

In the shot put, Bob Kaestner took home a fourth place medal with a

throw of 43'04.75". Rounding out the scoring for the Jr. Bills were Chris Carter in the 200-meter dash (6th, 23.44) and Brian Gilmore in both the 110-meter high (6th, 16.5) and 300-meter intermediate hurdles (T6th, 42.8).

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# Basebills pick up two more Ws, improve to 11-2

**John Stewart**  
Reporter

The varsity Basebills were once again scheduled for a busy week of baseball, but Mother Nature altered their plans as torrential downpours cancelled three more games. The Jr. Bills, however, were able to see some action against the Roosevelt Rough Riders and the CBC Cadets in the past seven days, and both games proved to be successful for the U. High.

The Rough Riders were looking for redemption from the 16-0 bombardment they suffered at the hands of the Jr. Bills in the first week of the season. The Basebills played host to Roosevelt as the Jr. Bills "junior varsity" squad gave the Rough Riders a similar fate to the one they saw in late March, winning 11-1 in a five inning affair.

The Jr. Bills wasted no time in showing who was the better team as they jumped to an early 6-0 lead before Roosevelt registered the first out. Jumping out to

early leads is becoming one of the team's trademarks, as they have scored first in eleven of their thirteen games.

"Good things happen when you get up early," echoed Nomar Garciapara look-alike Eric Enright. "It's great to get Ty and the other guys some support early on because we know other teams are gonna come out hitting."

The offensive attack was sparked by a clutch two-run triple by freshman Ryan Morgan and two RBI singles by fellow freshman Brandon Beal. Also adding to the attack was junior center fielder Nate McMahill, who smoked a liner into left field that one-hopped the wall and scored one run.

The underclassmen pitching trio of Jeff Milles, Tony Sneed, and Rico Bertucci dominated opposing hitters as they struck out seven while only allowing five hits in as many innings.

The impressive win led the Jr. Bills into the well-anticipated matchup against longtime MCC rival CBC.

The two squads met on a picturesque

spring afternoon at Wash U. Arguably the two best pitchers in the MCC, junior Tyler Faulstich for the Basebills and Joe Hallahan for the Cadets, battled each other for seven innings as the Jr. Bills edged out a pesky CBC crew for a 7-6 victory.

"I've been looking forward to this one for some time," said Faulstich. "We did a great job of getting hits when we needed to and (the defense helped) me out of tough situations."

The Jr. Bills got on the board first with a sacrifice fly off the bat of Jim Manning in the bottom of the second. The Cadets fought back in the third and fourth innings as they overtook the lead from the Basebills.

When the Jr. Bills came to bat in the bottom half of the fourth inning, they faced a 3-1 deficit, but that did not seem to alarm the experienced U. High squad. A leadoff double by Tony Aiazzi followed by a check-swing RBI single off the bat of junior Andy Hecht closed the gap to 2.

The Jr. Bills were not done, however, as

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# Volleybills falter against DeSmet in Tourney

**Brian Wacker  
Reporter**

In one of the most physically demanding schedules this side of the AB Calculus workload, the varsity volleyball team completed a 6-day, 9-match stretch with a disappointing loss to DeSmet in the finals of the Parkway Central Invitational Saturday.

After their biggest win of their careers last Wednesday against Vianney, the LessThanEnthusedBills headed out to Chaminade, trying to avoid a let-down. But, as nature would have it, the MalibuSandsBills came out sluggish. Before they knew it, they were trailing 11-1 in the first game against a team they annihilated earlier this year. Coach Paul Scovill called a timeout to light a spark under the lackluster team. They fought

valiantly to bring the score to 14-12 and were in position to score again. Unfortunately, a phantom "screen" was called by the referee, awarding the serve to Chaminade, who proceeded to win the first game. "I've never seen such a terrible call in my life," remarked sophomore Andy Halaz. "I think (the ref) was out to get us."

Down 1-0, the Jr. Bills finally got their act together. They pounded the Red Devils with thunderous kills and death-defying blocks in the second game to bring the score of the match to one game apiece. The tiebreaker was a little closer than most of the players would have wanted, letting Chaminade take a 9-8 lead at one point. But, the better team prevailed by reeling off seven straight points to silence the Chaminade faithful. "That definitely was not our best volleyball. We're lucky to come out of there with a win," said Scovill

after the game.

The next day, SLUH hosted Kirkwood. The game was never even close. SLUH came out spiking, easily winning the first game 15-2. The second game proved to be more of the same as SLUH rolled to a 15-4 win, ending the match. Coaches Scovill and Terry Quinn sent the boys home with one order, to get some rest for the tournament the next morning.

The WilsonBills seemed to have taken heed to the instructions of their coaches at the Parkway Invitational on Saturday. They breezed through pool play with easy wins against Fort Zumwalt West and Marquette. Pattonville offered the Jr. Bills a few road blocks, but SLUH gained the number one seed in the brackets by sweeping their division.

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# Tennisbills upset Chaminade's Red Develis

**Joe Harvath  
Reporter**

This Tuesday, the SLUH tennis team pulled off their biggest upset of the season. After suffering a disappointing loss to district foe Vianney just a week earlier, the Racquetbills went into Tuesday's match not really knowing what to expect. Up until their match against probable 1A-3A state champion Burroughs, the Chaminade tennis team had not yet lost a single set to a team from St. Louis. But under the leadership of juniors Suneal Menzies, Dan Costigan, Dan McDougell, and Chris Monti, the Jr. Bills were able to upset the overconfident Red Devils.

The match began with Chaminade brushing by SLUH's number one and two players, Joe Harvath and Pat Reich. But the quick defeat of Harvath and Reich was just about the only bright spot for the Devils'. Realizing that just about everyone had to win their match in order to pull off the upset, the rest of the TennisBills stepped it up a notch and won four of the last five matches in

exciting fashion. Freshman Paul Eschenn who has filled the shoes of senior Pat Steinway exceptionally, continued his shocking success and blew right by Chaminade's number four player, bringing the score to 2-1. Bringing the score to a tie was more of a daunting task, as another freshman, Jack Horgan split sets at number three singles. In the third set he came flying out to an early 5-1 lead and seemingly had the match put away, but Satan must have been watching and he guided Chaminade's number three, Ryan Demetor, to a 6-5 lead. But this did not faze Horgan, and he came back to defeat his opponent in a tie breaker, tying the score at

2. In two more exciting matches, the teams of Costigan and Menzies, and McDougell and Monti, came through in the clutch to pull off victories, both in third set tiebreakers.



Junior Pat Reich prepares to return a volley.

Said Reich, "The match was the most important dual match of the year thus far for the Grier/Schmidt Bills, and it proved this year's team can do some major damage to the top teams in the area." They look to build on their success and have it flow over into the upcoming Belleville East tournament beginning Friday and going through Saturday. The

matches will be played at many different sites throughout the Metro-East.

# Cradlebills roar past two tough rivals

**Jim Fox  
Reporter**

This week the Lacrossebills played two tough Catholic rivals in Rockhurst and Vianney, and the Jr. Bills came out on top in both. The games included solid play from the Jr. Bills, as they defeated the talented Rockhurst Hawklets 4-2 last Saturday and the Golden Griffins of Vianney 15-4 on Tuesday.

After a rare and cherished day off last Friday, the SLUH lacrosse team reported to school Saturday morning at 5:15 to catch its bus to Rockhurst. Although they lost much sleep, the U. High team did not lose its focus or intensity, and the Jr. Bills played their best game of the year.

The game started out, as most of the games so far this year have, with a long SLUH possession. Awaiting their chance for the best shot possible, the Jr. Bills allowed few Rockhurst possessions in the SLUH box during the first quarter. Junior attackman Ryan Dugan was able to connect on one of the selective shots, and the first quarter ended with SLUH leading 1-0.

In the second quarter the pace of the game changed quickly. Finding their way into the Brinebills' defensive end, the Hawklets' offense put the heat on, but the defense came through. Led by goalie Mike Lewis, who had .900 save percentage in

the game, the defense completely pinned down the Rockhurst offense, allowing them only one goal in each half.

On the offensive end of the field, the team was able to double the Rockhurst score. With attackmen Travis Dum and Matt Hof each scoring a goal, and Dugan netting two, the attackmen took the lead. The middies also played an important role with possession and groundballs that kept the Rockhurst offense dormant.

John Belgeri, a junior midfielder, was excited by SLUH's effort. "The defense played tremendously," he said, "and the team's tenacity on groundballs was great."

After the Jr. Bills pulled off the victory, they were off to play their second game of the day against Shawnee Mission, another team in Kansas City. Unfortunately, just before halftime, with the J-

Bills up 3-0, the game was called because of lightning, and none of the stats counted.

On Tuesday, in the warm and sunny confines of the Compton-Drew field, the Warriorbills took on Vianney. SLUH showed its superiority early and often on

the offensive end. Hof's five points (two goals, three assists) led the team, but senior middle Nick Brescia and Dum also made their presence known with three goals each. The SLUH defense, anchored by Ben Zaegal in goal, also played well.

Coming off two big wins, the Laxbills play their biggest game of the year against Lafayette



Nick Brescia cradles the ball in Tuesday's win over Vianney. Brescia scored three goals in the game.

tonight. The game is SLUH's only game in the stadium, and it is against their only real competition in the conference. The fun starts at six o'clock, so get all of your friends together, and see what SLUH lacrosse is all about.

## KNEE PADS

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SLUH drew a first round bye, so they had to wait to play their next opponent: 3A state champs Parkway North. The Boys in Blue were not fazed, however, as good passing and better killing paved the way for an easy 15-4, 15-8 win. This victory set up a date in the finals with archrival DeSmet.

Throughout the week, SLUH was again without U-17 National Champion John Thuet, who suffered from a mysterious illness. It hadn't really come to harm the Jr. Bills, until they faced DeSmet. Thuet's passing was sorely missed as DeSmet's towers that they call players

exploited the weakness, winning the first game 15-10. "We really missed Thuet," said senior captain Ryan Harris. "You could tell we were hurting without him."

SLUH fought back, however, overcoming mistakes to take the second game, forcing a tiebreaker. Points went back and forth during the third game, with the lead changing hands multiple times. But the exhausted and depleted team eventually succumbed to the Spartans, losing the tie breaker by a score of 15-11.

After a few days of rest, the GabiReeseBills strapped the shoes back on and made an old-fashioned southern road trip to Oakville on Wednesday. The

Tigers came in highly touted, having taken Vianney to a tie-breaker. But the rested and rejuvenated Jr. Bills, with a healthy Thuet playing in his home suburb, easily defeated the Tigers 15-3, 15-10.

The varsity volleyball team faced a long and arduous task last week. Coming out of it with only one loss is nothing to be ashamed of, but the Volleybills aren't going to sit back and be content with it.

"We are good enough that we should win every game, regardless of schedule," said senior Kyle Banahan. "We still have our eyes on the prize though"—a state championship.

# Francis Howell slips by Druids 13-10

*Druids fail to qualify for regional tourney because of loss*

**Tim Piechowski**

**Core Staff**

The Druids rugby team came out with heart this past weekend, but they simply could not overcome poor field conditions and multiple penalties in their bid for the MRFU tournament.

In the initial set-up of the tournament, a team would have to win its first game in order to move on to Regionals this weekend. After that, the second game would be a championship match, and another match would be played to determine who would take third place in the tournament.

The team opened up with a game against Francis Howell Saturday morning, where tensions were high from a small skirmish in the previous week. However, both teams played an extremely clean game, as the coaches of each team spoke to their players about how no fight-

## BACKWARDS K

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they notched two more tallies to put them up 4-3 going into the fifth.

Unfortunately, the Cadets came back with three runs of their own, all unearned, to put them back on top 6-4.

The back and forth contest took another turn in the bottom of the fifth, as SLUH mounted another rally. A leadoff double by junior Pat Feeney started things off for the Jr. Bills. He would later score on an RBI base knock by John Beck that trimmed the lead to one.

The most interesting play occurred next when Hecht hit a looping pop up over the first baseman's head. The right fielder charged and collided with the first baseman, and the ball fell to the ground and squirted away from both players. In the meantime, while both fielders lay on the ground in a daze, Beck and Hecht trucked around the bases with Beck ending up at third and Hecht at second. The second baseman ran out to the right field

ing would be tolerated this week.

Howell came out quickly, scoring two first half tries against the Druids, making the score 10-0. Druid backs tried to get the ball moving for some long gains when they got the opportunity, but the ground proved a problem as standing water and mud slowed the team down and forced them to keep tight formations.

At the same time the Druids were trying to use their speed, Francis Howell was using sheer force from their large forwards to push the ball down the field. The Druids tried mightily in the half but simply could not get the ball in the try zone.

In the second half things improved greatly for the Druids, as they remembered the 25-5 victory they had had over Howell the previous week. Two quick scores by the team brought the score back to 10-10 and made the final minutes of the game tense as the ball went back and forth

area to retrieve the ball, but the throw to the infield was errant, allowing Beck to score while sending Hecht to third. The official scoring of the play was a single and a two-base error that allowed Beck to score, tying the game at 6-6.

"That play was ridiculous," said a winded Beck. "I can't remember the last time I had to run that much."

Later in the inning, with two outs, junior Adam Twellman stepped into the box and delivered what proved to be as the game-winning hit for the Jr. Bills. Twellman hit a hard grounder that snuck underneath the glove of the second baseman and into centerfield for a single that scored Hecht.

Faulstich dominated in the final two frames as he completely overmatched the lowly Cadet hitters. He continuously got ahead of the batters, made them swing defensively at the plate, and forced them to flail at pitches they normally wouldn't go after.

down the field. Finally, though, the Druids were vanquished when, with little time remaining, the Druids were called for a hands-in penalty, and Francis Howell kicked for 3 points to take the game 13-10.

After the game, Druids back Mark Duvall, who had scored in the game said, "We played well, but we just ran out of time in the end."

After playing Francis Howell at 11:30, the Druids moved on to what initially they had thought was going to be a third place game with no real importance. However, only an hour before the game, coaches Derek Eicholz and Sue Walsh were informed of a little-known rule regarding the regional tournament which is to be held in Forest Park this weekend. If any Rugby Union from the region were not to send its full allotment of teams, a local team would take the place of the team that did not come to claim its spot. Therefore, see **RUG BURN, 9**

"I was tiring down a little bit, but I was still able to hit my spots," said Faulstich. "We really wanted to come out on top, and I just tried my best to help us get there."

The impressive 7-6 victory leaves the Jr. Bills with an 11-2 record and should prove to fellow MCC foes that SLUH is not finished in the fight for the Metro Catholic Conference championship. The team is getting hot at the right time and should be a reckoning force in the final stretch of the season.

"This team has really come together," remarked Enright. "People were already doubting us in the early going, saying how we couldn't hit. Well, things are falling into place, and we've made believers out of ourselves and other area teams."

The team is scheduled for two very tough MCC games next week against Chaminade and DeSmet. Check the PN calendar for game times.



# Golfers slice their way to 4th

**Brian Slater  
Reporter**

Last Monday the Golfbills took the day off school to participate in the MCC Championship. They headed out to Stonewolf looking to win the second big tournament of the year. Despite their best efforts, the Jr. Bills took a disappointing fourth place behind CBC, DeSmet, and Chaminade.

"It was disappointing that we didn't do better, but hopefully we are saving our best for Districts and State," said senior Andy Schumert.

The highlight of the day was senior Pat Robert, who shot a 76 and finished fifth overall. "It was great to place that well," commented Robert, "but I would have been happier if we could have won."

Robert was one of the two medalists for the team. The other was super sophomore Pat Neuner. Neuner finished in seventh place with a 76. "He has really stepped up this year as a sophomore to be a major part of the team," said Schumert.

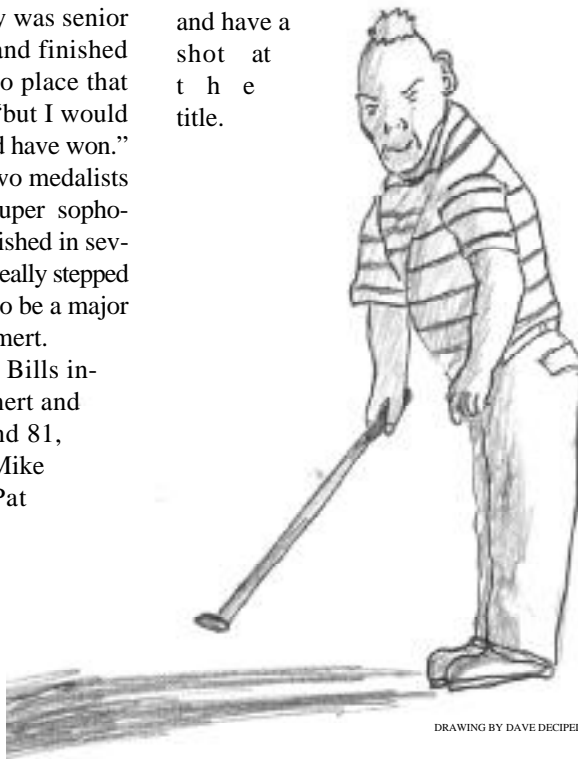
Other scores for the Jr. Bills included seniors Andy Schumert and Joe Sharamitaro with 80 and 81, respectively, and juniors Mike Dougherty, 87, and Pat Ostapowicz, 88.

The Golfbills went out the next day looking for revenge against Vianney at Riverside. Robert again went low for SLUH, shooting a two-under par 32. Schumert came in with a

solid 35. Next was junior Mike Dougherty with 37, followed by senior Drew Philips and junior Zach Schmitt, who both shot 39.

"Our play was definitely better against Vianney, and hopefully we can play with a little more consistency the rest of the season," said Robert. With the win, the Jr. Bills improved their record to 6-1.

Next week the Golfbills will look to enter the state tournament when they travel to Persimmon Woods to play in Districts. They must place as one at the top two teams in order to move on and have a shot at the title.



## GUMP

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On Monday and Tuesday at the Vianney Relays, the Tracksters rested much of their varsity lineup in preparation for the Clayton Invitational, giving many underclassmen the valuable experience of competing in a varsity environment. However, one JBill varsity relay traveled to Vianney with the sole intention of setting a new school record, a task that turned out to be successful.

The 4 x 1600 team of O'Brien, Leinauer, Schaefer, and Parr ran away from the rest of the field early to finish in 18:18.4, breaking the previous school record of 18:24.5 set at the same meet last season. O'Brien set the tone early, running a 4:23 to give the rest of the team a healthy lead, a lead the rest would only increase. "It feels great to have the record," said Parr, "and I hope this one lasts for a long time."

Tomorrow, the finals of the aforementioned Clayton Invitational take place, a meet where some of the strongest competition of the year is found. Thursday, some SLUH Tracksters went to Clayton to try to qualify for Saturday's finals. This meet will be a final measuring stick and warm-up before the team enters the postseason phase, starting with the MCC Championships next Thursday at Chaminade.

"There's gonna be such awesome competition at Clayton that they just might as well rename the high jump to the 'sky jump,'" foretold Heidenry.

As "Big O" guitarist, avid track fan, and overall sports enthusiast John Stewart noted, "Clayton is a pivotal meet. With the team on a roll in the past couple weeks, it'll give the boys one more chance to establish themselves among the best in the area, and who knows what can happen from there."

Races and field events at Clayton take place all day tomorrow, starting around 9:00 a.m and pushing into the late afternoon hours. Next Thursday is especially huge, with the varsity team attempting to secure the MCC crown. Check the PN calendar for times and info on that. Maps to Clayton are available at the switchboard.

### Quote of the Week

*"But you don't understand," said the white man's preacher, 'There's a lot of good ways for a man to be wicked.'"*

—Bob Dylan



# Lacrosse team beats rival Parkway West 11-2

**Jim Fox  
Reporter**

After a long break from game play, the Jr. Bills were back in action last Thursday. That afternoon, the Laxbills suited up to take on Parkway West at West, which is always a tough matchup. The J-Bills, however, were able to come through with an 11-2 victory.

The Lacrosse team understood the challenge it would be facing in the game. They had faced the Longhorns earlier in the preseason jamboree at soccer park and lost 3-2. Even though the jamboree is meaningless, the game still stood as a chance to see if it will be up against later in the season, and West left an impression with their defeat of SLUH. Couple that with the rust created by Spring Break, and Laxbills were in for a test.

The Jr. Bills came to play, though, and set an early tone. In the first quarter, the offense controlled possession and created opportunities. Juniors Jim Fox and Matt Hof each found the net, and the Jr.

## SHORT-SHORTS

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Coming off success at U-City, the track team eagerly anticipated the All-Catholic Meet, held on Tuesday and Wednesday at Vianney. By the time the two-day event concluded, SLUH scored 131 points, good enough for first place among the eleven participating schools. CBC was second with 117 points.

At All-Catholic, success was had in all areas of the meet, a well-rounded performance that was especially impressive.

Starting with the shortest distance, Chris Carter placed third in the 100-meter dash, crossing the line in 11.2 seconds. Peter Allen set a new personal best in the 110-meter hurdles, running a 16.2 to take fourth place. SLUH was strong in the 200-meter dash, with Josh Saleem taking second (23.2) and Carter third (23.4). The 4x100 team of Carter, Harvey, Tim Boyce, and Saleem finished second (44.2), being edged out by CBC in a photo finish. The 4x200 team of Harvey, Dan Heard, Boyce, and Saleem, took third with a time of 1:34.4. All totaled, the sprint team con-

Bills jumped out to a 2-0 lead.

The Longhorns were unable to get anything going against the suffocating SLUH defense. Senior Dennis Burke led the way, completely shutting off his man. The strong defense also attacked ground balls with tenacity and fire, leading to many more offensive possessions.

In the second quarter, Junior attackman Travis Dum scored on an extra-man opportunity. Working the ball around gracefully, the man-up offense was able to swing the West defense out of position. Hof, working the ball from behind the cage, then found Dum wide-open on the left wing. Rearing back his stick, Dum torqued it around, ripping a laser to the goalie's off-stick side. The ball found its way just inside the post and wrapped the net back around the post from the outside with the ball still hanging in it. The shot was perfectly placed.

With the first half ending with the Jr. Bills ahead 3-1, SLUH looked to capitalize on their dominant play by pulling

tributed many valuable points to the victory cause.

In the high jump, Heidenry was at it again, soaring over the six-foot bar to clinch the victory. His early successes hold great promise for the rest of the season. Bob Kaestner performed great in the shot put, fending off the competition to win with a throw of 44'7".

The middle distance team nearly swept the open events, placing first and third in the 1600, first and second in the 800, and first and second in the 3200. O'Brien took a healthy ten seconds off his time from U-City to win the 1600 in 4:26.9, with Schaefer running a solid time of 4:35.8 to earn third place honors. O'Brien wasn't done, however, as he overcame a second lap surge from fellow teammate Schaefer to win in 1:58.9, nosing out Schaefer's 1:58.95. Not only was O'Brien's time good enough to win the race, but it was a Vianney Stadium record.

"It's a privilege to hold a record at a place where [current Missouri runner]

away in the second half. The flood gates opened in the third quarter with goals from Seniors Nick Brescia and Dan Hopmann. Not looking back, Fox, Hof, and Hopmann each added their second goal. Junior Ryan Dugan led the distancing effort with three crucial goals, and by the end of the game, the Laxbills found themselves ahead 11-2.

After the game, junior attackman Tim Branch was "very impressed with the offensive effort." Branch was especially awed by Hof. "He is so good with his quickness, speed, and accuracy," said Branch. "He puts the ball in the perfect spot."

The Jr. Bills season is just starting. Tonight they take on Memphis University School, the Tennessee defending state champion, at 5:30. SLUH looks to avenge last year's loss, and the team is geared up to play. So come out to see your buddies play, and consult the bulletin board in front of the cafeteria for other upcoming games.

Neville Miller ran," said O'Brien.

Parr also tasted victory in the 3200, eclipsing the ten-minute barrier to win in 9:58.8, ahead of Leinauer's second place time of 10:07.7.

"It's exciting to win a race," said Parr, "but it's even more exciting to help the team win the meet."

"I knew before the race that John and I would go 1-2." Leinauer added, "Oh wait, who am I kidding, I felt horrible and didn't even think I was going to be able to run."

Adding more valuable second place points, the 4x800 team of Crean, Leinauer, Schaefer, and O'Brien ran a season-best 8:16.1, finishing before all teams but St. Mary's.

Totaling up wins and losses, the Varsity Trackbills are a combined 35-4 so far. They will take a well-deserved week off before returning to the track next Thursday at the Ladue Invitational, held at Ladue Horton Watkins High School. The meet begins at 4:00.

by Patrick Meek

## Calendar

Apr. 5-Apr. 12

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

Schedule L  
 Dauphin Player's Creation of the World...  
 C-Track vs DeSmet @ 4:00  
 V/JV-TN @ Rockbridge Tourn.  
 V-BB vs SLUH Tourn @ HM  
 V- VOL @ Marquette @ 5pm

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

Dauphin Player's Creation of the World...  
 V-BB vs SLUH Tourn @ HM

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

Dauphin Player's Creation of the World...

**MONDAY, APR. 15**

Schedule R  
 Academic Orientation for Class of 2006  
 B-BB @ Webster @ HM @ 4:15  
 C-BB @ Vianney @ 4:15  
 V/JV- VOL @ St. Mary's @ 5/6 pm  
 V-Golf @ Webster Cup @ Players' Club

@ 8  
 JV-Golf vs CBC @ Westborough @ 3:30 pm

**TUESDAY, APR. 16**

Schedule R  
 Junior MAP Test  
 V/JV-TN vs Desmet @ 4 pm  
 V-BB @ Hancock @ HM @ 4:00  
 B-BB @ St. Mary's @ Wilmore Park @ 4:15  
 C-BB @ St. Mary's @ Carondelet @ 4:15  
 V-Golf vs Chaminade @ Glen Echo @ 3:30  
 JV-Golf vs Chaminade @ Normandie @ 3:30

**WEDNESDAY, APR. 17**

Schedule R  
 Activity Period: St. Louis Univ., Army Reserve Recruiter

Sophomore MAP Test  
 JV-Track @ Webster Invit. @ 4:00  
 V/JV-TN vs Vianney @ Meramec CC @ 4 pm  
 V-BB @ Belleville West @ HM @ 7:00  
 V/JV- VOL vs Vianney @ 5/6 pm

**THURSDAY, APR. 18**

Schedule R  
 Activity Period: Junior Class Meeting  
 V-Track @ Ladue Invit. @ 4:00  
 V/JV-TN vs John Burrouhgs @ 4 pm  
 V-BB @ Roosevelt @ HM @ 7:00  
 V/JV- VOL @ Chaminade @ 5/6 pm  
 V-Golf vs Webter @ Normandie @ 3:30

**FRIDAY, APR. 19**

Schedule R  
 Activity Period: Freshman Class Meeting  
 B-BB @ Hancock @ HM @ 4:00  
 V/JV- VOL vs Kirkwood @ 4/5 pm

**ALUMINIUM BATS**

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The runner was called out on a bang-bang play that ended the Flyer's rally.

Hecht was also involved in another edgy moment in the top of the seventh with two outs as he dove for the outstretched ball towards the first baseline, and caressed the ball on one hop and landed on the bag in the same motion forcing the runner out and ensuring the win for the Jr. Bills.

"That was a pretty scary play," Hecht commented after the fact. "I'm just glad I could come down with it and help the team win such a big game."

Head coach Steve Nicollerat remarked that, "a win like this is definitely a step in the right direction. We need to be able to keep that level of consistency throughout the rest of the season. We should find out how consistent we can be over the next couple of weeks."

The Basebills continued their stellar play as the Vikings of Normandy traveled to Heine Meine field in a matinee affair that proved to be all Jr. Bills as they smashed the Vikings 14-4 in a five-inning contest. The strong arms of Matt Lange, Rico Bertucci, and Matt Ikemeire led the

pitching staff as they combined for ten strikeouts in four innings while only allowing one base runner. The offense was sparked by sophomore sensations Tyler Aholt and Joe Palumbo as the duo reached base in five out of six plate appearances while driving in four runs. The win left the Jr. Bills with a 6-1 record going into the important conference game against the Griffins of Vianney.

The Jr. Bills were unable to continue their run as they lost 7-2 at the hands of the Griffins on Wednesday evening. Stellar pitching and timely hitting led to Vianney's success against the #4 ranked Jr. Bills. The NoPepperBills were unable to put together a serious rally as they were limited to only 2 runs by Oklahoma State bound Tom Cowley. A combination of physical and mental errors proved to cost the Jr. Bills as they trailed throughout the entire game.

The Jr. Bills will remain very busy for the remainder of the week as they face the U-City Lions Thursday afternoon and follow up with action this weekend as the Basebills host their annual SLUH Tournament at Heine Meine field. Look for times on the PN schedule and come out and cheer on the squad.

**OH, MAMA**

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revelry continued until around 11:30, when the band stopped playing. Everyone "thoroughly enjoyed (the evening)," said senior class moderator Tom Becvar.

Mothers' Club president Ann Boyce, mother of senior Tim Boyce, said she believes "the purpose of the Mom Prom is to give the moms and their sons a wonderful and memorable evening together." Most seniors would agree.

"I enjoyed it very much... It was good to have a nice experience with my mom that was related to SLUH," said senior Mike Huelsing.

The night not only allowed seniors and their moms to be closer, but it gave moms the opportunity to get to know each other better. It was truly a memorable occasion that marks another milestone for the seniors before they graduate.

Becvar's son wife and son Dan attended the event. He said his wife thought the dance was "one of the best things she's ever done and she'll always remember it."