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Hadel returns from El Salvador sabbatical *Jesuit teacher will take on freshman Spanish in '02-'03*

Brian Kane
Core Staff

Last July, Richard Hadel, S.J., left the country for a trip to San Salvador, El Salvador. The Missouri Province of the Society of Jesus sponsored his trip. On May 3, Hadel returned home to St. Louis U. High.

Hadel's intent for the trip was to increase his knowledge of the Spanish language. He listened in on Spanish-speaking theology classes which he attended at the University of Central America; Spanish novels he read aided his effort to accomplish the task. As his trip neared its end, he watched Spanish television, and

spent a couple of hours every day listening to the radio to get more exposure to the language. He said, "It wasn't fun, but it was good. It was hard in that respect."

Though he learned a lot, Hadel had some reservations about the trip's success. "I didn't learn as much as I had hoped. My memory doesn't retain as much (as it used to)," he said. However, he is not so maladroit that he cannot teach freshman Spanish next year.

In January, Hadel visited Belize for three weeks to see the students who were



Hadel, who returned last Friday, relaxes on a bench near the upper field.

there for their senior project. Towards the end of the trip, he began celebrating Masses in English for the Americans there, mainly Catholics from the American Embassy, including the American Ambassador to El Salvador.

Hadel noted that the culture of El Salvador was harder to adjust to than the Spanish language. Hadel also noted the sharp contrast between the rich and the poor of San Salvador. He remembers seeing people forced to sleep in the streets by their economic conditions. "I wanted to have Bill Gates there to hand out 20-dollar bills.... I never got used to that."

As Hadel promised before his departure, he will attend graduation. Since his return, he has been able to visit with some of his friends among the senior class. "I found that I missed (the students) a lot," Hadel admitted.

The Senior Prom will take place tonight at the Cedars at St. Raymond's Downtown. Directions are available from Mr. Becvar in the Math office.

Artistry decks halls for exhibit

David Mueller
Reporter

Every spring, SLUH begins to wrap up the school year with events like prom, Spring Fling, and final exams, and the Art Department gets its own end-of-the-year shindig: the Student Art Exhibit.

The exhibit, which had its opening reception last night, is loaded with the best artwork from students who participated in art classes this school year. The exhibition is located on the second floor of the Jesuit Wing and will be open on school days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until May 18.

Among the jewels of the gallery is senior Kyle O'Connor's robot print, which seems to expose the ignorance of a lonesome being who is followed by the blank-

ness of its purely logical existence. Also featured is junior John Kister's iced tea pot, which ceramics teacher Mary Whealon says, "is a bit abstract, but utterly creative and beautiful."

Another of O'Connor's pieces is the collagraph bottle print that art guru John Woodworth says is "just incredible, for how flat it is, that it creates its own depth. It is really powerful."

Among the underclassmen standouts is freshman George Caputa and the contemplative look of his picture of a man comprised of scattered post-it notes. The drawing takes a face and gives the viewer a glimpse of what the person might look like, but more importantly it gives us a full profile of who this person is. Caputa invites us to know this person.

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Band wows audiences in Spring Concert

Justin Luner
Reporter

Tuesday night, the SLUH Symphonic Band, under band director Bryan Mueller, performed their Spring Concert. The concert was the highlight of the Symphonic Band's year, in which both the band and a few of the outstanding musicians within it displayed the best of their year's work.

The Symphonic Band opened the concert with Leo Delibes' "March and Procession of Bacchus." The second piece was an arrangement of the Adagio movement from Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 2. The band played these two, along with a song from the Winter Concert called "Sea of Emotion," at the State

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Mr. Mueller stressed that this annual event "is just incredible" for everyone involved. He especially praised the work from the freshman art surveys on still life. Considering most of the students' drawing experience was doodling in their notebooks, "For only twenty-eight days (of work) it is awesome what they were able to accomplish." The freshmen have lined the hallway with simple, elegant, and amazing pieces.

Fine Arts chair Joan Bugnitz commented,

"Once a year we get to share the year's work with the rest of the school. It is one of my favorite (weeks) of the year." She noted that all the students are invited "to see (their) classmates and friends in a new light."

What makes the annual exhibition so important is that this is the only time the students get to show off all of their unique

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talents. While sports and attending sporting events are high on the Jr. Bills' to do list, going to support their classmates at an art gallery is not always at the top. Mary Whealon said, "This is arts homecoming, the one big game of the year. Here students can be proud to put part of themselves on the pedestal" that their art is displayed on.

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Kyle O'Connor added, "It is something really important to me that I look forward to all year and keep in mind while I'm working."

People are surprised every year at what the students can accomplish. Featured artist senior Nick Palank remarked, "No one will believe what masterworks we have; it is really amazing."

Whealon reiterated that students and parents always approach her to say, "I didn't know (the student) could do something like this!"

Saleem on trombone, and juniors Joe Gilfoil and Mike Havard on trumpet and David Zychinski on French horn, played the third movement of V. Edwald's Opus No. 5, the Quintet in B Minor. Ullman's tuba solo and the brass quintet both received a score of 1 at the State Solo and Ensemble Competition, the highest score possible.

During the concert, Mueller also recognized the seniors, who played their last concert with the band that night. Speaking of the seniors, Mueller said, "These gentlemen stuck around after former band director John Milak retired. They went along with the changes in the program that I implemented, and helped make my transition a smooth one and I thank them for
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So venture forth into the realm of artistic expression to gaze in wonderment upon the various sculptures, paintings, and drawings compiled for this year's Student Art Exhibit, and support your artistic classmates' hard work.



Art teacher John Mueller preps the hall for Thursday's exhibit.

This Week in Prep *News History*

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"What started out as a harmless prank by members of the senior class early Wednesday morning escalated into a much larger affair than anyone had expected with the arrest of 22 members of the class of '95.

At approximately 12:30 a.m. on May 10, nearly seventy seniors gained entrance to the school building through the use of an illegal key. In just over ten minutes, cafeteria tables were moved into the hallways and the bathrooms, four to five classrooms worth of desks and some of the familiar hallway benches were on the roof of the library, and a wading pool full of goldfish was placed in the center corridor of the second floor.... A fire was started on the library roof...."

Three ASCers set to return in '02-'03

**Tom Queathem
Reporter**

A group of men came to SLUH to help teach, in the classroom and outside of it. As part of the Alum Service Corps, a Jesuit organization that places graduates of Jesuit schools in schools as teachers.

John Woodworth helped teach freshman survey courses and drawing during the first semester. This semester he also taught freshman drawing and acrylic painting.

Art teacher John Mueller said that having Woodworth is "like having two teachers in the room."

In addition to being assistant coach for sophomore soccer and track, Woodworth worked diligently in the Art Department. Mueller said that Woodworth was "always there when you need something" and has "been invaluable."

Woodworth's service at the school helped the school's art department, but his also helped him figure out his calling in life. Woodworth said "(I) was not sure that [he] wanted to teach at the high school level" but his experience at SLUH has made him sure that teaching is his calling.

Next year, Woodworth plans to return to SLUH to teach in the art department. In addition to this position, he is excited to return to graduate school. He will be attending class at Fontbonne.

Rusty Parker, who taught freshman and senior English this year. He said that going from a student at SLUH to becoming a teacher at SLUH was "a weird transition." Parker enjoyed the atmosphere at SLUH and said that "the English department is like a family."

From his experience here, Parker said that he "has grown a lot as a person." In addition to the in-class experience and the many relationships he has formed, Parker noted, "[I] enjoy learning as (I'm) teaching."

Parker plans on returning to SLUH next year to teach two freshman English courses. He is really excited about teach-

ing summer school at SLUH because it gives him a chance to meet the incoming freshmen. When asked what in the near future he was looking forward to the most, Parker responded, "seeing the kids [he taught this year] grow and develop."

Derek Eichholz, an ASC teacher, aided in teaching one section of biology and also helped coach the B-football team and the rugby team. For Eichholz, being at SLUH was a great experience. He noted, "the chance to be around the students is a highlight." He loved working with the rugby team because it allowed him to "interact with the young men on a much more personal level" than in the class-

room.

Eichholz enjoyed working at SLUH because of its spirit and ideals. He said that working at SLUH gave him the opportunity to "strengthen and affirm [his] ideals." He said that the school "has the same values as when I went here," and that being in an effective community that doesn't follow society blindly has been a positive experience for him.

Next year, Eichholz is looking forward to the summer trip to Europe. In addition to the trip, he is looking forward to the B-football season next summer. He also plans on returning to college for further study next semester.

Bookstore to move upstairs

Plans could put bookstore in Kesterson's office

**Tim Piechowski
Core Staff**

With a hidden location in the rec room, and hours from 7:30-8:00 a.m. each morning, and at Activity Period each day, the bookstore is less than convenient. However, plans are in the works to move the bookstore to a more accessible location, with decent store hours.

Principal Robert Bannister said the bookstore is currently "inconvenient," and noting how difficult it would currently be for a student who forgot something as simple as a pencil to be able to buy one at the bookstore, as he would have to walk all of the way down to the rec room. Bannister also brought up another situation which occurs each year: "Around admissions time, we have moms calling all of the time wanting to know (the bookstore's) hours, and where it is."

In order to make the bookstore "more easily accessible," the administration, led by Director of Advancement Thom Digman, has been trying for several months to determine what could be done. A possible location which might be up and running as early as next year is the room directly across from the cafeteria,

which currently holds Brock Kesterson's and Derek Eichholz's office. Another plan which has been suggested would be to convert both that office and the STUCO room into the bookstore.

Digman also suggested that the bookstore may be moved to one of the new storage rooms created when SLUH dug out the basement this year, or even to the old faculty dining room behind the cafeteria.

The suggestion of taking over the STUCO room for the bookstore was only seriously considered after last year's STUCO was asked how they would feel if the bookstore took over the STUCO room, and STUCO moved to the basement. However, the current STUCO has raised concerns with moving the STUCO room out of the center of the school. Bannister seems to be behind them, as he stated that whatever happens with the bookstore, "The STUCO office stays where it is."

Digman echoed Bannister's sentiments saying, "Everything the administration does is intended for the students," and that if moving the STUCO office is a major problem, it won't be done.

However, Digman is convinced that
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the bookstore operation needs to be improved. In addition to trying to make the bookstore more convenient for students, Digman stressed the fact that many Alumni return to SLUH throughout the year, either stopping by, or attending reunions, and find that they cannot buy any SLUH merchandise.

Digman said that the merchandise sales won't "fund the school," but that every dollar made is a dollar going back to the students. In order to keep overhead low at the bookstore, Digman said he had already spoken to the members Mothers' Club who have said that they are willing to staff the bookstore on a volunteer basis in the future.

Food Service Consultants (FSC)—the company that currently runs the bookstore—employee Kathy Robtoy said that the administration has said very little to the company regarding the moving of the

bookstore, or staffing it for next year. However she did say it is "(the SLUH community's) school, and (FSC) will do whatever the school needs," with regards to the bookstore.

Commenting on SLUH's current relationship with FSC, Digman said, "Food Service does a great job for us."

While Digman hopes to be able to move the bookstore, he has also thought about ways to increase school merchandise sales by having a portable display of the wares the school has to offer. He said he believes this display could be moved around to different alumni functions, and be used at football games, or during the intermissions of theater shows at SLUH.

Finally, Digman said that he did not know how feasible moving the bookstore was at this point, as the cost of doing so has not yet been explored. He stated that another potential problem with moving

the bookstore at this point is that it may have to be moved again if and when Vision 2000 is completed and there is a Student Life Center.

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it. The program will continue to grow because of their efforts."

Mueller also recognized senior Alex Jones with the John Philip Sousa Symphonic Band Award, thanking him for all the hard work he put into the SLUH Band program, and for leading the Pep Bands.

Similarly, senior Matt Szerzinski received the Louis Armstrong Jazz Band Award during the Jazz Concert on April 28.

Mueller was pleased with the results of the band's hard work. "I'm really happy that the guys are mature enough, and at a high enough level to play Mambo Furioso, which was my favorite piece. I really

liked working with the band on that," said Mueller. "I'm also really sorry to see the seniors go. They're a great bunch of guys."

Junior Ring



PHOTO BY CHRIS DEIBERGER

Derek Winters signs the class of 2003's banner last Friday at the Junior Ring Ceremony.

PN Nightbeat



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Dan Butler

Core Staff

Due to a lack of time this school year, last year's Entertainment 2001 and the varsity chorus show have been combined into one all-encompassing show, now the SLUH Spring Concert. Wednesday and Thursday nights, the entire SLUH chorus and dance troupe performed along with the band in front of hundreds in the theatre.

The freshman fine arts survey class, which boasts over seventy members, forms a main part of both the chorus and dance groups. Over 100 students, including numerous girls from several other schools, performed 14 dance numbers. These performers showcased a variety of skills, from swing dancing to the tango.

Dance teacher Jan Strzelec was very happy with the performance, which the students have been working on since January. "I've had comments from parents that they are amazed at how much the kids have learned." She added that during the performance, "they had fun. Everyone had a great time, and that's the most important part for me."

Music teacher and chorus director Joe Koestner was also pleased with the concert. His four chorus groups performed over a dozen songs, and there were additional musical performances, including a solo by award-winning pianist Zach Hemenway. "This was a hard concert to get bored at...everything is changing constantly, and it sounds wonderful," Koestner added.

Nicolleratbills lose a pair of squeakers

John Stewart
Reporter

Seasonal showers have been detrimental in many respects to the varsity Basebills. A total of seven games have been cancelled due to the downpours, and the momentum the Jr. Bills gained throughout the heart of the season has slowly washed away with the rain.

Wounding one-run losses to conference rivals DeSmet and Chaminade began the deflation of the Jr. Bills' sails as they were hoping to get through both teams and possibly overtake the #1 ranking in the area from DeSmet. However, they were unable to do either, and dropped to 12-4.

The woes continued for the Jr. Bills last Thursday afternoon as they traveled to Mehlville High School to take on an underrated Panther team. The Panthers have played tough with many of the top

teams in the area, but they carried a less-than-pedestrian 3-13 record into the match with the Nicolleratbills.

The Jr. Bills quickly found themselves behind 6-0 after the top of the second inning, as a less than consistent umpiring performance dampened the hopes of a desperate Jr. Bills squad. A number of questionable calls on the base paths and in the strike zone caused the entire team, coaching staff, and all Jr. Bill fans to become disgusted and somewhat unhinged.

The TPXBills needed a spark, and junior Andy Hecht stepped up to the plate and hit a monumental shot that traveled an estimated 50 feet over the 330-foot sign in left-center field for a two-run homer that closed the gap to four, 6-2.

"I'm really getting locked in right now, and I'm feeling really comfortable in the box," said Hecht. "I just looked for a pitch up in the zone and tried to drive it.

Luckily, the pitcher gave me a fat pitch to hit."

Hecht's home run seemed to ignite the Jr. Bills for the time, as they captured the lead in the bottom half of the sixth. Sophomore Joe Palumbo delivered a key two-RBI single to put the Basebills on top. Junior Rico Bertucci led the Jr. Bill pitching staff into the late innings, but the Panthers mounted one more comeback and eventually took the game from the Basebills. The 9-8 defeat was the third straight for the Jr. Bills and dropped them further down in the area rankings.

"All teams run into some tough games in their schedule, and we just happened to lose a few of those tough ones in a row," said second baseman Eric Enright. "We've played well all year, but we just haven't been able to come up with big hits when we need them."

The Basebills were back in action on **see DIAMOND, 12**

Tracksters set for Eureka, postseason action

Brian Gilmore
Reporter

Tomorrow, the Ready-Set-GoBills will kick off the postseason stretch of the season, competing in the District 2 Meet at Eureka High School.

As a team, they enter the meet riding the tails of a very successful season. Last Thursday, the team finished third at the MCC Championships at Chaminade, behind CBC and victor DeSmet.

Running the first event of the day, the 4x800-meter team of Kevin Crean, John Parr, Peter Schaefer, and Tom O'Brien ran a smart, conservative race, claiming first place in a time of 8:29.6.

As has been his style throughout the year, O'Brien wasn't done making highlights after the 4x800 ended. Entering this year, O'Brien was the second-fastest returning miler in the state. Before conference, however, O'Brien didn't have the competition that had pushed him towards his 4:18 at last

year's state meet. Last Thursday, though, O'Brien clashed with DeSmet's Jeremy Doherty for the first time this season, and everyone expected a great race between the two.

Nobody expected the fastest 1600-

final laps and finishing kicks, O'Brien proved he had the ability to beat most anyone. With the initial pace last Thursday as furious as it was, though, no one was sure if O'Brien would have his customary jets. As the two of them came

down the stretch towards the finish, O'Brien found yet another gear, forcing some separation between him and Doherty before putting him away for good. O'Brien crossed the line in a time of 4:16.4, two seconds faster than this third place State finish last year, less than two seconds off the school record, breaking the MCC record by a healthy margin.

"You won't see better races than that on the high school level, anywhere," said head cross country coach and long-time friend Jim Linhares.

"Is Tom (O'Brien) human?" inquired sophomore Jon Leek. "I bet he wouldn't even bleed if I cut him."

Taking an ever-so-brief respite, O'Brien came back less than an hour later **see BATON, 11**



Freshman Matt Dimbeck races for the finish line in yesterday's meet.

meter race in MCC history. Breaking away from the rest of the field early, O'Brien and Doherty chased each other around the track, dead even for the first 1550 meters.

When previous races were left up to

Druids defeat Park Hill High to win State

C.J. Baricevic
Reporter

It was noon. The sun hung above the striped field and laughed at the poor combatants that came together that day. Its light beamed down onto the earth so that the only shadows one could see were those created by the sweaty brows of the players, the dark blanket falling over each of the players' eyes. The heat that wrapped the field tugged the stubborn sweat out of each individual pore of everyone gathered. It filled every jersey, shirt, blouse, and jacket with a smelly, sticky liquid. It made the players' bronze skin glisten like that of the armor of the gladiators in ancient Rome. Donned for battle, the "ruggers" sat in the mouth of one of the many circles of hell. I, however, sat on the sidelines in a lawn chair with a chilled lemonade and some Cheez-Its. I think I sprained my ankle or something. Oh, and I wore these sweet sunglasses that look expensive. You can see them if you ask.

Last Saturday, the St. Louis Druids Rugby team traveled to Columbia, Missouri, home of Phinney Troy's cousin, the Missouri Tigers, and 2002's state rugby Championships. The Druids battled Park Hill in a match for the ages—and also for a trophy. The game featured two lead changes, hard hitting, quality rucking, and this pretty sweet muscle cramp that Brad Drakesmith got that made his thigh muscle twitch without his even trying! Drakesmith obviously did not eat bananas with his cereal that morning.

The game started off slowly for the Druids. Tough, aggressive play during the first half wasn't enough to break Park Hill's goal line defense. "Personally, the play of Park Hill reminded me of that terrific movie. You know, that one where those Mexicans, who would be us, try to kill John Wayne, who would have been Park Hill, in that terrific church in San Antonio," commented coach Derek Eicholz. An inside source has revealed to the *Prep News* that coach Eicholz was referring to *The Alamo*, starring John Wayne, Richard Widmark, and Laurence Harvey.

Although the first half was exciting, it gave way to a breakaway try by the Park Hill guy when right prop Dave Mahach made a terrific tackle—on the wrong man. Mahach told *Prep News* that he "really didn't care who I hit, as long as they went to DeSmet." Well, the Druids didn't play DeSmet on Saturday, but it's really Mahach's effort that counts.

Down 7-0 at half, the Druids resembled Eicholz's poodle, down but not out, losing but hopeful. Actually, the Druids did not resemble coach Eicholz's poodle in any way.

The Druids received a great boost after a pep talk by Coach Suzanne Walsh, which included phrases such as "Us blokes looked cactus out theya'. I'm about to spit the dimmy. This team is from woop-woop and we are sittin on our dates!" Ask her to interpret.

After such rousing words, the Druids battled back, winning each opposing scrum that they faced in the second half. Each meter was crucial, and some timely kick-

ing and running by fullback Mark Duvall helped open the running lanes for center Drakesmith. He scored his try by sliding feet first into the try zone, reminding the writer of a young Jose Oquendo. Flanker Joe Devine added 5 as well.

A great pair of kicks shot off captain Pat Meier's foot, suggesting that he kicks those extra points for a reason, and putting the Druids up 12-5 with time running out.

Back Dave Byrnes solidified the victory by pounding the ball deep into Park Hill's own zone. As the buzzer sounded, the Druids stormed the field. The Druids shook hands and headed for home with a title in tow.

The Druids would like to thank everyone that came out to watch them play this year, especially Joe Finney and Joe Gilfoil, who came to every game without fail, no matter what the weather. The Druids would also like to thank Eicholz and Walsh, for without them, this season, would not have been possible.

End-of-the-year Liturgy



Clockwise from top left: seniors Sean Smith and Jason Gray bow their heads during the homily; Jeff Harrison, S.J., preaches on the Jesuit values of love and the importance of seeing God in all life; Harrison blesses Mary Beckemeier as a Eucharistic minister; Joey Neilsen gives Bob Bannister a hug after Neilsen delivered a farewell address to Bannister. Photos by Chip Deubner

Tennisbills win district title

Joe Harvath
Reporter

This Tuesday, at Dwight Davis Tennis Center in Forest Park, the Tennisbills successfully defended their throne as district champs.

Each Backhandbill made it to the semifinals before suffering a defeat. The team was led by senior tennis stud Pat Steinway, who finished the tournament in second place to earn himself a spot in the state tournament in Springfield at the end of May. He finished the day 4-1, including a win over the number four seed. Steinway's only loss came in the finals against the number two player from Vianney.

The Underdogbills also had a strong showing from freshman Jack Horgan, who made it to the finals after an upset of the number three seed from Lindbergh. Unfortunately, Horgan also lost to Vianney's number two seed, one win short of quali-

CBC creams

Jim Fox
Reporter

Last Saturday the SLUH lacrosse team played arch-nemesis and rival CBC. The team headed to the very unfriendly confines of Clayton Avenue at two in the afternoon. The game figured to be tough and wound up being so, as the Jr. Bills fell 14-6.

Playing the game the night after the Junior Ring Dance and various senior proms, the team's juniors and seniors had sleep deprivation to overcome, but that did not stop them from coming out strong early.

In the first few minutes of play, the possession alternated back and forth, but no significant chances arose for either team. Then there was a SLUH defensive breakdown, and a CBC player wound up wide open in front of the net. He fortunately threw the ball off the post, and it came bouncing out in front of the crease. Senior Joe Bartel somehow found the ball in the madness that ensued and flung it up

fying for the state tournament. He went on to finish in 4th place.

In doubles, the Tagteambills also enjoyed much success. The top SLUH team, consisting of senior Joe Harvath and junior Pat Reich, finished the day with a 4-1 record and a 3rd place finish.

After a disappointing loss to the number one team from Cape Central, the other SLUH duo of juniors Chris Monti and Dan McDougal lost to Harvath and Reich in the 3rd place match.

Monti said, "Although we wish we could have sent a few more guys to state individually, we still set a district record. We couldn't be happier for Pat (Steinway)."

Monti continued, "Hopefully we can win Sectionals and qualify as a team also."

This weekend the Tennisbills will compete in the MCC Tournament at Chaminade, and next week they have the MICDS Tourney. These two tournaments should prepare the Jr. Bills for Sectionals on Saturday, May 15.

Lacrossebills

the field with his six-foot D-pole. The attackman waiting at midfield shrewdly lifted the stick of his defender, and junior speedster Pat Hogan came flying through in pursuit. With the ball and Hogan barreling down upon him, the CBC goalie had no choice but to come out of his goal and try and play the ball. Hogan beat the goalie to the ball and planted his stick along side it, flicking his arms like a wrist shot in hockey. The ball sailed by the stunned goalie and found the net just inside the post.

The Crossebills continued their strong play in the first half play with two goals by middle John Belgeri from the crease, one being off an acrobatic no-look shot. With solid defense, the Jr. Bills took a 4-3 lead into halftime.

After a rocky start to the third quarter, the Bills soon found themselves down 5-4. Unable to get anything going on the offensive end, the SLUH defense played strong but was pressured into allowing

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to win the 800-meter in 2:00.4, overtaking teammate Schaefer in the final stretch (2nd, 2:01.2) to claim the victory. O'Brien and Schaefer have had some fierce duels in the 800 this year, and this friendly competition will surely intensify in districts and beyond.

High flyer Reid Heidenry earned the J-Bills' fourth and final first place medal, topping the competition with his jump of 6'0" in the high jump. Heidenry enters districts on quite a winning streak, not having lost a high jump competition in over a month.

The sprint team took home two second place medals on the day, with Josh Saleem running 23.3 in the 200 and the 4x400 team of Thomas Moore, Schaefer, Tim Boyce, and Saleem crossing the line in 3:34.2.

John Parr had a great race in the 3200, running a personal best time of 9:51.8 to take second behind Doherty's 9:47.

"It's nice now that all the hard work is starting to pay off," said Parr, "and watching Tipper's race only made me want to go that much faster in my own."

The JV Tracksters proved their MCC dominance on Thursday, taking first place overall. Jon Leek was a double winner in the 100 and 200, running 12.36 and 23.82, respectively. The 4x800meter team of Steve Nagel, Chris Arb, Dan Flanagan, and Andrew Linhares ran an 8:40.6 for the win. Not to be outdone, junior Tim Steitz won the triple jump with his hop, skip, and jump of 38'6".

Tomorrow morning, while most of the seniors are finally getting some sleep after prom, the dedicated track athletes will be at Eureka for Districts, beginning at 10:30 a.m. If athletes qualify through Districts, they will then compete in Sectionals, the final step before the state meet. The top four places in each event move on to next week's Sectionals at Parkway South. Expectations are high, and many Tracksters have a good chance of advancing on. If you haven't been to a track meet yet this year, come out and lend a friendly voice.

by Patrick Meek

Calendar

May 10 - May 17

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Schedule E
AP US History
AP Modern European History
V-TN @ District Tourn.
Senior Prom @ Cedars @ 8pm

SATURDAY, MAY 11

V-TN @ MCC Tournament
V-Track @ District Meet @ Eureka @ 10 am
V-BB vs. Rockwood Summit @ HM @ 11am

MONDAY, MAY 13

Schedule S
AP Economics
V-Golf @ State Golf Tourn. @ Silo Ridge

G.C.
V/JV- VOL @ District Tourn.
V-TN @ MICDS @ MICDS
V-LAX vs Webster @ Steeger @ 4:30pm

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Schedule S
AP Biology
AP Physics
V-Golf @ State Golf Tourn. @ Bolivar, MO.
V/JV- VOL @ District Tourn.
V-TN @ MICDS @ MICDS
V-Track @ Metro Meet @ Parkway South @ 4pm
V-BB vs. U. City/Normandy winner @HM @ 4pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Schedule S
AP US Government
AP Envir. Science
V/JV- VOL @ District Tourn.
V-TN @ MICDS @ MICDS
V-BB @ District Championship @ Ritenour

THURSDAY, MAY. 16

Schedule R
AP Chemistry
AP Psychology
V/JV- VOL @ District Tourn.

FRIDAY, MAY. 17

Schedule R
AP Latin
V/JV- VOL @ District Tourn.

DIAMOND

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Saturday afternoon as they faced the Commanders of Cleveland ROTC and tried to put an end to their recent losing streak. The Jr. Bills fell behind early for the fourth straight time, as the Commanders jumped out to a 5-0 lead after three innings. The lack of timely hitting and poor fielding proved to haunt the Basebills in the first three innings.

Junior Matt McArthur came in from the bullpen in the fifth inning and completely silenced the Commanders' bats, giving the Jr. Bills ample time to crawl back into the game. The Basebills' bats came alive in the bottom of the sixth as they pounded out five hits and as many runs in the frame to tie the game at 5. Clutch RBI hits from Tony Aiazzi, Matt Lange, Adam Twellman, and Pat Feeney closed the gap and began the charge towards victory.

McArthur continued to blank Cleveland's bats as he allowed only two hits over four innings while keeping the Commanders off the scoreboard. He stopped the bleeding and allowed the offense to become the hero in what may turn out to be a pivotal moment in the season.

The offense came to bat in the bottom of the eighth inning looking for someone to step up with a clutch hit. Hecht stepped

up again, getting a pitch high in the strike zone that he didn't miss. He belted a drive deep to left-centerfield that forced the center fielder back to the warning track. He ran out of room, looked up, and watched the ball sail over the fence for a two-run walk off homerun that gave the Jr. Bills a 7-5 victory.

"We had a hard time against the first pitcher early in the game," said Hecht. "But we were able to buckle down and the breaks began to go our way."

The homer for Hecht could have been his third in as many games, but he had one called back against DeSmet last week that was apparently just inches foul. Nonetheless, it was his second in two games, raising his batting average to .468, third overall in the MCC. Hecht is also one of the leaders in every major statistical batting category in the conference. He is white hot right now, and looks to improve on his performance.

"I'm happy with what I've done so far," said Hecht. "But I definitely don't want to settle for what I've done. I want to continue to get better and maybe help this team achieve one of our goals of getting to the Final Four."

All three games scheduled this week were rained out, but the Jr. Bills begin district play early next week as the clichéd

second season begins. Technically, nothing that has happened so far in the season matters, but the team would like to emulate what they did early in the season and resume playing as one of the best teams in the state.

two more goals, trailing 7-4 with twelve minutes left.

The team members were still optimistic when they broke the huddle heading into the fourth, but were surprised to find out they would be down a man for the first three minutes of the quarter for a rare illegal stick penalty. Under that sort of penalty, the man is not released if the other team scores a goal, and CBC's shooters had a field day, racking up four goals on the extra man opportunity. Disheartened, the SLUH team was able to put in two more goals, but to no avail, as the lead was too large to overcome.

With only a few games left, SLUH has two against conference foes coming up. The big game, though, comes tomorrow against powerhouse MICDS.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Circus Club will perform their "Really Big Show" this Sunday at 2 p.m. in the SLUH theater. Tickets are \$3.