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## Area man attacked by 2 pit bulls near SLUH *Police shot dogs in Lawn Place backyard; attack is third in the area*

**Patrick Meek**  
**Core Staff**

On Tuesday morning at approximately 5:40, St. Louis policemen from the 3rd District shot and killed two pit bulls in the backyard of 21 Lawn Place, which abuts the St. Louis U. High campus.

The officers were forced to kill the pit bulls after the dogs attacked two people in the area in the early hours of Oct. 30.

The first attack came at 5:00 a.m. when the dogs grabbed a 5-year-old boy and dragged him into traffic on Kingshighway. Luckily, the boy's mother, Vetta Glasco, was able to rescue her son from the dogs. The boy was taken to St. Louis Childrens' Hospital to be treated for minor injuries, according to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

The second attack began around 5:20 a.m. when the same two dogs attacked Jerry Wiegand, a 43-year-old van driver, when he was riding his bike to work. According to Fox 2 News, the dogs charged Wiegand near the 5900 block of Manchester. The dogs dragged Wiegand off his bike and threw him into the street, where they tore at Wiegand's feet and hands, causing severe damage that later required two operations at Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

Area residents soon came to Wiegand's rescue when they saw what was happening. Several of them tried to beat and pull the dogs off the man for several minutes until the dogs let go. One of those rescuers called 911, and emergency services showed up soon after.

"When we arrived the man was in pretty serious condition," stated Lt. Darell

Battle, the supervising officer on the scene.

The police quickly began to pursue the two dogs, fearing that the dogs could attack again.

The chase ended 15 minutes later in the backyard of 21 Lawn Place. According to Charlie Clark, Director of SLUH Security, one of the dogs lunged at the officers, forcing them to shoot the

dogs. One of the dogs died immediately, and the other dog was killed a few seconds later by a shotgun.

According to several witnesses, in-

cluding SLUH teachers and neighborhood residents Jim Knapp S.J., Ralph Houlihan S.J., and Mary Whealon, they

all heard "two or three shots of gun fire and then one large boom," said Knapp. Another resident of Lawn Place said she was "startled" by the sound but thought it was a car backfiring.

Whealon said she heard "Boom, boom, boom and then a car alarm went off."

Battle said the Police Department  
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The backyard of 21 Lawn Place where police shot the two pit bulls.

## Unknown vandals strike SLUH

**Geoff Brusca**  
**Reporter**

Sometime early last Friday morning, on the eve of the SLUH-CBC football game, an act not seen at SLUH in the last ten years was committed.

"I came in real early, at about 5:30 or 6:00," recalled Director of Security Charlie Clark, "and saw that on the brick wall (of the theater wing) there were several inappropriate words written and the Jesuit faces had dark paint on them."

Apparently, a group of vandals from another high school scrawled various

phrases and profanities, defaced the Jesuit portraits with mustaches, and completely covered the SLUH insignia with water-based paint.

The vandals were able to sneak in and out undetected because the school doesn't have a 24-hour guard, or camera security on the spot where the incident took place. "Our last guard left at about 1:30 (a.m.)," said Clark, "and we didn't have a camera on that spot because we figured it'd be pretty hard to break in through brick."

Since school security employs a new and ever-developing system, Clark dis-

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# Crews break ground for Forest Park facility

**Andrew Ivers**  
Editor in Chief

During the last few weeks of summer, BSI Construction finally broke ground for a new \$2.2 million baseball facility on Forest Park's Aviation Field. SLUH teams, as well as other private and public organizations, will use the facility, which consists of a practice field and a fully-functional performance field.

Administrators hope the fields will be ready for use by the beginning of the season in early April, but park officials predict that the performance field will be ready no earlier than late spring, according to Jim Mann, executive director of Forest Park Forever, a joint public-private campaign to restore the park.

Construction crews have removed all the backstops, benches, and lighting stands of the old softball and baseball fields and are now regrading the field and removing its low spots. Crews are also working on the irrigation systems and installing new sewers, which will make the fields "easier

to maintain," said Mann.

SLUH and Forest Park Forever board member Ted Hellman, '66, said the water management process is "time-consuming, expensive, and essential."

The next step for the construction will be to install the electric facilities for the lights and the concession stand, among other things.

After crews complete such utility installations, they will begin to construct the actual baseball facilities like outfield fences, dugouts, and backstops as well as a maintenance shed

and a concession stand.

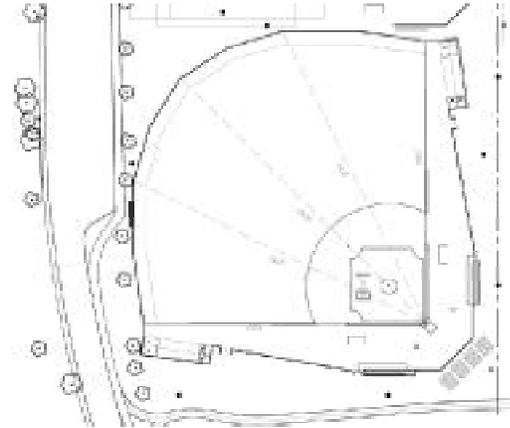
Given the fickle nature of the sod on the non-dirt portions of the field, it still may not be ready for use after it is prepared.

According to Hellman, the weather next spring—precipitation and temperature—will determine when the field will be usable.

Hellman said that administrators hope the field will be ready in time for the season, but no one is counting

on the weather. He said the field's condition "could be a challenge."

Baseball coach Steve Nicollerat said see **CRACKERJACKS, 3**



A blueprint of the performance field being built in the northwest corner of Forest Park's Aviation Field. Across the street from left field is the AAA golf course; between home plate and Highway 40 (to the right, not pictured) will sit the practice field.

## Annual Open House to be held this Sunday

*800 prospective students expected to attend*

**Tim Piechowski and Brian Wacker**  
Core Staff and Reporter

From noon until five on Sunday, St. Louis U. High will open its doors for the 37th annual Open House. Approximately 2000 people are expected, with over 800 prospective students touring the campus with their families.

Families will begin their SLUH experience in the Danis Family Lobby. There, they will meet their personal tour guide and be led into the theater for the beginning of a full school tour. The families will be introduced to the prop shop and the theater's state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems.

Besides the theater, there are a variety of highlights which are sure to impress prospective students, including but surely not limited to: the computer lab, featuring iMacs, new for this year; the rec

room, featuring about 30 pool tables and other gaming amenities; and the choral room, which is the most technologically advanced choral music facility in the nation.

Prospective students and kin will also see student art works in the Fine Arts department.

Also sure to impress will be the library, with over 35,000 volumes and 200 subscriptions, as well as new iMacs.

Director of Admissions Mark Michalski said the Open House is the "most important piece of the high school decision-making process for many students and families."

Counselor Dave Mouldon said he believes Open House is important because it "gives (prospective students and their families) a great chance to see and experience our facilities."

Visitors will certainly have a chance

to see the school in action, as more than 35 clubs and sports teams will be representing themselves in the gym and speaking with the prospective students.

Additionally, each academic department will have a table set up in the library to speak with families.

To cover all of the tours which will be given Sunday, Michalski recruited more than 320 students to volunteer their time to be tour guides who underwent rigorous training. The tour guides will be compensated with White Castles.

Michalski, with the aid of other administrators, has advertised SLUH at local archdiocesan high school nights over the last few months. With this advertising, as well as the Open House, Michalski hopes that SLUH receives at least the same number of applicants as last year—356.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Wrestling captains object to lack of healthy cafeteria food

To the Editors:

Letters have been published in the *Prep News* in the past regarding our school's food service. Everyone can probably vouch that the food sold here at SLUH is expensive. The average lunch usually exceeds two and a half dollars, a lot of money for a high schooler. But there is another—we believe more significant—problem with the food sold at SLUH which should be addressed immediately. Anyone who has tried to do it understands this: it is difficult to buy food which is good for you at SLUH.

Any student with a desire to eat food that is not greasy, fattening, or devoid of nutrients must pack his own lunch. As many of us know, it is often hard to find time in the morning to pack a lunch, so every once in a while we must buy from the cafeteria. Whatever the reason, totally abstaining from the cafeteria food is very difficult. Rather than encouraging students to eat right and giving those students who do eat right every chance to do so, our cafeteria discourages us from buying healthy food. The scant bowl of fruit is placed on the bottom shelf of a refrigerator, a distant second to Papa John's pizza and chicken wraps.

Speaking from experience, it is frustrating at best to try to find healthy food in the cafeteria. What about the fruit offered

every day? First of all, the fruit is mediocre: apples, oranges and bananas (which are often bruised or over-ripe) are all that are offered. Second, a piece of fruit for lunch? That's pretty scarce. Well, what about yogurt? Again, fruit and yogurt. This is certainly not enough food for most of us.

The salad bar is a popular menu item, you may say. A few things about the salad bar. First, the lettuce offered is called "iceberg" lettuce. Iceberg lettuce looks like it sounds. It is often clear or white and lacks the dark green colors which make other types of lettuce nutritionally beneficial. The lettuce at the salad bar is neither good for you nor bad for you, much like celery. Second, judging from the thickness and viscosity (thank you Chemistry) of the salad dressing, it is by no means low-fat. A salad free of fattening dressing and cheese, now a plate full of iceberg lettuce, has little more substance than a bottle of water.

All students, especially athletes, should at least be putting some thought into being more deliberate about what they eat. However, with a profit-motivated food service that all but discourages a healthy diet, it is extremely difficult for those who sincerely desire to eat well to do so. By offering almost exclusively unhealthy and fattening food and not actively soliciting healthy fare, the food service is doing SLUH a profound injustice.

Joe Bommarito, Alex Born, and Colin O'Brien  
2001-2002 Wrestling Captains

## CRACKERJACKS

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he too would be surprised if the field is ready for use by April 1 and has scheduled all of next season's games at Heine Meine, as he usually does. But he is nonetheless "really excited" about the prospect of a new stadium. "It is great to be able to be part of the process."

"The primary message," said Hellman, is that the project is "underway as planned and on schedule for completion."

The field itself will be used by SLUH teams and teams at nearby Forest Park Community College, but according to Mann, public organizations, such as the Public High League, will use the facility for the majority of the time.

Forest Park Forever and school administrators arranged a schedule with the Parks Department that will give public teams equal or more time than private teams. Said Mann, "It's a great partnership" between the Parks Department, Forest Park Forever, and SLUH. The community could not get the facility completed without SLUH's help—a contribution not only of organizational help, but also \$250,000—and the school would not be able to have such a great field without the help of the community.

It is important, as Mann noted, that the school, "will have a great field to play on without having to use (its) own land."

The major contributor to the project is Boeing-McDonald, which contributed \$1.6 million.

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cussed the imperative of adjusting for a newfound threat like this. Right now, the security system is really "trial and error," and this incident will force Clark to "update the security plan."

When asked about the possibility of purchasing an extra camera or hiring a new security guard, Clark pointed out that, "We're on a limited budget, just like everyone else."

But security is not the only part of SLUH affected by this incident. Maintenance had to spend several hours cleaning the building (and the paint is still not completely gone) and, as Bannister said, "Time spent by maintenance cleaning, as well as new security and other things, cost money for our school."

Such an act is also a distraction to the school: "It's an aggravation," said Bannister.

DeSmet principal Greg Densberger called the act "Misguided. Students just don't realize that this is destructive. They see it as school spirit."

CBC's assistant principal said that CBC "(has) nothing but disdain for anyone who would commit such an act."

Should the perpetrators be identified as students of DeSmet or CBC, Densberger offered expulsion as DeSmet's chief disciplinary option, and CBC students would be subject to probation or expulsion.

The vandalism was probably best summed up by principal Bannister, though. "This was just a dumb act."

# Polobills win two, enter State semifinals today

## *After win over Marquette, Busiebills to face Parkway South*

**Tim Roth**  
**Reporter**

Going into the state tournament 15-2 the Polobills look to go a step further from their second place showing last year. Coming off of big wins against Kirkwood and the always difficult foe MICDS, it gave them a boost coming into it. The team is looking for strong performances and good leadership from their seniors with this state title so close.

The tournament started on Saturday for the U-high against Chaminade. Sluh didn't want to rule them out early, but in the past match against them they had breezed by them 11-2. That didn't stop them from pouncing on them early by scoring all nine of their goals in the first half. Sluh goalie Mike Peterson gave up only one goal against the Red Devils. Senior captain Kevin Price commented after the game, "It was a good victory for us, it gives us some confidence going into these games ahead of us." Unfortunately the competition will not be

as easy for the Busiebills.

With the victory they are forced to face the Mustangs of Marquette on Halloween night at 5:00. The players got a little spooked with the tardiness of Coach Busenhart, but calmed soon after his arrival 10 minutes before the game. SLUH started off looking sluggish in the first quarter, it was thought they dressed up to be Parkway North for the game. But this was the type of game they were expecting from the Mustangs. They attempted to slow the pace down by having quick fouls to not allow ball movement. This strategy worked until the second half where Sluh scored seven of their ten goals, and five coming in the fourth quarter to shut down any sign of comeback. Sluh's stellar defense from the likes of captain Greg Szewczyk, fellow captain Kevin Price, and Junior Tom Heafner, just to name a few, held their go to man Todd Patrick to just two goals. Marquette's four goals came from only two players, while Sluh's came from all over the board with eight of their players scoring. Senior John Pimmel

and Junior Billy Dahlman each scored two. Coach Busenhart was satisfied with the goal scoring, he stated, "With all the goals coming from all over the place, it's a good sign. It shows we're a very well rounded team."

After a convincing victory coming against the Mustangs Sluh will face Parkway South on Friday night where they look to shut down their star, Leonardo Laterza, who has 16 goals on the season. The winner will go onto play #1 seed in the tournament MICDS on Saturday for the state championship while the loser will play for the third place in the state against the fellow loser of the other semifinal.

## SLUH 2001 SOCCER STATS

Points Leaders	Goals	Assists	Points
Joe Germanese	11	4	26
Dan Hartwig	11	3	25
Eddie Davis	4	5	13

Goalies	Minutes	Goals	Saves
Steve Howenstein	980	4	47
Pat Meier	510	4	14
Bart Sarincino	100	1	4
Mike Kutz	50	0	1

Team Yellow Cards: 8

Ian Mulligan Yellow Cards: 6

## Soccerbills defeat U. City

**Adam Shukwit**  
**Reporter**

SLUH Soccer begins playoffs with an easy win against U-City On Tuesday, the day before Halloween, the scary SoccerBills went over to U-City to begin their playoffs. Sophomore Joey Germanese said before the game, "The field looked pretty rough, but we hadn't played in so long, we were all excited to go out there and beat them!" And beat them they did. The Marteletubbies were getting used to the field in the first half and only scored one goal off a penalty kick by Dan Hartwig.

Captain Ian Mulligan said about the first half, "I don't know if it was the field or what but we kept shooting and it wasn't going in." The We're going to score bills went out in the second half fired up. Sopho-

more Joey Germanese put in the first goal of the second half of the game. Senior Kyle Banahan said, "Anything you can do, I can do better," and put a bouncing ball in the box in the back of the net.

The We're going to the State championships Bills weren't done yet. Freshmen Timmie Wier put a beautiful headball right over the keepers head and the Bills went up 4-0. Sophomore Ryan Hyde put another one in before the last whistle blew. Goalie Steve Howenstein woke up when he heard the whistle and realized he had recorded another beautiful shutout. Fans Marty Wastler and Joy Banahan said after the game, "What a fun game to watch." The Scoring streak Bills play the Roosevelt Rough Riders this Thursday at U-City. They started out the playoffs with a great victory of 5-0 and take this confidence on to Roosevelt.

*Quote of the Week*

# Footbills defeat CBC in 75th meeting

**John Stewart  
Reporter**

As if the Footbills needed any extra motivation when CBC traveled to the Stadium last Friday night, the antics of anonymous painters early Friday morning added fuel to the fire that drove the Jr. Bills to a 35-10 victory. Emotion ran high as the Jr. Bills stormed onto the field looking to avenge last year's humiliating 35-0 defeat at the hands of the Cadets.

However, the Footbills found themselves in an unfamiliar position after the Cadets got on the board first. On their first possession, CBC drove down the field and had first and goal from just inside the 2-yard line.

Nick Koenig came up with the biggest play of the drive as he penetrated the offensive line, met Will Busch in the backfield, and brought him down for a one-yard loss. Further complications prevented the Cadets from scoring a touchdown. They had to settle for a field goal, giving them an early 3-0 lead.

Chris Finney took the momentum away from CBC as he returned the ensuing kickoff 50 yards to the Cadet 30-yard line.

Disaster struck on the first play from scrimmage when Chris Carter ran right and got popped in the shoulder. Carter stayed on the field for a few moments, having suffered a severe stinger. "It was disappointing to get hurt in such a big game," said Carter. "I wanted to be out there to help my team, but the injury wouldn't allow it."

Runs by Dossie Jennings and Finney moved the offense to the 4-yard line. On the next play, lead blocks by Mike Klevorn and Craig Schlappizzi cleared the way for Finney to barrel into the end zone. The 4-yard score gave the Footbills the 7-3 lead.

"Responding like we did showed a lot about the character of this team," Finney said. "We didn't panic and decided to take over the game like we should."

The defense regained the domination it has displayed the entire season, limiting the Cadet offense to only three first downs for the remainder of the half.

"They were able to move the ball pretty well on their first possession," said linebacker Schlappizzi. "We knew we had the talent to stop them, and we were able to turn it on and start playing the kind of defense we knew we were capable of playing."

The turning point occurred with just 25 seconds left in the first half when Jennings heaved a pass towards Tim Boyce. Boyce adjusted to the path of the ball, leaped above the defender, and came



Running back Brent Harvey busts through two CBC tacklers on Friday.

down with the ball on the 8-yard line. He took one step and stretched across the goal line for a 46-yard touchdown.

"Dossie threw it to where only I could catch it," said Boyce. "When I caught the ball, I knew the defender couldn't keep me out of the end zone."

Boyce's touchdown made the score 14-3 as the teams went back to their locker rooms at halftime.

The Footbills increased their lead nine minutes into the third quarter when Jennings wiggled his way through the defense and strutted into the end zone for a 9-yard touchdown run.

CBC did not back down, however, as they answered Jennings' touchdown two minutes later. Will Busch's 3-yard touch-

down run provided a spark that brought the Cadets back to within 11.

Little did the Cadets realize that Chris Finney was about to have one of the best quarters of his football career. Finney owned the fourth quarter as he amassed over 140 yards of offense and two touchdowns.

"It's never too early to start Finney's Heisman campaign," said onlooker Jim Mohan. "The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* should recognize him as one of the best players in the area."

Just 50 seconds into the fourth quarter, Jennings hit Finney in the flat. Excellent downfield blocks and incredible breakaway speed allowed Finney to fly down the field and enter the end zone for the 13th time of the season.

"That was a great team play," said Finney. "The line gave Dossie the time, Dossie threw me a nice pass, and Boyce, Devine, and Drakesmith made great blocks downfield to allow me to get into the end zone."

Finney gave the U. High faithful quite an encore on the Jr. Bills' next play from scrimmage as he took the handoff, powered up the middle, and outran everyone for his third touchdown of the night.

"I get all the credit for the touchdown, but none of this is possible if my teammates don't do their jobs," repeated Finney. "I was very happy with my performance, but this is a team game. I don't think one person should get all of the accolades."

Finney's final touchdown made the score 35-10. The Footbills' overall record improved to 9-0, and their conference record jumped to 4-0. The victory over the Cadets also clinched the conference title for the Jr. Bills.

With a victory against Roosevelt this Saturday afternoon, the Footbills would clinch the district title as well and go on to the state playoffs. The game starts at 1:30 at Roosevelt.

# Linhares on Harrierbills: 'All systems are go'

**Brian Gilmore  
Reporter**

**O**n an unseasonably cold October morning Saturday at Sioux Passage Park, the Harrierbills were victorious for the third week in a row. Competing in Sectionals, the meet before State, they destroyed the field in what is believed to have been the lowest score ever recorded by a SLUH team at Sectionals.

They scored 37 points, which easily outdistanced DeSmet (82), CBC (104), and Francis Howell North (107). Because they were virtually assured of qualifying for State, DeSmet rested an all-state runner, but that takes nothing away from the team's sheer dominance of Saturday's race. Moments after the race ended, head coach Jim Linhares said that it was "The greatest sectional victory I've ever seen."

Tipper O'Brien was the first SLUH finisher and the fifth different runner to have been #1 on the team this season. He used the hills to his advantage, exploding on the downs, and finishing in 4th place (17:26). The rest of the SLUH pack was not far behind, with John Parr (6th, 17:33), Pat Leinauer (7th, 17:35), Peter Schaefer (9th, 17:43), Drew Noblot (11th, 17:46), Kyle Gonnerman (12th, 17:47), and Kevin Crean (21st, 18:01) all finishing in strong position.

Crean didn't run the race he was looking for, yet as SLUH's seventh finisher, he still beat nearly every team's third man. Only 21 seconds separated the six SLUH runners from O'Brien to Gonnerman.

In such a large meet as State, having such a fast and tight pack is almost necessary for a team to have a shot at winning.

About the weather conditions at Sioux

Passage, Gonnerman could only muster, "It was (expletive deleted) freezing!"

"It was a great pack for the guys," said Crean, "and this coming Saturday is sure fixin' to be quite a day."

Saturday's meet will be the culmination of another great cross country season for SLUH. As everyone believes, though, the best is still yet to come.

"We are poised to have a great day. It

Schaefer, "but mentally I don't know what to expect, since I've never been there before. I've watched so many State races, but it's totally different once you're actually in it."

Noblot added, "With our tight pack, we have a great chance at winning."

It will be the end of an era for the three seniors on the team. They've put their hearts and souls into the team for

four years, and it all boils down to this. In the midst of everything, though, they are still loose and ready to go. "I'm nervous because my entire life is on the line," joked Leinauer, "but believe me, it's our time now to let 'em know what."

After Saturday's race, O'Brien offered the following: "When we get there and the gun goes off, the proverbial tiger will be fully released from its cage, and, props to the '99 state title team, but there will be no better place than here, no better time than now."

Parr agreed, chipping in, "It's just so amazing just to be a part of this team. Talentwise, we're the strongest team this school has ever seen, and now it's up to us to go out and kick some butt."

The race begins at 12:30 tomorrow afternoon at Oak Hills Golf Course in Jefferson City. If you're interested in going to the meet, come to an informational meeting today at activity period in J124. Among other things, rides to Jeff City will be arranged.

Win or lose, State always proves to be one of the best days of the fall. Always slathered in tons of blue paint and Jr. Billiken spirit, SLUH fans have developed quite a reputation among the crowds in Jefferson City. Come join in the fun.



SLUH XC's top seven—Kyle Gonnerman, Tom O'Brien, Pat Lineauer, John Parr, Peter Schaeffer, Drew Noblot, and Kevin Crean—warm up before Saturday's race.

would simply be a mistake not to go to Jefferson City with the intent of taking home a first place trophy," said assistant coach Tom Flanagan.

Linhares agreed, saying, "It is the most talent we've ever assembled on one team. Everyone is healthy, and I feel like we've got our definite seven best runners ready to go. This is the first year that I have ever been able to honestly say that I have no concerns going into State. People from around the state don't expect us to win, though, so we'll have to take advantage of everything that unfolds Saturday. All systems are go."

The four juniors—Schaefer, Noblot, Gonnerman, and Crean—have never run at State, so it will be a baptism by fire for them.

"Physically, I feel ready," said

# Ghosts of Minnesota Fats, boxing haunt rec room

**Matt Hoffman**  
Core Staff

It's a Saturday morning in 1945. SLUH principal Fr. Zimmerman is doing what he frequently does, worm his way around the 3 ft. crawlspace underneath the first floor of the school. His hands and knees are caked with dirt. A string of bare lightbulbs supply the light he needs to explore the underside of his school. This is the scene describing the birth of the idea of the SLUH rec room. This bizarre vision fits perfectly with the rec room itself. Every year eighth graders and parents are amazed by the underground recroom. Well, they should be. The rec room is probably the most bizarre part of SLUH. It is the second largest pool hall in the United States. It occupies more room than all of the classrooms along senior hall combined. It has survived three major wars. It has been the setting of some of the most bizarre stories around.

In the past a boxing ring occupied what is now part of the rifle range. Students were free to come down, strap on a pair of gloves and duke it out in the underground ring during noon rec or before and after school. The boxing ring was made of gym mats atop a raised wooden floor. Ropes were attached around four of the cement pillars to give it a charming real life feel. It was in this ring that an incredible SLUH boxing match, which has long since been forgotten, took place. One of the contenders was a amateur boxer and all around strongman. The other was an inexperienced boxer who decided to give boxing a try.

In addition to two huge guys punching each other in the face, danger was added when the Father's club temporarily moved the ring and layed the pads directly on top of the concrete. The two boxers decided to ignore this seemingly large safety hazard and continue with the bout. Almost immediately the amateur boxer knocked his opponent down. After arriving on his trip to the floor his head snapped back and slammed onto the padding, which was directly on top of the concrete. He was unconscious for fifteen minutes, an unusually long time to be knocked out in any boxing match. Terrified of the extended knockout, the administration ordered the boxing ring to be removed from the rec room. Students, however, would continue to bring bodily harm upon themselves in the underground all around fun zone.

Wall ball, a game designed by Father Hagan specifically for the rec room, was also removed because of a rather nasty injury. For over twenty years wallball courts occupied the far wall of the

rec room. A wallball court consisted of a metal basket suspended about a foot and a half from the ceiling below an angled concrete corner of the ceiling. The object was to throw a tennis ball-esque ball into the metal basket using the angled part of the ceiling. Two players, or teams of two played against each other to a set score. The games were fast-paced, physically exhausting, and plagued with ankle sprains and other injuries.

When slam dunks first appeared in professional basketball, students were eager to use this new strategy on the wallball court. The metal baskets, however were not smooth along the tops and frequently scraped the palms of players. These injuries, however, did not phase most wallball players. David Narkiewicz, a senior in 1993, was attempting a slam dunk when his class ring snagged the top of the metal bucket. Narkiewicz described his injury as

"the banana peel effect." As he was falling, the ring stripped the skin off of the bone, leaving his ring finger bloody and mangled. An ambulance was called and Narkiewicz was rushed to the emergency room, where he underwent surgery to repair his finger.

The wallball courts were immediately shut down, and that summer the courts were removed. Narkiewicz injury, however, was only used as an excuse to remove the wallball courts. Along with the removal of the boxing ring and wallball courts came the addition of Father Hagan's office.

Hagan, wanting an office by the rec room mozied on up to Mr. Conway, who was in charge of JUG. Hagan requested that students in JUG dig out an area next to the rec room for an office. JUG at that time consisted of sitting quietly and doing math problems, so many students were willing to pick up a pick ax and labor for an hour after school. 56 classes of students have utilized the cornucopia of activities available to them in the school's basement. However, one pool player sticks out as the most famous occupant that has shot pool in the rec room.

Rudolph Wanderone, better known as Minnesota Fats once toured the rec room performed a few trick shots for spectators. According to Chris LaMartina in his 1992 feature, Wanderone was a friend of Fred Pipken, who ran the vending machine service at SLUH. The accomplished hustler, who was described by Hagan as five by five, or five feet high and five feet across, came on a Saturday, picked a table and wowed Hagan and Pipken, his only audience, with trick shots. Hagan recalled rolling balls at any speed down the table and having Wanderone shoot them into the corner pocket with the cue ball. In one eye-popping trick he

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**FRIDAY, NOV. 2**

Schedule R

Soph. Retreat

Alumni Reunion '61

Senior Graduation Announcement Order

Sign up in the counseling office to attend:  
Catholic University, Centenary College  
of LA, Kenyon College, Lake Forest Col-  
lege, Skidmore College

B-FB @ St. Mary's 4pm

V-Soc Districts

B-Soc @ McCluer JV Tourn.

V-WP @ District Tourn. @ Rec Plex

**SATURDAY, NOV. 3**Alumni Mothers' Club Mass & Meeting  
10am

V-FB @ Roosevelt 1:30pm

V-XC State Meet @ Jefferson City

**SUNDAY, NOV. 4**

Open House

**MONDAY, NOV. 5**

Schedule E

Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:30-8:30pm

CSP Training 2pm

**TUESDAY, NOV. 6**

Schedule L

William Jewell College

Sign up in the counseling office to attend

Bowdoin College

V-Soc State Sectionals

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7**

Schedule R

Junior Class Liturgy

Lawrence University

St. Louis University

Stetson University

Back-up Date for Rings and Announce-  
ment Orders**THURSDAY, NOV. 8**

Schedule R

Avila College

Wesleyan University

**FRIDAY, NOV. 9**

Fall-Ball

Alumni Reunion '66

Cashbah Sneak Peek

## Chicken Wraps

### BY THE NUMBERS

Number of chicken wraps made: 600

Number of chicken wraps sold: 600

Cases of chicken strips: 8.5

Heads of lettuce: 24

Pounds of cheese: 25

Cases of bacon: 2.5

Pounds of bacon: 30

Gallons of dressing: 5

Pounds of tomatoes: 14

Time used to prepare: 6 hours, 15 minutes

Chicken wraps sold at DeSmet: 750

Number of honors English teachers who tried  
to explain chicken wraps and ended up just  
talking about their love of bacon: 1

Number of violent reactions: 0

# Prep News

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## *This Week in Prep News History*

### Friday, October 30, 1987 Volume LII, Number 9

Juniors make plans for Spirit Week Events  
"Thus the last end-of-season Spirit Week  
begins next Monday to build up school  
spirit before the game with the Cadets  
one week from today. The week will be-  
gin on Monday with the display of hom-  
eroom spirit posters and the sale of  
buttons...On Wednesday, students will be  
entertained by the controversial goldfish  
eating contest."

### Friday, October 29, 1993 Volume LVIII, Number 9

STUCO & Habitat Raise Money with  
Blackjack and Pies  
"Students were able to abuse their favor-  
ite faculty members at the pie throwing  
contest, also sponsored by the C.S.P. "I  
thought it was great to be able to throw a  
pie at the vice-principal," said Chris  
Weaver, jokingly. "It was a nice way to  
release your anxieties," said freshman  
Andy Weidmann.

## MAD DOGS

(from 1)

ment couldn't give specific information on  
the investigation for a couple weeks be-  
cause of the on going investigation into  
the use of the officer's weapons in the  
incident.

This incident was not the first time  
pitt bulls attacked area residents in the  
past week. On Sunday morning a pair of  
pitbulls attacked a 57-year old woman  
near Gravois and Spring. Early in the  
week pit bulls attacked a 5-year old boy  
near Gibson and Taylor.

## REC-PLEX

(from 7)

jumped the cue ball from corner to corner  
and in the middle of four balls and pock-  
eted them in different pockets.

These stories only scratch on the sur-  
face of what has happened in the rec  
room. New stories are constantly born,  
while old stories are permanently forgotten.  
The rec room has remained a permanent  
feature of SLUH despite desperate at-  
tempts to find more space. Although both  
Hagan and Witz express concern that the  
rec room will eventually be removed be-  
cause of numerous complaints by faculty  
members the rec room continues to stand  
as a sanctuary for students to kick back,  
relax, and have fun.