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"If nothing else, value the truth."

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Bro. Thornton leaves Backer Memorial after 55 years of service to SLUH

Andrew Ivers
Editor

Last Monday, after nearly 55 years at the Backer Memorial, Bro. Thomas Thornton, S.J., moved into a new residence at the Fusz Pavilion Jesuit Community on Lindell. But his home is still St. Louis U. High.

For over half a century, and almost all of his life as a brother, Thornton has been a servant and friend of the SLUH community. Although recent complications now require him to receive daily medical attention which cannot be administered at

the Jesuit's residence on Lawn Place, all who know him forecast that he will still be a presence—though not a daily one—at the U. High.

During his tenure at SLUH, Thornton executed his duties with faithfulness as well as a kind-hearted disposition for all he met.

"He has done so many things," said Bro. Richard Witzofsky, who has known Thornton since he came to the U. High in 1971. "He is about as kind a man as you would ever want to meet."

As of late, Thornton has been in charge of the school's mail service, and

he, as always, has been managing the dining room and serving as the Sacristan by cleaning, organizing, preparing, and storing all the items needed for priests to celebrate Mass in



Br. Thornton in '98

both the student and Jesuit chapels. "And see **THROCKY, 4**

Dauphin goes old school with 1940's Radio Hour production

Joey Neilsen
Reporter

On the set of *1940's Radio Hour*, cupcake wrappers and cigarette butts color the floor of a slightly run-down studio, where once a week, the Clifton A. Feddington players and the Zoot Doubleman Orches-

tra broadcast the Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade in this weekend's Dauphin players production.

The Cavalcade, which is recorded for American troops fighting the Axis Powers around the world, presents commercials and popular music punctuated with a bit of war propaganda. This particular **RADIO STAR, 2**



Matt Burke, Peter Meredith, Lisa Ramey and Justin Smith croon on the set.

Yearbook staff faces setbacks, long delays

Tim Elfrink
Editor in Chief

Although yearbook production is inherently a gradual process with inevitable delays over a long year of writing and page-layout, the staff of the '99-'00 yearbook has faced perhaps unprecedented adversity. Computer failure and miscommunication between the staff and computer consultant

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Activities Fair rescheduled for block day

Jeff Dueker
Staff

It's Thursday, September 12th, at activity period. Imagine yourself to be a club moderator or a highly involved student in a very popular club like the *Prep News*. You are very excited about today's activities fair, and you couldn't be more enthused about showing the student body, especially the freshmen, what your club is all about. Now imagine your surprise when you realize that Activities Fair does not appear to be happening today.

"No moderators knew that Activities Fair was going on that day," said English teacher Richard Moran, one of the moderators who was present during the apparent not-Activities Fair. Psychology teacher Brock Kesterson was given the

responsibility to set up and coordinate Activities Fair, but he himself wasn't even aware of his own duties.

"I thought I was a helper rather than the leader," said Kesterson, adding that what happened was a "total miscommunication." This led to a major crisis in the planning of Activities Fair, mainly because everyone was waiting around for further direction that never came. So the only people who even knew about Activities Fair were the ones who spotted it on the schedule before school even began, and the rest were left confused or angry about the entire mix-up.

After the incident, Kesterson was fully informed of his duties, so he immediately started planning another Activities Fair. Kesterson is diligently taking responsibility for this new Activities Fair, sched-

uled for Wednesday, November 29th, during activity period.

"That week after Thanksgiving is a block week, with block days on Tuesday and Wednesday," Kesterson said, "so Activities Fair will be during that two hour break." This longer time slot for Activities Fair might add to its success, with a longer time to visit clubs, students will be able to visit more clubs and spend longer amounts of time talking with the representatives of the clubs they are most interested in.

So remember, that's Wednesday, November 29th, during the two hour break for the new and improved Activities Fair in the Danis Lobby.

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broadcast takes place on December 21, 1942.

Director Katherine Whitaker describes the musical as "a slice in the life of second-rate performers," during a time "that was more idealistic and patriotic." Characters enter the studio from day jobs and prepare to do their show. The musical begins approximately half



The swing band plays at Dress Rehearsal Wednesday night.

an hour before air time and runs through the radio show, until the studio closes at night.

Although the Feddington players are professionals, it seems that none of their shows go off without a hitch, and this one is no exception. Producer Clifton Feddington, played by junior Brendan Cuddihee, and stage manager Lou Cohn, junior Chris Storey, barely manage to keep the production from being a complete disaster. Cuddihee believes the realism gives "great insight into how ordinary people went about their lives."

The music of the show, too, explains "the impact of the war on people of the times," says Cuddihee. Nerinx junior Sarah Warner, who plays Ann Collier, says songs like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "Strike Up The Band" are "very authentic," and that the show is "like taking a step into the past."

The set, designed by Whitaker, Joe Schulte, and Technical Director Tom Dunsworth, also adds to the air of realism.

Props and furniture are from the time period and even the lighting is made to fit the technology of the time. The set includes a small green room, a tech booth, and a platform for the orchestra, which includes alumnus Nick Schlueter, '00. Musical director Joe Koestner organized the music and trained the musicians and vocalists.

The *1940's Radio Hour* debuted last night, but there are still tickets available for Friday and Saturday night shows. Performances begin at 7:30, and tickets are \$5 presale, \$6 at the door.

2000 B/JV- Fall Sports Wrap Up

JV Cross Country

Final record: 124-9

Season Highlights: Findley Champions, Metro Champions, 2nd of 24 @Handcock Invitational

B-team Cross Country

Final record: 47-0

Season Highlights: Hazelwood Invitational Champions, Hancock Invitational Champions

B-Team Soccer

Final record: 13-6-3

Season Highlights: 2nd in SLUH Tournament, 13 shutouts

JV Water Polo

Final record: 12-0

Season Highlights: 1st in Suburban Central Conference

Commentary

Joseph urges students to consider service beyond Senior Project

Raj Joseph
Assistant Editor

With the Senior Project proposal deadline today, most seniors are probably scrambling to fill out their forms to commit to an institution that needs their help. For three weeks, each institution will have extra, reliable volunteers, while the seniors will, among the eight goals listed in the Senior Project 2001 booklet, “increase [their] understanding of some of the sufferings and social problems of this world [while] working in unfamiliar and challenging situations” as a result of their experiences.

With only three weeks to develop relationships, the idea is that the seniors immerse themselves into their projects and give totally of themselves over this time period. Since college applications, graduation announcements, and other responsibilities have been completed, the seniors can fully concentrate on service. Also, seniors are supposed to be the most mature students at school already, so they should be the class most ready to give

of themselves.

However, with such a three-week block of service comes the temptation to use it as an excuse not to do service in any other form at any other time. I think that seniors might, once they complete Senior Project, tell themselves that since they just served for three weeks, they do not have to do any more service work.

Similarly, underclassmen might point to it and say that they do not have to serve because they *will* be doing service work later. While I realize that some students already give of themselves weekly through the SLUH Community Service Program, all I am really asking for is that students, seniors specifically, attempt to maintain their focus of beyond just these three weeks.

Another goal listed in the Senior Project booklet is “to realize that as Christians, service to others is a responsibility, not an option.” Therefore, I urge all members of the SLUH community, but especially seniors, not to let Senior Project be your only community service. Senior Project should be just one part of a commitment to service that begins before Senior Project and continues long after we’ve left.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Russian exchange student discusses SLUH experience

Dear Junior Bills,

You might have seen me walking in the corridors of St. Louis U. High for the past couple of weeks. I am one of five female students who came to St. Louis from Russia as part of an exchange program this year. Studying in Moscow school 1253 as a senior this year and thinking of my future opportunities these last few months, the idea of studying in an American college came to my mind. When they told me I could come to SLUH this fall for the second time (I had already participated in the same program in 1998), I thought it could be a great chance to figure out more things about your system of education and finally make up my mind about the university.

Well, just comparing our schools, there are so many things to say. If you would ask a common Russian about any high school in the U.S.A., he would probably be pretty skeptical about it, saying that your level of education is not high enough. This is just a general opinion. I guess I had the same one before I first came here. I was only 14 years old, but even then it was obvious that you guys study pretty hard, and what you study doesn’t seem simple. Now, when I’m in the 11th grade—and it’s probably worth saying that Russian high school includes only 11 years of studies—I can see and understand more.

I would say that we mostly study the same things, but they are arranged differently, and this is the result of different cultures. An American student has an opportunity to choose several subjects in certain years of high school. When we just study what

we are supposed to study, so that there are no preferences, we follow the system and cannot go deeply into something which seems attractive to us. But freedom of choice for Americans can often bring about complete ignorance in some important areas. So, it is hard to say which is better, but one should be careful in both systems.

It’s impossible not to mention all those activities you guys are into. This is just amazing. Almost every SLUH student plays sports, and it’s not soccer or football; for example, it is wrestling or basketball. I consider this part great. It’s so important to be able to express oneself in something, and give way to emotions and succeed, that now I think I can explain why so many Russian teens spend their free time hanging around with friends, smoking cigarettes—we just don’t have the same passion for our school.

And sports are just part of all of the activities here; art, music, and drama are just as popular. I could just not imagine my Russian classmates participating in some play in school theater. We are far from that, but hopefully, we’ll find some way out of this problem. And I find this a great advantage of your school, which could influence my decision about my future education a lot.

Speaking about languages, I’ve noticed that few SLUH students are fluent in any foreign languages the way many are in our school. I think this vividly shows how our schools are a lot about teaching foreign languages. Our school has one major language only; English as you’ve probably guessed. But most

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that's a big job," said James Knapp, S.J., Superior of the Jesuit Community.

Thornton has also been known for his love of decorating the Jesuit home. "He was always decorating for different occasions," said Witz, adding, "He loved to do that type of stuff."

Knapp said Thornton should be able to visit the residence and help decorate for Christmas this year.

Both Martin Hagan, S.J., and Witz recall the dedication of his work ethic. Hagan says that until about seven years ago, Thornton would clean the high windows in the Currigan Room by himself. "That is quite a challenge for a man his age," he marveled.

Witz remarked that he organized and completed the set-up for the Mothers' Club card parties by himself for many years.

Principal Robert Bannister, who has known Thornton since he was a student nearly fifty years ago, believes that the strict work ethic of the brothers Thornton first worked under aided in developing his dedication to his work.

Perhaps the one thing Thornton is known and loved for the most is his work

LEKAE

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students are mostly really interested in it, and look forward to finding lots of interesting things not only in the lessons, but also in talking to foreigners and participating in exchange programs, like this one. SLUH has a variety of languages to choose, and it's great, because in learning a language you not only start speaking it, you also get to know the culture of the country.

Well, in conclusion, I can just say that these were a wonderful three weeks of my life, and it's not just that your school is all-boys (!!!), but also because it was a wonderful chance to study among you, make a bunch of friends and improve the language skills. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Maria Lekae

with the Mothers' Club, which he has been the moderator of for twenty-five years.

"He is our inspiration," exclaimed Kathryn Snodgrass, former Mothers' Club President. "He prays for us, he led us in prayer—we all just love him."

Witz remarked with a smile, "We call all the SLUH mothers 'Tommy's Mommies.'"

"He never missed anything," Snodgrass said. "He is the sweetest, dearest man, and all the mothers in the Mothers' Club love him dearly."

Even though Thornton has been a staple at SLUH for many years, he is not originally from St. Louis. He was born in Milwaukee in 1919 and went to Cathedral High School. He was influenced by Jesuit brothers from Marquette University College Church—where he worked with them often. He then entered the Seminary in Florissant and graduated in the 1930's.

One of the jobs Thornton was most remembered for was the attendant of the bookstore, which he held from 1970-1990. He would give credit to any customers who did not have enough money—which eventually led to his resignation from that position. "He is just that kind of guy," said Hagan. "He's not much of a businessman. He's a big-hearted guy that wants to see people have what they need."

Witz remembers that when the Jesuits were in residence in the Backer Memorial—in what is now the Jesuit Wing—Thornton was in charge of all the keys for the iceboxes. "He kept his trousers on a chair by the door," Witz said smiling. And at night, residents would take the keys and "go raid the icebox."

"There are some stories I can't even tell you," Witz said, breaking into a full laugh. "He is just everybody's friend. I think everybody's gonna miss" his daily presence.

"He has done an incredible amount of very important behind-the-scenes jobs," Knapp said.

Although Thornton's assignment does not always call for him to interact with faculty and students, "he goes out of

his way to interact with them," recalled Bannister.

People wishing to reach Thornton can do so at the Jesuit Community at 3601 Lindell, St. Louis, MO, 63108. Knapp suggests visitors call ahead to make sure he is there.

"I think he would really appreciate visitors," Witz said.

Hagan said that when he visited on Monday evening, after less than a day in his room, it was already adorned with at least fifty Billiken statues and keepsakes from the Mothers' Club.

"He loves that kind of stuff," said Witz.

Despite his relocation, everyone at SLUH, especially those who knew Thornton well, are emphasizing the fact that he will still be a presence at SLUH. Knapp said he may be back on campus as early as next Tuesday for the Thanksgiving Mass.

"We didn't have a farewell party," Knapp said, "because it isn't one."

2000 Freshman Fall Sports Wrap-Up

C-Team Football

Final Record: 2-6

Leading Scorer: Bill Dollman

C-Team Cross Country

Final record: 73-2

Season Highlights: McCluer North Invitational Champions, Findley Champions, Conference Champions, Metro Champions

C-Team Soccer

Final record: 17-2-3

Season Highlights: MCC tournament champions at seasons end

A look back at the '00 Gridbill season

Team finished with a 7-2 record, but missed the playoffs

Shawn Furey
Reporter

As the weather gets colder, and the SLUH stadium settles down for its long winter's nap, it is a great time to reflect on another special season of Jr. Billiken football. We should reflect on what was, and what is to come. It is a time to admire the seniors and to be very encouraged by the strong core of a team heading into next year's season. It is a time for this gutsy bunch of Billikens to get the praise they so richly deserve.

Whether it was under the lights on Oakland or invading another school's field, these Jr. Bills never backed down an inch. They met the adversity of injuries and several lineup changes without breaking stride. They trailed several times in close games and never panicked themselves into making mistakes. They played smart, solid, courageous football and made every SLUH fan proud.

Offensively, the boys did nothing but improve all year. The receiving corps was led by senior captains Zach Schmitt and Matt Sinclair, who had 17 and 22 catches, respectively. Junior Tim Boyce will return next year and should be fun to watch with his knack for spectacular catches for long gains. This season he averaged a stellar 24 yards per reception, despite suffering from illness for much of the season. Of course, the receiving was the result of the excellent passing of sophomore sensation Dossie Jennings, who also ran the ball 63 times for an average of almost five yards per carry.

As for running the football, the pigskin will be in good hands for the 2001 season, much like it was during the 2000 season. With Jennings already a running threat out of the backfield, the tandem of Chris Carter's speed and agility, and the power and incredible drive of Chris Finney, should spell trouble for opponents come next fall. Carter and Finney averaged 4.2 and 6.5 yards respectively.

Also contributing often on the run was overall offensive weapon Zach Scmitt.

Running the ball was made possible by an offensive line which improved with every game. Senior captain Nick Schulte said, "Even though (the offensive line) struggled early, I am really proud of the way we came together as a unit."

The U. High defense was quite simply an example of how gutsy football is

hard work, tenacity, and his play through pain were inspirations to his team. It was a privilege to watch him play.

While the Bills lose one tank to graduation, they keep another one handy for next year in junior linebacker Craig Schlaprizzi. He recorded 52 solo tackles, and also picked off two passes. He is expected to be a defensive leader come late August next year.

Perhaps the secondary of the defense best embodied the heart that this team displayed on every down. Though often undersized, the crew of juniors Mike Pettit, Adam Seibenman, and Chris Finney, and senior Ben Purcell combined for an outstanding 14 interceptions. They hit their men hard on every play, and never gave up an extra yard. These four put it all on the line on every play.

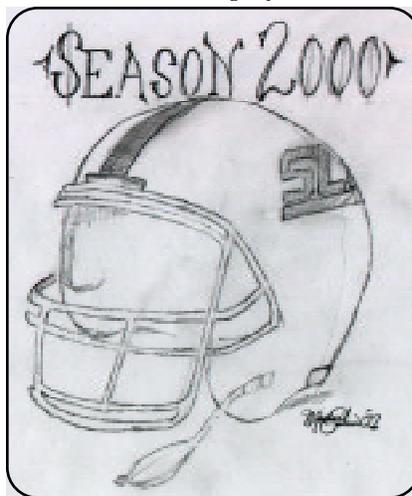
The special teams units were also led by tenacious tackling and blocking, as well as skillful kicking. Greg Scott was an excellent field goal kicker, and Dan Chik was more than reliable as a punter. Brad Johnson looks to keep the kicking game steady next season.

Coach Gary Kornfeld said of the season, "I was very pleased with the way we improved week in and week out. I am very proud of this team."

Upon being asked his fondest memories of playing SLUH football, dean of students Eric Clark's, eyes lit up. With a nostalgic grin he said proudly, "Playing for SLUH football was a great experience that I loved while it lasted. The camaraderie and friendships are things that last a lifetime... long after your last game."

The 2000 SLUH football team took part in something special this year. They built friendships that will last forever and their courage and heart made the whole SLUH community proud. These boys should take pride in their hard work and determination. They provided all of SLUH, themselves included, with moments we will remember—long after the last game.

drawing by Mike Garcia



played. They refused to break and would consistently pick up the offense when they needed it. The defensive front five was led by senior Steve Buss, who was an All-MCC first team selection and recorded two sacks for the season, while constantly clogging the middle of the line of scrimmage and forcing the run to the outside. Senior defensive ends Pat Jeulich and Dave Parker contained the run outside, and also combined for five sacks of their own.

This season the Junior Bills will graduate perhaps the greatest linebacker in SLUH history. Matt Sinclair recorded an unbelievable 121 solo tackles while playing in only seven full games. He also had two fumble recoveries and two interceptions. Sinclair was named MCC co-player of the year, and will be playing football at a major Division I school. His

SLUH gets smashed by Kirkwood 6-1 in racquetball opener

Kevin Moore
Core Staff

The St. Louis U. High varsity racquetball team began its season this week against a strong Kirkwood team. Although the team expected a difficult match, nobody on the team expected the 6-1 loss that they were handed by the Pioneers.

There were some positive aspects about the match, however, despite the final outcome. Junior first seed Joe Sharamitaro played a competitive game against Kirkwood's top player, who many expect to be a favorite to win the state title this year. After losing the first game 15-2, Sharamitaro battled back to win the second game.

"I was really nervous at the beginning of the match," said Sharamitaro. "I think I started to play better once I settled down." Sharamitaro eventually lost the tie-breaker 11-3. Sophomore Chris Guilfooy similarly lost his match in a close

11-7 tie-breaker.

Delivering SLUH's only victory on the day was junior Andy Schumert. Schumert, whose consistent hustle often leads to running into walls at full throttle, injured his arm near the end of the tie-breaker. Despite the injury and many lead changes, Schumert helped the team avoid a shutout by winning the tie-breaker 11-10.

The junior varsity squad lost to their Kirkwood counterparts 4-1 as Senior Tom Hilgeman provided the team with its lone victory.

Although the Racquetbills were disappointed with their early performance, they expect to improve throughout the season.

"We're a young team, so a lot of people are playing at the varsity level for the first time," said head coach Joe Koestner. "We have the talent to have a winning team. Now we just have to build our skills to be successful."

Wraslin' bills show promise for upcoming winter season

Mike Smallwood
Reporter

The U. High 2000-2001 wrestling season is quickly approaching, and the entire team can't wait to pin someone other than their teammates. However, a good wrestling season doesn't come easy, and the wrestlers realize this fact.

There are high expectations for this year—especially near coach Tim Curdt. He stated his goal for the year: "We will wrestle every minute of every match with intensity and focus."

The team's basic philosophy is never to give an opponent a moment's rest during a match. This can only be accomplished through fitness and dedication, according to Curdt. Curdt assures that the team is working hard to be in better shape

than their adversaries. Sophomore wrestler Rob Nahlik said, "The team wants to outlast our opponents—that's what SLUH wrestling does."

An experienced core group of seniors is surrounded with a fairly young group of wrestlers. Several strong wrestlers were lost with last's year graduating senior class. Included in this group were captain Steve Gotic and Brad McDale, who was a district champion. There are some holes to fill, but Curdt thinks the younger members of the team can step up and do a good job.

Returning wrestlers from this year's senior class include captains Stan Niemeier and Ben Purcell along with James Pagano, Brian Wallisch, and a few others. Juniors Joe Bommarito, Colin O'Brien—a state qualifier last year—and

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*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

Soccerbills lose a shocker in sectionals, finish at 21-7-4

Garry Holland
Reporter

Unfortunately, the 2000 Jr. Bill soccer season came to an end last Thursday night as the Bills suffered a 2-1 defeat at the hands of DeSmet in sudden death overtime at Soccer Park. The game was originally supposed to be played on the main grass field, but a week of rain forced the game onto the saturated turf.

Early in the contest both teams battled in the midfield just trying to maintain possession on the slick surface. Each team had chances but the 0-0 draw lasted until the second half.

Midway through the second half Captain James Twellman put the Jr. Bills ahead. DeSmet's goal keeper charged out to the edge of the goal box to catch a bouncing ball, but Twellman's pressure forced him out of position, causing him to only get one hand on the bouncing ball. With two deft touches Twellman then beat a defender and knifed a shot through two others into the open net.

The stingy U. High defense looked to preserve the one goal advantage but was once again victimized by the Achilles heel of the referee. An attempted clearance out of the defensive zone was deflected by the referee's heel to a DeSmet midfielder who headed the ball into the net. Senior sweeper Stan Simek felt as if they had "cleared the ball but the ref accidentally gave Josh (Worth) a great heel pass and he put the ball in."

The Soccerbills tried to rally in the final minutes but were unable to score, so the game headed to sudden death.

The Bills frantically tried to score but DeSmet picked up a loose ball around midfield and quickly worked it into scoring position. In the sixth minute of overtime, a DeSmet forward broke free of the SLUH defense, and rifled a low shot past diving SLUH goalie Mark Valdez, ending the game and the season for SLUH.

Although the team finished on a bit-sweet note, the varsity squad had another phenomenal year.

Head coach Charlie Martel felt that "this team was one of the best because they moved the ball so well and played solid defense."

The defensive core and goalkeeping were the defining aspects of this year's team. The defense marked men tightly and limited opponents' scoring chances.

In the Bills' 31 matches, the defense held opponents to a mere 18 goals. Offensively the team was led by James Twellman, who scored 23 goals.

The senior class will be sorely missed, but the squad shows promise as Frank Simek, John DiRaimondo, Neil Sanders, and Ian Mulligan return and aim towards the state title.

The team would like to thank the fans for all their support throughout the season. Look for members of the team chosen for the *Post-Dispatch's* All-Metro team in the coming weeks.

2000 Soccer Stats

MCC Goal Leaders: Twellman #1 with 23 goals...Brooks #8 with 8 goals...Diraimundo # 19 with 9 goals

MCC Assist Leaders: Twellman #1 with 54 assists...Fetter #9 with 6 assists...McCarthy # 12 with 5 assists

MCC Scoring Leaders: Twellman #1 with 54 points...Brooks #8 with 23 points...Diraimundo #11 with 20 points

MCC Goalie Leaders: Valdez #6 with 19-6-3 final record, save percentage—732%

MCC Goals Against Average: 0.65-#7

Solo Shutout Leader: 11

MCC Save Leaders: #2 with 90 saves

Mighty Pucks tie Ladue Rams

By Fiju Job
Reporter

Buseybills opened up their season this past Saturday at Afton Ice Rink against Ladue led by a strong contingent of seniors. Led by stout defenseman captain Todd Turner and the always stellar goaltending of senior Geoff Schuessler, the Buseybills expected to have an easy game against the underdog Ladue Rams.

The game started off well, with senior Adam Fitzgerald picking up a rebound in front of the net and scoring the first goal at 6:36 of the first period. The Jr. Bills kept up the pressure on the Rams, adding a second goal by junior John Greffet, but from there the game went downhill for SLUH.

The defense struggled throughout the game, allowing several 2-on-1 and breakway opportunities for Ladue. Most were stopped by Schuessler's outstanding goalkeeping, but the chances eventually lead to an advantage for the Rams.

Ladue, known for their great effort, never backed down to SLUH's offensive pressure, scoring at the end of the first period and then tying it at 2-2 early in the third period.

The Jr. Bills then took the lead late in the game when junior Robert Lachky snuck a wrister past the Rams goal-keeper giving the Jr. Bills a 3-2 lead. Unfortunately, the persistent Rams crushed any hope for a win when they tied the game with 1:11 left in the game.

That wrapped up the scoring for the night, leaving the Jr. Bills with a somewhat disappointing tie over a team they felt they could beat.

Coach Charlie Busenhart was not pleased after the game, citing the lackluster effort, perhaps a result of overconfidence and "too much partying."

Senior captain Todd Turner agreed, saying, "We were just bad."

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Bob Overkamp have added up to a loss of nearly 30 already-completed pages and a several-month delay in the production of the yearbook.

"For the stuff that's lost and gone, we're just going to have to start all over," said Editor in Chief Mike Garcia. "It'll be out as soon as we can get it out."

The confusion began when Garcia sent a letter to Principal Robert Bannister this summer, requesting new computers for the yearbook office. The request was granted, and the yearbook staff was set to receive two new G4 Macintosh computers at the beginning of the school year, to replace their three Powermacs.

Overkamp delivered the computers in their boxes to the yearbook office in early September, and left them lying on the floor of the office, which led to the first in a series of misunderstandings between Overkamp and the yearbook staff.

"I figured it was up to us to install them," said Garcia. "We planned to wait until last year's yearbook was complete, with the new computers as a reward."

Overkamp, meanwhile, merely had more pressing matters to attend to, such as installing Bannister's new G4 in his office and setting up the new iBook systems. He thought the yearbook staff still expected him to complete the installation whenever he had the time.

"Their new computers did sit for a long time," said Overkamp. "I told them it was all right if they wanted to copy all of their data and install the computers themselves, but I wanted to get their old computers, which are still nicer than what much of the school works with, out to other people."

So, in late September, Overkamp copied all the data from the Powermacs onto the two new G4's, eventually transferring the older yearbook computers to the Campus Ministry Office. This somewhat surprised the yearbook staff, who were not present when Overkamp made the installation, but led to no initial problems.

"I just showed up one day and the new computers were installed," said Garcia.

All was well near the to end of October, when Garcia and Tim Lawler, the sports editor, realized that nearly half of the already completed Sports section and approximately sixteen other miscellaneous pages were lost in the switch from Powermacs to G4's. Obviously, this represented a substantial loss in a diligently worked on project, not just a delay in schedule.

"I cried," said Garcia, alluding to the heartbreak of realizing how much had been lost.

In another unfortunate turn, Overkamp cleared the entire memory of the yearbook staff's old computers a mere three days before he received the staff's e-mail notifying him of the lost pages.

"If a week earlier they had told me, I conceivably could have done something," said Overkamp. "I thought enough time had passed, so I erased all of the memory on their old computers."

The situation was further complicated because Overkamp believed that he had confirmed with someone on the yearbook staff that all work was backed up on ZIP disk, a confirmation which Garcia says never occurred.

"We got an e-mail back saying that Mr. Overkamp thought he had asked if all the files were backed up," says Garcia. "But he doesn't remember who he asked, and he never asked me."

Overkamp, meanwhile, felt the majority of the problem lay with malfunctioning ZIP disks, which did have backups saved to them, and with the lack of backups in the first place, not in a misunderstanding over whether they existed.

"I just said that it doesn't do much good to have ZIP backups if you don't use them," said Overkamp. "And I thought that regardless of backups, all their information would have been copied in the transfer from Powermacs to G4's."

Although it was not a direct factor in the delays to yearbook production, the staff has also been faced with a change in faculty moderators, as Mark Michalski left the position and was replaced by theology teacher Randy Rosenburg and

social studies teacher Pete Cerneka, both of whom were already working as moderators on the '00-'01 yearbook.

"Pete and I agreed to do both editions of the yearbook," said Rosenburg. "We're working hard to get the yearbook going in the right direction."

Despite all of the setbacks and misunderstandings, both the yearbook staff and the new moderators remain upbeat about the production process and the prospects for the future.

"We're pretty organized now, and it's starting to roll," said Garcia. "It's still going to be a good yearbook."

"We'll probably be completely finished with production by the first of the year," said Rosenburg. "We're working with a really great yearbook staff. The future for the yearbook is bright."

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Alex Born also bring some experience to the team. Unfortunately, Born is injured with a broken hand and will not be back in the line-up until the first month of the season.

Injuries like this are never predictable and always have an impact on the team. There are several minor bumps and bruises already, and injuries like Born's will keep wrestlers out of the line-up at the beginning of the season. Last year's varsity team often went to matches without several of the weight classes filled due to injuries, but this should not be the case this year. The holes should be filled by the middle of December if all goes according to plan, which makes for a promising team.

Captain Stan Niemeier said, "The team is looking better this year. We've got a lot of potential with a full line up. We can win a lot of matches."

Hopefully, one of these matches that will be won with aggressive wrestling will be the season opener against Hazelwood West. The meet is on Tuesday, November 28th, here at SLUH starting at 6pm with the Freshman, JV, and Varsity teams all in action.

War stories: Saving Private Manker

SLUH's faculty veterans speak of the values and horrors of military service

Andrew Neilsen
Core Staff

There is no doubt that war involves incredible sacrifice and pain. What many of us do not think about is how close this sacrifice comes to us, even here at SLUH.

With Veterans' Day come and gone, it remains time for many of us ponder what war means to us, and how it affects people around us. Faculty here at SLUH have experienced war in all different forms, and hold vastly different attitudes concerning their service.

Venerable Latin teacher Mark Tychonievich served for three years in the U.S. military in Bavaria, Germany, in target acquisition. Tychonievich worked in S3 operations, relaying locations of targets and choosing which weapons to fire. Though his service did not come during wartime, Tychonievich feels that he gained valuable experience during his service term.

Tychonievich's most memorable moment came during his basic training. One of the more advanced training exercises is the live-fire drill, where recruits crawl on their backs under barbed wire one foot above their heads. This seems difficult enough in itself, but that doesn't satisfy Uncle Sam. Also, just above the barbed wire, soldiers fired live M16 rounds, making the situation all the more tense and dangerous.

As Tychonievich crawled toward his goal, he forgot a key aspect of this drill: keep your rifle out of the barbed wire. As it was, his rifle became hung up in the wire, and his drill sergeant made him crawl an additional 40 yards under the barbed wire. Tychonievich also lost his weekend, as he was forced to wash dishes during his only time off.

While Tychonievich couldn't say that he enjoyed being in the military, he said that he met people from all walks of life, many that he would never have known without his military career.

Other staff members at SLUH had much more intense service terms. Maintenance Supervisor Ray Manker enlisted for the Vietnam war directly out of high school. "I graduated from high school on Sunday, and reported to training camp in San Diego on Wednesday," Manker recalls.

Military careers came with Manker's family, as he and his brothers and uncle have compiled over 100 years of military service. Even though two of his brothers had military careers over twenty years each, Manker did not re-enlist after his term in Vietnam. "I had had enough after Vietnam; I wanted to sample civilian life again," Manker said.

Manker did enjoy the travel that came with army life. He recalls that the Chu Lai base was just over a hill to the sea, one of the most beautiful things he has ever seen. Manker loved the experience of the travel, saying that he never would have journeyed as far as Japan or Hawaii if he had not joined the army.

Manker spent eight months in Vietnam, working in the marine corps at a fort in Chu Lai, right on the South China Sea. He supervised aviation supply for the base, ordering parts and supplies from the U.S. using an old punch card IBM computer. As

the base saw much fighting, Manker often guarded the perimeter of the base, witnessing the fighting from afar. Every guard served 12 hours a day, seven days a week, rain or shine. "I didn't like a thing about it," Manker said, "but I would do it again in a second if my country needed me."

Calculus teacher Tom Becvar, unlike Tychonievich and Manker, was drafted in 1971. After basic training, Becvar was assigned to equipment testing at Fort Lee in Virginia. His job was to test all of the army's basic equipment and analyze the results to determine if new equipment exceeded the performance of the old. Becvar supervised the testing of everything from long

underwear to field kitchens.

Later Becvar transferred to Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland, where he again analyzed statistics, this time regarding weapons accuracy. Since he worked in a civilian office, Becvar had much less to do. Making the most of his free time, he took teaching correspondence courses.

Becvar was drafted in the middle of the school year when he was teaching. His presence was demanded immediately at basic training, and he was given virtually no time to get his teaching affairs in order. Though he did no fighting, the war drastically affected his teaching career.

The SLUH teacher most known for military service, Dan Shelburne, has a very different attitude than Tychonievich and Manker. Shelburne said, "No one wins in war; some just lose more than others." Though he admits that he gained valuable personal experience in terms of his outlook on life and knowledge of the human condition, he says that he would not join the army if he had the choice again.

Self-sacrifice notwithstanding, wars have always had horrible consequences to all people whom they affect. All teachers agreed in some form or another that military careers did not hold the most desirable aspects of human life. Though both ends and means of warfare are often suspect, many people close to us have left personal desire behind in service for their country. For better or for worse, all teachers agreed that their military experience gave them life experience that was otherwise unattainable.

"No one wins in war; some just lose more than others"

-Dan Shelburne

by Tom O'Brien

Calendar

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Schedule #1

Sophomore retreat

1940's Radio Hour @ 7:30 p.m. in the SLUH Theater

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Varsity hockey vs. Vianney @ 7:30 p.m. @ Affton

1940's Radio Hour @ 7:30 p.m. in the SLUH Theater

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Mother-Son Rec Night

Senior Kairos retreat begins

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Schedule #4

AP Biology lab

Junior retreat at White House

- University of Denver @ 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- U.S. Air Force @ 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Schedule #3

School Mass-Formal Attire

Basketball Blue/White Game

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Schedule #5

Free dress down day

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Happy Thanksgiving

No classes

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving break; no classes

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Varsity hockey vs. Chaminade @ 9:15 @ Affton

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

Schedule #1

B(LOCK) week

Advent reconciliation week

PLAN exam for sophomores

Varsity hockey vs. Alton @ 8:15 @ Fairview Heights

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Block Day

Sophomore bonus reading test

Pro Life club

Mother's Club wreath distribution

Wrestling vs. Hazelwood West @ 6:00

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Block Day

Freshmen english tutorial

The Hotchkiss School (post high school education) @ Lunch/Break Period

AP Biology lab

Activities Fair @ Lunch/Break Period

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Schedule #1

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Schedule #1

Varsity Basketball vs. Alton @ 7:30

B-Basketball vs. Alton @ 5:30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mother-Son Rec Night: Join us Sunday, November 19, from 7:00-9:00. We will have lots of activities and some attendance prizes. Please gather in the gym at 7:00 p.m. For questions call Mary Ann Zimmerman at 962-7682.

There will be an important meeting for all lacrosse players and their parents on Wed. Nov. 29 at 6:30 in the Currihan room.

This year when the basketball team makes its freethrows, it will not only put points on the scoreboard, it'll be raising funds to help out the kids at Our Little Haven. Here's how it works. During homeroom and Activity Period the week of our home games, varsity players will be taking pledges from students for the amount of free throws that are made at that week's home game. Pledges will be collected during homeroom the day after games.

This fundraiser will begin during the Blue/White game, November 21 at 6 P.M. Come to the game and bring a toy to donate to Our Little Haven Collection boxes for the toys will be at the entrance to the gym. Your support not only goes to the team but also to the kids at Our Little Haven. The first game is Friday, December 1, at 7:30 P.M. against Alton IL at home. Pledges for that game will be taken the week of November 27.

The SLUH Chess Team desperately needs a moderator. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Z. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Quote of the Week

And you know something is happening but you don't know what it is. Do you, Mr. Jones?

Bob Dylan, *Highway 61 Revisited*

Notice of change in schedule

Following Thanksgiving break the B(LOCK) week will be altered. The Block days will change from Thursday and Friday to Tuesday and Wednesday. If there is inclement weather the following changes will also take place:

1) If we have no Tuesday Block schedule, we will have no Block day on Wednesday.

2) If we need a late start on a Wednesday Block Day (after having a Tuesday Block Day), we will use the Special Block Day Late Start Schedule on Wednesday.

3) If we have to cancel school on a Wednesday Block Day, that Block Day is not made up.