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"If nothing else, value the truth."

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Activist argues against Iraqi sanctions

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During Activity Period on Friday, Feb. 2, in the St. Louis U. High theater, human rights activist Kathy Kelly and Father Simon Harak, S.J., spoke about the present situation in Iraq as part of the Voices in the Wilderness campaign that began in 1996. They spoke to the SLUH community, two theology classes from Nerinx, and students and faculty from

Priory.

Kelly began her presentation with a role-playing activity in which she described situations that parents with sons in the U.S. military might face; she then contrasted those situations with mothers of Iraqis whose families had been killed



Kelly identifies Iraq at last Friday's presentation.

in the U.S. bombing campaign against Iraq. She claimed that about 500,000 Iraqi children have died as a direct result of U.S. sanctions and bombing campaign.

Mary Beth Gallagher, a member of the St. Louis University group

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D.C. Close-Up trip exposes students to government

Andrew Ivers
Editor

On Sunday, Jan. 28, six SLUH students, accompanied by history teacher Tom McCarthy, departed from Lambert Airport to participate in the Washington, D.C. Close-Up program.

"I thought (the students) were able to really get in and see how things were going on," said McCarthy, who was making his third

Close-Up trip as a faculty chaperone.

After registering the SLUH students—junior Andrew Ivers and sophomores Danny Baker, Geoff Brusca, Tim

Conway, and Jamie Strohle—decided to spend their afternoon at the Smithsonian Museum of American History. Sophomore John Barnidge, arrived **see D.C., 11**



The Jefferson Memorial was one of the many sites visited by the Close-Up Trip.

Mixer behavior elicits a fiery debate at SAC

Tim Elfrink
Editor in Chief

Patrick Swayze was nowhere to be found at Monday night's Student Advisory Committee, even though item one on the agenda was entitled "Dirty Dancing." This referred not to the 1987 cinematic masterpiece, but to inappropriate student behavior at mixers. This marked the beginning of a high-spirited evening of discussion with the SAC, meeting for only the second time this year because inclement weather caused the cancellation of December's meeting.

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Filibusterbills win fourteen ribbons at Nerinx

Speech Team takes home first place overall in fifteen-school competition

Alex Green
Reporter

On Sunday, Feb. 3, the SLUH speech team competed in the third Christian Interscholastic Speech League (CISL) meet of the 2000-2001 school year, held at Ursuline Academy. After two rounds of speeches and anxious pacing in the cafeteria, the SLUH team came out strong again, earning fourteen ribbons. The fifteen-member team competed in eight different categories against hundreds of students from fifteen different schools across the region.

After the meet, the team was in first place overall, ahead of rivals DeSmet and Borgia. Blue ribbons were awarded to

Brian Cunningham and Bryan Prospero in Storytelling, Mike Nigh and Chris Storey in Humorous/Serious Interpretation, Fiji Job in Original Oratory, and the duos of Mark Milford/Justin Smith and Alex Green/Peter Meredith in Duet Acting. Red ribbons were awarded to J.R. Strzelec and Justin Austermann in Prose, Pat Cody in Poetry, David Neuner in Radio Broadcasting, and Ghassan Mohsen in Extemporaneous Speaking.

This meet was especially important to speech team coach and moderator Kathryn Whitaker since, "Performing to the best of our abilities was crucial if we were to make it to the speech championship," she said.

On March 4, the top seven contes-

tants in each category will compete against each other to determine the champions for the '00/'01 year. In the past, we have done well in finals, but has never been able to clinch the championship.

Justin Smith said, "We have the skill and ability to achieve our victory through perseverance."

Speech team member Chris Storey commented, "Because of our superior talents, we can easily beat DeSmet."

Referring to the success of the meet, team President Mark Milford was "very pleased with the overall outcome of the meet and [looks] forward to future success." The final CISL meet of the 2000-2001 school year will be held Mar. 4 at Cor Jesu Academy.

Mockbills lose with "innocent" verdict

Garry Holland
Reporter

While most of the SLUH community associates winter competition with the school's basketball, hockey, racquetball, and swimming teams, another powerhouse competed Saturday, Jan. 26 in a heated battle against Eureka.

Unbeknownst to most, the SLUH Mock Trial team stormed the County Courthouse in Clayton hoping to convince the judge and jury that Kris Hamburg in fact did conspire to create and pass counterfeit currency.

While you might be thinking that Kris Hamburg is that shady character who sits behind you in Theology, he is in fact simply the fictional defendant in this year's case.

The case centers around two adolescent teens whose materialistic desires lead them to create counterfeit currency. Sean Murphy, the prosecution's key witness and Hamburg's former best friend, was caught trying to purchase a Three Doors Down CD from a local record store with a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill. He main-

tained that the bill was created by Hamburg and thus entered into a plea agreement with the government in exchange for his testimony in the prosecution of Hamburg.

The SLUH team, which acted as the government's prosecution, felt comfortable going into the trial, having thoroughly rehearsed and memorized every facet of the case during weekly practices coordinated by moderator Gerry Quinn.

The established criminal lawyer Fred Drakesmith, father of junior Brad Drakesmith, as well as administrative lawyer Rich Risse, father of sophomore Stephen Risse, served as the team's lawyer coaches and offered valuable instruction and insight as to how to try the case.

The prosecution, composed of senior lawyers Tom Hilgeman, Pat Cody, and Garry Holland along with junior Tom

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LaRussa speaks at Father/Son Banquet

Last Sunday, at the Regal Riverfront Hotel, the annual Father/Son Banquet was held. Over five hundred students and their fathers attended to hear guest speaker Tony LaRussa.

LaRussa spoke about the true nature of heroism and finding your true nature under pressure. He also gave several anecdotes from his extensive professional baseball experience, and spoke candidly regarding the Redbirds off-season moves and prospects for next season.

In a surprising show of generosity, over \$2700 was raised for earthquake

victims in India in an impromptu fundraiser. The money will go to the Jesuit-coordinated relief project in the State of Gujarat.



LaRussa speaks to the masses on Sunday afternoon.

VALENTINE'S DAY ISSUE

With malicious submissions, spirit is lost

The Valentine's Day issue of the *Prep News* has been a popular feature since it was introduced well over twenty years ago, and, in its prime, it served many important functions for the student body and community. It allowed anyone direct involvement with the paper, a chance to see their own work published; it provided a link between SLUH and many of its female equivalents; it was *fun*.

Unfortunately, despite these attractive qualities, some ugly ones have been all-too-obvious in recent years. Making jokes at a friend's expense is an ancient and indilible quality of male relationships, so it comes as no surprise that a solid 50% of the valentines received by the *Prep News* were of the nature of: "Dear John S., You are so studly and manly. I am hopelessly infatuated with you. Love, John S." There is absolutely nothing wrong with this type of humor (except maybe its unoriginality); in reality, it can be a part of any healthy friendship.

But a major problem arises when a valentine legitimately seeks to cause hurt or arouse pain, especially because these types usually appear in forms which appear benign. When an editor has to sift through over five hundred submissions, how can he be expected to know which are just for chuckles and which are down-right awful, especially when so many refer to inside jokes?

Don't underestimate the number of submissions which can find their way into the publication despite their horrible intent. Two years ago, a student still guilt-stricken about a tragic accident from over the summer was sent an innocent-looking

message which actually mocked him for his role in the tragedy. Just last year, a valentine on the front page mocked a student because his girlfriend had recently left in a painful break-up. The point is, when even one valentine that brings about suffering is published, the spirit of the entire publication is wasted.

Last year's issue was *thirty-four* pages long, a nightmare that took hours upon hours to edit, assemble, and, worst of all, staple. All this work is in addition to the normal workload the editors face in publishing the standard *Prep News* for the week. This is not meant to suggest that the workload alone led to our decision not to publish such an issue this year. We merely want to illustrate how much we feel is lost, how much effort has gone into something which is ethically wrong if even a few of the wrong kind of valentines slip past.

If you have not already heard on the announcements, STUCO has graciously decided to put out an edition of valentines, an especially daunting task for a group of guys who know next to nothing about laying out a publication. The senior officers feel that they have enough time to invest in editing submissions so that they can reasonably guarantee that no offensive or evil-spirited submissions will slip past, a promise that the editors of the *Prep News* felt they simply could no longer make. We wish STUCO the best of luck in their endeavor and ask the student body to make their job a bit easier than ours has been by simply not submitting the wrong type of valentines in the first place.

Happy Valentine's Day!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iraq presentation should have appealed to intellect, says Dueker

To the editors:

As I wandered out of the theater after the Iraqi sanction presentation last Friday, about the only thing that I could feel was disappointment. I suppose I got part of what I expected, mainly the real, moving stories about conditions and problems in Iraq from a first person angle. But for some reason that half was almost unappreciated due to the total lack of any background information or counter-point discussion in the presentation.

I do understand that this was a human rights venture, and by no means did I expect any pro-sanction speakers or any pro-sanction sympathy whatsoever. I attended because I wanted facts and information about the situation, thought-provoking insights, and some hearty discussion material. But what I got was a seemingly oversimplified view of the situation, with the "bad" United Nations and the "good" Iraqi people. I wanted to know the purpose of the UN sanctions, what items they were sanctioning and why they picked those particular items, why the UN deemed it necessary to bomb a shelter, and I especially wanted to question the role of Iraq as the aggressor in the Gulf War. I thought that

these were valid questions and that some factual informational base had to be achieved before we could be expected to make a decision. But I thought that we were treated like children, given minimal facts, frightening images, and then expected to be enthused enough to consider their cause. I know that additional information was handed out, but there was still no mention of the reasoning of any side in the initial presentation.

First of all, I think SLUH students should take pride in their ability to make good moral decisions, as I feel most students do. I think SLUH students expect information, answers to questions, and time to make their own individual decisions about any given situation. SLUH students expect more than bare-bones facts and a strong emotional appeal. I would hope that even the most avid human rights activists would have more to their argument than "people are dying." Not to say that human life is unimportant, it's just that reality and practical solutions also have to enter into the situation before anything significant can be accomplished. I know that this is a very difficult situation, and we students should

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sutter feels focus on religious aspect of Senior Project is too great

To the editors:

I don't want to insult any faculty or students or anybody involved with Senior Project, but I do want to offer a viewpoint that is taboo amongst the Senior Class and many of the faculty involved. While away for four weeks on my own in the world of Head Start I felt a constant pressure, like an overbearing parent watching you at church. I felt pressure while I was tying shoes, serving lunch, and zipping up the children's coats before they left for home. I couldn't help but think that I was cheating and disrespecting the idea behind Senior Project. I didn't find God in the kids. I didn't find God in any of the work I did. That Monday night when we were assembled into groups to discuss how the projects were affecting us I felt pressure to say that I was changed by what I was doing. In all honesty, I chose my project because I love kids. When I was their age I was in day care for the same reasons they are. God was not an issue and I didn't feel any closer to Jesus afterward.

I felt that my work was not enough. The personal satisfaction I got out of it was diminished by the insistence that I have a life-changing encounter with God, or experience personal growth. The result was an overwhelming sense of worthlessness. I examined what I was doing so much I realized the kids could have lived happy lives without ever meeting Dan Sutter or Benn Overkamp. Then I began to question my reasons for choosing the project.

SPEAKEASY

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Holzhauser and Mark Valdez, Tom Chibnall, and John Iovaldi, was confident heading into this trial of the century. But despite the team's sound reasoning, prompt objections, dapper attire, and Matlock-esque flair, the Law and Order bills lost by a razor-thin margin of a combined six points on the judge's scorecards. Senior Tom Hilgeman felt the team "succeeded in every aspect of the trial but was disappointed only in the verdict." Moderator Gerry Quinn was pleased with the team's performance and echoed the sentiments of the presiding judge that "both teams were truly exceptional." Senior Tom Chibnall was befuddled by the decision, as he believed that "the Eureka squad conducted themselves in an unprofessional manner." Although SLUH lost its first competition, its formidable score of 174 still could enable the team to advance to later rounds as a wild card.

While the Mock Trial emphasizes the actual competition, Quinn feels underlying the objective of the Mock Trial team is to introduce young people to the actual workings of the legal system. Therefore Quinn has provided the opportunity for participants to serve as jurors in Washington University Law School's Mock Trial and to shadow a lawyer for a day to gain further insight into the law profession. Senior Pat Cody said, "I joined the Mock Trial team because I aspire to attend law school and

"Maybe the guys working with autistic children are experiencing a personal growth. Maybe the students working at the hospitals are having an encounter with God. Maybe the group in Belize is having a life-changing experience in a third world country." Was I wrong for choosing a project that didn't test my limits every hour? Was I doing something wrong since I wasn't feeling any closer to God?

I am asking the entire student body, the faculty, and the theology department especially: Why force the seniors to make Senior Project more than what we experienced? Doesn't the feeling of being oppressed by religion negate the whole purpose? I believe in God. I believe life changing, personal-growth experiences happen when they are supposed to, IF they are supposed to. I am not criticizing the idea. I just want you to think about the following question.

How are high school seniors supposed to answer honestly the questions raised in Senior Project evaluations with so much advertisement on how wonderful the experience should have been?

It's peer pressure coming from the wrong group of people. It's reverse-peer-pressure. In the words of the great Neil Peart, "Conform or be cast out."

Where does that leave God?

Sincerely,

Dan Sutter, '01

practice law as an attorney. Mock Trial simply allows me to simulate what I would actually be doing as a lawyer."

The next trial is on February 24 at the Clayton Courthouse against Pattonville.

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be confronted with difficult, even seriously disturbing facts in order to understand and form an opinion about the situation.

Asking someone to agree with you should appeal to every aspect of that person, not just selective parts most beneficial to your cause. I am not accusing anyone of being purposely manipulative or withholding facts, and I have total respect for someone who decides that Iraqi sanctions are immoral. I, however, do not have any respect for someone who even unintentionally assumes that someone could form the same opinion as them without first being properly informed. Express your opinion, not selective facts that make your particular cause more appealing. I will always believe that this person who forms a decision with the most facts at his disposal better off than even the most avid lesser-informed activist. I urge everyone to stay informed and to respect our minds as much as our hearts.

Jeff Dueker '01

Basketbills go 1-1 with two great efforts

Team loses to DeSmet on Senior Night, but cruises by Mehlville

Shawn Furey
Reporter

With the season winding down and the difficult District tournament looming, the basketball team experienced an unfortunately common loss and a pleasantly unexpected easy victory this past week. With a 61-42 loss to DeSmet on Senior Night and a 33-point win over the hapless Mehlville Panthers, the team felt both pain and a release of frustration, all in the past seven days.

This past Friday night the team came out with furious tenacity in their game against the DeSmet Spartans. The boys from Ballas only lead by one at the half—a half that was marked by a smothering U. High defense.

Ripcordbills snag second in district; look for strong showing in sectionals

Mike Smallwood
Reporter

The Wrestlingbills went into districts at Parkway North last Saturday backed by an entire season of preparation and hard work. Their season-long efforts paid off against teams such as DeSmet, CBC, and Webster.

Boyd Gonnerman (112) started the team off well with a decisive 16-0 win over his CBC opponent. The dominance continued when Sean Staed (125) immediately took his man down to his back and pinned him in only 45 seconds. Colin O'Brien (145), Joe Bommarito (152), and Ben Purcell (160) also pinned their opponents in the 1st round.

The team got off to a good start again in the second round, but this time Alex Born (103) set the pace. He totally controlled his man, repeatedly letting him escape and then taking him down. Jim Pagano (119) put his opponent to his back at 3:42 in the second period to move

Senior captain Kyle Bruno said of the team's inspired play in the game, "I am very proud of our effort and I am glad we could play so hard to honor the seniors."

The second half, however, was only half as productive as the first. With DeSmet heading into the fourth quarter up by only two, and with the raucous SLUH crowd going crazy behind their Billikens, it seemed as though SLUH could very well pull off the upset. However, the Spartans came up with some huge outside shooting to pull away with a 22-5 edge in the quarter, and a 61-42 victory.

Of the fourth quarter let-down, coach Maurer said, "When you get behind to a great passing ballclub like DeSmet, it's

hard to play catch-up."

On Tuesday, the Billikens went down south to battle a struggling Mehlville team. The U. High dominated this contest, handing the Panthers a 56-23 defeat. Troy Lindbeck led the team with 17 points, and every player got a chance to show his stuff. The win served as a small reward for all the hard work the team had put in during their recent stretch of tough losses.

Head Coach Don Maurer said, "It was nice to get everyone to play, but other than that, and getting the win, we don't take much away from this one."

This next week figures to offer another exciting set of games against MCC rivals Chaminade and Vianney. Hopefully the Jr. Bills can pick up where they left off with Mehlville.

on to the next round.

Bommarito also wrestled a close match, finally winning 10-7 after picking up two reversal points after he had been nearly pinned in the later-part of the third period. Purcell outlasted his opponent and scored 6 points in the third period to win 12-7.

In the third round Dan Wankum (171) advanced into the final round for a chance at third place. After nearly pinning his man in the third period, Wankum collected a 15-6 major decision.

The final round was full of excitement as five wrestlers went for first place and three for third. Born pinned his opponent in only 1:39 to win first place in an impressive manner. Gonnerman had a strong match but was unable to win and placed fourth.

Staed's match was intense, as he reversed his opponent with about ten seconds left and was almost able to turn him to his back before time ran out. Despite losing that match 9-7, he won second

place.

O'Brien literally hurt his opponent before he pinned him at 3:26 to win first place. Bommarito also fought another tough match before losing 8-4, but won second place overall. Ben Purcell also placed second and Dan Wankum picked up fourth place. John Stathopolus pinned his Gateway opponent in 1:33 to win third place.

The team finished with 117.5 points, 36.5 points behind first-place Desmet. More importantly, however, the eight wrestlers who placed will move onto sectionals this Saturday at Hazelwood West, and according to head coach Tim Curdt, they should "be nice to watch."

"Eight qualifiers was nice.... It's particularly good to see Colin and Alex get first," commented Curdt. "If a few matches had changed slightly or if we would have had a full line-up (referring to Stan Niemeier's unfortunate shoulder injury and the open at 189 weight class) we would have had more (qualifiers)."

More records fall as Riflebills defeat MMA

Jon Neff
Reporter

Count the records that the rifle team has broken this year: individual four-position (Bill Everding), the standing position (Everding), the sitting position (Jon Neff) and most freshman earning their letters by the end of December (4). Now two more have fallen. The team that coach Mike Brummett called "the best team I have had in my 14 years at SLUH" now owns the school records for team three-position and the kneeling position.

The Varsity team's top four—consisting of Everding (559), Todd Mazurkiewicz (537), Giles Walsh (536), and Neff (506)—broke the record of 2127 (set in 1979) by scoring 2138 out of a possible 2400 in a competition against Missouri Military Academy (MMA) last Thursday. This record had previously eluded the team by a mere six points two months ago at a match with Quincy High.

Five days later, Adam Hilkenkamp

broke the kneeling record of 240 out of 250 (set in 1980) with a 241. This leaves only three major records the team has not broken: the team four-position, which the team missed by only six, the individual three position, which Everding missed by two with his 559, and the prone position record, which stands at an almost-unbreakable 999 out of 1000. "With the amount of talent this team has," Hilkenkamp said, "I don't see how any of these records, except for prone, can stand much longer."

Yet, in the midst of all this record breaking, there was a competition too. Three weeks ago, the SLUH rifle team beat MMA by 95 points. It was a good margin of victory, but not what the team had hoped for. However: it was only a 30-shot match, and top shooter Bill Everding could not participate due to an operation. Against MMA last Thursday, however, Everding was back and it was a full 60-shot match.

This time, the varsity team accomplished what it had hoped to do at the beginning of the year. After last year's two upset losses to MMA by 12 and 13 points, SLUH's goal for this year was to blow out MMA. The team of Everding, Mazurkiewicz, Walsh, Neff and Peter Berns (469) combined for a total score of 2607. MMA's score of 2142 trailed behind SLUH by an amazing 465 points. With this margin of victory, SLUH could have dropped its low shooter so that the teams were five on four and still have lost by only four points. Everding, Mazurkiewicz and Walsh shot their personal bests for competition.

In addition, SLUH swept the match with both the JV Team (2237) and the Freshman Team (2175) defeating MMA's top team.

This weekend, SLUH will compete in the National Three-Position Sectionals, where their score will determine their national ranking for 2001 in this category.

Aquabills tighten speedos for upcoming state tourney

Jeff Dueker
Reporter

The reality of the situation is very simple: the Speedobills were ranked third in their conference, and the Speedobills took third at conference. But by all means, SLUH was a noisy, ram-bunctious third, making a lot of noise and frightening a lot of people. They are a very young team, and a young team already in third makes a whole lot of people, all across the state, fear the Billiken.

The first reason everyone should be scared: junior Greg Szewczyk, whose speed is as maddening as trying to spell—let alone pronounce—his name. He set a conference record in the 100 backstroke with an incredible time of 55.75. So you could say that Szewczyk has beaten everyone who swam that event in this con-

ference throughout history, and you would be right. In addition, he also won second place in the 100 Freestyle, with a time of 49.81—in layman's terms, "really fast."

Sophomore Tom Heafner finished the regular season strongly, taking second place in the 100 Butterfly with a time of 56.52 and second place in the 100 Breaststroke with a time of 1.03.70.

"Overall the team did very well," said head coach Terry Murray, and the team is proud of its third place finish and thankful for all of the wet, painful fun they have had during this swim season.

But for some of the best, the season is not over. Only the state qualifiers have practice now, gearing up for a strong showing in State for themselves and for their team.

Swimming Team State Qualifiers

Freshman Kurt Doll — 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle
 Freshman Nathan Harris — Relay
 Senior Zach Hartwig — Relay
 Sophomore Tom Heafner — 100 Breaststroke, 100 Butterfly
 Senior Nick Hellwig — Relay
 Freshman Nick Konczak — Relay
 Senior Charlie Maitz — Relay
 Freshman David Marek — Relay
 Sophomore Kevin McEvoy — Relay
 Senior Dave Parker — Relay
 Senior Keith Peterfeso — Diving
 Junior Greg Szewczyk — 100 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke
 Sophomore Winslow Tandler — Relay
 Sophomore Carl Thompson — 500 Freestyle
 Freshman Gabe Toennies — 200 IM
 Freshman Brad Witbrodt — Relay

Puckbills thump Althoff, are thumped by CBC; earn first-round playoff bye

Jon Neff
Reporter

The Hockeybills entered their final two games of the season last week-end with CBC on Friday and Althoff on Saturday. After their defeat of Webster two weeks ago, the Jr. Bills looked to win the final two games of the year and assure themselves a high ranking in the upcoming playoffs. While they did lose to CBC 6-2, they defeated Althoff 6-2 and secured a first round bye for the playoffs.

Hockey games against CBC always draw a large crowd from both schools, and this game was no exception. So, before a packed Affton Ice Rink, the puck was dropped and the game began. Immediately CBC began to take over. The puck spent most of its time deep in SLUH territory. When the Jr. Bills were able to break out, CBC either broke up the play or caused the forward to use a dump and chase method to get the puck deep into the CBC end. Neither produced much offense and SLUH was not able to get many shots on goal. However, goalie Geoff Schuessler and the defense kept CBC off the board for most of the first. CBC was able to tally only one goal, by Tony Carosello.

With the amount of pressure that CBC put on Schuessler and the defense, they would be hard-pressed to stop CBC from scoring more goals. CBC picked up in the second right where they left off in the first. They kept high pressure on SLUH's defense and as a result, the Jr. Bills could never materialize any good scoring chances in the second. CBC, however, added two more in the second with goals, by Ken Jacobsmeyer and Matt Kaiser, bringing the score to 3-0.

In the third, CBC refused to let up. Carosello added his second of the game and Mike Roesh added another to bring

the score to 5-0. SLUH was able to add two goals later in the third, one each by Tom Merkel and Mike Macauley to bring the score to 5-2, but it was already too late.

SLUH made one last attempt and pulled Schuessler to bring on a sixth



Geoff Schuessler stops a CBC shot.

skater. With less than a minute left in the game, CBC goalie Steve Parsons lofted the puck out of his own end and the puck slid down the ice, bounced off the left post and barely slid over the goal line. So, with that empty net goal by their goalie, game ended with a 6-2 CBC victory. The shots basically told the story of the game, with CBC outshooting SLUH 39-12.

Coach Charlie Busenhart simply said, "They outplayed us."

The following night SLUH returned to Affton to take on the Althoff Crusaders. SLUH scored goals in every period of the game and easily outplayed Althoff to win by a score of 6-2.

SLUH scored its first goal of the night on a breakaway by Matt Durbin that was started with a beautiful pass by freshman Matt Pijut. Derek Winters added another goal when he took a pass from Chris Prater and blasted a shot from the left point that sailed through traffic and past the Althoff goaltender.

SLUH scoring continued in the sec-

ond period when Macauley stole the puck from an Althoff player in his own end, skated by two defensemen, and made a fantastic backhand shot that beat the goalie blocker side. Later in the second, Sean Leahy and Joe Mantovani teamed up for two quick goals. For the first goal, Leahy ripped a shot from the right point that hit the Althoff goalie in the face, bounced down right in front of the net, and was picked up by Mantovani for the easy goal. Forty-six seconds later, Mantovani laid a perfect pass onto the stick of Leahy, who one-timed the shot from the right circle. This brought the score to 5-0 in SLUH's favor. Althoff scored one goal at the end of the second and another midway through the third. The goals were meaningless, however, and Tim Mudd added the sixth goal for SLUH on a pass from Brian Connolly, who was set

up behind the net. Durbin also assisted on the goal. SLUH starts the playoffs next Monday against Rockwood Summit or Clayton at South County Rink

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Do not be fooled by the long list of state qualifiers; it is extremely hard to qualify for state and the number of qualifiers is just a reflection of how good our team really is. These guys have earned their spots and are the cause of some great excitement around the SLUH swimming community.

With that said, the State meet starts today at 3:00 at the St. Peters RecPlex. Get out there if you can, but also keep in mind that finals are Saturday, again at 3:00. Come out there and cheer your friends and your school on. Swim meets are surprisingly exciting when fans are actually there, and when you've got these guys swimming for your side.

Twellman, Sinclair sign letters of intent

Tom O'Brien
Reporter

Although they play different sports, both James Twellman and Matt Sinclair have shared many of the same dreams and have had the same desire and focus that drives an athlete to reach a higher level. This past Wednesday, their focus paid off, as each signed a letter of intent to play a Division I NCAA sport. Twellman will play soccer at Stanford University and Sinclair will head for the University of Illinois to play football.

Over the past two years, Twellman has emerged from the looming shadow of his brother, Taylor, to lead SLUH's varsity soccer team. During his four-year career, Twellman amassed a whopping 66 goals and 35 assists, earning his own spot in SLUH soccer history.

It's always been a dream of mine to go to Stanford," said Twellman of his future, "and when they started to recruit me, I was very excited. I mean, this is

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responsible for bringing them to St. Louis, feels that speakers like Kelly and Harak are valuable because they offer "much more...than we can read in the newspapers.... Kelly and Harak saw the bare hospitals with no supplies, the sewage in the streets, the lack of electricity, and the dying babies."

She and Harak spent most of the presentation relating their experiences in bringing supplies to Iraq. Harak told one story about his taxi breaking down at night in a desert, home to poisonous snakes. He wryly commented, "I was thinking that either I'd die or have an amazing story to tell."

Aside from the danger of snakebite, he also openly and publicly violated United Nations/U.S. sanctions. He has been to Iraq three times since the Voices in the Wilderness campaign began in 1996. Kelly has been to Iraq 13 times. She has been threatened with 12 years in prison and has

really just a dream come true."

When he signed, Twellman wanted to be comfortable, surrounded by the people who have been with him for the whole ride, nurturing his soccer career as well as his life—in short, he wanted to be with his family. "He wanted to be by his family, so he decided to sign at home," said soccer coach Charlie Martell. For this reason Twellman avoided the lime-light he might have had at school and signed at home. "Signing with Stanford [was] just something I had to do at home," said Twellman.

Twellman is currently undecided about he will major in at Stanford.

Even in his freshman year at SLUH, Matt Sinclair had one ultimate goal: to play football in college. Four years later, he appears larger than life; even on paper, Sinclair is huge. He finished his football career here last fall with 174 solo tackles and 30 assists on defense and 849 yards on 48 catches on offense.

Sinclair turned down numerous scholarships in order to play at Illinois.

He hopes to have a shot at starting his freshmen year; Illinois graduates the core of their linebacker staff this year.

Sinclair signed his letter of intent at school on Wednesday in the Coaches' Commons surrounded by about a dozen students, a camera crew, head football coach Gary Kornfeld, and most importantly his mother, Carol Sinclair, who said, "I think I'm going to cry," as Matt pulled the documents he needed to sign out of a folder emblazoned with an Illinois logo.

So Twellman and Sinclair will achieve their dreams and play at the next level. Of his future, Sinclair said, "Hopefully four years of starting at Illinois, and then go pro."

For Twellman? "I want to get my degree from Stanford, that is something that can help me for the rest of my life," he said earlier this week. "At some point I want to play professional soccer. That has always been a dream of mine."

For Twellman and Sinclair, and their families as well, the dream continues.

been notified of a proposed \$163,000 penalty against the organization.

Despite these heavy fines and prison terms, Harak feels that he is called to serve the people of Iraq. While he cannot quantify the success of his speeches, he still feels he is raising awareness of the situation in Iraq.

The U.N. embargo prohibits the sale of numerous items, including pharmaceutical equipment, insecticides, education supplies and chlorine to disinfect water. The sanctions were imposed in 1990 to force Iraq to admit international weapons inspectors.

The two speakers ended up at SLUH after Gallagher, who is the mother of SLUH senior Peter Bartz-Gallagher, contacted Garavaglia to see if there was interest in having the two speakers.

Said Garavaglia after the presentation, "I was pleased with their appearance. I expected about seventy (people), not an overflowing theater. Regardless of

whether people were there for extra credit, to learn about Iraq, or because girls were there, and despite the shortened activity period, I think that (Kelly and Harak) achieved their aim of initiating conversation."

While many students agreed that the sanctions should be stopped, just as many did not agree with the manner of presentation. Senior Mark Rosenkranz wondered about the "hypocrisy of denouncing the government spending of which [Kelly] takes no part when she's required to," because Kelly has not paid her state and federal income taxes for the past 18 years even though the Gulf War started only 10 years ago.

Despite the mixed student response, Garavaglia would like to attract more speakers. A Voices in the Wilderness bus is coming to the St. Louis area in April or March, and Gallagher said that "SLUH could definitely get in on the action, if desired."

Reflecting on the wonder: Belize

Peter Bartz-Gallagher
Sports Editor

“When I was there, I was excited about telling everybody about all the crazy things that happened. When I got home, the more I talked to people, the more I realized that there was no way I could make them understand what I was trying to say.”

—Peter Wiedmann

Peter is correct. I can't say in any amount of writing what my Senior Project trip to Belize meant to me. All I can do is tell you what happened.

Mainly, what we did in Belize was build. During our twenty-three days, we completed two simple houses, a school building, and re-roofed another house. I have participated in Habitat for Humanity houses in the USA, but the act of building houses in Belize struck me as it hadn't before. We used few power tools. We mixed concrete by hand. The same people who laid the floor and put up the walls also nailed the roof. Building was a visceral and communal experience. We didn't call a contractor and we didn't petition the zoning board. Our houses were built by clearing a spot and putting a home where there was nothing. The sense of completion and fulfillment was so great when we were able to literally give people shelter who had none before.

The way we got to know the people that we did was to go to work with them. Not for one moment on this Senior Project were we working for someone while they watched. We worked with everyone we met. We carried heavy loads with them, we got caught in the rain with them, we took lunch breaks with them and we lived with them.

What sets this experience apart from everything I've done ever before was the sense of immersion that you can only get if you work at it. That is, even being in Belize, helping people out, wouldn't have been as wonderful if we hadn't been so involved with the lives of the people we were working with. We encountered friends who loved to laugh, loved to play, love to have fun. They were so much like us, in so different a setting. We enjoyed joking about little

colloquial differences in spoken English. When tutoring at a small school, try to get a little Belizean to draw a “tree” for you. You'll probably be presented with a lovely 3.

The people themselves represented an entirely foreign world as well. The men with whom we worked were at most only a few years older than we were. They were all married. And they had children. Our life of education into adulthood is unknown to them. I had always considered myself to be living comfortably. Now I can see that my opulent wealth is above and beyond anything most people could ever dream of. An air-conditioned home, a two-story house, a washing machine? They might get running water or electricity by the end of the summer. Our friends live with their wives and children in houses that were, at their largest, twenty by twenty feet. They haul water from small creeks nearby. I suppose I had expected to meet people “in touch with their existence,” or “living simply.” No, these people are just poor. And they don't like it. They aren't more spiritually fulfilled or emotionally peaceful because they lead a modest life. They just don't make enough money to do anything but live. They wonder why people in the USA make so much more money for doing the same things. My intention is not to make you feel sorry for these people. I just hope my story can make you think about why you have the gifts that you do, and why these people don't.

One morning, fellow senior Andrew Hased and I helped our

friend put up a fence around his tiny house. He had to save his money for a long time to buy the posts and chain-link. He told us that it was his dream to have a fenced-in yard, so his daughter could grow up and play safely. He had plans for the garden, too. It was so exciting to be a part of his vision for his life. We were a part of making his family what he wanted it to be. Despite the differences between him and our fathers, I could see that he was just as proud as a parent here would be, having completed a project that would make life better for his wife and child.

Going to Belize was the best thing I ever did. It is impossible to tell it all here, but come find me sometime. I'd love to tell you more.



A young woman of San Benito Poite



Peter Wiedmann relaxes with a young Belizean

Senior Project in Ghana marks a first

Andy Neilsen
Core Staff

Rather than spend their month of Senior Project in a school or home for the elderly, two seniors headed for a region even more foreign and intimidating: Africa. On Dec. 27, Ryan Sickles and Kwofe Coleman embarked on an air journey over 15 hours to Accra, Ghana to report for their senior projects. Sickles and Coleman were the first seniors to leave the Americas during senior projects.

"We wanted to go to an area that wasn't comfortable," Coleman cited as a reason for the trip to Ghana, "preferably a third world country."

One of the major problems the pair faced involved financing the trip. Flying to Ghana is not cheap, and the two had to begin to raise money four months before they left.

Sickles and Coleman received quite a bit of help in their money-raising efforts. In addition to smaller donations, Bruce Affleck, a St. Louis Blues commentator and friend of the Sickles family, donated preseason tickets to Sickles and Coleman for them to sell to raise money. With the sales of the tickets, Coleman and Sickles made almost \$1800. Sickles noted, "A lot of people were looking out for us once they knew what we were doing."

After the 10-hour flight, the two were ready to begin their project. When the two arrived in Accra, they were picked up by Coleman's uncle, with whom they were staying, and taken to Temma, a small city on the outskirts of Accra. As his parents are originally from Ghana, Coleman had immediate family connections there, and he spoke the native language. Sickles especially appreciated Coleman's knowledge of the language. Because Coleman spoke the language, his relatives generally avoided English, leaving Coleman as Sickles's only chance to understand what was happening.

For Coleman, it was the first time he had visited his mother's homeland. After hearing his parents tell stories about Ghana, Coleman was glad to be able to associate "names with faces and places to pictures." The uncle that they stayed with had spent a previous Christmas with Coleman, and said he enjoyed becoming reacquainted with "the other half of (his) background."

Sickles and Coleman worked at SOS Children's Village, a combination orphanage, school, and day-care center. They spent most of their mornings helping pre-school kids with their reading. The two served as mentors to the kids, giving them help with any words they didn't understand as well as with homework. Because the teacher- and adult-to-child ratio is so low, Sickles and Coleman also performed many baby-sitting duties. "Every time I moved I would knock over some kid," said Sickles.

Excited by the American visitors, the kids gave Sickles very little rest. "They would come up to me and try to use American slang," Sickles remembered. He was impressed by their openness and enthusiasm, noting that so many of the kids greeted him just like a familiar face.

The latter part of each day was spent with older children. These adolescents needed help with schoolwork as well, and the two Americans were eager to help. They graded tests, helped with homework, and moderated the class times.

When the school day was over, Sickles and Coleman went out to the playground to play soccer and hang out with the kids. "The kids were very accepting, but I still couldn't help feeling

like a minority," said Sickles. At times, the kids made fun of him in their native tongue, receiving stiff rebukes from Coleman. Though the teasing was not malicious, the experience of being one of a few white people was very moving for Sickles. Sickles said, "They were very accepting; they went out of their way to make us feel comfortable."

When they weren't working, the Africabills took trips into the city to see the sights. Both enjoyed the scenery, frequently taking walks around the area.

Coleman and Sickles also took a beautiful ferry ride around one of Ghana's lakes. According to Coleman, Accra, Ghana's capital, is "about the size of downtown St. Louis."

"It was close to 95 degrees at night," Sickles said. The heat was so intense that on the third night, their fan melted. Yes, melted. Awakened by the lack of circulating air, the two Ghanabills realized that the fan had stopped. Upon inspection, they found that the motor had melted and was "goeey," according to Sickles.

Even water presented a problem for the Ghanabills. Despite their immunizations, the water was still dangerous for them to drink. To avoid catching a disease like yellow fever, Sickles and Coleman purchased gallons upon gallons of bottled water, making a large dent in the spending money they brought with them.

The people made the biggest impression on Sickles and Coleman. Whereas U.S. residents, Coleman believes, are always hurried, the people of Ghana take time in their days. Instead of quickly turning to the internet for their research, they would more likely take a longer trip to the library to look something up. "Everyone is so much more relaxed here," he said. Coleman feels that the technology level in Ghana suits the people there well, in that their less-urgent culture has no need for the immediate information that the internet provides.

Though both Sickles and Coleman were born in the U.S., their experiences of going to Ghana were very different. For Sickles, it was his first experience of being a minority. For Coleman, it was a return to his roots. Despite these differences, the kids made the impact, a kindness which neither would forget.



A view from Coleman's room in Temma.

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“The closeness of all the students at a dance, and the movement within this confined space is what is an issue,” said Clark, who raised the issue himself. “I definitely don’t think cutting out dances or mixers is an option, but something obviously needs to be done.”

As the members of the committee voiced their opinions, it quickly became evident that the majority agreed with Clark on both points: a problem certainly exists, and a solution is certainly not easy to devise. So for much of the first half of the discussion, talk centered on the members’

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later that afternoon.

On Monday, the program began with a seminar entitled “The Washington Insider,” given by Ron Robinson, who has worked with youth organizations as well as on Ronald Reagan’s presidential campaigns.

From there, the group moved to the park on the west side of the Washington Monument, which contains the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and the reflecting pool.

“The Vietnam memorial was by far the best (site),” said Brusca. “It was so fascinating to see the list of names streaming on endlessly. And the fact that you can see your reflection hauntingly in the monument really gives substance to the fact that it could have been any one of us who had their name on that wall.”

Monday afternoon, the PIs worked to get their students acquainted with the Capitol building, Senate and House office buildings, the Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress, to prepare them for their upcoming day alone on the Hill.

On Tuesday, Capitol Hill day SLUH participants met with Kyle Mulhall, an aid from Rep. Richard Gephardt’s staff. “He was intelligent and knew (Gephardt) well,” said Conway. Afterwards, students

feelings about such inappropriate behavior—and its underlying causes—rather than on a solution.

“I hate that stuff,” said senior Shawn Furey, regarding overly sexual dancing. “I think the main problem is that most people don’t admit how much it bothers them.”

“The real question is, ‘How are we going to define what is ‘sexually provocative’,” said Barb Costigan. “Is it an entity in and of itself, or is it an intention, because you have to set some kind of solid standard if you want to enforce something this vague.”

Many agreed with this assessment, and most of the solutions offered were

went to the Russel building, north of the Capitol, and met with representatives from the offices of Sen. Jean Carnahan and Sen. Christopher Bond.

Despite such visits, “Tuesday wasn’t as close-up as I thought it would be,” Barnidge said. “We really didn’t get to interact with Congressmen.”

In the afternoon, after the Close-Up group reconvened, students went to a seminar on the judiciary, given by Mindy Klasky, who has worked closely with the Supreme Court.

The week’s final seminar, was given by a former U.S. foreign diplomat. The seminar was particularly interesting because the speaker delivered it posing as a Russian foreign diplomat and only revealed his true identity when the talk was concluded.

On Thursday, SLUH students visited the National Holocaust Museum, the last site of the trip. Said Conway of the Holocaust Museum, “Just going through all three floors with all the films and exhibits really showed you how terrible the event was.”

“As far as learning about government,” McCarthy said, “I think (the trip) helped develop a great deal of citizenship. I think the news media already gives enough criticism of government.”

The trip, he said, fosters “appreciation for what this country’s about.”

quickly countered. A greater number of faculty or student chaperones was a popular idea for how to cut down on inappropriate behavior, but many questions were raised about the effectiveness of this method. Currently, anywhere from ten to twenty faculty chaperone a dance or mixer, in addition to the senior STUCO officers who act as student patrols.

“That first mixer was the most frustrating time I’ve ever had dealing with other SLUH students,” said Minority Affairs Commissioner Shawn Henderson. “We had a really hard time controlling anything, because people didn’t take us, as fellow students, seriously.”

For most of the discussion there was much more general frustration at the situation than useful suggestions. Many felt that the true root of the problem—the underlying message of sexuality which is pervasive in today’s culture—was a problem much too far-reaching to be addressed by a single high school.

“As faculty chaperones out there, we really feel like we’re going against the current,” said English teacher Adam Conway. “I think there’s always been some element of sexuality in dancing, from waltzes to jitterbugs, but lately there’s this whole idea of the female as some kind of product to be used by the male. There’s always some kind of disrespect on some level in these modern dances.”

Senior class President Tom Chibnall agreed, as he detailed STUCO’s efforts with obvious frustration on his face. “I’ve met with Brock (Kesterson) at least two dozen times on this very topic...,” he said. “The culture is so obsessed with (sex), this kind of problem is unavoidable. We’re desperate for some advice.”

In the end, the only real consensus reached on this topic was that, difficult as the task may be, SLUH has a moral responsibility to somehow define what is and is not appropriate for school events, and to try to enforce this decision.

Said Clark, wrapping up the topic, “If we hide behind the reasoning that this

by Tom O'Brien

Calendar

February 9 - February 16

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Schedule #1
Senior Project Reports Due
BB: V @ Chaminade @ 7pm
BB: B @ Chaminade @ 5:30pm
Sw: State Championships @ RecPlex

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

ACT Exam
Wr: Sectionals

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Hoc: Jv vs. Marquette @ Affton @ 9:15pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

B(lock) week
Schedule #1
College Reps: Air Force Academy

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

BB: V vs. Vianney @ 6:30pm
BB: B vs. Vianney @ 5pm
National Math Contest
College Reps: St. Mary's University-Minnesota

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Happy Valentine's Day!
Pro-life Club
NHS General Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Schedule #1
College Reps: Truman State University
Rosary in Chapel
Fr. English Tutorial
Dauphin Players' *Carnival*: Dinner @ 6:30, show @ 7:30
Wr: State Championships @ Hearnes Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Schedule #1
ACES on Retreat
Faculty/Staff Retreat
Carnival @ 7:30
BB: V @ Cape Central @ 7pm
BB: B @ Cape Central @ 5:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Seniors and senior moms: Get your reservation for Mom Prom in as soon as possible to the Mother's Club.

The Following items are needed for earthquake victims in Gujarat, India:

Clothing, medical supplies, hand tools, food and kitchen items, school supplies, flashlights, and batteries of all sizes. Please bring all items to St. Clare Church or the office at 205 W3rd St., O'Fallon, IL 62269. Donations can be made payable to St.

Clare Church (Attn: Earthquake Fund). For more information or for a complete list of items needed, contact Percy Menzies at 618-624-8467 or 314-496-8211 or menzie pp@aol.com

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