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"If nothing else, value the truth."

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SLUH looks to the future with Vision 2000 meeting

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Stating "We must maintain and preserve excellence in every way. . . We are a quality school, a leadership school, and, as such, we need to move forward," St. Louis U. High President Paul Sheridan, S.J., outlined his ideas for the direction of the school's future in a faculty meeting held Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Entitled "Vision 2000," the project "seeks to secure

SLUH's future; create a better atmosphere for student involvement; expand educational opportunities and staff support; and position (the school) to be a better partner" with the neighborhood and its surrounding institutions.

Ted Hellman, '66, the Chairman of Vision 2000, also spoke to the faculty and later to the *Prep News* about the tentative outlines of what could be the largest renovation in the history of the school. Board of Trustees President Joe Castellano also spoke at the faculty meeting.

"Vision 2000 is a concept for how SLUH can compete in the future," said

Hellman, who also serves on the school's Board of Trustees. "This concept includes the continuation of academic excellence, supporting our staff, and expanding our facilities."

"This is probably the most comprehensive look we've ever taken at where we as a school want to be in the future,"

said Vice-President of Advancement and Vision 2000 member Thom Digman.

According to both Sheridan and Hellman, the main focus of the project is the continuation

of the tradition of academic excellence at SLUH and how to continue to attract the best students in the future.

"The key to the school's success is not buildings," said Hellman, "but rather the students and the teachers. These people make SLUH what it is, so a big part of Vision 2000 is to create the facilities to help these groups."

In an attempt to identify the needs of the teachers two years ago, the administration asked the individual departments to define their current positions, where they hoped to be in the next five to ten

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An aerial look at the SLUH campus, '00

Summer '00 renovations subtle but important

Andrew Ivers
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Although in recent years most students and faculty returned to school in the fall and found a drastically remodeled library or gym, this year little was to be found in the way of new facilities. Yet, even though many administrators have called the summer of 2000 a comparatively quiet one, many minor changes were made which enhance the school and its many facilities in a major way.

Around March of last year, renovations began on SLUH's new Compton-Drew field, located on the south side of Berthold about two blocks west of the school. Board of Trustees member Ted Hellman, '66, helped arrange a 25-year lease of the land between SLUH and St. Louis Public Schools.

Once the lease for the field was in place, crews went to work erecting a new cyclone fence; laying new sod (June); and installing a new sprinkler system, scoreboard, soccer and football

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“Flex” and “Block” weeks explore schedule options

Andy Neilsen
Reporter

With all the schedule changes this year, the freshmen are not the only ones stumbling through the halls with bewildered looks on their faces. If the added seventh period is not enough of a change, there are two more experimental schedules in the works.

For six different weeks during the year, SLUH students will experience eighty-minute class periods for two days during the “block” weeks. On the first day, only periods A through D will meet, and for 35 minutes longer than usual; the last period will end at 2:30. On the second day, only periods E through G will meet, with school ending at 2:25. The second day also includes a nearly two-hour break between periods F and G.

The experimental schedule does not mean that SLUH will be switching to a block schedule next year, however.

“Nothing is final at this point,” said Art Zinselmeyer, Assistant Principal of Academics and the man in charge of scheduling. “We realize that there is no schedule that can solve all of our problems, so we are experimenting right now to see which one uses time most effectively.” Each of the new schedules attempts to give students more options in terms of fine arts and computer classes.

A scheduling committee, composed of representatives from each department and chaired by English teacher Tom Chmelir, came to a decision during the third quarter last year after two years of intermittent discussion. The committee ran surveys among the students to identify their problems with the current schedule. After considering the student responses and the wishes of the departments, the committee determined that an extra period was needed.

“The biggest thing we discovered was that theology couldn’t do its job, and that students wanted a study period during the school day,” said Chmelir. “The

committee recommended the seventh period and the block schedule experiment, and the administration worked out the details.”

The administration hopes that the block schedule will provide teachers with time to give longer presentations in class, show movies without interruption, and allow more time to help students individually. The block schedule will also provide students with study time during the school day.

One concern about the block schedule is the amount of unscheduled time.

“A lot of people have unscheduled periods after the hour-long lunch,” said Dean of Students Eric Clark. “This is a concern for seniors and off-campus lunch.”

Some students wanted to stay off campus for their unscheduled period after lunch. However, expanded off-campus time is a liability risk for the school, so Clark and the administration decided on a fifteen-minute off-campus grace period, with parental permission, for students with successive unscheduled periods.

The other experimental schedule, the “flex” week, will take place four times during the school year. During two days of the “flex” week, alternating periods will be 55 minutes long, instead of the normal 45 minute periods. This schedule solves some of the problems of the block schedule, such as how all classes will meet every day, instead of meeting in certain classes every other day.

The administration will be keeping a close eye on student reactions to the schedules throughout the year.

“We hope to (survey) each homeroom at least twice during the year,” Zinselmeyer said, “about the new schedule and the block and flex schedules.”

Input will be considered throughout the fall and winter months, and student comments are welcome. The administration will reach a final decision sometime during the fourth quarter, before class registration for next year’s seniors.

SLUH excels once again on AP tests

Kevin Moore
Core Staff

After studying hard throughout the year, many St. Louis University High over-achievers pursue college credit by taking advanced placement (AP) exams in May.

The grading is given on a five-point scale, with five being the best and three considered passing. Students from SLUH usually fare well, and this year was no exception.

Math department chairman Tom Becvar says that the past year’s results are “similar to what our students usually do.” Becvar, who has been grading AP tests at the national level for eight years, believes his grading of the tests makes him better able to give students hints on how to perform well. Even with this advantage, it involves a “year long preparation...to get [the students] ready,” said Becvar. Ninety-four percent of students who took the Calculus BC test passed.

Two other courses which produced high results were U.S. History and Literature and Composition. The English test, which was taken mostly by juniors, consisted of a multiple choice section and three essays, a combination that proved quite challenging. However, 57 of the 59 students who took the test received passing scores. “To have that many take the test and nearly all of them pass...is an external commendation for how we teach English,” said English department head Chuck Hussung.

Most of the students who took the history test also were successful, with over 90 percent of the students passing. AP U.S. history teacher Dan Monohan reported that students from SLUH who take the history test fare among the best in the state.

Tentative schedule depends on you

If you have found yourself unusually fatigued at the end of this second week of school, the cause may not simply be your complete lack of physical and mental activity over the past three months. The school day is indeed twenty minutes longer than last year, and yes, that is an extra period crammed into your schedule.

This change of scheduling is old news to upperclassmen, but what is not as widely known is the tentative nature of this schedule. We are currently experiencing a kind of “test year,” after which the effects of this change in schedule will be evaluated according to student and faculty input, and tweaked as needed.

This information is important to you, the weary sophomore trying in vain to trudge to your seventh period geometry class, and you, the senior cramming Twinkees down your throat on your newfound five-day-a-week free period, because the administration is not only considering, but encouraging, your input on how this schedule has affected your life. Whichever case may apply to you, those in charge of evaluating this schedule need to know your opinion.

But before you sprint to the main office to complain of exhaustion or extoll the virtues of your “unscheduled period,” you should at least understand the pros and cons of this situation. The primary reason for adopting the new schedule: too often, students could not take the classes which interested them. The fine arts and theology departments pushed for the schedule because it would allow for more participation in both programs, and the schedule has certainly proved successful in this regard.

Theology is now able to meet five days a week, and more students than ever before have been able to find room in their schedule for a drawing or ceramics or design class.

Perhaps a more unexpected side effect of this schedule is that the extra period has actually made the day easier for some, particularly seniors, by allowing them an unscheduled period every day. Having such a period was relatively rare under the six-period schedule.

However, the day is certainly not easier for all students, and particularly for underclassmen, more classes may not equal a better school day. Some teachers have already begun to notice that a few students’ heads are attracted to their desks by period seven, so the extra period may be having a draining effect on some.

Perhaps even more important is the question of just how much information a student can take in and retain in eight hours. With the rapid-fire barrage of classes, is there a danger of learning overload? This possibility should certainly be considered along with the question of whether a block schedule would be more conducive to learning than seven short periods.

We should reiterate that it is simply too early to understand completely how this schedule will affect students in the long term. But that’s the point: it is not too early for you to answer these questions in terms of your own schedule. So, be you the ulcerating sophomore or the well-rested senior, let your voice be heard on this matter, because in the end, that’s what matters.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STUCO - Runnin’ the show

As Mr. Baud once said, “We don’t blow buildings up; we blow ‘em down!”

You follow me? Good. Anyway, it’s been a week, and so far there have been no casualties (which is good, because Mr. Pham told us last May that we were all No Limit Soldiers). I don’t know what that means, but I’m sure it’s good.

All of us are impressed by everyone’s support at athletic events and would like to thank all you Jr. Bills for showing up with a vengeance. That’s right, with a vengeance. We had so much fun at the mixer, and we hope you guys all had a blast too.

This year, we don’t want all the sports events to be just a freshmen and senior thing. We want the entire student body at every event.

Remember what Homer Simpson said: “Marge, every time I learn something new, it pushes something old out of my head. Like that time I took that home wine-making class and forgot how to drive.”

Tonight, boys, our Footbills travel to Kirkwood to take on the Pioneers at 7:30. K-Wood thinks they’re hot, but we have a

secret weapon—Matt Sinclair. Okay, so he’s no secret, but he is a weapon of mass destruction. We had a great turn out last week, but I think we can do even better. Just remember, when the U. High has the ball, we’re quiet. If we’re not, Matt Sinclair will beat us all with a shovel. When the Bills are on defense, we go nuts, so those pioneers won’t be able to hear.

Tomorrow night, the Backstreet Bills, better known as the Varsity soccer team, will take on the CBC Cadets at 8:00 in the CBC Tournament. This game will be huge, so get ready to cheer all night.

We need to show the Cadets why SLUH is called *The High School*. For those of you who don’t know why we’re world renowned, it’s because of our stellar scholarship, awesome spirit, and good looks.

Next week: all-school BBQ followed by the Running of the Bills. We’ll keep you posted.

Thank you,
Paddy Kelleher
STUCO Sports Commissioner

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years, and what means they would use to get there.

To continue this process of inquiry, the board hired the world-renowned architectural planning and design firm HOK to survey the school property and suggest plans for future expansion. HOK took aerial photos, analyzed the layout of the campus, and created an artist's rendering of a possible future campus, which circulated the school last spring but has since been redrawn many times over.

"That drawing was 'Plan A', and we're currently looking at 'Plan S'," said Hellman, "so you can imagine the process that goes into this planning."

"The cost of this project will 100% be paid for by outside funds," said Hellman. "There will be no increase in tuition due to Vision 2000."

Since the Board of Trustees made the decision several years ago to keep the school at its present location, one challenge facing the school has been how it might expand in the future, since the Science Center to the west and Forest Park and Highway 40 to the north made moving in those directions impossible. As Sheridan noted, "Today's high schools require between 30 and 40 acres. When I came to St. Louis University High, our campus consisted of 13 acres. In the near future, we will have a campus of 28 acres."

Bannister stated that the school needs to ask some basic questions concerning needs and space, and how to go about addressing the long-term process answers to the first two questions will entail.

Although the process of identifying how the school might use its expanded space has just begun, both Sheridan and Hellman mentioned the possibility of student life center and a multi-level parking structure.

Plant Manager Paul Owens noted of the parking situation: "Five years ago (the administration) thought the Berthold lot would solve all (our parking) problems in the foreseeable future—obviously the foreseeable future was" a year or two ago.

Another problem as far as space on campus goes is the current student dining

facility: the original cafeteria from 1924 is undersized for a student body of over 1000. Owens explained that, "the (opening of the current student) commons helped a bit," but an expanded student life center would help much more.

Sheridan reiterated these points in his speech to the faculty, saying that Vision 2000 aims to "develop a more comprehensive student life program through the creation of a commons area for seniors, juniors, and sophomores" and to "construct a secure parking facility that frees up valuable land for better applications."

One point Bannister has presented is that of relocating certain facilities in an effort to centralize, taking advantage of additional space being opened by the acquisition of new properties like the warehouse located on Berthold.

According to Hellman, one issue about the land already owned by the school that is yet to be resolved concerns the little-known fact that the river DesPeres flows beneath the property directly west of the stadium in a 70-year-old brick tunnel, a fact complicating any future plans.

"That's why we hired HOK," said Hellman. "We have to be very judicious with how we use what little land we own."

Expansion was by no means the only aspect of Vision 2000, however. First, furthering support for faculty was discussed, as well as plans for upgrading the technological resources at their disposal. In addition, although upwards of \$900,000 was awarded in scholarships this year—up from \$500,000 several years ago—goals for expansion of the scholarship program are being set.

"Our goal is that any student (who has) the necessary ability will be able to attend SLUH, regardless of socioeconomic status," said Hellman.

In the areas of Vision 2000 that addressed further support for faculty and students, both Sheridan and Hellman pointed out that steps towards improvement had already begun well before Wednesday's presentation to the faculty.

Sheridan noted that, in some respects, the process of Vision 2000 in terms of increased faculty support had already be-

gun, with added personnel, reduced class sizes, lowered teaching loads, increased matching of funds for retirement, the introduction of an early retirement program, better insurance coverage, and the purchasing of long-term care insurance. Sheridan added, "All of this was done with a spirit of appreciation and concern for those who give so much of their lives at school."

Both Sheridan and Hellman were also excited by the possibilities for expanded collaborative efforts between SLUH and other institutions in the Oakland corridor.

Hellman mentioned Compton-Drew, Forest Park Community College, the St. Louis Science Center, and Forest Park as institutions that offered expanded collaborative opportunities.

Although the process is just beginning, Sheridan noted that Vision 2000 "is a vision that builds upon the tradition of excellence that characterizes the essence of SLUH."

"It's exciting," said Digman regarding the planning process. "People realize that the school has really worked to be proactive and address the future, which is pretty exciting for most."

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goalposts, equipment shed, and bleachers.

Although the field should be ready for use this week, Athletic Director Dick Wehner noted that he wants the newly-planted sod to take root well and so very few teams will be using the field this fall. He does foresee the field being useable as early as next Wednesday; lower level soccer will most likely christen the field with its first game on Sept. 22 against the Granite City Warriors.

The field, Wehner says, will be "a place the lacrosse team can call home, a great place for them." In addition, the varsity soccer and lower level soccer teams will practice there, but no football

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Italibills hold their own in Europe

Kevin O'Connor
Reporter

Just over a week into the 2000 summer vacation, 24 Eurobills left to continue their learning by experiencing European culture first-hand. The trip began with the twenty rising seniors and four recent graduates hunched over their backpacks and suitcases, fully packed for the sixteen-day trek around the Mediterranean. French teacher Jennifer Crespin took command of the tour group for the first time, and SLUH faculty member Rob Garavaglia and Crespin's mother helped her chaperone the trip.

After a full day of flights through Detroit and New York City, the group finally arrived at their first destination: Rome, Italy.

"At times it seemed that we were a roaming mass of tourists among many strangers," said senior Bill Everding.

That's exactly what they had become as they plunged themselves into a strange culture with different customs and language. Immediately setting out to explore the city, the group got their first taste of foreign culture as they marveled at the Pantheon and Trevi Fountain and strolled through Piazza Navona.

After a short morning drive from Rome, the group toured the recently excavated ruins of the once-prosperous city of Pompeii, which had been buried under ash after the sudden eruption of nearby Mt. Vesuvius. Later that afternoon, the tour continued to the beautiful Mediterranean city of Sorrento, where the Italibills saw examples of the local specialty, wood-working.

A short ferry ride from Sorrento brought the travelers to the beautiful island of Capri. The group walked through the gardens of former Roman emperors, took rowboats through the sky-colored waters of the Blue Grotto, and had their first chance to relax on the Mediterranean beaches. Guided by their new tour director, Wendy, the group made its way back to Rome. Their second time in the Eternal

City gave the group a chance to tour the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, and Vatican City. Once in the Pope's hometown, the group took part in the jubilee year as they visited St. Peter's Square, the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica.

The tour began moving north through Assisi, where St. Francis of Assisi was



Kevin O'Connor shows his pipes in Italy. (photo by Eric Proctor)

inspired to begin his own order, and quickly on to Florence, where the Junior Bills got a chance to party with young people from around the world at a local discotheque. The group's last stop in Italy was Pisa, where the junior Bills crooked their necks to view the famed leaning bell tower alongside the cathedral and baptistery.

Just as the travelers were getting their Italian phrases straight, they crossed into the south of France, where the majority of the travelers got their first chance at communicating in their second language.

The group took up residence in Cannes for a two-night stay as they spent their time basking in the sun on the beach of Nice and taking in the intense beauty that the wealthy inhabitants of Monte Carlo enjoy daily. While in Nimes, the group learned about the old mini-colosseum, which is still used for events today,

and climbed atop an ancient Roman fort to get a bird's-eye view of the city.

The final stop in the south of France was in the old city of Carcosonne. Inside the walls of this city, tour members walked the streets, which have been kept in nearly their original format, and cringed as they saw the lethal weapons on display in the torture museum.

The Spanishbills making the journey "took control," as Ben Gray put it, and helped everyone communicate as the group entered Spain on the way to Barcelona. Once in the home of the 1992 Olympic games, everyone admired the Sagrada Familia, a famous landmark still under construction. The junior Bills strolled the crowded sidewalks of Las Ramblas as they shopped and were entertained by the many street performers. While some sampled the nightlife at the modern dance clubs, others enriched themselves in the traditional Spanish art of flamenco dancing. All too soon, however, it was time to turn away from the Mediterranean Sea and board a train heading north to Paris.

Starting the day off with a few baguettes, the World-travelerbills were ready to walk in the footsteps of Napoleon's Grand Armee under the Arc de Triumphe and down Champs-Élysées. In addition to viewing the cathedral of Notre Dame and a few of the thousands of masterpieces in the Louvre, the group gazed at the splendor of lights—commemorating the year 2000—shimmering on the Eiffel Tower and in its reflection on the Seine below.

The junior Bills finally returned home to St. Louis on June 21 culturally enriched and physically exhausted. "It was a great experience that will stay with me for the rest of my life," reflected senior Tom Hilgeman. Crespin and Garavaglia were both appreciative of the good behavior on the trip. Crespin commented, "Everyone was respectful and got along very well." Although just settling in for the new school year, Crespin has already been planning the trip for summer 2001 with twenty-eight juniors signed up for the journey.

New faculty at SLUH

Tim Chik: Theology Department

Adam Conway: English Department

Matt Pitlyk
Reporter

One of the many additions to the SLUH faculty this year is alumnus Tim Chik '96, who will be teaching freshman and sophomore theology.

Although Chik had initially planned to attend Kenrick Seminary, he decided instead to teach at SLUH for a variety of reasons.

"It's a dream job," he noted. "The students are

great. I'm very glad to be teaching good, bright, motivated individuals, who I know are doing their homework."

After graduating from SLUH in 1996, Chik went on to DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, for two years before spending two years at Cardinal-Glennon Seminary, where he studied for a degree in philosophy with a concentration in Classical Humanities and theology.

"I love the truth. I love the interaction between teacher and student," said Chik, adding, "Even though I'm a sinner, getting to teach and talk about Jesus Christ is an undeserved honor."

Regarding his first year of teaching, Chik reported, "I love it. The hours are long but wonderful. Plus, the theology department is fantastic. They're very intelligent, thoughtful, funny, and caring, bending over backwards to help me teach better."

Besides teaching, Chik enjoys being a coach for the cross country team and hopes to become involved with the track team and the Pro-Life Club.

"I am very excited for the year and

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Dane Moody
Reporter

Adam Conway is one of the many new additions to the faculty at St. Louis U. High this year. He is a member of the Alumni Service Corps, which consists of graduates of Jesuit schools who have volunteered a year of service at one of the Jesuit high schools in Missouri. Conway will teach in the English Department, but also hopes to work with the community service program.

As part of SLUH's class of 1993, Conway recalls fondly his four years here. He was very involved in the community service project, led by Jeff Putthoff, S.J. "He gave me an understanding of the importance of service," he commented, "and a greater understanding of living a life of faith." He was also a member of the speech team, and credits Tom Chmelir and Rich Moran with helping him learn to love poetry. He gives mention to the entire English department of the early 1990s as inspirational people in his life.

After graduating from SLUH, he attended Harvard University, where he received an undergraduate degree in English. He wrote his thesis on William Blake, a poet he discovered while studying under Chmelir and Moran.

Conway then worked at the Family Center in East St. Louis under Sister Carol Lehmkuhl. He worked with children of the families that participated in this program.

At SLUH, he teaches two sophomore



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teams will avoid the field until next year to insure that the sod becomes well-established and the lacrosse team will have a great field waiting next spring.

Problems with the field such as spectator parking and restroom facilities "will have to iron themselves out," says Wehner. One solution may be to open the SLUH stadium or the Compton-Drew school building.

To improve the appearance and function of the school itself, the bricks on the north face of the Jesuit Wing were power-cleaned and sealed in July. Also, a professional window-cleaning crew cleaned all the windows of the Jesuit Wing on the north and east sides.

On Aug. 7, some polishing-up of the recently-remodeled gymnasium began. The floor was sanded and resealed and the ceiling and its girders were painted.

In the past few years, according to Wehner, the gym has grown as a public athletic arena. After installing an air conditioning system—which most high school gyms do not have—in 1995 and renovating the bathrooms (part of the original 1954 gym) and installing new bleachers in 1999, it was time to consider the gym floor.

According to one professional's estimate, the wood in the gym floor was of a kind and quality that could not be currently found, so the decision was made to simply renovate the surface.

In addition to the floor improvement, the ceiling was painted. Combined with the new windows, installed last year, the quality of light in the gym has improved. The windows "let in so much natural light," according to Wehner.

One interesting fact is that, according to a light meter reading taken by a *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* photographer, the light presence in the gym ranks with that of the Savvis Center's when the ice surface is in place.

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Soccerbills overcome tough tie, go 2-0-1

Peter Bartz-Gallagher, Garry Holland
Sports Editor, Reporter

After rolling through their first two games with 7-0 and 5-0 wins, the varsity soccer squad was very confident coming into Saturday's match with Fort Zumwalt. However, the Jr. Bills could not muster any fruitful offense and only came away with a 0-0 tie.

The offense was ready to continue the high scoring trend that they had maintained through two games, but it was not to be.

There was no shortage of chances, as both David Brooks and Tim Fetter connected passes to forward James Twellman, but all attempts at scoring were stifled by the Bulldog defenders. Fetter himself had an excellent opportunity, and blasted a powerful shot that was unfortunately deflected by the Fort Zumwalt goalkeeper, then cleared away. Brooks as well seemed to have a chance at scoring, but a long pass to him was called back because he was offside.

The game was tied at the end of regular time, so the teams played two five-minute periods of overtime. The Jr.

Bills again had many opportunities, including several corner kicks. However, they could not manage to score and the

"they played great."

Tuesday night the Jr. Bills squared off against the Griffins of St. John Vianney in the opening game of the annual CBC Tournament. The tournament serves as an early showcase of the premier teams in the area and the Bills were eager to show the skill of their squad. SLUH had an excellent start, as they had a flurry of scoring opportunities on which they nearly managed to score. Finally, almost midway through the half, striker Dave Brooks managed to beat the Vianney goalkeeper with a low shot inside the left post, putting SLUH ahead. For the rest of the half there was no scoring, but Vianney was beginning to crack.

As the second half opened, the Jr. Bills began to dissect the opposing defense. Play after play, with either short touch passes or long passes, the soccerbills headed to goal. Only a few errant shots and Vianney's offside trap kept the Griffins in the game. Playing with patience, SLUH was rewarded with another goal when sophomore sensation Frank Simek bent a free kick into the lower right corner from twenty-five yards out.

Although the Jr. Bill offense dominated much of the game, the defense responded well when tested. The backfield, led by senior sweeper Stan Simek and stopper Kyle Ottwell, dominated the Vianney attack, limiting the shots on goal and pushing the ball forward on the counterattack. Captain goal keeper Mark Valdez made a fabulous save on a Vianney free kick as he deflected the knuckling blast over the crossbar for a goal kick.

The lone Griffin goal came off another free kick as the Vianney striker perfectly curved the shot into the upper corner just inches out of Valdez's grasp. Nevertheless, SLUH responded as captain James Twellman beat the offside trap and buried a header in the net, virtually ending the game.

Senior Tim Fetter commented, "The team couldn't have won without the inspiring cheers and the Siberian monkeys." The squad faces rival CBC in the final game of the tournament. on Saturday night at 8:00 at CBC.

photo by Peter Bartz-Gallagher



James Twellman executes a bicycle kick in the 3-1 defeat of Vianney

game ended 0-0.

Coach Charlie Martel attributed the lack of goal-scoring to a somewhat rushed approach to the game, saying, "We had lots of opportunities, but we hurried."

Martel first affirmed, however, that

B-Football lands a win

Tim Altepeter
Reporter

The sophomore football team opened its season against the Patriots of Parkway South last Friday, Sept. 1st. Although the game was originally scheduled for 4:15, it was changed to 7:15, and so the sun was setting on Parkway South High School when the game began.

Neither team generated much offense in the first quarter. The Patriots were the first on the offensive side of the ball but were shortly forced to punt. Excepting a forty-yard reception by Phinney Troy, the Jr. Bill offense didn't really come alive until later in the game.

Running back and speed demon Joe

Azar dominated both sides of the ball, picking up numerous tackles as well as showing off his running skills. Both teams' defense seemed impenetrable when the first quarter ended with neither team scoring.

The second quarter didn't bring much more happiness to the sophomore squad, as they failed to penetrate the Patriots' defense and to stop the Patriots' running game. Little by little, the Patriots advanced upfield until a few missed tackles led to a 45-yard run and a Patriots touchdown. The missed extra point left the Jr. Bills behind 6-0. On the following offensive drive, a pass into the end zone by starting quarterback Matt McArthur was picked off by a defender, giving South

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Polo teams win first two games of season

Jeff Dueker
Reporter

The 2000 SLUH Water Polo "Season of Dominance" has begun, with both teams well on their way to fulfilling their goals set for this year. The first victim of the PoloRage was Parkway South, last year's state champions. Although they are a weaker team than last year, the Patriots still stood as a considerable barrier to SLUH State Championship hopes this year. The 6-4 victory over the Patriots last Friday is just a small glimpse into the talent that this team displays in the pool. Junior Kevin Price had the winning 5th goal, and senior Zach Hartwig scored half of the teams points, including the final goal in the last quater of play.

Greg Auffenberg was also incredible in goal with eight saves, so incredible that it prompted Coach Baudendistel to say

"Greg Auffenberg: he's good." The J.V. team also had quite a showing, out-swimming, out-shooting, out-skilling, and most importantly, out-scoring the Pats 11-5. Sophomores Phil Abram and Bill Dahlmann had two goals each in that game, and the rest of the goals came from the other cadre of underclassmen.

Filled with confidence from their win over the Patriots, the Polobills took on the Lafayette Lancers last Wednesday. The varsity team thoroughly lanced the Lancers, scoring 16 goals while stymieing the Lancer offense with a stalwart defense. The varsity team made the Lancers seem almost as ridiculous as the name of their team. Junior Brenden Sanders had three goals, and junior Kevin Price, along with seniors Zach Hartwig, Kevin Rose, Nick Crow and Nick Hellwig each had two goals a piece. The J.V. team also had a fine showing, blasting the Lancers 14-3.

Dahlmann was an absolute maniac in that game, scoring four goals, and was seemingly unstoppable by the Lancers defense. Tyrrell and Colin had two goals each, and eight other players scored a goal in the slaughter. Coach Busenbart, addressing the team after their win, in an apperent state of confusion, brilliantly asked, "Has anyone seen my trousers?" Like any good coach, he had many things to say about the Polobills incredible performance and of his confidence in their abilities; however he was vexed by the mystery of his missing trousers. This team has serious potential this year, and the coaches as well as the players know it.

Senior Kevin Rose commented on the real "team effort" this year, stating, "This is the first year that the Polo team has really played as a team, rather than just having a couple superstars do all of the work."

Senior Zach Hartwig also said that this years team "has depth," highlighting this year's balanced roster. To keep winning, this team will have to keep playing as a team, using its superstars appropriately and not solely depending on them to carry the workload like they have in years past. Everything this year is coming into place, and the school is hoping that this team will be in the right place at the right time this year.

Come see what Coach Busenbart was talking about this Friday, when the Polobills take on Marquette at Marquette, J.V. starting at 4 and Varsity starting at 5.

B-FOOTBALL

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touchback and control of the ball. The first half ended with the score 8-0.

Whatever pep talk coach Matt Sciuto gave during halftime must have worked. With six minutes to go in the third quarter, the Jr. Bills managed to get the ball within ten yards of the end zone. On third and goal, McArthur connected with wide receiver Bob Kaestner to give SLUH their first touchdown of the season, and after a failed two-point conversion, they trailed

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THE RIGHT STUFF

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Some of the last of the school's recovery work was also finished this summer with the completion of the Currihan Room's restoration. The changes were two-fold: the dining room was re-carpeted and much of the kitchen was remodeled to compensate for some damage caused by last November's deep-frier fire. A new ventilation system, deep-frier, stove, and floor were also incorporated to bring the area up to sanitation standards and make it "a more serviceable kitchen," according to Food Service Supervisor Kathy Hylla.

On the minor nature of the work which was executed this past summer, Owens offered, "We're at a point now (following the summer's renovations) where we're doing mantainance work rather than recovery work." He said the administration is taking a pro-active approach to the buildings and grounds: they wish to prevent future problems by renovating now before problems arise which make renovation necessary.

CONWAY

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"Introduction to Literature" classes and one senior "Reading and Writing Fiction" class. Conway hopes that his students will come out of his class finding "a point of entry to appreciate literature," as well as the ability to think critically about the works they have read. Conway is a welcome edition to the English Department.

CHIK

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want to help out in as many things as I can," said Chik.

He also has two brothers currently attending SLUH, junior Ken and senior Dan, with whom he converses frequently during the school day.

"I think they enjoy my teaching here," said Chik. "We get along really well."

Quote of the Week

Gentlemen, you can't fight in here.
This is the War Room!

Dr. Strangelove

The strange odyssey of a scoreboard

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Editor's note:

If the following investigative report does not make sense, this may be consoling: I don't really understand it either.

Puzzlement marked the faces of many students last week as they left their class meetings. It was not Mr. Clark's to-the-point speech that left these students bewildered; rather, there was one simple question in their minds: why is a large athletic scoreboard hanging from the ceiling of the theater? An innocent question, but sadly, there is no clear answer.

Sometime during the final week of July, a truck pulled into the theater loading dock and unloaded a fourteen-foot, 500-pound scoreboard, undoubtedly a strange delivery for a theater. According to Plant Manager Paul Owens, the scoreboard, which cost nearly \$9000, was supposed to be stored in the theatre for a couple of weeks. After that it would be installed at the athletic field on the south side of Berthold, just across the street from Compton-Drew Elementary School.

The installation was scheduled for this past August, but the contractors never showed up to begin the job, so the scoreboard remains.

Eventually, the scoreboard's new home just offstage became a hazard to performers and an inconvenience to the theater staff. Inexperienced with scoreboards, but proficient when it comes to getting things out of the way, theater Technical Director Tom Dunsworth de-

cidated the scoreboard should be hung in the ceiling above the house.

So the scoreboard remains. Just higher.

Details are sketchy as to precisely how he moved the behemoth from backstage to its current location thirty feet in the air. Says Dunsworth, "Using the Egyptian method, i.e. brute physical force of slaves, we...uh...nevermind, no comment."

If this answer does not inspire confi-

(or under) my work."

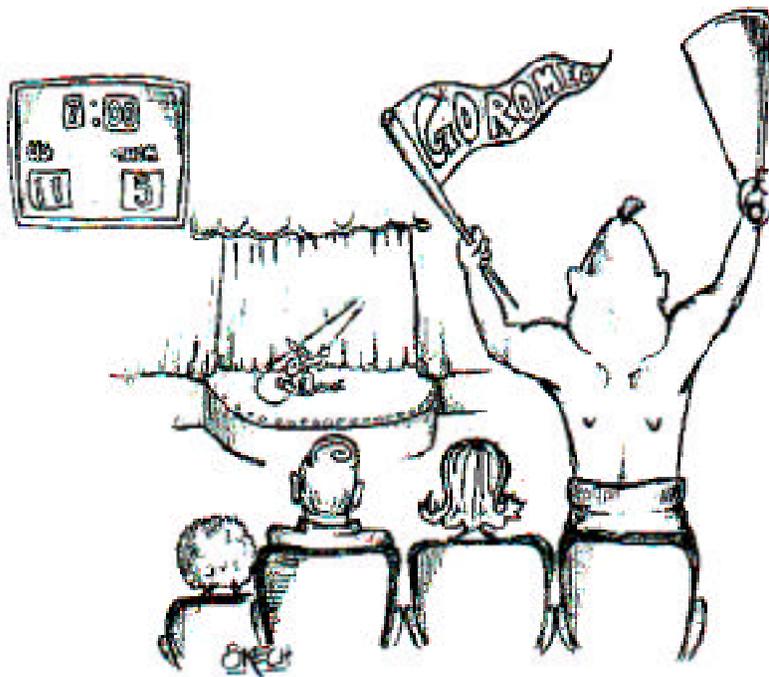
So the scoreboard remains. Safely.

Well, that explains part of the mystery—I guess. But why was the scoreboard never installed in the first place? The company that failed to show is Bolte Contracting. An interview with a Bolte representative brought this investigation to unforeseen levels.

According to Bolte, the scoreboard was never intended to be installed until fall of 2001. Instead, it was delivered in July of 2000, so it could be used "as a prop or something" in a theatrical production. After that it was to be stored in the theatre until next year.

So the scoreboard remains. As a prop?!

What is the future of the scoreboard—and for that matter, this article? Owens calls it "tenuous." Theatre director Joseph Schulte insists that it is not a prop, exclaiming, "I don't know what it's here for!" Dunsworth says, "If it were going to be an elaborate joke, we would have repainted it and put it on the



drawing by Mike Garcia

dence in those of you who sat under the 500-pound monstrosity during your class meeting, professional rigger Kevin Koberlein hastens to explain that the scoreboard is actually safer in the air than on the ground. "Standard rigging procedure requires a 5:1 safety ratio. In this particular system, the weakest link is the nylon slings, both of which can safely maintain a static load of 4000 pounds. Rest assured, even I would stand behind

roof...."

Though the scoreboard's future is uncertain, we can draw two definite conclusions:

1. Anyone attending a game at the Berthold field had better bring a pencil to keep score.

2. Aspiring writers who would like to submit scripts involving a scoreboard can drop off their work in the theatre department anytime before next fall.

So, until then, the scoreboard remains.

Calendar

by Ryan Oldani

September 8 - September 15

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Schedule #1

College Visit: University of Southern Carolina @ Activity Period

Prep News Meeting After School

V-FB @ Kirkwood @ 7pm

C-SC vs. Edwardsville @ Forest Park #3 @ 4:30pm

JV/V-XC @ Mizzou Inv. @ Columbia @ 3:30pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

B-FB vs. Kirkwood @ 10:00am

V-SC vs. CBC @ CBC Tourney @ 8pm

B/JV-SC @ Cape Girardeau-Notre Dame @ 1/3pm

C/JV/V-XC @ McCluer N. Inv. @ TBA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Schedule #1

College Visit @ Activity Period: Middlebury College

Washington University

C-FB vs. St. Mary's @ 4pm

JV-SC @ MICDS Tourney @ TBA

JV/V-WP @ Parkway West @ 4/5pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Schedule #1

Frosh English Tutorial

Latin Cub meeting @ Activity period in M216

Jesuit College Fair:

Boston College

College of the Holy Cross

Creighton University

Fairfield University

Fordham University

John Carroll University

Loyola College in Maryland

Loyola University of Chicago

Loyola University of New Orleans

Marquette University

Rockhurst University

Santa Clara University

Spring Hill College

St. Louis University

Xavier University

@ Activity Period in Danis Lobby

B/V-SC vs. St. Dominic @ 4:30/6:30pm

C-SC @ Chaminade @ 4:15pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Schedule #3

Formal Attire

Mass of the Holy Spirit

Picture Day

Freshmen Mothers Cookie Sale

JV-SC @ MICDS Tourney @ TBA

C-XC vs. DeSmet & CBC @ Forest Park @ 4pm

JV/V-WP @ Oakville @ 4/5pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Schedule #1

Freshmen Mothers Cookie Sale

Pastoral Forum

Latin Club Elections @ Activity period in Cafeteria

College Visit: Wabash College @ Activity Period

C-FB @ Chaminade @ 4:15pm

B-SC vs. DeSmet @ 4pm

JV/V-WP @ Mehlville @ 4/5pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Schedule #1

College Visit: Claremont-McKenna College @ Activity Period

Prep News Meeting After School

V-FB @ Chaminade @ 7:30pm

B-FB vs. Chaminade @ 4pm

C-SC vs. Edwardsville @ Forest Park #3 @ 4:30pm

JV/V-XC @ Mizzou Inv. @ Columbia @ 3:30pm

PIGSKIN

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South 8-6.

On the next drive, however, the Pats' running game punctured the SLUH defense with an eighty-yard run, giving Parkway South a dominating lead of 14-6.

With less than a minute remaining in the third quarter, Azar carried the ball within feet of the end zone. On the next play, the SLUH offense ran a quarterback sneak and McArthur ran the ball in for a touchdown. Once again, the two-point conversion failed, leaving the Jr. Bills biting at the Patriots' heels with a score of 14-12 and time running out.

The SLUH defense had to keep the Patriots scoreless in the fourth quarter if they were going to pull off a victory. With supreme blocking by John Stathopoulos and John Niehoff, the Jr. Bills did just

that. Nonetheless, a victory for the Patriots seemed certain as the clock wound down. With only a few minutes left in the game, the Jr. Bills were deep in their own zone with little hope of advancing. But McArthur stepped up again, connecting with fullback Tyler Faulstich for a 25-yard gain and again with Kaestner to bring the Gridbills to the Pats' 27-yard line with less than a minute remaining. With time working against the Jr. Bills, backup quarterback Joe Neely connected with Faulstich in the end zone with 31 seconds left on the clock, putting the team up 18-14.

After a South fumble on the first play of their next drive, the B-team's season-opening victory was secured.

When asked about the game, McArthur commented, "Even though we didn't play our best, we still had it in ourselves to make a fourth quarter come-

back."

The B-team's next game is at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 9, at SLUH, when they will take on Kirkwood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION LATINBILLS: There will be a Latin Club meeting open to all Latin students next Tuesday, September 12, at Activity period in M216. The Latin Club will hold its officer elections the following Thursday.

The SLUH Mothers' Club will sponsor the annual Freshmen Mothers' Cookie Sale on September 13-14. Homemade treats will be available during Activity Period and Lunch outside the Cafeteria. Treats are 50 cents a package. The proceeds of this sale provide seed money for the October Card Party.