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"If nothing else, value the truth."

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India donations pour in *STUCO and Sheridan spearhead effort*

Andrew Zimmerman
Reporter

Over the years, St. Louis U. High has developed a habit of helping less fortunate people around the world. So when an earthquake measuring a 7.9 on the Richter scale shook western India a few weeks ago, SLUH again came to the aid of those in need.

After the news of the earthquake broke, interest in forming a collection to aid the victims began immediately. Percy Menzies, father of sophomore Suneal

Menzies, contacted President Paul Sheridan, S.J., to inquire about what SLUH could do to help. Menzies is originally from the area that the earthquake ravaged, and immediately became involved in the support of the victims when he received the news.

Menzies decided that he would travel to India for three weeks to aid in the clean up and rescue in India, departing last Sunday. At first he asked for a donation of ten boxes of clothing, but that idea was eventually foiled when the clothing

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Carnies, acrobats, and jugglers in Dauphin Players' *Carnival*

Dan Sutter
Reporter

Saint Louis U. High is a place that thrives on tradition and modern ideas simultaneously, so it is no surprise that the school community also thrives on controversy. This time controversy looks like a bunch of clowns, cowboys, jugglers, puppets, and magicians, all a part of the intensely diverse cast of characters in this year's spring musical "Carnival." This colorful cast is made up of about 55 SLUH students and 65 girls from various high schools, not to mention the excellent SLUH Crew headed by Tom Dunsforth.



Rich Spicer twists about from a rope in Tuesday's dress rehearsal.

The controversial material of the musical revolves around a small town girl
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Burgled: \$5,000 stolen in equipment

Andrew Ivers
Editor

Early last Sunday morning, an unidentified person stole about \$4,000 to \$5,000 worth of lawn and garden equipment from the SLUH garage area, located on the basement floor of the Jesuit Wing. According to Vice President of Administration Brian Sweeney, a single individual completed the job of removing the equipment from the building between 5:45 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

At 4:55 a.m. the same morning, a "tall thin person was observed by security cameras exiting the cafeteria dock," on the east side of the building, "carrying what appeared to be a large equipment bag," according to an e-mail Sweeney sent to the staff yesterday afternoon.

Administrators do not see any direct connection between that figure and the person who stole the equipment. "We're not sure about other coincidences like that," said Sweeney.

At 5:05 a.m., a person was seen on cameras walking west on Oakland Ave., then east; the person then climbed over the fence on the east end of the faculty

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Sheridan to lead service in New Mexico

Kevin Moore
Core Staff

What began as an idea for an alternative to Spring Break in Destin or Cancun has since turned into a summer service project. This summer, President Paul Sheridan, S.J., is planning to take five St. Louis U. High students to New Mexico for about a week, where they will assist a Native American tribe on the Jemez Pueblo Indian Reservation.

Originally, Sheridan had planned to take the group of students to New Mexico during spring break, but a group of Nerinx students are already planning a trip during spring break to the reservation, which is actually run by a former Loretto nun, Sharon Palma. Sheridan felt that the people on the reservation would benefit more if the students came at a different time, so the trip is now planned for the week of

July 28.

"The purpose of this initial trip is to search to see if we have found an activity whereby our students can use their summer vacation to assist others in need," said Sheridan.

Sheridan, along with another adult, will drive the five students in one of the school vans. Sheridan thinks that the van, along with the small size of the group, allow for them to be more flexible.

"Right now we are exploring a new opportunity of service, but if we find that we work well with the group, we hope to expand our participation in future years," commented Sheridan.

While staying at the Redondo Retreat Center in New Mexico, which is run by Loretto nuns, Sheridan said the students will participate in "a combination of service, learn the history of the Native Americans, and also will have some fun."

Said Palma, "These Indian pueblo people have so many needs. Their average annual income is only about \$4,000."

"I hope that the experience will sharpen the students' prayer and reflection, having seen the Native Americans and how they live," said Sheridan.

Every student going to New Mexico serves as one of Sheridan's Ambassadors, and most of them are juniors. However, Sheridan has not yet finalized the group of students who will be accompanying him.

Beyond the service work, which will involve helping build adobes and repair rooftops, Sheridan said, "I hope we will better be able to identify with people who are struggling so we become more prayerful."

He added, "My main goals are for us to acquire a deeper appreciation for our gifts, more prayerfulness, and to grow closer as a family at St. Louis U. High."

Full-scale excavation begins in alley

Area next to Rec Room is being explored as storage space

Pat Meek
Reporter

On Tuesday, the whirring sound of drills marked the beginning of St. Louis U. High's battle with its storage problem. Storage is and has been a problem that has nearly crippled several organizations here.

Several months ago SLUH President Paul Sheridan, S.J., commissioned Assistant Principal of Academics Art Zinselmeyer and Principal Robert Bannister to look into the lack of and need for storage at SLUH.

Said Sheridan, "Our school doesn't have the capacity right now to accommodate all the storage we need."

After considering adding a new building off of the library, renovating the air conditioning room, or building off the Jesuit Wing, the idea that seemed the most economical and made the most sense was to dig out the unfinished basement area.

This idea came from several hours of discussion and contemplation with the Building and Grounds Committee.

The idea of digging out the rec room goes back a long time. In 1945, when the room was dug, the workers extracted two thirds of the basement area. The other third of the rec room was supposed to act as a crawl-space area.

However, the area was never dug out and is currently just an area full of rubble and pipes. So, on Tuesday, several workers from the Shelton Contracting Company drilled around the area of the alley to see if the area had the proper supports and depth to meet city regulations.

When crews began to drill in the alley, many teachers found it to be a



Crews have already filled the hole, but orange cones mark the spot of the work.

distraction to their classes. Social Studies teacher Bonnie Laughlin, said, "I was concerned about it, but it didn't turn out to be a problem during the two hours teaching in M104." However, Steve Alyward, another Social Studies teacher, moved his class into the library as they drilled outside his door.

If the tests are positive, then expansion plans will soon begin. These plans would probably include storage areas for SLUH's organizations, clubs, and departments. Some spaces will probably be reserved for Cashbah, Father's Club, and maybe the Science Department.

Commentary

Snively wonders about anti-religious sentiment

Matthew Snively
Sports Editor

While doing theology homework late at night last week, I was faced with this question:

Write your impressions and thoughts about prayer at SLUH.

Sounds simple enough, doesn't it? We have mandatory morning prayer, mandatory afternoon prayer, mandatory prayer services once a week, and mandatory all-school masses. With all of this, you would think that the student body would be awash in prayer and faith, just bursting with love for God. But how far can the SLUH community push us before we make prayer our own? Outside of these times, it seems like the SLUH student body shies away from voicing its faith to others.

The disturbing opinion that I often hear in the hallways is that SLUH students do not care about prayer or are too cool for religion. Even more disturbing is the prevailing attitude that prayer is just another target to be mocked by the cool students. Why, at a Catholic institution, have the openly religious students become the mocked minority? Isn't SLUH supposed to be a place where prayer is the norm instead of the secret of an underground few? It is a shame when students who might otherwise speak up for their faith are quieted by the laughter of the student body.

I guess what I'm getting at is faith, and how SLUH as a community of students fosters its growth. I've seen and heard many classmates individually talk about how they know they need God in their lives, and how they want to find a faith life and a prayer life, but when they are at school a different person emerges, a person so concerned with social appearances and homework that God gets shoved to the back seat, appearing only before the AP U.S. History test.

I have been told by other students that there is too much pressure sometimes, and we never get breaks to pray. While it may be true that we face a lot of pressure in our lives, there is no excuse for cutting God out. Truly, even simple actions of kindness are prayers to God, and through these we can strengthen our community and make our lives a prayer in itself.

To put it bluntly, the problem lies in us, the students, with myself included. There is no sugar-coating the fact that we neglect our religious responsibilities every time we mock someone for praying, or for any religious expression for that matter. It is time for us to get over ourselves, and to open up to what we really need in life. We all know faith is there. The question becomes whether or not we are willing to accept it, and the trials that come with it. No one ever said being a Catholic would be easy, but as a community we shouldn't make it any harder than it already is.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grier seeks ubiquitously diverse Masses

To the editors:

The purpose of this letter is to provide a seed crystal for discussion of "diversity" at SLUH. I offer here not a pronouncement, not the official voice of the black populace, the English department, or the new teachers, but my ideas as a frame for what I hope will be a new conception of diversity here. While the Black History Mass will be my jumping-off point, I believe these comments have relevance for other areas of school life as well.

When I said that I'd like to see more intellectual diversity at SLUH, I meant that I would like to hear from people with fresh ideas that bridge the supposed divide between black and white, who acknowledge that this nation, city, and school are ours in common, and that we must share them. To be more precise, I should have said I am looking for visionaries, consensus-builders, mold-breakers, generous souls, and diligent workers. To truly share the space we all inhabit will require some squeezing in, some sacrifice. The result of this scrunching, I believe, is a happy coziness, where we all have just enough space for ourselves — much like the crowded Thanksgiving meals at my home. This table metaphor means that we may have to sit shoulder to shoulder with someone who might frighten or irritate us. But by

virtue of having at least invited everyone to sit, we have less reason to fear those whom we have excluded.

We create disunity when we act as if we are not, each of us, distinct from but utterly inter-connected with each other at all times. Therefore, I have no problem with set-aside programs, as long as their goal is to bring about the day when the big-tent function is no longer exclusive.

This idea brings me to a point about all school liturgies. I would like to preface this remark by saying that I applaud the work of those who contribute to all aspects of the Masses. I offer the following, then, as a suggestion, an opportunity to reconceptualize the way we celebrate Mass.

The recent Black History Mass, though successful in many ways, left two insistent questions in my head. How can we fulfill Fr. Brown's advice to reach out, to make connections beyond whatever lines of identity we have drawn? Should we be proud that we have the political sense to nod our heads solemnly about the goodness of reaching out, or should we not rest so smugly until we actually have each others' hands in clasp? The "regular" Masses masquerade as nameless, but are — if only when set against the backdrop of a Black History Mass — implicitly white.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Quinn laments malicious Valentines with poetic rebuttal

To the Editors:

The following is a Valentine I had intended to submit to you this year, but which I was happy to withdraw in light of your editorial in last week's issue and your merciful decision not to run another Valentine's Day issue. I share all of the concerns you expressed and don't think I could say any better than you did just how far this activity has devolved from its original purpose. But, since our school as a whole seems unwilling to let even the most pernicious of traditions die, I wanted to make a direct appeal to those who write these so-called Valentines—a vain appeal perhaps, but something (I hope) to think about.

The not yet sainted, Valentinius—
imprisoned, literate and pious—
wrote (they say) the best love letters,
finding as he did that fetters
loosen in direct relation
to our unselfish consolation
of each other's pain, for we—
speaking metaphorically—
are prisoners, every one of us,
of selfish shame and callousness.

Then dare we call it irony
that we who think ourselves so free
would celebrate this saint with missives
pointed, cutting and derisive?
Is *this* the meaning of the Cupid myth:
that lovers strike beloveds with
their witty barbs and inside jokes?
Or worse, that enemies can cloak
their vicious wars in clothes of peace?

Couldn't we for one day cease
to be enchanted with the power
to harm? And just how far will our
penchant for transmuting love
to irony take us? Enough
that one day we will want to offer
some sincere word to our lover
and find that neither she nor we
can take our passion seriously?

Belatedly, I wish us all a better Valentine's Day.
Sincerely,
Terry Quinn

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They are not always overtly inclusive in music, decoration, or composition of performers. Then the Black History Mass becomes the container in which black performances (excluding my own high-profile debut) are kept. Each Mass effectively disinvites a part or parts of the community.

To remedy this problem, I suggest we take the impulse behind the Black History Mass, inclusivity, and let it prompt a re-evaluation of all the liturgies. I advocate the discontinuation of the Black History Mass, but only upon the fulfillment of this provision: *Every mass or yearly schedule of masses should include some elements of the various racial/ethnic traditions that influence Catholic celebrations* (or even comparable ceremonies in —gasp— Protestant, or non-Christian faiths). This inclusivity will not mean that we become any less Catholic in our tradition, but that Catholicism will be seen in its many faces and as interconnected with other faiths. The display of these unfamiliar traditions would serve to educate the mind and spirit if we would note the ways in which it helps round out our understanding of Catholicism in the world. Moreover, moving away from the blank versus black binary would allow us to focus on more complex identities rather than focusing on the categories of black and white, which describe only some of us, and those in unspecific terms that exclude concurrent identifications such as nation,

region, or gender from the picture entirely.

The idea of drawing connections across cultural lines in every Mass or every calendar of Masses provides the proof that we do reach out, take risks, value inclusion... all the time — not just when preached at on the first of February. An attempt to fit everyone at the table will require bold vision to create more space where there doesn't seem to be any and vigilant persistence in ensuring that the places remain equal. I encourage the faculty to lead the way on this topic, to collaborate across our already-defined sectors, to seek music, themes, lectors, decorations from various sources, and help every Mass become a celebration in which as many of us as possible can take part (hopefully, on beat). I ask the students, then, to follow the lead I hope the faculty establish, or to lead yourselves — by volunteering your time and talent, suggesting music, celebrants, decor, and pushing us forward if from habit or fear we fail to open up enough space at the table.

Miles Grier

Quote of the Week

*He's sitting on the fragrance of a great career
about to blossom.*

-Mike Shannon

Swim bills splash to impressive 11th in State

Jeff Deuker
Reporter

Swimming, it seems, all boils down to numbers. So here's a number: 78. OK, so that means nothing on its own, except that it is conveniently an increasing series of consecutive positive integers. It is also the amazing score SLUH obtained in this year's State meet last Saturday.

Here's another number: 11. That is what place in the State Meet those 78 points earned SLUH. 11th in State is a significant achievement in swimming, especially when you consider how close SLUH was to powerhouses Parkway South, MICDS, and DeSmet, who finished first in the MCC.

"We only had four points last year,"



Szewczyk gets off to a nice start.

said assistant coach Pete Cerneka during the state meet, meaning SLUH earned almost 20 times the points this year than last. And with a young team, the swimmers can only become more experienced and better from here.

At this year's meet, two new state records were set and the 100 Backstroke record was broken three times, twice by the same swimmer, Marquette's Tim Patrick. For SLUH to be a part of this event this year is an accomplishment in itself, and to take 11th overall in this particularly difficult swim meet is downright "crazy good."

Swimming State Times

200 Medley Relay – 9th overall – Greg Szewczyk, Tom Heafner, Nathan Harris, Zach Hartwig – 1:43:90 (Season Best)
 400 Freestyle Relay – 11th overall – Kurt Doll, Gabe Toennies, Winslow Tandler, Greg Szewczyk – 3:26:15 (Season Best)
 Diving – Keith Peterfeso – 14th overall
 100 Butterfly – 6th overall – Tom Heafner – 54:90
 100 Breaststroke – 6th overall – Tom Heafner – 1:01:48
 100 Freestyle – 9th overall – Greg Szewczyk – 49:80
 100 Backstroke – 7th overall – Greg Szewczyk – 55:55
 Total 78 Points – SLUH ranked 11th overall

Wrestling qualifies three for State

Mike Smallwood
Reporter

SLUH competed in the Missouri state wrestling sectionals last Saturday Feb. 10, at Hazelwood West against several other of the top programs in the area. Sectionals are the final step to qualify for the state tournament. Eight SLUH wrestlers had a chance at state after qualifying for sectionals through their placement at districts.

Alex Born (103) got things going with a dominating performance that ended with his pinning his opponent at 3:36. Colin O'Brien (145) also controlled his man, nearly pinning him four times throughout the match before winning 17-2 by technical fall. Joe Bommarito (152) immediately followed O'Brien's performance with another pin at 2:53 after escaping the grasps of his opponent and

then taking him down to his back to earn the fall.

In the second round, Boyd Gonnerman (112) had an exciting match against his opponent from DeSmet. Neither wrestler would give up even a point until the third period, when Gonnerman worked his way to a takedown. The match went into overtime tied 2-2 before Gonnerman exploded for another takedown and a sudden-death victory.

In John Stathopoulos's (275) match, his opponent made a bad choice, picking the down position to start the second period. Once Stathopoulos broke him down from that position, the pin at 3:27 was inevitable.

The third round brought even more domination by a few SLUH wrestlers. Born didn't have any problem with his man, again showing total control with several takedowns on his way to a 12-0

major decision.

O'Brien added to the excitement with a tough match against a wrestler from Webster. However, O'Brien's determination allowed him to tie his man late in the third period. In the last few seconds, O'Brien finally worked his opponent almost flat on his back to pick up three near-fall points for a 10-7 win. Bommarito took down, reversed, and then escaped his opponent en route to an 11-2 victory.

Born, O'Brien, and Bommarito each qualified for state with their third round victories. "It was great to get those three juniors through (to state)...they wrestled well all year," commented head coach Tim Curdt.

Sophomores Gonnerman and Stathopoulos came within one match of qualifying. "I was happy even though they didn't qualify. It looks good for next year," said Curdt.

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Basketbills defeat Vianney for first MCC win

Shawn Furey
Reporter

Years from now, when a student thumbs through the school's past basketball records and comes across the overall record of the 2000-2001 team, he will likely be unimpressed. The bottom line of wins and losses will be all that registers to the student, and the season may even be written off as a rebuilding year.

There will be no footnotes in the record books for "tough losses" or "close games," and each win and each loss will be just that—a win or a loss. This past week, however, the team came out with a win and a loss that both had much more meaning than just the numbers on the board at the end of the fourth quarter.

On Friday night, the Jr. Bills traveled to Chaminade to play the multiple personality mascots at their average high school gym with the above average arena name, the Athletitron. After almost upsetting the Chammies in their first meeting, the Bills figured the lads from Lindbergh would be pumped to show their dominating style of play and run them over. In front of a raucous crowd and the larger-than-life

David Lee, the U. High had every excuse to lose this game before the ball was even tipped. However, the Bills refused to back down an inch.

The game started out a little less than stellar for SLUH, with Chaminade leading 21-12 at the end of the first quarter, and Troy Lindbeck having missed several three pointers to open the game. Despite this poor start, both Lindbeck and the tenacious U. High defense stepped up to pull the Jr. Bills back within striking distance, and they went into halftime with a mere two point deficit.

The SLUH zone defense focused almost solely on collapsing down low to prevent the two Chaminade big men from getting easy baskets. David Lee was becoming visibly frustrated during the game, and on several occasions rimmed out turn-around jumpers, which was all he could manage with the smothering defense. Senior Kyle Bruno led the team with five defensive rebounds, and helped the Bills to capitalize on the offensive end after a Chammie miss.

Of SLUH's defensive plan against the much taller Chaminade team, head coach Don Maurer said, "We (tried) to focus on the two bigger men, and then

force their guards to make the outside shots, and hope they (weren't) on."

The third quarter went the way of the Chammies by a few, as they finished the quarter with an eight-point lead and seemed to be pulling away. The Bills were led by high scoring juniors Lindbeck and Kris Lowes, who had 21 and 18 points, respectively.

The fourth quarter showed the overall courage and tenacity which every player on this team possesses. When Chaminade increased the lead to nine off of several costly Jr. Bill turnovers, the game seemed to be well in hand. However, the U. High simply refused to go away.

After a couple of three pointers from Troy Lindbeck and some bad foul shooting by Chaminade, the Bills found the ball in the hands of captain Kyle Bruno with 5.8 seconds left and no timeouts, down by only one. After a quick outlet pass, junior Kevin Schroeder alertly took the ball the length of the court himself and just missed a bank shot to win the game for the Bills. The final score was 65-64.

SLUH secretary Marla Maurer, who has been watching SLUH basketball for many years, said of the tremendous team **see BOING, 7**

Rifle takes first place in sectionals

Jon Neff
Reporter

Last weekend, the SLUH rifle team shot in the three-position sectionals. Their team score of 2138 (out of 2400) earned them first overall at the match, as they defeated their closest follower, Quincy High School, by 122 points and tied the school record set the week before.

The match was reminiscent of their four-position score from three weeks ago, when the team swept every category at the four-position sectionals at Highland, Ill. This score will most likely place the team in the top three in the nation for the three-position category.

In the match at Highland, the team scored 1528 (out of 1600) to earn first place overall.

The team of Bill Everding (542-18x), Jon Neff (532-21x), Giles Walsh (532-18x), and Todd Mazurkiewicz (532-13x) took home a number of medals. Everding took second overall, Neff took first Junior, Mazurkiewicz took second Junior, and Walsh took first Inter-Junior.

Neff shot his highest score of the year and barely edged out Walsh and Mazurkiewicz, beating them only with his number of x's (center shots).

His high x count was mainly due to the fact that he shot the only perfect 200 on the prone position in the match, and 15 of his 20 shots were center shots.

Of the varsity team, which has consisted of the same people for the past three years, Neff said, "This team has been together for a couple of years now and our goal has always been to get back into contention for the national title, and this year we have achieved that goal."

SLUH's JV team took third place in the match with a 1963 and its freshman team took fifth with a 1742.

On a side note, on Wednesday Walsh broke the school record for kneel with a 248 out of 250. The record was previously held by Adam Hilkenkamp, who had shot a 241 last week..

This Saturday at SLUH, the team will have its second match of the year versus Quincy.

Icebills fall to Rockwood Summit, 6-2

Jon Neff
Reporter

On Monday night, the Hockeybills traveled to South County Ice Rink to take on the Falcons of Rockwood Summit in the first game of a two game series to decide who would move on to the third round of the playoffs.

SLUH entered the playoffs ranked fifth. In a game that was supposed to be an easy win over the lower ranked Rockwood team, the Falcons surprised the Jr. Bills and the large crowd that turned out to see the game.

SLUH hit several posts in the game and gave up an uncharacteristically-high four power-play goals. This, combined with a tenacious Rockwood team whose defense limited SLUH's ability to break out of their zone, allowed Rockwood to go up early and eventually win the game 6-2.

Rockwood led 2-1 after the first period. SLUH's first goal came on a rebound by Brian Connolly.

After the first, however, Rockwood

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effort, "That was the second-best game I have ever seen a SLUH team play—what a great game!"

The team looked to follow up the stunning effort with a long-awaited first MCC win. Vianney would be the the last MCC team that SLUH would face this year, and SLUH had yet to come away with a victory.

"We really wanted this game badly—especially because it was our last home game and everything," said senior Karibi Dagogo-Jack.

The Bills came out with a full-court press to begin the game in an attempt to speed up Vianney's slow style of offense. The defense forced several turnovers, and, led by some hot shooting by Kris Lowes, the Jr. Bills took a three point lead into the half.

The second half of the game was

exploded. In the second and third they tallied four goals and held SLUH to only one. They out-skated and out-played a SLUH team that, despite their great effort, had a hard time getting a good scoring chance.

This is not to say there were no scoring chances. In both the first and third periods, the Jr. Bills beat Rockwood's goalie, only to have the puck hit the post.

Their attempts to get the offense going were further hindered by some questionable calls made by the officials. Matt Durbin was called for boarding on what appeared to be a clean hit along the boards. Steve Armstrong was also sent to the box on a delay of game penalty that seemed to be called without sufficient cause.

Rockwood, though, had no trouble



A Rockwood Summit forward skates into a Jr. Billiken wall.

with their offense. They repeatedly took the puck deep into SLUH territory and the majority of the goals they scored were shots that goalie Chris West had no chance on. SLUH added one more goal late in the third on a rebound by Matt Pijut, but the game had al-

ready been decided.

So this leaves SLUH in a must-win situation. Without a win tonight at Affton Ice Rink, the Jr. Bills will make an early exit from the playoffs. If SLUH should win, a third "mini-game" of three 10-minute sudden death periods would be played at Affton immediately following the main game.

So come out to Affton this Friday night and support SLUH Hockey as they make their run at the MSCHA Challenge Cup championship.

BOSTON CRAB

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Born won his final round match 9-2, nearly pinning his opponent from CBC in the last period to place third overall in the tournament. Colin O' Brien placed fourth and Joe Bommarito won another decisive victory, 13-4, with several nearfall points.

The qualifiers are now among the top 16 wrestlers in their respective weight classes. For this reason, they are looking forward to the state competition that starts today and continues Saturday at the University of Missouri.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," commented Born. However, they do realize the level at which they are wrestling.

Remarked Bommarito, "It's going to be tough competition, but we're tough wrestlers too."

much like the first. SLUH frustrated the Griffins into making dumb turnovers and foolish fouls late in the game. The game actually got somewhat out of control with fouls towards the end of the game, but no one was seriously hurt. The boys pulled away with a little under two minutes left to secure the victory with some more clutch shooting by Lindbeck, and the rowdy Jr. Bill crowd stormed the court after the buzzer sounded. The Bills had won their MCC game in a hard-fought, physical battle against a dirty team.

Heading into this past week's tough schedule, the Bills could have dogged it. They had only three regular season games left, and had lost so many close games. But this team never gave an inch, and showed heart that made us all proud. Though it may never be seen in the record books, anyone who knows this team understands that what they're made of goes way beyond the bottom line.

LARCENY

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parking lot. The person then proceeded toward the school building and exited the cameras' view.

At 5:16, the same person was sighted inside the basement hallway of the Jesuit Wing. One camera at the north end of the hall captured an image of his face when he walked in front of it. He then placed tape over the lenses of the other camera at the east end of the hall and the camera which taped him.

Administrators have determined that the person entered the building through the windows in the boiler room, adjacent to the hall, which were already slightly open for air intake.

Security guards only patrol from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. daily, so the only guard during the time lapse is a Century Security representative, who checks that all the school doors are locked.

Around the time the person entered the building, at 5:15 a.m., the Century rep parked in the alley east of the building to perform security checks. He stayed in the alley for five minutes and saw nothing.

QUAKE

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became too cumbersome to transport to India.

After the idea of clothing fell through, Sheridan gave an initial check in the name of SLUH to Menzies to take to India. Even after donating the check, however, Sheridan still felt that SLUH could still do more.

"SLUH will do all that a high school could possibly do to help the victimized people of India," said Sheridan.

At the urging of students for further action, Sheridan asked the assembled group of fathers and sons to make donations to those in need. He asked that people donate the money that would have been used to pay for parking that night, which was free, and instead donate it to the earthquake victims.

Sheridan said that he was

By 7:00 a.m., the intruder was gone, yet administrators had trouble discovering how the job was accomplished. "We watched the tape and absolutely nothing was going on" at that time, said Sweeney.

Administrators have determined that the person transported more than one backpack blower, several weed whackers, two to three walkie talkies, and battery chargers from the basement by taking them to the front (north) entrance, via elevator and onto the Oakland Ave. sidewalk, according to Sweeney.

The lack of security cameras taping the front entrance accounts for the person's ability to exit unnoticed by cameras.

Administrators quickly contacted the St. Louis Police Department, and Detectives Kurt Batting and Patrick Drennan examined the crime scene. The detectives lifted fingerprints from the tape used to mask the lenses of the cameras.

According to Sweeney, administrators have also secured the windows in the boiler room and arranged to have a camera installed near the north entrance. Also, in hopes of catching the thief, they have reviewed the pictures and files of former school employees, especially those who may have been disgruntled.

"overwhelmed with the response," of the crowd at the banquet and the donation that was amassed. A second check was sent to Menzies to further support the clean up and rescue.

Even after sending two sizeable checks to India, the SLUH community was not done giving. STUCO donated \$1,000 to the earthquake fund. "We just thought that STUCO needed to get involved in helping these people, so we dipped into our funds," said STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson.

STUCO became further involved in the project by beginning a collection in the cafeteria. Treasurer Brian Ikemeier said, "Half of the money from the collection will go towards India, and the other half will be given to the family of a girl from Ursuline who has been stricken with cancer."

CARNIES

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named Lili and her search for work in a low-budget European carnival run by ringmaster B. F. Schlegel, played by senior Paul Balfe. The play has been called sexist by some during its past runs, but this is the fourth time SLUH has produced this show, despite the protests.

The play is based on a classic French short story and is set in Europe.

"This musical is seldom done," states Joseph Schulte, director, "due to the difficulties both musically and technically." The show calls for a lot of circus stunts. Magic tricks, jugglers, and a special aerial display by junior Rich Spicer create the atmosphere of a live circus for the audience.

The musical aspects of the show are primarily handled by the show's five leads, SLUH seniors Peter Merideth, Mark Milford, junior Aidan Podleski, Nerinx senior Gwen Wotawa, and Kirkwood sophomore Jennifer Sheehan.

The SLUH Crew has once again created an amazing set that only displays about half the work they've put into the show. The chorus, also working with Koestner, the dancers, who were choreographed by Dance Instructor Janet Strzelec, and the roustabouts, the marching band, and the jugglers make up the rest of the cast.

"It is one of the most fun shows I have done," said junior Brian Wacker, "There are so many interesting characters and there is so much going on."

"Carnival" is a behind-the-scenes look at showbiz, circus-biz specifically, and offers a hilarious, yet often heart-breaking, story of the carnival's employees and the show's rise to the top.

In order to produce the show, Merideth and Milford had to learn the art of puppeteering, Podleski studied the craft of magic and Wotawa had to practice nightly to figure out how to sing while being stabbed with six swords.

It is a testament to the success and thrill of "Carnival" that SLUH's own Circus Club was spawned from this musical the last time it was done here.

SENIOR PROJECT

Sunny days and service in Honduras

Ben Gray
Reporter

After landing in sunny San Pedro, Honduras on a Friday afternoon, five SLUH students, Mr. Merriott, and I boarded the bus for a fun-filled three and a half hour bus ride to a town called Yoro. Standing in the aisle of an over-crowded bus, I caught glances out the window of mountainous scenery contrasted by hundreds of mini-landfills strewn along the side of the dirt road.

Imagine one of the shanty towns in the USA that you pass through without even realizing it. Then, take the quality of life that exists there and place it within a town of about 12,000 people. This is Yoro. The houses were small, but they were more than large enough for the people. Most all of the nicer houses had cement floors, a small kitchen, two bedrooms just big enough for the beds and a dresser, as well as a simple bathroom with running water, a toilet, and a shower. Only the poorest drank the water; everyone else drank purified water from five-gallon jugs, typical of what you would see in offices. We stayed with middle- to upper-class families. Whose houses were typical of the town. Except for the confused roosters who crowed the whole night through and other wild animals that roamed the streets in the night, the living conditions were much nicer than we had anticipated.

Our actual project was at the Centro San Yves, a malnutrition center for sick children who were one to five years old and whose parents could no longer feed them. The center provides a halfway point between the parents' homes and the hospital. When we entered the center for the first time, a horrendous stench overwhelmed us. We walked in to find all of the kids sitting in the corner of a room on a straw mat. They looked dead; half of them were lying lifeless on the ground with flies buzzing around them while the rest were sitting and staring dazed into nothingness. Each of us gagged as we individually realized that the source of the stench was a grayish puddle of feces on the floor next to the kids. After mustering up some courage, we each picked up a kid. Almost every one of the kids had a dirty cloth diaper, which held nothing and smelled terrible. As the days and weeks went by, the conditions improved, and the kids became so much livelier and happier.

Our regular day entailed holding, changing, feeding and calming, teaching them to walk and talk, taking the older kids on

walks, and just playing with the kids. Usually, when we would arrive, the kids would run out to meet us and beg us to pick them up. They needed and craved attention, affection, and the human touch. That was all they wanted, just to be held, to feel as though someone cared about them. One of the children, Enil, was four years old. He had the largest dimples and the cutest laugh. Every night when we would put the kids to bed, Enil would call each one of us individually over to his crib. Then, with a huge grin on his face, he would say, "embrazame," or in English, "hug me." So we would sweep him out of his crib and give him a huge hug. While we held him, he would give each of us a kiss on each cheek. Then, if we tried to give him a kiss goodnight, he would go into hysterics squirming and giggling.

The children also craved food. It was obvious that they did not receive enough by the way in which they would scavenge for every last morsel they could find at every meal. Granted, the ladies who worked at the center served them tortillas and rice with very slight variations for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, along with one half of a sippy cup of water a day.

The people we met were incredible. For the most part, everyone made us feel welcome. Certainly, whenever we walked through the town, we attracted stares from every person we passed; we obviously stuck out. No matter where we went, it was a given that we would hear at least ten "Hola gringos" from the little kids playing soccer barefoot in the street.

Nevertheless, numerous men and women would randomly come up to us and express their gratitude and blessing over what we were doing.

Overall, I found amazing the pure contentment these people lived in while they had nothing. At first, I thought that they did not realize that a better life existed and thus made themselves content with what they had. Then, I realized that these people do know a better life exists; they see it every day on television. The difference is that instead of worrying about how to gain more, they thank God and treasure the little they have.

Never in my life have I seen such widespread faith. One would think that the rich would have the stronger faith, since they have so much to be thankful for, and the poor would be cursing God for denying them everything. Yet when I attended Mass on New Year's Eve, there was such a feeling of faith, family, and strength surging within the crowded church.

By far, the best part of every day was putting the kids to sleep

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Jaunita, a young Honduran, enjoys the festivities at a party held near the San Yves center.

By Tom O'Brien

Calendar

February 16-23

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

ACES on Retreat
Faculty/Staff Retreat
Carnival @ 7:30pm
BB: V @ Cape Central @ 7pm
BB: B @ Cape Central @ 5:30pm
Wr: State Championships

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

Upward Bound Admission Test
Mock Trial @ 8:30pm
Carnival @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, FEB. 18

BB:V @ State Sectional Games

Carnival @ 2 & 7:30pm

MONDAY, FEB. 19

Presidents Day
No Classes
BB:V @ District Tournament

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

Schedule #1
Freshman Advisement

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

Schedule #1
Fr. English Tutorial
Sr. Tux Measurements

Jr. Retreat Directors Meeting 112
University of Tulsa @ Activity
Period

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

Schedule #1
Sr. Tux Measurements
Pro-Life Club
Spring Coaches meeting
Rosary in Chapel
Jr. Retreat Meeting 215c

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

Schedule #1
Basketball meeting

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at night. We would help them change into their pajamas and then put them into their cribs. Even if they had been crying and screaming the whole day, they would be perfectly serene when we laid them down. Saying good night seemed to lengthen each night as we gave the kids hugs and kisses good night. It always made the day seem worthwhile.

During the trip, we lived a different life, but it was our way of life for that month. For the first week or so, so many thoughts and emotions flooded through my body, as did numerous solid/liquid things. After that first week, we settled into our routine. I figured that this trip would not change me because we were just doing the same project as every other person back in St. Louis. But as we neared the end to our trip, it seemed that the flood of emotions that had lingered within my head for the first week or so had returned. The same, indecipherable emotions returned, which blended everything from frustration and anger to contentment and just not wanting to leave.

With the generous donations from the SLUH community, we were able to give the center a new washing machine

and dryer, allotting the ladies more time to spend with the kids. We also purchased a TV, refrigerator, and VCR to introduce a new way of learning and interacting to the children. The center itself, which was just finished this past year, was also funded by SLUH donations.

Although I have managed to ramble on here for what seems like forever, it is still impossible to put all of it down on paper. To reiterate what Peter said last week, come by and see me if you would like to chat.

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Although the outlook for next year is good, it will still be sad to see the seniors go, especially Zach Hartwig and Charlie Maitz, who swam relay legs in this year's state meet. Hartwig placed 9th in the 200 Medley relay and Maitz placed 11th in the 400 Freestyle relay. They will be missed, and their skills will be hard to replace, especially as leaders and motivators of the team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Seniors:

St. Joseph's Institute for the Deaf needs 18 seniors to work at their dinner auction on Saturday, March 3. The working hours will be 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Any senior who can help at the event should sign up in the Pastoral Office.

Any 16-18 year old interested in attending the Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy, a program designed to provide first hand experience of the role of police officers, should stop by the Counseling Office for information and an application. The program will take place July 29 through August 3. The application deadline is March 31, 2001.

Attention Volleyball Players:

Mandatory Meeting! This Friday, February 12, 3:00-3:45 p.m. in the Team Meeting room. Questions? See Mr. Quinn in the English Office.

Attention Parents:

Remember to buy tickets for this year's Cashbah. Among the items being auctioned will be tickets to the Rosie O'Donnell show, and Mark McGwire's autographed shoes. Donations are still welcome for baskets and auction items. Cashbah 2001, March 31, will be spectacular, so make plans to attend.