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"If nothing else, value the truth."

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Class of '05 is ready to hit the big time

265 students admitted from 85 different parishes

Kevin Moore
Core Staff

The months of waiting and worrying are finally over for prospective SLUH students, as the class of '05 was officially admitted last week.

Prospective students received letters on Feb. 10 informing them whether or not they were accepted into SLUH. Applications were received from 354 students from 105 parishes, and SLUH admitted 265 students from 87 parishes.

The majority of the Class of 2005 is

Catholic (93%) and white (94%); all of the incoming freshmen are Christians.

The class does have some diversity, however, as seventeen students are from Illinois, and there are students from many different ethnic origins, including one Bosnian student.

"My opinion based on my interviews is that it will be a very strong, bright class with many abilities and a lot of leadership," said Admissions Director Mark Michalski.

One different aspect of the admissions process this year was a new interview format which gave interviewers a little

more freedom on how they conducted the interviews.

"The purpose of this year's interviews was for people to give overviews and summaries about an applicant while focusing on their commitment to service and religion rather than just responses to questions," said Principal Robert Bannister.

English teacher Joe Gavin, who has been a member of the admission committee for the past five years, explained that the *see FUTURE FROSH, 4*

Aliste is naturalized after lengthy legal process

Matt Snively
Sports Editor

Last week, after enduring paperwork for over a year and a half, Spanish teacher Miriam Aliste was granted her permanent resident permit by the Department of Immigration. This culminated a process that started nearly ten years ago, when Aliste first came to the United States on a scholarship for student teaching.

"When I first came," Aliste said, "I only had the

temporary student teacher visa, so I wasn't allowed to be paid."

After this visa ran out, she stayed on a two-year visitor visa. Following the end of this visa, Aliste applied for and received two successive three-year HB-1 visas,

which Aliste describes as "non-immigrant visa(s)." These HB-1 visas have a six-year maximum on them, so when these ran out, Aliste was forced either to return to her native Chile or to apply for permanent resident status. Also during *see TARJETA VERDE, 2*



18 are named as National Merit Finalists

Andrew Ivers
Editor

On Feb. 5, the names of the National Merit Scholarship finalists were publicized. The list included 18 of the U. High's 19 semifinalists, a step up from last year's ratio of 22 finalists to 26 semifinalists.

Those finalists are now eligible for three possible awards. The first and "most prestigious yet less lucrative," of all the awards, is the National Merit Foundation *see FINALLY, 3*

Whitaker donates Carnival tickets

Faith House children enjoy Sunday's performance

Brian Kane
Reporter

When *Carnival* made another appearance at St. Louis U. High last weekend, a new group of theatergoers eagerly anticipated being dazzled by the spectacle of the show.

When SLUH Theater Manager Kathryn Whitaker was talking to Deborah James, a member of the Faith House Recreational Activities Staff, they began considering special activities to commemorate Black History Month. Most, if not all of the children had never received the opportunity to see a play. With *Carnival* on its way to SLUH,

Whitaker extended an offer of free tickets to the group.

The offer was gladly accepted, and the children prepared for the show. Whitaker made a visit to Faith House the Wednesday night before the show to discuss theater etiquette with the group. They were all eager to learn the new skills, and according to Whitaker, they were also excited about the whole opportunity in general.

"We're just giving them an opportunity to see some theater," said Whitaker.

On Sunday, the Faith House children made their way to the SLUH theater and took their seats in the house-right section. With its twirling acrobats, jugglers, and

songs, *Carnival* easily kept their attention. By intermission, they were bursting with questions, and ready to enjoy the rest of the show. Whitaker described them as terrific, well-behaved, and interested.

"They were great," said Whitaker, "they really loved it."

Whitaker saw this activity as a success, and so did Faith House's James, further evidenced by the fact that Whitaker was asked by James to take the children on more theatrical excursions. They will not be present at the showing of *Of Mice and Men*, as its content would probably not be as interesting for them, but the donation of more theater tickets for future shows is a likely possibility. As Whitaker said, "They'll come back."

TERJATA VERDE

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this period of temporary visas, Aliste taught at Mater Dei High School in Breese, Illinois, from 1991 to 1997.

Since Aliste has no relatives in the U. S., she had to rely on the guidance of lawyers throughout this grueling process. They handled a large majority of the paperwork that must be sent to various government agencies for the process to be completed.

"There was so much paperwork to do," said Aliste, "and if you are not married to a U.S. citizen or don't have relatives here, you have to use lawyers to handle most of it."

The use of lawyers also increased the cost of her naturalization considerably, as she said, "Everything is about money. You spend \$200 here, \$100 there... I don't know how poor people can ever afford it."

Also, while she had temporary resident status, any trip she took out of the country required a "special parole" from the Immigration Bureau. This came up last summer when Aliste travelled to Russia with several SLUH students for their annual trip.

Further commenting on the

complications of the process, Aliste mentioned specific criteria for obtaining permanent status, such as the waiting period where it must be proven that no one else is as qualified as Aliste at her particular job.

"Since I came to America speaking Spanish, that really gave me a qualification that many other teachers don't have. For example, other teachers might have a Ph.D., but they have no teaching experience, and that's where my Spanish experience comes in."

Another part of the process involves sending away a questionnaire to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which checks to make sure that no crimes have been committed by the applicant in any country. During this process, Aliste was fingerprinted and had several mug-shot style photos taken so the FBI could use computerized databases to check her criminal records.

For example, when Aliste was still living in Chile, she was arrested during a series of college political protests. Police surrounded a cafeteria where she was eating and rounded up many of the students there who were suspected of speaking out

against the communist government.

Said Aliste of her arrest, "I spent a week in jail because of a political protest, but it was one of those offenses that would be wiped out in America when a person became an adult."

Political issues notwithstanding, Aliste will have her green card in three to six months, and will then be certified as a permanent resident of the United States. She does not know whether or not she will apply for citizenship, but says, "If I do apply, I want to have dual citizenship (both U.S. and Chile)." So the long and winding road continues, but one thing is for sure: Aliste is here to stay.

Quote of the Week

We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McDougell cautions students about making threats in jest

Dear Students,

I'm writing this letter to you to talk about the importance of not making meaningless threats to your friends or anyone. You may not think that they are threats, and almost always they aren't, but somebody could take what you say the wrong way. Every day around school, I hear people say to one another, "I'm going to kill you," or "You're going to die," or something else like that. Your friends probably understand, as you do, that you're joking, and that's just a common way of messing around with other teenage guys. But some people, maybe someone not in your group of friends, might overhear you and be a bit worried if what you said is true or not.

You might think that this is ridiculous, like it is no big deal to say those kinds of things; that nobody could possibly take you seriously. Well, it's really not that unbelievable. They don't know who you are; they don't know what kind of background you have; they don't know if you are a joker or you're serious all of the time. They just don't know.

Recently, I found out about this the hard way. A few days ago I was talking with some friends outside of the cafeteria, and I said, in what I thought was a very joking manner, a comment which could easily have been interpreted the wrong way if you don't know me or if you didn't recognize my tone of voice. I thought I was saying it just to my friends; I thought nobody else could hear.

Apparently my comment was reported to Mr. Clark, and

during my 6th period free period, I was asked to go to his office. After realizing what I was there for, I tried to explain to him that I was joking, and he gave me a good explanation of why I can't joke like that, and why the school has to take such comments seriously. I thought that they were taking this a little too far, and that from my background and history of being in little trouble, I should be allowed to go on my way with a slap on the wrist. But after I had gotten some explanations on the seriousness of these things, I think I understood what they were talking about.

I got a good example from Dr. Bannister. He told me how he and Mr. Zinselmeyer would be flying on an airplane soon, and if he heard someone talking about how they had a gun, he wouldn't want to be on it, or he would want the person thrown off. He wouldn't know if that person was joking or not; he's never met him before. And that person could have just been making a joke to his buddy next to him.

I'm telling you guys right now: don't say stupid things to each other that could be taken the wrong way. So make sure you're careful with your words when you're around people you don't know, and even when you think you're not, because there could be somebody there, and they might just think you're being serious.

Sincerely,

Dan McDougell '03

FINALLY

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Scholarship, according to Guidance Counselor and National Merit guru Carolyn Blair. Very few students receive this award.

If the student does not receive that, he will attempt to receive a corporate-sponsor scholarship. A student is eligible for this scholarship only if one of his parents works for a corporation which participates in the program.

The final possibility is a college-sponsored scholarship. Colleges will offer anything from a full scholarship to a mention to nothing at all.

Qualifying as a finalist is "Something that they should be proud of," said Blair.

Semifinalists were determined by the Pre-Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT), administered to the class of 2001 in October 1999, during their junior year. Students with a test score ranking in the top one half percent of all scores recorded in the nation are determined as semifinalists. The National Merit Scholarship Program announced those students' names last September.

Semifinalists write an essay and receive a recommendation

from their counselor, both of which they submit to the National Merit Program. The pre-finalist processes, which Blair spearheads, are completed by the end of first semester.

National Merit administrators reviewed not only test scores, essays, and recommendations but students' schedules, extra-curricular involvement, and grade point average.

2001 National Merit Finalists

Justin Austermann	Peter Meredith
Peter Bartz-Gallagher	Mark Milford
Timothy Beckmann	Andrew Nahlik
Matt Dunne	Michael Nigh
Daniel Eckert	Tom Polokonis
Tim Elfrink	Matthew Rombach
Ryan Hatch	Brian Wallisch
Michael Macauley	Benjamin Wiesehan
Kevin McCarthy	Ryan Williamson

Hockeybills win second chance, bow out in mini-game with final record of 16-8-4

Jon Neff
Reporter

Three minutes and twenty-two seconds into the sudden death mini-game between SLUH and Rockwood Summit, SLUH lost the puck in front of its own net, there was a pile up, and Kyle Scherrer managed to pick up the puck and put it past SLUH goalie Geoff Schuessler. This lone goal ended the game and SLUH's season.

SLUH arrived at Affton Ice Rink last Friday night in a must-win situation. After being defeated by Summit 6-2 in the first game of their two game series, SLUH had to win the next game to even have a chance at playing the decisive mini-game.

The team that was outskated and outplayed by Summit seemed to be renewed by this sense of urgency. Schuessler was on his game, the defense limited Summit's opportunities, and the offense got plenty of scoring chances. The always-productive line of Chris Prater, Joe Mantovani, and Bob Lachky, shut down in the first game, provided seven points on the night.

The scoring opened up in the first when Mantovani put a wrist shot past Summit's goalie from the right slot. Summit would answer a few minutes later with a goal of their own, but it would be their only goal of the game.

In the second at 14:25, Prater picked up the puck in front of the net and put it past Summit's goalie to regain the lead at 2-1. This was the last time Summit would be close. Sean Leahy provided the next goal at 5:47 when he wristed the puck from the blue line and beat the goalie high on the blocker side.

In the third, SLUH continued its offensive attack when, at 8:51, they won the face-off to the right of the Summit goalie; after several shots, Mantovani picked up a rebound and slid the puck past the goalie. Mantovani picked up the hat trick at 6:53 when Lachky stole the puck

at the blue line, walked in on one defender, and took the shot. Mantovani grabbed the rebound and shot the puck by Summit's goalie. Mantovani had a chance to add his fourth goal of the night on a partial breakaway but had the puck knocked away before he got the shot off.

At 4:57, SLUH would add one more when Matt Pijut put his own rebound back into the net to make the score 6-1. SLUH won the game, outshooting Summit 36-12, and with this momentum in hand, they would play the decisive sudden death mini-game.

SLUH started the mini-game just as it had left off in the first game. Their high pressure on offense lead to two 2-on-1's and excellent scoring chances. The first involved Todd Turner and Prater, with Turner eventually blasting the shot wide.

Less than 30 seconds later Turner was again involved, this time with Pijut, and this time Summit's goalie stopped him. Finally, one minute later, Scherrer ended the game with his goal.

"We played a great first game, and they got us on a soft goal in front of the net," said head coach Charlie Busenhart.

So, what Busenhart called a "great season" ended that night in Affton. The team ended its season with losses only to the top four ranked teams: CBC,

Desmet, Vianney (whom they tied once), and Chaminade (whom they beat once). The team will again make its run at the championship next year with a strong group of players returning, even with the loss of seniors Turner, Prater, Leahy, Schuessler, Chris West, Mike Macauley, Tom Merkel, Tom O'Meara, Matt Durbin, and Geoff Hill.



Bobby Lachky prepares to bury the biscuit in the basket.

FUTURE FROSH

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committee gives significant consideration to each student's grades, test scores, and responses given in the interview.

"(The admission process) is often no real science," said Gavin. "We try to give every student the best consideration possible."

"The interview is especially important when there is a concern that a student may not be committed to religious education," commented Gavin. "We are looking for students who have a willingness to explore their religion and are open to sharing their gifts with others."

Meeting with the parents of prospective students is often just as important as the interview with the student. "We want to be sure the parents

are supportive of the religious goals of the school," said Gavin. "A student who seems only interested in the academic side of SLUH and shows little or no interest in the religious objectives of the school would probably be given less consideration," he added. "We hope that the students show commitment to their parish life and curiosity about religious studies, and we are looking for kids who have done something more than what was required in their grade schools."

Although individual interviewers bring their ideas about students to the committee, "Final decisions are the committee's choice," said Gavin. The class of 2005 appears to be another strong group of students. Their placement test will be held on Saturday, Mar. 3.

Basketbills continue disappointing season with losses to DeSmet and Kirkwood

Shawn Furey
Reporter

Another week, another set of top ten opponents, another set of difficult losses for the basketball team. This storyline may seem somewhat redundant, but it is true nonetheless. The U. High's schedule and overall cold shooting towards the end of games have led to loss after loss for the Bills. The games against the Kirkwood Pioneers and the CBC Cadets proved to be no different.

This past Friday evening the Bills hosted a Kirkwood basketball team which feature two massive twin brothers. The Smith twins, who both top 6'5", have dominated opponents all year long and almost single-handedly landed Kirkwood in the area's Top Ten. During these teams' first meeting earlier in the season, the Pioneers used the twins' size and power to pull out a 58-52 victory. The Bills looked to slow down their production and therefore slow the whole team.

The Bills did just that in holding the Pioneers to just 38 points, often times visibly frustrating the dynamic duo. Seniors Tim Vreeland and Kyle Bruno man-



Kevin Schroeder looks for an opening against Kirkwood.

aged to keep Anthony Smith, the taller twin, from dominating under the basket.

Sadly, the emphasis on defense seemed to be the game's overall theme, as Kirkwood continually pressured the SLUH outside shooters and created turn-

overs. The outstanding Billiken defensive effort was lost in their inability to score, and they fell to the Pioneers 38-34.

Of the loss, junior guard Adam Siebenman said, "Losses like these are extra difficult, because the game was always within our reach, and we just couldn't make the move."

On Tuesday night, the Billikens looked to rebound with a strong game versus the CBC Cadets, who had also narrowly defeated them earlier in this season. This proved to be a rough game for SLUH, and a set of strange circumstances for many people.

There were two odd situations that CBC looked like it would have to deal with on Tuesday night. The first odd happening was that earlier in the day, more than half of the CBC team was in the nurse's office ill with flu symptoms. Until game time it was undecided who would even play for the Cadets.

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Racquetbills manage a .500 finish in '01

Jr. Bills crush Ladue 6-1, prepare for state tourney

Mike Gau
Reporter

Last Thursday, the Racquetball-Bills finished up their season by beating Ladue at West James Sports Complex in St. Charles. The team overcame Ladue's players and spectators and won the match 6-1, once again showing how much they have improved over the course of the season. Only top-seeded junior Joe Sharamitaro was unable to pull out a victory.

For those who are unfamiliar with the sport, Matt Soraghan put it best when he said, "It's kind of like half court volleyball, but with walls instead of out-of-bounds, no net, a racquet and a smaller ball."

In a nutshell, the Jr. Bills lost to Vianney twice, lost to Kirkwood twice, lost to DeSmet once and beat everyone else to finish off the season with a .500 record. Junior Kevin Moore was undeniably the anchor of the team, losing only once all season. On some occasions, Moore or junior Andy Schumert had to win their match to prevent the team from getting donuted (when the team does not win any matches).

This Saturday, the Racquetballers will look to defend their title at the state tournament at Concord Sports Complex in South County.

Like most of the team, Sharamitaro has been "looking forward to this Saturday since last Saturday." The team is seeded fourth in the tourney, behind

Vianney, DeSmet, and Kirkwood.

The state tournament is a single elimination tournament where each player plays opponents of the same seed.

Individual players are seeded as well, based on their performances during the season. Sharamitaro is seeded eighth out of all the state's number one seeded players, Moore is seeded first of the second seeds, Schumert is seeded third of the third seeds, and Chris Guilfooy is seeded fourth of the fourth seeds.

Mike Gau is seeded fourth of the fifth seeds, Matt Soraghan is seeded fifth of the sixth seeds and the dynamic doubles duo of Mike Brand and Tom Brokelman is seeded fourth of the doubles teams.

The tourney will be on Saturday in South County. Admission is free.

Ammunition bills load up for Nationals

Jon Neff
Reporter

Achieving a score of over 550 (out of 600) puts a SLUH shooter in a very exclusive club. Only three team members in the long and rich history of the SLUH rifle program have posted a score this high: Brian Chaldny, Dan Schoenekase, and current team member Bill Everding. Last Saturday, in a match versus Quincy High School, junior Giles Walsh became a part of this prestigious company with a 551.

To put this achievement into perspective, Walsh only lost 49 points through sixty shots on a target whose ten ring is about the size of the period at the end of this sentence. His prone and stand scores were on par with the rest of the members of the varsity, but it was his kneel score

that pushed his total over 550. With a 194 (out of 200), he bested the next closest competitor by ten points.

In addition to posting the high kneel score, he also had the most X's (center shots) with 32. This means that 32 of his 60 shots were perfect tens.

"It feels good after working so long to shoot a score this high," said Walsh.

However, Walsh was not the only person to break into the record books that day. Bolstered by Walsh's high score, the varsity team of Walsh (551-32x), Everding (545-31x), Jon Neff (534-27x) and Todd Mazurkiewicz (530-20x) broke its own team record for a three-position competition for the second time in as many weeks. Their score of 2160-110x bested their previous record of 2138-70x, and has now given them a 33-point difference over the original record of

2127. Everding broke his third record of the year with a perfect 200-20x in the prone position. As for this record, there is no way to break it; it can only be tied.

The team also added another win to its record this year by beating Quincy in the match, 2160 to 2000. This makes the team still unbeaten on the year having now defeated Quincy twice, Missouri Military twice, and winning both the four and three position national sectionals.

The JV team, even with high scores by Adam Hilkenkamp (526-21x) and Peter Berns (500-15x), still lost to Quincy's varsity by 43 points, but they still managed to beat Quincy's JV team by an amazing 355 points. SLUH's freshman team also bested Quincy's JV team by 215 points.

The team will compete in an open match this weekend against adult teams at Highland, Illinois.

NET MEN

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against you."

On Tuesday, the District playoffs began for the Bills as they travelled down to Kingshighway to Gateway to play the Jaguars, the host team of the tournament. SLUH looked to take advantage of Gateway's young team, and advance to play Vashon the next night.

The Bills jumped out to a good start on great outside shooting from Lindbeck and Lowes, and took a three point lead into half time. The second half would turn out to be the last one of their bright spots this season.

The team came out tenaciously and pulled away, led by some tough play under the basket by Reidy. The SLUH bench and quick passing simply wore down the Jaguars as the Jr. Bills escaped with a 58-48 win.

After Wednesday night's loss to Vashon, the Jr. Bills finished the season at 9-16. Of those other 15 losses, ten were by a combined total of 50 points (Chaminade twice, Kirkwood twice, CBC, Vianney, Oakville, Rolla, Jefferson

City and Cape Central). The Wolverines from Vashon, however, defeated the Bills by 52 in a merciless, unclassy display of running up the score.

There were very few if any high-lights for SLUH in a game where the Jr. Bills were simply overmatched. Vashon's smothering, relentless press forced SLUH into turnover after turnover. Vashon fin-

ished the game with two high-flying dunks, 16 three pointers and a complete rout of the Bills. The final score was 81-29.

Of the overall dominance by the Wolverines, head coach Don Maurer said, "That is the best Vashon team I have ever seen."

The seniors finished their hard-fought careers as SLUH basketball players, and should be applauded for their hard work.

THE MAT

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152 in the tournament. He lost his first round match to an opponent who placed third in state last year and lost his second round match to a wrestler who placed third this year. But as he observed, "It was the greatest experience of my life just because of the rush I got when I walked out in the Parade of Champions." Obviously, it's not always about winning, but the experience of wrestling two hard-fought matches.

O'Brien and Born expressed similar feelings. Born said, "It was exciting wrestling in front of the whole arena."

However, Bommarito seemed es-

pecially excited with the state meet, saying, "It inspired me for next season...This is the first year I'm excited about putting the shoes on after the season."

All three wrestlers are determined to get back to state next year and hopefully place. Head coach Tim Curdt agreed with them, saying, "The fact that all three are juniors looks good for next year."

Like many of this year's matches, "It was an exciting tournament," said Curdt. Through the efforts of Born, O'Brien, and Bommarito, SLUH finished with five team points, which isn't bad compared to some other schools, and for a program that hasn't scored any points at the last four state meets.

Requiem for a home: 4389 Wise

Tim Elfrink
Editor in Chief

Their home is an island of quickly fading neighborhood history, an island surrounded on three sides by asphalt and SUVs, and their longevity under such circumstances is nothing short of extraordinary. Their names are Nancy and Ted Arunski, and they have occupied 4389 Wise since November 1989.

Most SLUH students pass this house every day without a second thought. A two story brick bungalow, it juts awkwardly into the southwestern end of the student parking lot, just south of the senior lot. Just last week, the Arunskis announced that they had finally agreed to a buyout proposal by the school, a decision that meant leaving behind far more than just a decade of personal experiences.

"Nancy's grandfather bought the house, way back in 1920," said Ted. "We've always loved the location. It's a real good area, being next to Forest Park, by a major street like Kingshighway."

Nancy's father, Robert "Stormy" Whiteman, grew up in the home, and, in fact, attended SLUH, where he earned his moniker for his tempestuous play in Phys. Ed. classes. He graduated in 1938 and maintained ownership of the house until 1989, when his daughter and her husband took over the property.

At this point, SLUH was already pursuing its expansion plans, buying up properties around the campus and exerting its influence on the neighborhood, although it took some time for the effects of the plan to become evident to the Arunskis.

"(The expansion plan) is definitely having quite an effect by now," said Ted. "Before it started, we had maybe 109 or so houses in the neighborhood. With the acquisitions, the school has taken probably a third of that." In reality, the Arunskis had 121 neighbors when they moved in,

and since 1989, 62 of them have sold their homes to SLUH, which would constitute "quite an effect" in almost any context.

Though the school has undoubtedly influenced the reduction in the size of the neighborhood, the Arunskis feel no hostility towards SLUH, and in fact praise the administration for many of the positive effects its policies have had in the neighborhood.



Cars surround the Arunski's home, owned by the family since 1920.

"Through all of my experience, it seems like SLUH has had a definite genuine interest in the welfare of the neighborhood," said Ted. "They gave us a community meeting place, and a lot of times bent over backward for us."

The school allowed members of the community to use classrooms for community meetings, and, in the past, held events in which the student body would help to clean up the neighborhood. The Arunskis also realized that SLUH was replacing as many negative community elements as positive when they bought abandoned or ramshackle homes and razed them.

"Like the Bible says, the weeds are sown with the wheat, so I guess they all got pulled out in the process," said Ted. "We did feel the loss of so many neighbors, though."

So as neighbor after neighbor was bought out and moved away, why did the

Arunskis remain for so long, especially as a parking lot slowly began to encircle their property? Well, it all came down to just wanting to stay put, according to Ted.

"It never bothered me too much," he said, laughing, "especially coming out of a family with 12 kids in it. There were a few things that bothered me about it, but we just loved the house too much to leave."

Those annoyances included a waste removal company that would bang dumpsters loudly at 2 a.m. on Sunday mornings and an increasing amount of paper waste which blew off of the parking lot into their yard. But all in all, the Arunskis were happy with their home, and the tradition it carried.

"We really do love this house," said Ted. "It's meant a lot to all of us."

What finally prompted their decision to sell their property to the school, for an undisclosed amount, pack up the memories, and head to a new home in Crestwood?

"It turned out to be a partly financial decision. The school made us a great offer," said Ted. "But there was also the writing on the wall that we were the only ones left. We didn't like the idea of being all alone."

Although SLUH does appear genuinely concerned about the welfare of the community, and perhaps the Arunski's farewell was inevitable, something is undoubtedly lost in the spirit of the neighborhood when a conscientious family such as the Arunski's moves out of a home with a tradition like 4389 Wise, a tradition which should be central to the identity of our school.

Still, in the end, the Arunskis are as optimistic about a westward move as they were about being surrounded by parking lot.

"We kind of hate to leave 80 years of history. We were hoping for a hundred," said Ted wistfully. "But God gave us this house, and now he's given us a new one. It's just time for us to move on."

by Tom O'Brien

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Schedule #1

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inaugural *Prep News*
readers contest, to
be publicized in
next week's issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION DISCIPLES OF BACCHUS: This is a reminder that all members of the Latin Club are invited to the annual Bacchanalia (Winter Toga Party) on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 5:00 pm in the student cafeteria. This night will feature dancing and live skits by the girls of Cor Jesu, St. Joseph's, and Nerinx Hall. If guests have not already made reservations and payments (\$5), please see Dr. Mary Lee McConaghy immediately in M216.

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.

This Sunday, February 25, there will be a Family Mass held at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel focusing on gratitude to parents. All members of the SLUH student body are encouraged to bring their families to a mass that has become a strong tradition at SLUH. The Young Catholic Musicians, under the tutelage of Fr. Bruce Forman and comprised of eighty chorus members and twenty orchestra members, will be providing the music for the mass. Following the mass there will be a reception in the Danis Lobby. All are encouraged to attend.

