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"If nothing else, value the truth."

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220 Freshman clean up on successful Day of Service

Ryan Vierling
Reporter

Although disappointed about missing their Saturday morning cartoons, the freshman class still arrived early at SLUH for the Freshman Day of Service on April 7. They produced a stunning turnout, with 220 students, compared to last year's 180. The day started out



Dan Pimmel, Jack Miller, and Patrick Neuner clean up a neighboring yard on April 7.

too early in the eyes of most of the students, but by the end there was a different feeling surrounding most of the freshmen: pride in a job well done.

The day began with a short meeting in the student chapel, where students were broken up into their individual groups and told who would be their supervisors and what communities they

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Entertainment '01 promises "Fantasmagoria," laughs

JR Strzelec
Reporter

It's springtime again, and that means its time for the annual production of Entertainment, SLUH's joint choral concert with Cor Jesu. This year's concert, arranged by SLUH choral director Joseph Koestner and Cor Jesu choral director Carol Bauer, has a slightly different format than that of last year.

Whereas last year's concert was composed of large ensemble pieces, Entertainment 2001 has many more small group numbers, allowing for greater

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Tom Freesmeier and Kurt Kleinburg croon at Thursdays opening night.

Yearbooks to come by end of the year

Raj Joseph
Assistant Editor

Never before this year has the Dauphin Yearbook staff had to answer that popular question of "When will we get our yearbooks?" so many times.

However, with almost all the pages complete, the only tasks remaining are editing the final pages, printing the 2000 yearbooks, and distributing them to the St. Louis U. High community.

Pete Cerneka, one of the yearbook moderators, oversaw its completion. Cerneka noted there have been no further computer difficulties after the initial confusion, but the delay grew exponentially as time passed.

"The problems just snowballed," said Cerneka.

According to Cerneka, so much time had passed since the events detailed on some of the lost pages that recovering all of the information was impossible. The bulk of the lost information consisted of freshmen athletic pages, so many of the pages were simply cut, rather than pushing the date of release even further back.

Also lost were the Sno-Ball and the *see RECOMPILING, 4*

Protest of Iraq Sanctions hits Oakland

The nationally touring "Remember Omran Bus Tour" stops across from SLUH

Chip Duebner and Tim Elfrink
Reporter and Editor in Chief

When the aquamarine bus plastered with black and white photos pulled up across Oakland from SLUH last Wednesday, a few students in classrooms on the North side of the school glanced curiously out the window. After the occupants of the vehicle got out with a giant black and white banner reading "600,000 children killed in Iraq by U.S./U.N. Sanctions" and began shouting through an electric megaphone, almost everyone in the classes clustered around the windows, trying to discern the source of the ruckus.

That source was a local group called Voices in Wilderness, which, in collaboration with the national group Forum for a Just Peace, was touring various sites in St. Louis from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in a program called "Stations of the Sanctions in Iraq," which aimed to raise awareness of the effects of the U.S. sanctions on Iraq.

"More than ever before, there is no international support for these sanctions," said protester Teka Childress. "Colin Powell has pledged to continue the policy, so we're just trying to make people aware

of what it means."

The bus is part of the "Remembering Omran Bus Tour," a national touring event named for a 13-year old Iraqi boy killed by a U.S. bomb attack. The bus, touring St. Louis for the day, stopped at the Communications Division of St. Louis, located north of SLUH, because the site used to be a bomb shelter.

Each of the bus's stops was orchestrated to illustrate one of the negative effects of the U.S. sanctions; the Communications stop represented the continual bombing of Iraq by U.S. forces. Other stops included Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, representing the poor medical care in Iraq due to medical sanctions, and the St. Louis Art Museum to discuss the effects of the sanctions on art supplies.

"The U.S. policy is that if they can make people suffer enough, we can depose a leader we don't like," said protester Bud

Deraps. "The fact is that these people don't have the means to depose a leader like Saddam, and they're suffering needlessly."



The nationally touring "Remember Omran" bus, parked on Oakland.

The U.S. sanctions in Iraq began over ten years ago, a statement to the tyrannical leader Saddam Hussein. According to U.N. reports, over 5,000 children die monthly due to the sanctions—which cause food and medical shortages—and another 300 civilians have been killed in the past year

by U.S. bombing attacks.

Many of the protestors were from various local organizations or charities, though a few were just students or interested onlookers who hopped on the bus after seeing the protest. All were eager to speak on the subject of the sanctions, one they feel the public has ignored.

"These sanctions are inhumane, against international law, and just wrong," said Deraps. "We hope we can help in any way we can to finally end them."

Quiz Bowlers buzz through districts, head to State

Joey Neilsen
Reporter

On Saturday, April 7, SLUH and five other high schools, competing with volleyball and basketball players to see who could be the loudest in the athletic wing of Lafayette High School, battled wits and tried to advance to the state Quiz Bowl competition. SLUH's district competitors included CBC, Chaminade, Rosati-Kain, and Lafayette.

The competition began early with SLUH vs. CBC. At the end of the first quarter, the score was 70-60, with CBC in the lead. The Jr. Bills took advantage of

the bonus questions in the second round and led 225-165 at the half.

Going into it leading 285-225, the fourth quarter brought some amusement to the Jr. Bills. The reader asked, "Identify the reflexive pronoun in this sentence: An old man fell down the stairs and..." when Andrew Nahlik buzzed in and said, "himself," which was indeed the correct answer. He assumed the old man hurt himself and later asked, "What else would it have been?" The Quizbills won with a team record, 490-290.

Chaminade posed less of a challenge to the Jr. Bills, who had more trouble agreeing on the values of trigonometric

functions than beating their unprepared opponents, 485-60.

Andrew Nahlik buzzed in early on two more questions this game, answering both correctly. One concerned clothing measurements (the answer was inseam); the other required knowledge of caste systems. The team, of course, doesn't mind if he knows the answers.

The third round promised to be more challenging. Lafayette performed very well in tournaments last year, but the Jr. Bills took on the challenge. It seemed grim at the end of the first quarter, with Lafayette leading 80-40. Determined

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COMMENTARY

Elfrink wants equal treatment for public schools in admissions

Tim Elfrink
Editor in Chief

Who are we? It's a question we all have to ask ourselves from time to time, and it's a question that is of more importance than ever for the SLUH community as our school moves into the next century. Many, myself included, wonder what our school will become in ten years. What kind of changes will the ambitious plans for an expanded and renovated campus bring? How will SLUH change with infusion of new teachers brought in this year?

But when discussing SLUH's identity, the question more important than any other is: What kind of people do we admit to our school? Well, according to our mission statement, we're seeking out "talented, academically qualified young men who reflect the economic, geographic and social diversity of the St. Louis Metropolitan area." I think as we move on to a new century, its time to admit that we've strayed from this mission in our admission policy.

There's no denying that there are a great number more students who attended Catholic grade school at our school than there are public school graduates. Whether this disparity is based on a small number of public school applicants or a bias in the admissions policy is debatable.

But either way, if we honestly follow the mission statement, our admittance policy shouldn't have anything to do with a prospective student's choice of grade school. The fact is that grade schools are varied in their quality whether they are Catholic or public, and a student's choice between the two is no measure of academic ability or talent.

So why does this trend continue to this day? I can point my finger at only one source: tradition. Tradition is a great part of our

school and another big part of who we are, but our admissions policy just shows that there are negative effects that can stem from our great reliance on tradition.

For example, what do you see when you walk down the hallway? A predominately white, predominately well-off group of guys who, for the most part, attended Catholic schools. There's nothing wrong that kind of a make up, but it's all too easy to decide that, because that is how our student body looks today, that's how it has to look. We've always admitted a lot more students from Catholic schools than public schools, so it must be right. Right? It's tradition!

We should recognize that just because a practice is a tradition, it doesn't necessarily make it the right practice. That fact is that nothing in our mission statement points to a need to favor Catholic grade schools.

In fact, in many ways doing so goes against the message of the statement, which vows to cultivate a "critical mind and a compassionate heart" in our students. In many ways, we are a very enclosed community, a very unified but uniform body of students, and as a result many students have a great difficulty understanding those outside of their own experience. Truly developing a critical mind requires stimulation, and one rarely develops compassion for those one never deals with on a daily basis.

Maybe it's just my own bias, since I attended a public grade school, but I can't help but think that changing our admission practices or recruiting tactics to draw more students from the public schools could only lead to a more intellectually diverse, open-minded student body that *truly* did reflect the "economic, geographic, and social diversity" of St. Louis.

It's not who we are today, but maybe it's who we should be.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Former *Prep News* basketball reporter remembers Maurer

To the Editors:

All good things must come to an end, and sadly for St. Louis U. High—the school that champions itself on the mantra, "Men for Others"—it has probably lost one of its finest. Don Maurer, as fierce a competitor as SLUH has ever known, will no longer stalk its sidelines.

What a shame.

The patented mustache, the Cape Girardeau twang, the nastiest scowl in St. Louis high school basketball—all constant fixtures on the SLUH sidelines the last 14 years. And now all gone. A shame, indeed.

Why should something so good end so ugly? Why are 14 years abruptly ended with so few reasons told? And why is a man whose devotion to his family, faith, and team suddenly not good

enough for St. Louis U. High?

In my short professional sports writing career, I've covered both the ousting of Norm Stewart and Larry Smith at the University of Missouri. Those moves made sense in the big business world of Division I college athletics. Have those same ideals infested the ranks of high school sports? And even worse, should this happen at a historic Catholic school that alleges to be superior in all things, especially the way it treats members of its own family?

Don's dipping win percentage aside, his passion for the game is unmatched. Of all the high school and college coaches I've interviewed and met, few bring more enthusiasm or exude more class than Don has for 14 years at SLUH. He agonized over losses but never backed down from a challenge.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moramarco refutes Records' letter

To the Editors:

I would like to first state that I wholeheartedly agree with the letter written by Joey Neilson in the March 30 issue of the *Prep News*. Our admissions are "based on the applicant's grades, scores on standardized tests, an interview with the applicant and his parent(s) or guardian," as stated by SLUH on its web page. It says nothing about a "commitment to Catholic education." SLUH's mission statement is where they mention a commitment to building Christ's kingdom of justice, love and peace. I am sure that non-Catholics are completely capable of furthering justice, love and peace regardless of their religion; I see it in every day of my life.

Our mission statement also states, "We are centered on the conviction that spiritual formation must accompany the intellectual, aesthetic, social, and physical formation of our students." Again, this can apply to every person regardless of religion. It would be wrong for SLUH to deny a worthy applicant admission to the school based on his religion. It would go against the mission of St. Ignatius and of the Jesuit community.

In response to the letter in the April 6 issue written by Mrs. Records, I would question the intent of the letter. It seems to be more against public schools than against the breakdown of religions at SLUH. However she did state, "If I wanted religious

diversity, I would send [my son] to a public school." That is fine and great, but it isn't bad for a student to have religious diversity in his life and while there are more than just Catholics attending, SLUH is not a religiously diverse school by any means.

As far as the public/Catholic grade school issue goes, I feel it is absolutely ridiculous to favor Catholic school applicants over any other applicant. My older brother is one of the best Catholics I know and he graduated grade school from a public school. If he had been denied acceptance to SLUH because of that, it would be a crime. He also received very good grades, and I assure you that it was not due to petty differences in a grading scale. It is due to good work ethic, which is a firm basis for admission to SLUH. Even if a grading scale gave a student an unfair "A", standardized testing wouldn't. (Strong Catholic high schools have a lot more to do with strong Catholics than they do with strong Catholic grade schools.)

St. Louis University High School has been an outstanding college preparatory school for a long time, a school that molds some of the best and brightest young men in the world. To disrupt the way the school works would be a risky maneuver. In this instance, it would also be morally wrong.

Sincerely,

Ben Moramarco, '00

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Russian student exchange.

The total number of lost pages numbers about twenty, so the 2000 yearbook simply will be about twenty pages shorter than the usual number.

Nevertheless, the "anchor pages" of the varsity athletic seasons and other major school events were saved or redone. The 2000 yearbook is about 95 percent done, and has been so for about a month or so while the staff awaits the arrival of just a few more pages. Once those pages arrive, then the printing should take

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to show their skills, the Bills responded with 140 points in the second quarter and took the lead for the half, 180-170. The game reached its climax when the teams were tied at the final question, which the Bills correctly answered to win 375-355.

After lunch at Hardees and a smooth 400-285 defeat of Rosati-Kain, the tension increased as the Bills realized they would be playing Lafayette again in the final round. The Lafayette team would clearly be looking to get revenge on the Bills for their earlier defeat. It appeared they might get their wish when they led 185-130 at the half. After pep talks and high-fives, the Jr. Bills entered the third quarter determined to gain the lead. They did this

another few weeks. However, the yearbooks should tentatively arrive by the end of the school year. The 2001 yearbooks are currently on schedule. Garcia noted that there has been a "growing trend" in yearbooks coming out late, but he thinks with the 2001 yearbook this trend will cease to exist.

Cerneka and Garcia thanked their co-workers. Cerneka said, "Tim [Lawler] and Mike [Garcia] have worked extremely hard in planning two yearbooks at the same time...They deserve credit for their work."

Lawler concluded, "[This year] has been frustrating in that it is shorter, but it has been rewarding as well."

by answering 10 out of 15 questions correctly, and then went on to win 360-290.

Coach Tom Becvar was quite pleased with the work of the Jr. Bills. He commented, "Our team is more balanced than it's been in years—everyone contributes to our wins."

Several Bills did quite well on Saturday in personal scores. For number of questions answered, Ben Wiesehan took fourth place with 24; Bob Brewer and Andrew Nahlik tied for fifth with 23, and Joey Neilson tied a Rosati player for sixth with 22 questions. For the win, the team received a Missouri-shaped plaque which will join the other plaques on the wall in the Danis Lobby. The Jr. Bills will head to Columbia on May 5 for the state competition.

Basebills streak to 6-3 start with strong pitching

Andrew Ivers and Andy Neilsen
Editor; Core Staff

In the last two weeks, amid two rain-outs and a double-header on Saturday, April 7, the baseball team has won 4 of 7 games, bringing their record to 6-3.

On April 6, SLUH won 11-2 over DuBourg, scoring 4 in the first and 5 in the second.

In the second, Eric Enright led-off with a walk. Jamie Brandt and Victor Rodriguez singled and John Beck hit an inside-the-park grand slam. Chick also singled and scored.

SLUH turned a 6-4-3 double play in the fourth and then scored 2. DuBourg scored 2 in the fifth and SLUH turned another double play in the sixth.

The next day, SLUH played two of its most even matches of the season, first winning 4-2 over Kirksville and then losing 4-3 against North County. In the first game against Kirksville, the Jr. Bill offense started slowly, getting only one hit in the first four innings. The defense,

however, as it has all year, kept them in the game, as they allowed no runs until the sixth.

The Basebills finally got on the board with a four-run fifth inning after the Kirksville pitcher had retired the last seven in a row. After hits by Chik and Alex Curcuru, junior John Greffett singled home the



Victor Rodriguez strokes a hit on Thursday afternoon.

first run of the game, opening the floodgates for the Jr. Bills. Kirksville handed SLUH the next three runs; making three errors, two by the second baseman. The four were enough after SLUH withstood a bases-loaded one-out jam in the sixth, winning the game 4-2.

SLUH faced its toughest opponent next in the second game of the double-header. North County threw a tough pitcher at the Diamondbills, a sophomore

with a hard fastball and a killer slider. The Jr. Bills had their chances, as the young North county hurler walked five and hit three batters. He calmed down with men on base, and stranded ten SLUH runners. North County had to scrap for their runs as well, scoring runners on errors and a suicide squeeze. SLUH just couldn't get that elusive key

hit with runners in scoring position, and lost the squeaker 4-3.

On Thursday April 12, after Cardinals lost to the Rockies, SLUH played seven scoreless innings at Heine Meine. In the eighth, Maher scored the winning run on a fielder's choice by Beck.

The team played again this past Monday against Webster at Heinie Miene. Webster got going early with 3 runs on **see SUICIDE SQUEEZE, 10**

Volleybills can't spike Vianney

Chris Vanderbeek
Reporter

The U. High Volleybills went back into battle Wednesday night, playing at home against the Griffins of Vianney and looking to bounce back from their heartbreaking loss to CBC.

The first game started out slowly, as both teams seemed to remain at the starting gates for a while. The Jr. Bills kept pace with the highly-touted Griffin squad for a good portion of the game, tying the game up at 5-5 on a brutally forceful Andy Price kill. However, that was as close as the squad would come to immortality, as Vianney proceeded to make a 10-1 run to win the first game 15-6.

The second game, Bumpsetspikebills took an early 1-0 lead, but they were soon down 6-2. The Jr. Bills made a small 4-0 run to tie the game at 6-6. Once again, though, the strong Vianney squad made a

considerable run of 9-3 to end the game, which they won 15-9. Junior Jim Lutkewitte led the team with eight kills.

Overall, the inexperienced Junior Billiken squad was outmatched in this one, but it provided good experience for future matches that will be just as grueling and a good preview of what the Sideoutbills might see in playoff action later in the season.

Senior Brian Ikemeier gleamed with optimism after the game. "Vianney is definitely one of the best teams in the state, and we just didn't play to their level," he said. "We didn't have it tonight, but I think when it comes time, we'll be ready to take care of business in the playoffs. I was happy with our hustle and confident about what's to come for this team."

Next up for the Volleybills is St. Mary's, as the team tries to improve to 7-2.

Varsity Baseball Box Scores

<u>April 6</u>	
DuBourg	0 0 0 2 0 0 2 8 8
SLUH	4 5 0 2 0 0 0 11 11 0
<u>April 7: final</u>	
Kirksville	2 4 3
SLUH	4 6 0
<u>April 7</u>	
North County	1 0 0 1 0 2 0 4 3 0
SLUH	1 1 1 0 0 0 0 3 6 0
<u>April 12</u>	
SLUH	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 3 2
Univ. City	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3
<u>April 16</u>	
Webster	3 1 0 0 0 0 0 4 3 1
SLUH	1 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 5 1
<u>April 17</u>	
DeSoto	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 _
SLUH	0 1 2 1 0 2 6 5 _
<u>April 19</u>	
DeSmet	0 1 3 0 3 3 0 10 9 1
SLUH	1 0 0 0 2 2 5 6 2

Laxbills chop down Kirkwood, Rockwood

Matt Snively
Sports Editor

The lacrosse team stayed busy this week with matches against Rockwood Summit on Tuesday and Kirkwood on Wednesday. While they were victorious in both games, how the Laxbills earned each win is a completely different story.

Tuesday's game marked the long-awaited return of ex-SLUH JV coach Mike Lee, who this time came as Summit's head varsity coach. The Barrettbills were well prepared for the return of their coach and were determined to show him what kind of team they had become. Relentlessly pushing the ball into Summit's end of the field, the Jr. Bills scored eight goals in the first quarter alone. After adding five

more in the second quarter, they entered halftime with a comfortable 13-0 lead. This goal-scoring barrage was aided by the fact that the defense played extremely well, often forcing the Summit squad into a turnover, then quickly clearing the ball out of danger. Junior goalie Mike Lewis was solid throughout the game, allowing only one goal, prompting him to say, "We are so good."

Leading the scoring charge of the first half were seniors Dave Willard and John Kennedy, who had two and three goals, respectively, each on four shots. Fellow senior Brandon Costello added another two goals, and Jeff Lane, Ryan Sickles, and Andrew Whiteman also scored.

In the second half, the tempo of the game was slower, but by no means did

the scoring stop. Senior Matt Snively scored his first varsity goal in three years on one of sophomore Matt Hof's four assists, and Tom Schmidt and Mark Bittmann also scored.

Junior defenseman Dennis Burke tallied an assist on a play that started near the SLUH endline. Burke scooped up the ground ball and headed up the sideline, dodging several Summit players on the way. He crossed the halfline and headed for the goal, drawing a defenseman before passing the ball to Sickles, who scored the goal. Numerous others contributed to the scoring including Pat Hogan, Nick Brescia, Matt Diehr, Scott Baker, and Joe Downey, as the team spread out its points evenly.

One of few dark spots of the game was a late Summit goal, but this did little to

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Olympic gold medalist speaks to runners

John Parr
Reporter

On Wednesday, April 11, members of the SLUH cross country and track teams were treated to an in-house field trip by Olympic champion and former world record holder Dave Wottle. A personal friend of counselor Dave Mouldon, Wottle was visiting SLUH Tuesday night to give a college presentation on behalf of Rhodes College, where he is the director of admissions.

"I always enjoy the opportunity to talk about running," said Wottle. He showed the video of his Olympic race and fielded questions regarding training, visualization, and American running legend Steve Prefontaine, who traveled with Wottle while he raced in Europe.

"It was a very exciting time in my life," said Wottle of his track career, which saw not only an Olympic title at the age of 21, but also a world record, set at the Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon.

With two hundred meters to go in the 1972 Olympic 800-meter run, Wottle found himself in last place, seemingly out

of medal contention. With the finish line quickly approaching, Wottle quickened his pace, and he began to catch the tiring runners. Still, he was out of medal contention in fifth place. Only about one hundred meters remained as Wottle began to gobble up places; a bronze medal became possible as the competitors labored for the line. Catching the remaining runners one by one, a fire burned inside Wottle as he made one last desperate lunge for the line surpassing the final competitor and capturing the Olympic gold.

"It's a funny story," said Wottle, "I was originally not even going to run the 800 meters at the Olympic Trials. But at the last minute I decided to, just as a workout, and I tied the existing world record of 1.44.3." Not a bad result.

"I decided then that I should stick with the 800," he said. Following the Olympic games in September, Wottle returned to Bowling Green University, where he attended college and finished his collegiate running and academic career. Upon graduating from Bowling Green University, Wottle turned profes-

sional, sacrificing further Olympic eligibility, and raced all over Europe and America. After one year of professional competition, Wottle retired completely from the sport in 1975.

"I raced one final time in America, and I decided that I had run enough," said Wottle. "I haven't run at that level since then. There was more that I wanted to do in my life."

Mouldon, who has become close friends with Wottle through college conferences, said, "Dave personifies SLUH's philosophy on how to live a balanced life. He has so many dimensions to his life. After his running career, he has become very successful in his field, and he values his family very much."

The field trip concluded with the presentation of a SLUH Track shirt to Wottle by junior Josh Saleem and an autograph session. Assistant track coach Tim Chik noted, "The talk was very well done. The presentation was very exciting, and his answers to the runners' questions were very insightful. The experience of meeting an Olympic champion is not something the athletes will soon forget."

Trackbills place third with steady performance at Webster Invitational

Brian Gilmore
Reporter

Entering the six-team Webster Invitational at Hixon Junior high on April 5, the Trackbills were looking to avenge a prior loss to MCC rival Vianney and tune up for the much larger upcoming meets.

Paced by the work of John Parr and Dave Godar, the team pulled out a third place finish, behind perennial track powers Webster Groves and Ladue. Parr ran a leg in the 4x800 meter run. His time of 10:03.2 was more than 30 seconds better than anyone else's.

When asked about his race strategy, Parr commented, "I just went in trying to push the pace and make the other runners stay with me, hoping to break them by the last lap. Winning a race is such an awesome feeling."

Godar's day also consisted of a silver as a part of the 4x800 team and another silver in the 1600-meter run. Joining Godar were Josh Saleem, Andre Thomas, and

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diminish the feeling of satisfaction resulting from winning a well-played game. The only other blemish of the game was midfielder Dan Hopman's inability to score. His offensive futility caused the other players on the team to jokingly refer to him as the team's "weakest link."

Former lacrosse team member Tim McNutt said of the team's play, "The team is so good this year, it almost makes me wish I had kept playing."

The very next day, the Stickbills were back in action, only this time against a much more formidable Kirkwood team. The game started off well for the Jr. Billikens, as Costello scored the game's first goal, late in the first quarter. After battling evenly for much of the rest of the

Thomas Moore.

Tom O'Brien had a big day as well, bringing home two silver medals. He ran anchor in the 4x800 and followed this up



Josh Saleem sprints for the finish line.

with a strong 2:02.2 second place time in the open 800. O'Brien wasn't satisfied with his time, though, prophesying that "The best is yet to come."

The 4x400 team wasn't the only relay to have a season-best time, as the 4x100 team, made up of Saleem, Tho-

half, the Barrettbills went into halftime with a meager 3-1 lead.

The third quarter was an entirely different story. Kirkwood outthustled, outplayed, and outscored SLUH for the entire period, bringing the score to an even 3-3 heading into the final quarter. At one point in the quarter, the Jr. Bills were a man-up for a full two minutes, but spent most of that time playing defense as a result of Kirkwood's hustle.

Costello said of the game, "We didn't play very well early on, but we rallied later and showed what we're capable of doing."

The fourth quarter saw a revival of the SLUH offense, as Bittmann and Willard took charge, leading the Jr. Bills to a three-goal cushion with around six min-

utes left in the game. Kirkwood charged back, however, and cut the gap to one, before Willard, Costello, and Hof silenced K-Wood for good.

mas, Tim Boyce, and Chris Carter, ran an impressive season record of 44.9 seconds. Other strong performances included junior Reid Heidenry's second place high jump of 5'8" and freshman phenom Brent Harvey's long jump of 18'0", good enough for third place. Sophomore Bob Kaestner and junior Brad Drakesmith also achieved personal bests, with Kaestner throwing the shot 42'6" and Drakesmith completing the 300 meter hurdles in 43.9 seconds.

After narrowly defeating conference foe Vianney and soundly beating potential sectional opponent Mehlville, the Trackbills face three meets involving over 40 teams in the span of a week.

Next Tuesday, the McCarthybills will make a return trip to the Lair on Lindbergh, as they will compete in the 13-team Vianney Relays. The field includes conference rivals CBC, DeSmet, Chaminade, and Vianney, so a strong performance will be necessary. Finally, as a final tune-up for conference, the Trackbills will participate in the prestigious Clayton Invitational on April 26th and 28th. Outside of the state

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utes left in the game. Kirkwood charged back, however, and cut the gap to one, before Willard, Costello, and Hof silenced K-Wood for good.

The entire game was marred by penalties on both sides of the field, but in the end, the Jr. Billikens overcame sloppy play to take another step closer to making the state playoffs.

Much of the credit for this win goes to Lewis, who played outstanding in the net, fending off many tough shots to keep the Stickbills in the game.

The Laxbills scarcely get any rest, however, as they are back in action tonight under the lights of Crestview middle school. They take on the Lancers of Lafayette at 7:00, so show your school spirit and come out to support the team.

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would be serving. Most who were going to other neighborhoods were on the bus by 8:30.

Next, the students drove to their locations, where they exited the bus and prepared for whatever labor the communities had in mind for them. The freshmen stayed as close to school as King's Oak and went as far as Natural Bridge. The work was mainly targeted on cleaning up neighborhoods and parks. This included raking, planting, cleaning the houses of residents who could not do it for themselves, and picking up trash.

The day coincided with Operation Brightside in many of the neighborhoods, which meant that many of the residents were already planning to perform these services in their communities and were pleased with the assistance they received from the freshman class. They returned to school about noon for a spaghetti lunch which was followed with a short mass in the student chapel.

The mass was lead by St. Matthew's pastor, Matt Ruhl, S.J. He spoke energetically about the season of Lent and the impact of the work the freshman were

doing.

Freshman moderator and English teacher Tim Curdt and Rob Garavaglia, Campus Ministry, were the main organizers of the event. Both were overwhelmed with the turnout and the overall enthusiasm and generosity of the students, faculty, and residents.

Garavaglia said, "The overall goal of the day was for students to meet and work with residents throughout St. Louis, in essence, to challenge them to stretch from their comfort zones to include members of society that they do not usually run into. The key was contact with these people, and to help the students see people for who they really were by expanding their perspectives."

He also thought the mass was well done and an excellent way to finish the day, since it provided an opportunity for unity and a chance to give thanks for blessings.

The groups of students cleaned out a variety of areas in the neighborhood. Theology teacher Tim Chik's group cleaned out the tunnel between Oakland Ave. and Forest Park, which was not a pleasant experience due to the amount of trash and organic material. English teacher

Rich Moran's group worked at school property at 1129 South Kingshighway, raking, planting shrubs, and cleaning alleys with neighbors and teachers.

One of the other groups in the region assisted a resident who had a stroke by cleaning out his house and sweeping the gutters. Advancement official Mary Underwood and ASC participant Jim Kelly also assisted in the area.

"The day seemed to have a unifying effect on the neighborhood," said Moran. "Many residents came out to help." His favorite memory was watching the students shovel mulch on what proved to be a very windy day. He also thought that the event was better organized this year than the year before.

English teacher Chuck Hussung and 14 freshman went to Lafayette Park in order to clean out and rake gardens and plant new plants. It did not take them very long to complete this task, so they took a leisurely walk around the park.

Around the Northeast corner of the park a woman confused them with Boy Scouts and asked them to help her spread Easter eggs for the upcoming Easter egg hunt. The students were happy to assist and worked hard at hiding them.

FANTASMAGORIA

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musical variety. The songs range from "Trashin' the Camp" from Disney's recent film Tarzan to such classics as "Singing in the Rain" and "Over the Rainbow."

Koestner says that the show will be "Fantasmagoria." ("Fantasmagoria" is an adjective from Koestner's never-ending supply, none of which can be found in any English dictionary.)

Dance teacher Jan Strzelec, with the help of dancers, organized the show's choreography.

Junior Dan Becvar choreographed much of the number "Hip to Be Square" and Cor Jesu sophomore Erin Reuter choreographed "Hernando's Hideaway," a number from Cor Jesu's recent

production of The Pajama Game.

"Best of the Boys," a medley of popular boy band songs, features choreography by seniors Kurt Kleinberg and Tom Freesmeier.

The student choreographers are not the only ones with extra duties in Entertainment 2001. Senior Adam Wright and junior Alex Green are working on the crew when they are not onstage performing.

Said Wright, "It's really interesting to be sitting at the light board, bringing up the lights on the cast, and then running down to the stage to join the cast."

Everyone has been rushing this week. Tuesday night was the first time that SLUH's chorus was able to rehearse together with Cor Jesu's. Until last week,

the the stage had been occupied by the set of "Of Mice and Men," and the Easter break prevented rehearsals once the stage was free.

But senior Joe Nagle expressed the optimism that has been growing among the cast since rehearsals started: "Even though we were underpracticed, I think it all came together."

Junior Doc Crotzer was impressed by the growth that occurred in such a short rehearsal period. "It's great to see all the different things we've been practicing come together in a show like this."

Today, obviously, Thursday's performance has come and gone. But tickets are still available for Saturday's show at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's at 2:00 p.m.

SENIOR PRANK

Trying hard to be funny (and not get caught)

Justin Austermann
Features Editor

Lame, lame, lame. If words could describe the senior “pranks” perpetrated by the classes of ’99 and ’00, those would be the words. The class of ’99 moved a couple couches, and I don’t even remember what happened last year. Now, as another class takes on the monumental task of being funny without being caught, we look back on the follies of past seniors.

The tradition of senior prank dates back to the 1970’s and has included everything from barnyard animals to automobiles, blatant vandalism to (lately) nothing at all. The goal, according to SLUH alum Mike Shaughnessy, is to carry out a prank that “doesn’t do any damage, but is still creative enough to make the administration and faculty say, ‘I bet we sure look like idiots trying to figure out what to do about this.’ Unfortunately, with the school’s new Big Brother camera system, good-natured pranks will probably grow sparse.”

What then constitutes a good-natured prank? I suppose examples are in order. One member of the class of ’89 was widely known as the Keymaster. He did what any good keymaster would do—abused his power. He ran down the corridors one day and locked many of the doors. At the time, the doors could not be opened from the inside. The entrapment gave rise to the current concept of “block schedule.”

The following year, a group of seniors stole the covers off all the pencil sharpeners in the building. They were quickly replaced...and the new set was stolen even more quickly. And so on. Then, according to a member of the class of 1991, came an unprecedented announcement over the intercom: official surrender by the administration. Saving face was not worth mounds of pencil shavings all over the school.

Like any healthy tradition, senior prank has gotten out of control from time to time. The aftershocks from pranks in ’95 and ’96 can be felt to this day. According to a member of the class of ’95, nearly 100 members of his class arrived at SLUH late at night on May 10, 1995 and asked the security guard for admittance. The

guard obliged...and called the police. Highlights included a wading pool of goldfish, the relocation of all the cafeteria tables to the freshman bathroom, and a fire on the roof of the library. Said the alum, “Meanwhile, as they [were] cavorting and doing nothing really too worthy of a senior prank, the cops show up. All of them. Every cop in town. Supposedly.”

The following year, members of the class of ’96 gathered in the center hall after a production of *Senior Follies*. In short order, the comic element of the prank was lost—drowned in the sea of condiments, beverages, and motor oil that flooded the halls. An early morning cleaning crew was called in at great expense to the school. No one laughed.

Well, after the debacle of ’96, according to the March 5, 1999 *Prep News*, there was a meeting between administrators and the class of ’97 to prevent future vandalism. The resulting compromise—to have a

senior bar-be-que—annihilated the entire point of senior prank. The exchange must have gone something like this:

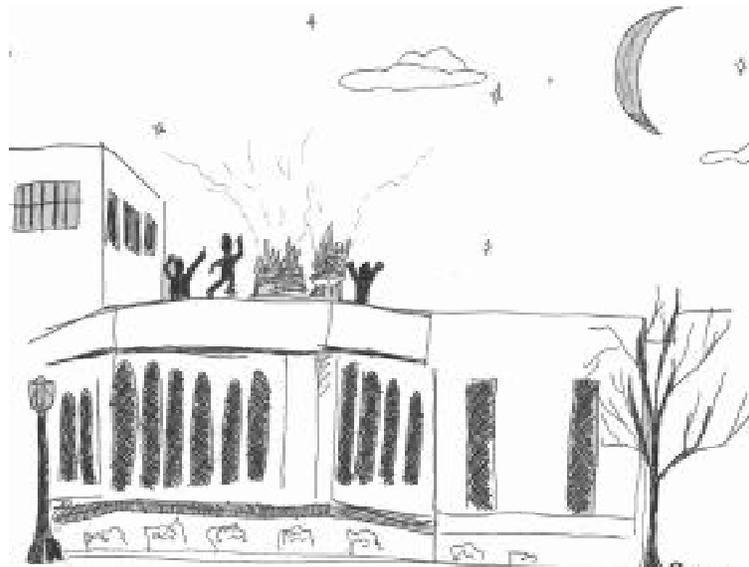
“Can we do a fun prank on you?”

“No, we don’t dig that at all.”

“OK, let’s have a bar-be-que.”

This account has not been verified.

While this year’s installment of senior prank remains a mystery, we can at least be sure it will not be a bar-be-que. Warns one prankster, “We have plans for the grandest prank of all time. Unfortunately, we are suffering from the same ailment as past classes—no one is willing to work together or put up any money. If we can pull it off in time, this year’s prank will put all the others shame.”



drawing by Peter Bartz-Gallagher

Quote of the Week

“Whilst this planet has gone on cycling according to the fixed law of gravity, endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been, and are being, evolved.”

—Charles Darwin

Apr. 20 - Apr. 27

Calendar

by Tipper O'Brien

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Schedule #1

Seniors only Mizzou Meeting in 215C
 Bb: V vs. SLUH Classic @ Heine Meine @ 7pm

Tn: Jv vs. Windsor @ 4pm
 Vb: vs. Kirkwood @ 5:15pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Sisyphus Meeting

Alumni Mothers Meeting @ 10am
 Entertainment 2001 @ Theatre, 7:30 pm
 Bb: V. SLUH Classic @ Heine Meine @ 7pm

Bb: B @ MICDS @ 10am
 Bb: C @ Chaminade @ 10am
 Vb: Parkway Tournament @ Parkway Central @ 10am

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Entertainment 2001 @ Theatre, @ 2 pm
 Arabic Diversity Week
 Sisyphus Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 23

Schedule #1

SAC Meeting @ 7pm
 Sisyphus Artwork Deadline
 Gf: V vs. DeSmet @ Greenbriar @ 4pm
 Gf: Jv vs. DeSmet
 Tr: V @ Vianney Relays @ 4pm
 Tn: V vs. Clayton @ 4pm
 Tn: Jv vs. Clayton @ 4pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Schedule #1

Fr. Eng. Tutorial
 MAP Test
 President's Reception Class of 2005
 Bb: V vs. CBC @ Wash. U. @ 4:15pm
 Bb: B vs. CBC @ Forest Park @ 4:15pm
 Tr: V @ Vianney Relays @ 4pm
 Tn: V vs. Chaminade @ 4pm
 Tn: Jv vs. Chaminade @ 4pm
 Vb: vs. CBC @ 4pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Schedule #5

Free Dress Down Day

Faculty Meeting 1pm

Bb: V @ Rockwood Summit @ 4:15pm
 Bb: B @ Rockwood Summit @ 4:15pm
 Vb: vs. Oakville @ 4pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Schedule #1

Centenary College
 Sisyphus Meeting
 Bb: V vs. Affton @ Heine Meine @ 4:15pm
 Bb: B @ Affton @ 4:15pm
 Gf: V vs. CBC @ Glen Echo @ 4pm
 Tr: V @ Clayton Invitational @ 3:20pm
 Tn: V @ Edwardsville @ 4pm
 Tn: Jv @ Edwardsville @ 4pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Schedule #1

Awards Assembly
 Formal Attire
 Bb: V @ Belleville West @ 4:15pm
 Bb: B @ Belleville West @ 4:15pm
 Tn: Belleville East Tournament

MATTER

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His team was his family and his family was his team.

Now a divorce has ripped apart his world, and why? Because "it's time for a change." Fourteen years deserves a better explanation.

I've known Don and his family longer than I've known SLUH, and when I arrived on campus nine years ago, I always had two friends in the building in Don and his wife, Marla. High school coaches in private schools aren't allowed to recruit prospective students. But Don broke the rules for me, and not for my jumpshot — I never played a minute for Don on the court. He thought his school would be a good fit for me. He was right, and I have him to thank.

That I have no trouble explaining.
 Sincerely,
 Dave Matter, '96

HAMMER

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meet itself, these will be the largest two days of track and field festivities of the year, as 17 teams will converge on Clayton High School. The field includes many past state champions and teams looking to make a run at the title this season.

SUICIDE SQUEEZE

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two walks, two singles, and a hit and an error. Enright led off with a walk and made it home on an error and a sacrifice grounder by Joe Maher.

In the second, Webster scored their last run on a lead-off walk and two sacrifice grounders. SLUH got their last run in the fourth when Steve Keys doubled and stole third and scored on a sacrifice grounder. Despite 8 strikeouts by Tyler Faulstich in the fourth through the sixth,

"It's not for the weak," junior jumper Karl Guenther stressed, "I mean, guys suddenly have pogo sticks for legs. When you're competing against an athlete dubbed 'the Grasshopper,' you know you're in the big leagues."

SLUH lost 4-2.

The next night, SLUH beat DeSoto 6-0 on a slightly warmer evening. DeSoto had only 5 hits in the game.

Last night, SLUH lost 10-5 against DeSmet during a make-up game. DeSmet broke a 1-1 tie with a bases loaded triple in the third inning and catcher Jamie Brandt survived both a home plate collision and being hit in the throat by a pitch in the dirt. SLUH scored 2 runs each in the 6th and 7th innings, but fell short of the full comeback.