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"If nothing else, value the truth."

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Midtown to reopen on Tuesday

Fundraiser paid insured deposit after fire

Dan Butler
Reporter

Recently, Midtown Catholic Charities was forced to shut down temporarily when a fire caused by faulty electrical wiring in the building broke out. While the building wasn't badly burned, it did sustain smoke and water damage extensive enough to force the



Volunteer Joe Potwora at a Christmas party at Midtown.

temporary relocation of Midtown. Luckily, the charity immediately received help from both SLUH and the city.

Alderman Joe Roddy helped the charity find a new building on Vandeventer the organization can use until mid-summer, while at the same time SLUH's Community Service Program, STUCO, and National Honor Society collected nearly \$1000

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Removal of boilers complicated by asbestos, ruptured gas line

Kevin More
Core Staff

Workers had to deal with asbestos reserves and a ruptured gas line this week while removing three antiquated boilers from the room adjacent to the weight room. The workers had to take many precautions, including space-suit like insulation suits, during the removal because there was a layer of refractory brick containing an asbestos mixture. The process was further complicated Monday evening when a gas line was accidentally struck and the fire department had to be called.

When the boilers were installed in 1947, an asbestos mixture was widely used as insulation in the refractory brick lining the borders of boilers. The layer of refractory brick containing the asbestos mixture was safely enclosed between two layers of steel, one of which was the outer layer of the boilers and which enclosed the water.

Since 1982, when SLUH had to remove or encapsulate all asbestos in the school because of growing awareness about the health hazards, there has been no asbestos in the air and no health risk to anyone in the school.

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Jazz Band takes first at 3A contest

Brian Kane
Reporter

Last Saturday, as some Jr. Billikens were preparing for Spring Fling's Battle of the Bands, others were in one. On April 21, St. Louis U. High's Jazz Band competed in the St. Charles West Jazz Invitational, where the band captured first place in the 3A category. The competition lasted from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.

2A, 3A, and 4A schools were all in attendance. Twenty-five SLUH students competed with six other 3A schools on Saturday. The competitions were done both in bands and in combo groups. The bands were required to perform three different songs of different styles; SLUH chose the styles of swing, ballad, and samba. They performed a swing song entitled "Troojaz Blooz," a ballad named "No Looking Back," and a samba called "Samba De Los Iguanas."

The students who participated on Saturday were happy with the results and with their performance. Senior Ryan Vilbig said of the performance, "We had a lot of clinicians that brought us to the next level."

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Search for basketball coach under way

Bannister expects position to be filled by May 7

Tim Elfrink
Editor in Chief

The search for Don Maurer's successor as head coach of the varsity basketball team may be completed by May 7, according to a report in the *Post-Dispatch* confirmed by Principal Robert Bannister. At least 25 coaches have submitted applications for the position vacated when Maurer was dismissed a little more than three weeks ago, and interviews of these candidates began last weekend.

"We're really just starting the process, but we've already had a phenomenal response," said Bannister. "It's definitely possible that this could be completed by May 7."

Athletic Director Dick Wehner was less optimistic about the May 7 prediction, but similarly excited by the quality of the applicants to this point.

"We're still accepting applications until this weekend, so I'd be surprised if we were finished by May 7," said

Wehner.

In describing what they sought in a candidate for the position, Wehner and Bannister cited knowledge of the game and teaching ability as the top criteria for positions, although Wehner also noted the importance of some experience in a Catholic institution.

"First and foremost he needs to have a passion for the game, a passion he can transfer to the boys," said Wehner. "But if he's got a great record and has never set foot in a Catholic school before, he's not going to be a very good fit, is he?"

Bannister also downplayed the idea that SLUH's academically stringent admissions policy might hinder the chance of fielding a winning basketball team, citing a renewed passion for the game in the school community as being a more important factor than the athletic quality of the students admitted.

"We can field winning teams," said Bannister. "We don't go out and recruit cross country people. We get students

who can make it here academically, and their extracurricular or athletic abilities are just one of the criteria we look at."

He did acknowledge the difficulty a new coach might face with the admissions issue, though, saying, "We don't have it as easy as a school with a double- or triple-track curriculum."

According to Bannister, the expectations for next year's coach will be high, although a high winning percentage will not be one of those considerations.

"If I replace a coach, I expect someone else to have a different impact right away. It should mark a change in interest in the school, a new excitement in more people," said Bannister. "But there are not necessarily any expectations of a better winning percentage."

Maurer was out of town and unavailable for comment, but according to Wehner, he has not yet reached a decision on whether to remain at SLUH in some capacity next year or to accept another coaching position elsewhere.

31 represent SLUH at state Classics convention

Andrew Ivers
Editor

Last Saturday, 29 of SLUH's most dedicated language students congregated on the upper lot at 7:00 a.m. to catch the bus which would take them to Columbia, Missouri. About three hours later, the Latinbills, along with teachers Mary Lee McConaghy and Mark Tychonievich, sat in Hickman High School's theatre and listened to opening statements at the Missouri Junior Classics League's (JCL) annual convention.

While events at the convention ranged from classical art and costume design competitions, seminars on various classical subjects, and even an improvised volleyball tournament, the main event was the Certamen competition. Divided into three levels of difficulty, the Certamen competition pitted two four-player teams against each other in a Quiz Bowl-style

game.

For the varsity team, seniors Bob Brewer, Jason Evans, and Brian Wallisch and juniors John Britt, Joe Griffey, and Nick Winker breezed through round one, defeating Lebanon 235-0. They lost their momentum in the next round, though, where they were eliminated by Pembroke Hill, losing 95-65.

The other two teams had more luck, clinching the tournament in Certamen I and II, respectively. "It was a kind of repeat," said McConaghy, in that SLUH swept those levels last year as well.

The sophomore team of Joe Nagel, Brian Kelly, Kevin Mills, Mike Nobel, John Placht, Bob Purcell, Dan Riley, and Cole Thomas defeated St. Joseph Central 200-0 in the first round. They went on to beat Rockhurst 95-77, Marquette and DeSmet in the final 75-35.

The freshmen team, composed of Tim Beishir, David Burghoff, Mark

Duvall, Nathaniel Griffing, John Hook, Pat Lyons, Matt Paradise, Rob Ryan, Nick Speiser, Brad Witbrodt, and Greg Yeckel shutout Lafayette in the first round 150-0. They beat Rockhurst 140-80, DeSmet 125-55, and clinched the tournament with a win over Springfield Central. The freshman victory is impressive, considering the team first came together in late November.

"Both the teams' strength depends on individuals having a depth of knowledge in specific areas," McConaghy said. "I think in the past couple of years students have been really enthusiastic and committed to the team." After the Certamen competition ended, the winners were announced for the state Latin exams, which students took last month.

"It was a great day," McConaghy concluded. "I really appreciate everyone who worked for the team. Their efforts really paid off."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Williamson examines the SLUH family

Dear *Prep News*,

We at SLUH love to use the “f” word a lot. Of course, I mean “family.” I was recently struck by just how great of a metaphor it is. This SLUH family is so dysfunctional it makes the Simpsons look like the Cleavers. For example, the Administration, the “pater familias,” if you will, of this family, embodies this spirit. Before the 2000-2001 school year even started, they decided to have a “special schedule” every once in a while, called “Flex.” In the true spirit of a family, they wasted no time consulting with students or faculty; nothing says “family” like a dictatorship.

Unfortunately, divorces are much too common in today’s families, and the SLUH family is no exception. This same head of the SLUH family, the Administration, made the decision to “dismiss” Don Maurer as coach of the varsity basketball team. By giving the student body vague justifications for the dismissal, they once again acted in the spirit of a family. They were uninhibited by the fact that this decision meant violating other commonly used SLUH vocab words like “tradition” and “values.” Families should be based on secrecy and mistrust, not

understanding and openness.

And no family would be complete without a small squabble of some kind between family members. In the April 6th issue of the *Prep News* a member of the SLUH family expressed her disgust that SLUH is concerned with religious diversity. After all, if she “wanted religious diversity, [she] would send [her son] to a public school.” That family member, understandably, doesn’t want just anybody to be invited to join our privileged family. In her mind, children whose parents could not afford to send their children to a parochial grade school are like the distant cousins that aren’t invited to the family reunion. Sure, they exist, and they may be nice people, they’re just not family.

The point I’m trying to make is that “family” is more than just a word thrown around at Masses, it is a great metaphor for the world of SLUH. But like they say, “You can pick your friends, but not your family.”

Sincerely,

Ryan Williamson, '01

Finney explores medical side effects of new schedule

Dear fellow students and teachers,

As the year draws to a close, I can’t help but feel obligated to relay my observations on this year’s seven period schedule.

It seems the schedule has caused an increase in FHS. What is FHS? Let me explain. FHS stands for false hope syndrome. Yes, false hope. What are the symptoms and what is it actually? Once again, let me explain.

False hope is the idea that you have extra time to do work when you really don’t. Say, after slogging through another day of school, you arrive home and toss your backpack by your desk in your room. You go take a short nap or whatever and think about dinner. After you’ve filled your gullet, you head back to your room. There, you peer inside and stare at that bulging sack with two straps. Silently, you recount what you have for homework: Math, English, Spanish—wait! I don’t have to do this! (the false hope) I’ve got a free period tomorrow! (Yeah, it’s a free period, don’t call it unscheduled.) You boot your backpack aside and head to do something else.

Well, you’re knee deep in FHS. So, you don’t do your homework and head to school. So, you’ve got first period free, right? Well now you can do your homework. You go down to the cafeteria or the library after homeroom with your books and pen in hand. You slide into an obscure table and open your book. Well, next thing you know your buddy walks up. You guys start discussing your social lives or maybe even the homework. Before you know it, there’s six or seven guys talking and you’re all enjoying yourselves. Needless to say, you don’t finish the

homework. Ah, no big deal. You’ve got activity period to work on it. Well, activity period comes. With announcements, putting books away, and grabbing a bite to eat, you’re out 16, maybe 20 minutes. That leaves you roughly 25 minutes to do the work. It’s then you think back to your class meeting last year. The line sticks in your head, repeating itself over and over. I believe it went something like this: “This is an opportunity for you, the student, to stretch yourself.” Uhh, what!? Stretch myself? Really, hmm. Wait, what is it I’m doing by going to one of the top schools in the state? Ooohhh, yeah, that’s right. I was getting warmed up to stretch myself, silly. What was the point of having seven periods? Did someone think that we were not being burdened enough?

All the seventh period does is give us a way out. We, the students, are normal teenagers. Procrastinating is second nature to us. If we are given a way out, a chance to do something later, we are going to jump at it. No normal, sane teenager will work every night when he knows that he could do the work later and be fine. Not after he has gone through practice or some other extracurricular. The last thing that guy wants to do is come home and do homework when he knows he could do it the next day. It’s then you remember what the extra class is doing. It’s taking three minutes off your other classes. Not a lot, huh? That’s 525 minutes over the whole year, which is roughly 11 class periods—11 periods that teachers do not have to cover material.

Thus, the teachers must cram this extra material into your other class periods. What happens if the teachers can’t fit it all?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Patke offers answer to question, "Who are we?"

To the Editors:

In his editorial decrying the preference towards those from Catholic schools in the admissions process at SLUH, Mr. Elfrink begins by asking "Who are we?"

The answer, I think, is obvious. We are a Catholic school. We are an apostolate of the Catholic church in St. Louis. Our school is—quite literally—owned by an order of Catholic priests and brothers...men who have committed their lives to the service of our Church. This fact lies at the heart of everything we do at SLUH (or at least it should), and it is what sets us apart. Ours is not merely a college-prep school, but a Jesuit college-prep

Brighton defends pranks of '00

Dear Jr. Bills,

I am writing in response to Justin Austermann's article over the past history of Senior Pranks at our beloved U. High.

Apparently Justin was asleep for a fateful week last Spring when the Class of 2000 held its installment of the SLUH senior prank. Maybe everyone forgot the goldfish in the pond in front of the statue of the Virgin Mary. Maybe everyone forgot the dry ice in all the bathrooms on one Thursday morning. Maybe everyone forgot the loose parakeet attacking one unfortunate freshman in the cafeteria.

Please, if you are going to bash my graduating class, make sure your claims about our worthlessness are founded.

Keep it real,
Eric Brighton

Primary '02 Class Officer Election Results

President	Dan Klein
Ben Wastler	
Colin King Carroll	Treasurer
Chris Finney	Ian Mulligan
	Kyle Banahan
Vice President	
Michael Lewis	Minority Affairs
Brian Gilmore	Josh Saleem
	James Mann
Secretary	Kris Lowes
Kevin Price	Pat Kim
Joe Mantovani	

school...a Catholic college-prep school.

If you doubt my word on this, talk to the men who own this school. The Jesuits created our school to be an instrument by which they perform their service to Christ. And to invite all of us to serve Him as well.

A school that was created to serve the Catholic church should certainly prefer those who participate most fully in that church. That is who we are.

Mr. Joe Patke
Advancement Office

Father questions legacy admissions

To the Editors:

Holly S. Records' April 6 letter published in the *Prep News* brought up a subject about which I wish to comment. She seemed to find fault with the fact that eighteen students who were rejected for admission into next years' freshman class had older brothers attending SLUH.

I have never understood why a student would have a better chance of gaining admission to SLUH simply because his brother or father had attended SLUH. How would you explain to a boy who desired and worked hard to attend SLUH that the reason he did not make the cut was that someone with lower overall qualifications was accepted because he had a brother or father who had attended SLUH?

Base admissions into SLUH on the individual applying, not on where his family attended high school.

Sincerely,
Michael Szerzinski

FINNEY

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You guessed it, Saturday school (It's really happening for some). But that's no big deal, some of us have been to school on Saturday before. Remember studying Friday night? But really, the Saturday school is not that bad.

The teachers have no other choice. What is bad is that most of us have to deal with this schedule next year. The bottom line is that someone didn't have enough to do. That's what happens when people don't have enough to do. They start to fix things that aren't broken. As for the FHS, well, I've got it and it's contagious and terminal.

Sincerely,
Chris Finney, '02

Basebills improve to 11-4 with Lange's 5-inning no-hitter, Nicollerat's 300th win

Andrew Ivers
Editor

Whether hits were plentiful or not for the Jr. Bills this past week, solid defense has kept them close to their opponents. Among the high points of the week were Matt Lange's no-hitter against Springfield Central on Saturday and head coach Steve Nicollerat's 300th career win last night against Affton.

Anyone who knows Nicollerat would not be surprised to hear that he attributed his accomplishment to "the players and the time." A staple of humility for his players, he simply went on to say, "I'm just glad the kids are playing good ball games."

The players have maintained that ideal since last Friday, winning five of six games to bring their record to 11-4.

The biggest game of the week was against CBC on Tuesday night, 4-1. Alex Curcuru pitched 5 2/3 innings against CBC's Brad Arnett, who almost shutout SLUH with 9 strikeouts in seven innings.

The offense had trouble getting started, taking three innings to bat through the order once. CBC's defense, with no errors on the game, was solid, keeping the ball in the infield almost the entire evening and allotting only 6 hits to the boys in blue. SLUH's only run came in the fourth, when Jamie Brandt doubled and came home after a wild pitch and a single by Andy Hecht.

In the first, with one out and runners on first and second, CBC got a nice hit between short and third but Steve Keys, in left, hit Victor Rodriguez at third who in turn hit Brandt at home for a beautiful tag-out. The moment soon turned sour, however, when Brandt overthrew trying to get the back runner at third, who then scored.

After a double in the second, Curcuru sent two hitters away looking, the second with an off-speed pitch followed by a

curve.

He walked two in the third with one out and the next two hitters singled, giving the Cadets a 3-0 lead. Curcuru then set down two more swinging. SLUH kept the lead minimal with an abundance of CBC fly-outs.

The Cadets scored again, however, in the sixth, after a walk and two singles. After he threw a wild pitch, Tyler Faulstich relieved Curcuru with a strikeout to end the inning.

SLUH attempted two more rallies in the sixth and seventh, putting runners on first and third and then second and third, only to strand them to infield outs. "When you face good pitching, you're going to struggle," said Nicollerat. "We didn't get the big hit in that game."

Last Friday, the sluggers had more luck when they won 6-4 on 14 hits against Warrenton. Strong defense once again stood behind pitching as David Neely kept the ball in the infield and shutout

Warrenton for two innings.

SLUH bats kept the momentum, scoring the lead-off man, Tom Chibnall, in the first and the third. But the team stranded 6 runners on 7 hits after three.

Warrenton cashed in on two SLUH errors in the third and scored three runs. But, after four batters, the team calmed down, and put out Warrenton with a double play and a strikeout.

SLUH held Warrenton to only one run, in the fifth, on one hit for the rest of the game. In the fourth, the Jr. Bills added a run on a triple by Jim Manning and a RBI single by John Greffet.

Entering the bottom of the sixth losing 4-3, Eric Enright started off with a triple. Curcuru, running for him, scored on a wild pitch and Manning, after a walk, followed him home to clinch the lead, after a fielder's choice. Joe Maher scored the final run after a triple by Rodriguez.

The next morning, Matt Lange went **see CHALKLINE, 10**



Victor Rodriguez takes a mighty swing last night against Affton.

Baseball Box Scores

<u>April 20</u>		<u>April 24</u>	
Warrenton 003 010 0	4 3 0	CBC	102 001 0 4 8 0
SLUH 101 103 0	6 14 0	SLUH	000 010 0 1 6 5
(W) Dave Neely (L) Danny Manco		(W) Brad Arnett (L) Alex Cucuru	
<u>April 21</u>		<u>April 25</u>	
Spg Central 000 00	0 0 0	SLUH 014 321 0	11 14 2
SLUH 012 34	10 10 0	Summit 032 001 3	9 15 2
(W) Matt Lange		(W) Steve Keys (L) Derrick Winston	
<u>April 21</u>		<u>April 26</u>	
DeSoto 100 000	1 2 2	Affton	000 000 0 0 3 2
SLUH 202 430 0	11 12 0	SLUH	000 120 0 3 8 0
(W) Steve Keys (L) Chris Morrison		(W) Matt Lange (L) Matt Meier	

LAXbills, Willard topple rival Lafayette

Matt Snively
Sports Editor

Continuing their tear through the league, SLUH's Laxbills finished a busy week on Friday with a victory over rival Lafayette. Playing under the lights at Crestview Middle School, the Stickbills came out strong and controlled the tempo of the game early. However, the Lancers of Lafayette refused to fold early and stayed even with the Billikens through the first quarter, even gaining enough momentum to hold a 3-2 advantage for a short time.

As the game progressed, it became clear that every trip down the field would be important, as both goalies played well. Mike Lewis played especially well for the Jr. Bills in the net, making 11 saves against the feisty Lancers.

Junior Joe Downey, who scored in the second quarter, said, "It seemed that

whenever Lafayette got a glimpse of hope, we had a big goal that put their rally out."

In the second half, the Barrettbills came out with the desire to crush Lafayette under a deluge of goals. They scored three unanswered goals in the third quarter and increased their shaky half-time lead of one into a safe four-goal spread. Senior Dave Willard led all scoring with four goals, and he added an assist as well. Other scoring came from Mark Bittmann, who had three goals, and four other players had a goal apiece. Bittmann's goal tally

is even more impressive when added to his overall game statistics, which included eleven ground balls.

Despite Lafayette's best efforts, the Lancers could not overcome a late five-goal deficit. They did make a run, however, and cut the lead from 10-5 to 10-8 at one point, but the Billikens sealed the game



John Kennedy commands the gameplay on Thursday

with a late goal by Ryan Sickles on an assist from Matt Hof. Hof recovered a shot that went past the goal and fed Sickles, who was standing on the edge of the crease. Sickles put the shot past the stunned

see **GROUND BALL, 8**

Godar, O'Brien lead Trackbills to impressive showings against Vianney, Lafayette

Brian Gilmore
Reporter

Under ordinary circumstances, any sane man would agree that a mile is 5,280 feet. But lately for SLUH track & field, the mile has been made up of 5,272 less feet, as four teammates and their eight feet have established a new school record. At the Vianney Relays this past Monday afternoon, the mile relay team of junior Pat Leinauer (4:39.2), junior Tom O'Brien (4:36.1), senior Dave Godar (4:35.8), and junior John Parr (4:34.1) narrowly eclipsed the old school record of 18:26.0—set in 1997—with an incredible time of 18.24.9 seconds.

Moments after the race, perhaps still inebriated with the thrill of victory, Leinauer quipped, "It feels wonderful finally proving that my brother is inferior to me."

Not as candid as Leinauer, yet equally

as satisfied, Parr noted that "[The four of them] went through weeks of hard work with hopes of breaking the record at Vianney."

O'Brien echoed these sentiments, adding, "It's going to be nice to have our names in the murals of some of the great athletes that have passed through this school, and I feel great for [Godar], since he is the only senior on the distance team who stuck it out all four years."

However, Godar was quick to come back, saying "The record is nice, but it's only whetting our appetite for our larger goal, which is to run well in the state meet in May."

The mile relay record wasn't the only record to fall this past week, as the sophomore 4 x 400 team set a new sophomore record on April 18th at the Webster JV Invitational. The team, comprised of sophomores Thomas Moore, Andre Thomas, Joe Azar, and Pat Ferrell, ran a

blistering 3:36.7, shattering the 19 year old record by nearly three seconds.

The following day, April 19th, the varsity squad traveled to Horton Watkins High School, to compete in the Ladue Invitational. It was an extremely windy day, but many Trackbills established personal records for themselves. Due to the stiff competition, however, only O'Brien managed to medal. Paced by an amazing kick, O'Brien managed to cross the tape first in a time of 4:37 for the 1600-meter run, edging out a strong, upper-level field. O'Brien later ran a 2:03 in the 800-meter run, good enough for 4th place. The team left Ladue satisfied, finishing in a tie for 8th place in the expanded 19-team field.

Next up for the Tracksterbills is the Clayton Invitational at Clayton High School, which will prove to be a final measuring stick for the team before the upcoming conference, districts, sectional, see **FIELDMOUSE, 10**

April 27, 2001

Overkamp makes Junior World weightlifting squad with 660-lb. lift

Andy Neilsen
Core Staff

While most probably think that 150 pounds is too much to lift, senior Benn Overkamp lifted much more over his head last Saturday at the U.S. Senior National Weightlifting Tournament. Overkamp competed against men of all ages in a tournament his coach, Ed Bielik, calls the "biggest in the nation." At this tournament, Overkamp qualified for the Junior World division, putting him among the top weightlifters in the world.

Overkamp, who has been lifting for five years, ranks number seven in the nation among weight lifters of 20 years and under, the Junior World. Lifting 363 pounds in the clean and jerk and 297 pounds in the snatch, Overkamp qualified as the youngest member of the team,



Overkamp clean-and-jerks 363 lbs.

a fact that greatly impresses his coach. "Rarely does an athlete reach such high performance in five years," said Bielik.

Overkamp's qualifying for the Junior World team earns him a trip to Greece to compete with the best weight lifters from every major country. Bielik considers the Junior Worlds the second most important annual weightlifting tournament, the first being the Senior Worlds. The Olympics, he says, are the most important, but are a product of good training and timing. As for Overkamp's Olympic aspirations, Overkamp says, "It's definitely a possibility, definitely a goal of mine. It all depends on how well the U.S. team competes, how many slots are open."

Even though Overkamp ranks seventh on the Junior World team, he is the strongest in his weight class in the nation. According to Bielik, Overkamp has lifted the most weight over his head of anyone

in St. Louis in the past 25 years.

Bielik became Overkamp's coach after teaching him at Nipher Middle School, where Bielik teaches physical education. Bielik knew that Overkamp was a "powerful person," and began to coach him after Overkamp expressed interest in weightlifting.

Because weightlifting requires such constant conditioning, Overkamp had to be extremely dedicated to it. According to Bielik, Overkamp has missed only four practices in his five years of training. "To juggle such a demanding school like SLUH and (weightlifting) is very impressive," Bielik said. At times, Overkamp has had to practice twice a day, filling his time. He did twice-a-day workouts for only a small part of the school year, saying of his six o'clock workouts, "It was too early for me to get up, I wasn't getting enough sleep,"

Overkamp will compete in Greece in June, and will continue his training until then. "(My success) depends on me staying healthy, continuing to train hard."

Varsity Volleyball Update

The Varsity Volleyball Team won the Parkway Tournament on Saturday over Eureka High school.

Tournament Results

vs. Fort Zumwalt W., win, 15- 6, 15-7
vs. Parkway Central, win, 15- 7,15-9
vs. Pattonville, win, 15-9, 15-5
vs. Parkway North, win, 15-7, 15-6

Finals

vs. Eureka, (Final) win, 15-5, 15- 11



The team, along with coaches Paul Scrogie and Terry Quinn, poses with their tournament trophy last Saturday.

On Wednesday, April 25 the Junior Bills took on Oakville and won, 15-5, 15-9

Prep News Nightbeat

Varsity Lacrosse

SLUH: 9, Parkway West: 4

Four Stars

- 1) Ryan Sickles, 5 goals
- 2) Brandon Costello, 3 goals
- 3) John Kennedy, 1 goal
- 4) Mike Lewis, 11 saves

Golfers, Robert turn up skills with eighth-stroke victory against DeSmet

Garry Holland
Reporter

Coming off only their second loss of the season in a match last Wednesday against the formidable Chaminade Flyers, the Bantlebills bounced back with a solid win over MCC and district rival DeSmet. The competition has been tight between the schools this year: SLUH edged out the Spartans by a stroke at Glen Echo, while DeSmet snatched first place from SLUH at the MCC Tournament by a scant two strokes. Heading into the match on Monday, SLUH "wanted to send D-world a message before the competitive district match," according to senior Bill Everding.

Despite the blustery winds at Greenbriar, SLUH managed to deliver the message in the form of an eight-stroke victory. Junior Pat Robert's game was somehow enhanced by the winds as he medalled in the match with an incredible two-under 34. Robert started solidly, parring the first four holes, but then he

GROUND BALL

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Lafayette goalie, who thought the ball had gone out of bounds.

The highlight of the game, however, came from Willard, who scored a fantastic behind-the-back goal in the second half. He received a pass as he cut through the middle of the field, and as he cut past the right side of the goal, he flicked the ball over his left shoulder and into the top left corner of the net.

The Laxbills are back in action at Compton Drew field tonight and tomorrow morning against teams visiting from Memphis, playing Memphis University School tonight at five and Christian Brothers High School tomorrow at ten. Be sure to come out and support the team and come out for the games, and check the *PN* NightBeat for last night's results versus league opponent Parkway West.

exploded and birdied three of the next four holes. Robert remarked, "The ten foot birdie putts just dropped on 14, 15, and 17. I've been playing well all year and today I just broke out and scored well."

The Golfbills play only three more matches before the district competition. The top two finishing teams, as well as those individuals who best the cut line, will make the trip to the state competition. Unfortunately, due to district realignment, the task of qualifying the team became more daunting. As coach Greg Bantle explained, the weak University City team was "replaced with Parkway South, second-place finishers at the Webster Cup. The district was already loaded with us, DeSmet,

Chaminade, and CBC, and now with Parkway South, the field will be tough.z"

But Bantle explained, "The team is definitely able to shoot 305 as a team, which I think will win, because we shot 306 to win the Webster Cup." That victory in the Webster Cup undoubtedly provided SLUH with confidence. They defeated all the district competition in the tournament, which many argue is the true junior championship in Missouri due to the quality of the field. Senior Drew Ferris, the individual medalist in the Webster Cup, believes "The team will dominate just like I dominated Mr. Bantle all year long."

The district competition is next Wednesday at Persimmon Woods Golf Club.



drawing by Mike Garcia

Golf Box Score

4/9/01 Webster Cup at The Players Club (Par 71)

Team results: 1) SLUH
Individual: Drew Ferris 68 (-3)- Medalist

Pat Robert 76
Bill Everding 78

4/10/01 Vianney at Normandie (Par 35)
SLUH: 233 Vianney: 279

Individual: Drew Ferris 34 Medallist
Pat Robert 34 Medalist
Bill Everding 39

4/12/01 MCC Tournament at Stonewolf (Par 72)

Team results: 1) Chaminade 415
2) DeSmet 415
3) SLUH 417

Individual: Pat Robert 78 Medalist
Andy Schumert 79
Bill Everding 85

4/16/01 CBC at Greenbriar Hills (Par 36)

SLUH: 251 CBC: 270
Individual: Drew Ferris 37 Medalist
Bill Everding 39
Pat Robert 41

4/17/01 Webster at Normandie (Par 36)

SLUH: 243 Webster: 266
Individual: Pat Robert 38 Medalist
Drew Ferris 38 Medalist

4/18/01 Chaminade at Normandie (Par 36)

SLUH: 244 CCP: 235
Individual: Pat Robert 36

Mike Dougherty 38

4/23/01 DeSmet at Greenbriar Hills (Par 36)

SLUH: 244 DeSmet: 252
Individual: Pat Robert 34(-2)
Zach Schmitt 40
Andy Schumert 41

CHARITY

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in just two days. The money will go to Midtown to help cover the insurance deductible.

CSP moderator Patrick Zarrick was "gratified at the great team effort which collected such a large amount in such a short time period." He added that it was "great to serve Midtown in a different way...this time with the entire student body."

Midtown will resume its operations next week, with the check from the fundraiser to be presented to Executive Director John Pachak on Tuesday. An archdiocesan organization located near SLUH, at 1202 Boyle Avenue (just south of Manchester), this charity has been in operation for nearly two decades in the old St. Cronan's school building. It provides a range of services to the surrounding area, which is mainly

composed of low-income families.

While Midtown's programs range from providing monetary aid and food delivery to parental services and help for the elderly, its largest program focuses on area youths. This program includes nearly three hundred kids in after school programs, supervised play groups, and tutoring sessions.

Because of Midtown's proximity to SLUH and its dependence on volunteer help for the continued operation of the charity, nearly thirty students, led by teachers Bill Sheahan, S.J., Rob Garavaglia, and Deacon Allen Boedeker, have volunteered there throughout the year. Sheahan feels that it is important for SLUH students to create a relationship with the local charity organization.

Boedeker explained, "Students can give attention and leadership in the various activities, and at the same time be giving back to the very community their own school is in."

On Tuesdays, students help with the play group, which is intended to help develop the kids' social skills and help them learn conflict resolution. Said Nick Brescia, one of the Tuesday volunteers, "While working at Midtown, I began to have a greater appreciation for the opportunities I have that many of these kids don't. It was a great opportunity for me to give back to kids who are not as fortunate as me." In addition to the Tuesday play group, a group heads over on Thursday to help tutor the kids after school.

Realizing the importance of continued service from SLUH students, Pachak said, "It makes the kids feel important when someone comes in week after week to help...someone they can recognize and begin to feel comfortable with."

Sheahan and the other volunteers will continue going throughout the year, and Sheahan hopes even more students will donate their time to Midtown. Interested students can go to the CSP office or contact one of the three moderators of the program.

SATCHMO

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Both the combos and the band as a whole did well this year, with the combo taking fifth place and the band winning first place. SLUH Band Director Bryan

Mueller had high praise for this year's program. "Our students are very talented and hard-working. I thought I did the best preparation I've done yet," he said.

The song "No Looking Back" featured senior Andy Gilfoil playing a solo on the

tenor saxophone, which earned him an Outstanding Soloist award at the competition, the only 3A student to earn such an honor.

"I don't know what we'd have done without Gilfoil," said senior Andy Melenbrink.

Gilfoil himself summed up the entire day by simply saying, "We played pretty well, we sounded good, and we won."

BOILIN'

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However, before SLUH could remove the boilers, they had to address the problem of safely disposing of the asbestos.

"SLUH knew [there was asbestos] in the lining of the boilers, so we had the room sealed off before the asbestos was removed," said Maintenance Supervisor Ray Manker. Then a group of asbestos removal experts from J & S Companies removed the refractory bricks by triple-bagging them and placing them in a federally-regulated asbestos disposal container, which will be picked up by an authorized carrier. The job was done carefully and correctly.

The company then used asbestos

filters to ensure there wasn't any asbestos in the area. "The air has been tested, and it is asbestos-free," said Manker.

SLUH is now in the process of dismantling the boilers. The process was further complicated when a worker cut a pipe and broke a gas line late Monday night. Danger was avoided when one of the workers held his finger over the gas break until the fire department arrived and properly plugged the whole.

The dismantling of the boilers should be completed within the next few days. Although the administration is not yet exactly sure how the new space will be used, the removal of the asbestos was completed successfully, leaving no health hazard for anyone in the building.



Chris Yeckel, first trumpet in the winning jazz band, practices in symphonic band on Thursday afternoon.

by Tom O'Brien

Calendar

Apr. 27 - May 4

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Schedule #3

Awards Assembly

Formal Attire

Bb: V @ Belleville West @ 4:15pm

Bb: B @ Belleville West @ 4:15pm

Ten: Belleville East Tournament

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Spring Fling

Sisyphus meeting

Bb: B @ Lutheran South @ Noon

Bb: C @ Lutheran South @ 10am

Tr: V @ Clayton Invitational

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Jazz Band Concert 1:30pm

Maryville College Fair

Sisyphus Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Schedule #1

Regis University during AP

University of Georgia during 2nd lunch

Gf: V vs. Vianney @ Greenbriar @ 4pm

Gf: Jv vs. Vianney @ Greenbriar @ 4pm

Tr: C @ Parkway West Invitational @ 4pm

Vb: vs. Hazelwood West @ 4:30pm

TUESDAY, MAY 1

Schedule #1

Junior Class meeting

Pro-Life Club meeting

Wake Forest University during 2nd lunch

Bb: V @ Chaminade @ 4:15pm

Bb: B @ Chaminade @ 4:15pm

Bb: C @ Clayton @ 4:15pm

Gf: V vs. Borgia @ Normandie @ 3:20pm

Ten: V vs. Priory @ 4pm

Ten: Jv vs. Priory @ 4pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Schedule #1

Chinese Assembly

Fr. English Tutorial

STUCO Primary

Bb: V @ DeSmet @ 4:15pm

Bb: B vs. DeSmet @ Creve Coeur Park @ 4:15pm

Tn: Jv vs. Principia @ 4pm

Vb: vs. Parkway West @ 4pm

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Schedule #1

Junior Class meeting

Rosary in Chapel

SAC Dinner 6pm

Bb: C vs. CBC @ Forest Park @ 4:15pm

Tr: V/Jv @ MCC @ Chaminade @ 4pm

Tn: V/Jv @ Parkway Central @ 4pm

Vb: vs. DeSmet @ 5pm

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Schedule #5

Junior Class Liturgy

Formal Attire for Juniors

Junior Ring

Bb: B @ Granite City @ 4:30pm

Bb: C @ DeSmet @ 4:15pm

Tr: C @ MCC @ DeSmet @ Chaminade

Vb: vs. Marquette @ 4pm

FIELDMOUSE

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and state meets. Day one of the meet was Thursday, when many of the prelims for different events were conducted. Day two will begin Saturday morning with the semifinals and finals of most races. Pushed by the incredible competition, look for times to go low, throws to go long, and jumps to go high and far.

Next Thursday, Chaminade hosts the MCC Championships.

Assistant coach Tim Chik commented, "I hope for a great day on all three levels at conference—varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen. With the work we've put in, we find ourselves in a position to excel in all areas."

Race festivities kick off at 4 p.m. Fan support at either meet—Clayton and especially at MCC—is much appreciated.

CHALKLINE

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against Springfield Central in the first game of a double-header. He pitched a no-hitter and led the Jr. Bills to a 10-0 victory in five innings. "I felt really good," said Lange. "It gave me some confidence. (All my pitches) were on for me that day."

The team kept the momentum that afternoon when they faced DeSoto for the second time this season (they previously beat them 6-0). Steve Keys got the win, pitching 5 innings and keeping DeSoto to one run in the first inning. The final score was 11-1.

Keys also went against Rockwood Summit Wednesday night at Rockwood. The biggest inning for the Jr. Bills came in the fourth with singles by Maher and Rodriguez. Maher scored on a fielder's choice and Chik brought home the next run with a line drive to right center, tying

the game at 3. Keys and Cucuru scored to seize the lead on an error and a hit. More runs came in the fourth, fifth, and sixth, and the team won 11-9.

Said Nicollerat, "Most [of Summit's] runs came after 2 outs and an error. In the last two games, the (defense) has played poorly at times within the game. Overall, from a 14-game perspective, I don't have a problem. We can always improve."

Last night, SLUH shutout Affton 3-0. A double by Rodriguez in the fourth followed by a sacrifice grounder by Chik and a fielding error drove in the first run. In the fifth, RBIs by Maher and Rodriguez gave the team their last two runs.

"Good defense, good hitting, and good pitching," Nicollerat concluded last night. "The kids are working hard. We're trying to find a bit more scrapping; if we can do that, we're going to get better."