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## St. Louis University High School

# Prep News

*"If nothing else, value the truth."*

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## DeSmet grad Ross hired as basketball coach

*Former coach Don Maurer accepts head coaching job at MICDS*

**Tim Elfrink**  
Editor in Chief

"Today we begin a new era." Athletic Director Dick Wehner's words at the opening of the first meeting between new varsity basketball head coach John Ross and the basketball players spoke volumes about the controversy surrounding the dismissal of former coach Don Maurer. Ross, formerly the head coach at Brentwood, was officially hired on Wednesday, and will teach four sections

of algebra in addition to his head coaching duties.

"He's young, he's energetic, and he's



Ross speaks to his players at a meeting on Thursday afternoon.

a basketball junkie," said Wehner. "And he's going to work his tail off to better himself and our program."

"I feel honored to be here," said Ross in a speech to the players, "but at the same time I feel like I've worked hard my whole life to get to this point."

Ross played high school basketball at DeSmet, graduating in '87, and played college ball at Webster University. After college, he moved on to a job as a Varsity Assistant at Whitfield High for three years,

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## Vision 2000 progresses into '01-'02

*Baseball facility within months of construction*

**Andrew Ivers**  
Editor

In the past eight months since President Paul Sheridan, S.J. outlined Vision 2000, the rough plans the administration and the Board of Trustees will follow to carry SLUH's expansion into the next couple decades, he and others have taken many successful steps closer to the school's imminent renovation.

The adjoining baseball fields at the north end of Aviation Field in Forest Park are months away from their construction. A joint project, in which the St. Louis Science Center and the school would construct a multi-level parking garage,

located roughly east of the school at Berthold and East, is nearing a serious planning stage, according to Board member Ted Hellman '66.

A decision from the City of St. Louis, determining that Forest Park Forever, the park's revitalization organization which is supported by private and public elements, will assume some responsibility for alterations to the fields is the last motion which needs to be passed before construction can begin on the baseball fields.

Hellman said baseball coach Steve Nicollerat, Athletic Director Dick Wehner, Sheridan, and he have reviewed

*see V2K BUG, 6*

## Golfers take 2nd in State

**Garry Holland**  
Reporter

The SLUH golf team capped the best season in recent memory by capturing second place at the State Tournament Monday and Tuesday at Silo Ridge.

The Golfbills were wary of the competition but knew the team could match anyone in Missouri. Drew Ferris knew and believed the team would fare well at Silo and expected to win.

"We had won everything else," said

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# Renovations, reorganizations in '01-'02

*The commons will become Pastoral Office space*

**Andrew Ivers**  
Editor

The administration has recently made plans to improve student life in both the form of dress code revision and renovation to the student commons area.

Compared to earlier years, this past year has featured very few conflicts over dress code. Citing only two major problems, Assistant Principal Dean of Students H. Eric Clark sounded satisfied with the code's success.

"I didn't have any problems, really," he said. A personal qualm was the frequency of students forgetting to wear formal attire, even after "I would say, 'formal attire, formal attire, formal attire'" the previous day.

Clark added that he will consider making the punishment for the violation a JUG next year. Students also frequently wear cargo pants for formal attire, a violation under the revised code.

The issue of the all-terrain shoes swelled this year. Students were confused as to what they could wear, and faculty were confused as to what the school allowed and what they should punish. Clark said that problem plagued his office most frequently. "I said, 'That's it.' No more sports or athletic shoes."

The revised code states, "Any form of sport/athletic shoes or 'look-alike' are not permitted (i.e. tennis, cross-training, basketball, Vans, Deck shoes, Airwalks, All Terrain or any shoe that can be worn on a gym floor.)."

The renovation of the commons area will be the most important change to student life next year. In an attempt to concentrate the offices of Pastoral, CSP, and Senior Project and open space for those Campus Ministry participants to have serious meetings, the administration revived a two-year-old plan to reconfigure the area.

In much the same style as the Coun-

selling Department, the new area will feature a carpeted study area on the east side of the existing commons, surrounded on its north and west side by Campus Ministry offices. The STUCO workroom will remain in place and the remaining area, to STUCO's west, will be a tiled commons area. Principal Robert Bannister said that hopefully students will be able to eat in the new commons area as well.

Another summer renovation that will begin soon will be the opening of more storage space in the area east of the Rec Hall and the computer labs. Construction crews will create a hole in the east wall large enough to drive a Bobcat digging vehicle through.

The teams will excavate dirt from the previously unaltered area between the Rec Hall wall and the foundation's wall. The storage area will meet the needs of Mothers' Club and Cashbah initially and will be allocated to other departments as the year progresses.

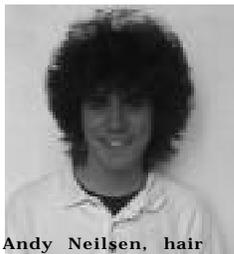
# Ivers, Neilsen set to lead *Prep News 66*

*Kevin Moore becomes Sports Editor*

**Andy Neilsen**  
Core Staff

After 30 great issues, *Prep News* volume 65 is ready to call it quits. The almost all-new staff, including sports editors Peter Bartz-Gallagher and Matt Snively and features editor Justin Austermann as well as the brilliant editorship of Tim Elfrink made the paper a success this year.

Moderator Steve Missey said of Elfrink, "We are really going to miss (Elfrink), who did an enormous amount of work that no one knows about." Missey is "excited about next year" even without the some of this year's



Andy Neilsen, hair and all.

staff.

The new editing staff will come mainly from this year's Core Staff, with Andrew Ivers and Andy Neilsen becoming Editors in Chief and Kevin Moore assuming the role of Sports Editor. Ivers' four years of experience and great editing diligence make him a perfect choice for Editor in Chief.

"Ivers is a terrific interviewer and a thorough writer," Missey said. "He thinks like a newspaperman and...will bring integrity to the newspaper."

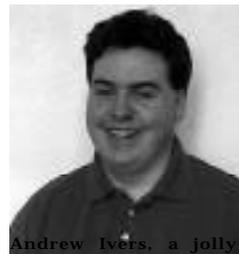
The other Editor in Chief, Andy Neilsen, has spent the past year on the

Core Staff, his first year as a *Prep News* staffer.

"We've all been impressed by Andy's writing ability, especially in his first year as a newspaper-man," said Elfrink. "I think he and Ivers will really complement each other well."

In addition to the editors, freshmen Brian Kane and Patrick Meek, who wrote great articles in their first year as reporters, will join the Core Staff. They will be accompanied by senior Tom O'Brien and junior Matt Hoffman.

"They're going to have a really great staff, and, rest assured, I'll be back to keep 'em all in line," said Elfrink.



Andrew Ivers, a jolly fellow.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Maurer reflects on fourteen-year tenure and dismissal

Dear Prep News,

Just over six weeks ago, my life and the life of my family was turned upside down. But I felt it was time for me to express my thanks and the appreciation my family feels for the outpouring of sentiment and support we have received since my firing as the basketball coach at St. Louis U. High. From colleagues and students to parents and former students, the expression of support has been tremendous during this humbling experience. For this I thank you.

It was a good fourteen-year run. I am fortunate that I have been touched and impacted by so many people over those years. I have memories that will last a lifetime and I have images of faces that I will always cherish. Our children grew up running around this school. So, it will always be a part of our lives.

I also want to take this opportunity to clarify a few things regarding my termination as coach. It has been reported that "the administration" made this decision. Actually, only two members of the administrative staff were involved in the decision and my ultimate dismissal. Assistant Principal Art Zinselmeyer, Dean of Students Eric Clark, and Athletic Director Dick Wehner were not involved in this situation. I can't refer to it as a process because there really was no process. I was never brought in to discuss any concerns or problems with the program and thus, I had no way of knowing that I needed to make some changes. Don't get me wrong, I know that these two men have the authority to make such decisions. And, I know that there are some people who are very happy with what they've done. I just feel that when you're dealing with a person's life, some sort of process should be followed. I can't imagine a teacher being relieved of his/her duties without the head of the particular academic department being involved.

I've never claimed to be a great basketball coach. But I do believe that for the last fourteen years we conducted a program

that the school and everyone associated with it could take pride in, a program which had earned a great deal of respect for being competitive on the court while doing things the right way. Our teams, even when we struggled, continued to be invited to prestigious events and tournaments because of that respect. I want to win as much as anyone. And maybe I should have adopted a philosophy of scheduling that would have helped us to win more games. But I don't really care about my record or my personal accomplishments. I coach with the goal of challenging the athletes to compete against the very best competition while upholding the mission statement of the school and maintaining my personal and professional integrity. I will never compromise my principles by resorting to a 'win at all costs' attitude. Evidently, that isn't the direction these men want to travel.

I thank the many people who have supported me. A few years ago, Fr. Bob Costello and Plant Manager Paul Owens, who at that time were President and Principal, respectively, along with Mr. Wehner, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Zinselmeyer stood up to parents with unrealistic expectations and supported me through some very tough times. They stood strong in the face of adversity and pressure and did what was right. Many colleagues and students, some of whom I never expected, have spoken up in support of me. To all of you I say a sincere thanks. To everyone who has been a part of our program over the years, and to others who have supported the efforts of our players over the years, I say thank you. Many people associated with this school have been a major part of my life and the life of my family. No matter where we are next fall, be it here or another location, you will always have a special place in our hearts. I truly enjoyed the experience and I am a better person because of it.

Sincerely,  
Don Maurer

## Student wonders about cruelty in a community of "Men for Others"

Dear Prep News,

I am a member of the class of 2003. Last weekend at Senior Follies there was a joke about us being better than everyone else. But are we really?

One of my teachers has had to put up with harassment from her students all year. Just the other day another distasteful act was committed that truly saddened me. The act that was committed isn't important; it's the fact that at a great school like SLUH people have to be subjected to this kind of abuse.

Every day we dedicate all of our thoughts, words, and actions to the greater glory of God. Are these acts the things we

want to dedicate to God? As a community I believe we cannot allow things like this to happen anymore. We need to stand up for what is right and be true men for others by putting an end to this type of abuse.

To the teacher who has had to put up with these atrocities, I'm sorry. To the students who commit them, I feel sorry for you that you get some sort of pleasure out of this. To the SLUH community, let's strive to make SLUH a truly superior place and put an end to this type of behavior.

Sincerely,  
Anonymous

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Murphy bids farewell to after 41 years

To the SLUH Community,

As my last few days on the faculty of St. Louis University High School pass quickly by, my head and heart swirl with a multitude of thoughts and feelings. The strongest of these is gratitude for all the blessings that have come to me and my family through my employment here for 41 years.

These blessings have come from the "marvelous comrades" with whom I've had the honor of working and the great young men I've had the privilege of teaching, coaching, or counseling. Many of the colleagues and students I want to thank have preceded me in departing SLUH, but many remain. These I will try to thank personally, but this fine publication will reach many more.

I believe that the members of the Class of '54 who have worked here, Joe Schulte, Bob Bannister, Fr. Jack Zupez, S.J., and me, have tried to put back into SLUH much of the spirit we

gained here as students. But it's getting to the time when we will be "passing the torch" to a new generation of leaders. My work with the new faculty the past few years leaves me confident that the torch will be in firm hands.

Another feeling I have is disappointment, because I know that I have not always been present for some of you when and how you needed me. For this I ask your forgiveness. Like the seniors, I think I know where I'm headed, but I have learned that God's plan always works out better than mine. I am eager to learn how to be deacon to the people of God of St. Dominic Savio Parish and to have a chance to find out where the fish are really hiding.

I believe that the Lord will continue to richly bless all of you associated with St. Louis University High School.

Sincerely,  
Jim Murphy '54

## An interesting proposal from Mike Garcia, '01

To all Junior Bills,

Throughout my four years at SLUH, I have been fascinated with the genius of our staff. At times, the school grounds seem to be the backdrop of a weird but uniquely interesting movie. It is always entertaining as it includes the wacky work of many different teachers. Recently, in a vision, it occurred to me that the intelligence of the people in the school, combined with this entire spectrum of personalities, if utilized properly, has huge potential for amusement.

I have found that intelligent minds often have interesting opinions, because they come to their conclusions on their own, not based on the mainstream. For instance, many would believe in the United States current democracy is satisfactory. One particular history teacher, however, believes that the ideal society would be run by a unique dictatorship, which would come to be called "Aylwardism."

A more serious example would be how a certain Spanish teacher believes that a weatherman named Gus, automobiles, "playboys," and any contemporary invention on the market today will lead to the devastation of our society.

Last week, in a morality class, we were watching a debate between Alan Dershowitz and Alan Keyes, two politicians who hold completely different opinions in most every issue. The debate intrigued me and kept me completely engrossed, as I was able to witness two intellectually competent men duke it out. The best part was they were able to shake hands at the end, and eventually even able to work together. The idea came to me...what if we could create a similar activity here at SLUH?

It could work as follows: Two teachers would be notified every week, or month, depending on demand. If they agreed, they would meet in the theater or what then would be transformed into

a debate scene. The issue would be pre-determined.

How cool would it be to witness Charles "The Hammer" Martel dispute whether .999 is equal to 1 with Bill "I don't need a nickname because I'm already intimidating" May? Or how about Dr. Monohan and Mr. Aylward discussing which world war played a a more important role? Mr. Kershenski and Mr. Zarrick over who is the baddest superhero? The foreign language heads over which is the best language to take at SLUH?

Each party would get a chance to make an argument, and another chance to challenge his or her opponents. Finally, in an attempt to involve the audience, five questions would be permitted by the students, directed toward the staff members.

Since the idea is still in its earliest stages, its actual structure is still uncertain. It is my contention, though, that the event would be received with much interest. Whether the teachers would even be willing to put themselves in this situation plays a major role in the reality of the event's creation. Supposing it did work out though, I think it would not only encourage an interest in learning, but also foster a certain curiosity and an even stronger sense of school pride.

Sincerely,  
Michael Garcia '01

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The SLUH Father/Son Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 16 at the Normandie Golf Club. The format will be "Four Man Scramble," and the cost \$55 a person, or \$220 per team. For further information call Thom Digman at 531-0330, ext. 112. Spots are limited. The incorrect website was run for Matt Sciuto's students. The correct website is: [www.geocities.com/athens/aegean/5275/sophwrkday01.html](http://www.geocities.com/athens/aegean/5275/sophwrkday01.html)

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## O'Connor questions impact of class rank

To the editors:

Near the end of every school year, many juniors begin asking their counselors and Mrs. Berger where they stand in comparison with their classmates. They have every reason to be interested in their class rank. As most juniors will painfully find out in the next nine months, small differences in rank will mean much more than mere bragging rights. For some it will be an issue of thousands of dollars.

Every college application asks for the applicant's class rank. Fortunately, many college admissions personnel who know about SLUH are lenient with the class rank when it comes to admission. However, for the scholarship money that often determines whether or not a student can really attend the school of his choice, very few universities will make this same allowance in class rank.

I came into conflict with the class rank criteria over these past few months. It was not until this time that a few questions really hit me: "Why should the accomplishments of my classmates be a factor in whether or not I personally deserve this honor? Shouldn't my scholarship be based upon my own hard work and not a comparison with others?" No matter how hard I tried with appeals, the scholarship committee would not budge. As a result, the two percent difference that keeps me out of the top ten percent of my class will cost me over a thousand dollars a year.

I think that for the most part, SLUH is a place of outstanding opportunity, but when the class rank is reported to colleges, all

but the top five percent suffer a heavy limitation. Many academically gifted students do not receive the scholarships they would normally receive as a result of the increased competition and higher quality of students we have here at SLUH. My complaint isn't directly with SLUH but rather with the policies of the universities that place so much emphasis on class rank. However, it only seems right to me that SLUH, a school looking out for the best interests of its students and graduates, should not comply with university policies that put ninety-five percent of its students at a disadvantage. I believe that the best change SLUH can make for the class of 2002 and beyond would be to stop reporting rank to the colleges.

Refusing to report class rank would not be a very unusual thing for most colleges. Other competitive high schools in the area have already made the decision to not report class rank. Instead, these schools supply additional information on the applicant, such as teacher recommendations, which give a more detailed and personal view of a student and his or her accomplishments than any numerical percentage could come close to. The decision on the future of this issue is far out of my hands, but I hope that the administration will at least review its policy on class rank to ensure that the best interests of the students are kept as a priority.

Happy Summer,  
Kevin O'Connor '01

## '01 Commencement weekend draws nigh

**Pat Meek**  
**Reporter**

On Saturday May 26th, St. Louis U. High's seniors will walk into Powell's Symphony Hall to make their last official act at SLUH. The ceremony, which starts at 4:00 p.m., will honor the 255 seniors and their accomplishments throughout the last four years.

The graduation ceremony will be preceded on Friday by Mass in the student chapel, which will be celebrated by SLUH's President Paul Sheridan, S.J..

After the Mass, junior mothers will serve and prepare dinner in the gymnasium. During the dinner Charles Martel, winner of the Teacher Appreciation Award, will address the audience, as will Dave Willard, winner of the JSEA award.

The next day, the activities will move to Powell Hall, where the official graduation ceremony will take place. Each white tuxedo-clad senior was allowed to invite five guests to sit on the first level, which is closer to the action.

After Assistant Principal Art Zinselmeyer introduces the seniors, the recipients of the Ed Hawk Award, Peter Bartz-

Gallagher, and the Mac Boland Award, Jake Klug, will address the audience.

Following the speeches, Martel will recite the names of the first honors students and the scholarship winners.

One of the many scholarships that will be announced is the prestigious Steve Mayhew Scholarship Award, given to a student who plans to attend St. Louis University in honor of the alumnus who died in a car accident while he attended the university.

Finally, Dean of Students Eric Clark will announce the names of the seniors and Principal Robert Bannister will hand them their diplomas as they arrive at the center of the stage.

As most people know, the commencement ceremony does not mark the night's end. The seniors will meet at Clayton Community Center, where they will stay until 4:00 a.m. for the Lock-in; during the lock-in students will be able to use all of the facilities and swim in the pool.

Bartz-Gallagher summed up the position of the seniors by saying, "I must say I am happy to leave high school, but I have learned many important lessons. I have had an excellent four years."

## V2K BUG

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“anticipate (receiving) the final design by the end of June.”

Construction can begin as early as August and the fields, one for practice and one for performance, will be useable for the 2002 season. Some funding for the project has come from St. Louis Cardinals Care and from Boeing.

The parking garage project is still in its early phases; Hellman said that only informal talks with the Science Center have taken place. He explained that the garage will come next because future construction on the property south of the school will begin where the student parking lot is currently located.

“There is a sequence,” he said. He said there are no definite dates, but the garage will be the first construction project completed in that region of the campus. He said it will accomplish two goals: it will move the parking space, opening land for development, as well as hopefully increase the security of students’ cars.

Sheridan cited 2004 as an approximate time for the beginning of construction. He said that around next June, the school will contract an architect

to compose a campus design for the future. “We need somebody to say” how the space can be used most efficiently. Space usage in the school’s existing building must be determined “before we jump into the a new building. One has to work with the other.”

A space allocation survey, which each department in the school completed five years ago, has been the basic guideline. A Space Allocation Committee, composed of a mix of SLUH employees, completed work last fall compiling requests and prioritizing space needs.

A new building, currently being called a Student Life Center, is the most likely addition to the campus in the future. It would hold student facilities, such as a commons, as well as government and publications offices, in an effort to concentrate student extracurricular activity.

Currently, student affairs offices are spread about the school. Other needs focus on athletic issues, raising the possibility of additional fields, all to be located south and east of the school.

As Sheridan and Hellman pointed out, one of the most important steps of late has been the acquisition of land in the areas to which the school will expand the campus. Most recently, SLUH acquired two warehouses to the south and west:

one owned by Valley Farm and the other owned by Gray Bar. The Gray Bar site is the approximate location for the new garage.

The garage location, after preliminary feasibility assessment by BSI, will hopefully resolve two construction issues. It will provide equal access for patrons of the Science Center as well as SLUH students and guests. It will also solve the most serious problem up until this time: the fact that River DePeres, in a concrete sewer, runs, roughly, under the football field, making construction in the area nearly impossible. The new locale is ideal ground for construction.

Given the scope of the entire Vision 2000 plan, actual action is still in early stages. Currently, the main work is being done in the area of private fund-raising, and that will continue for some time.

But, as Sheridan said, “The school is moving forward on every front: spiritual development, curriculum, community service...faculty...fund-raising.”

“We have made exceptional progress,” said Hellman.

The campaign, he concluded, “is a good example of our ability to collaborate with neighboring institutions that want to collaborate with (us) because of the school and (our) commitment to the city.”

## ROSS

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followed by a stint at DeSmet as a Varsity Assistant and freshman team coach. After five years as a Spartan, he accepted the head coaching position at Brentwood High, where he compiled a record of 17-51 over three years, including 3-17 last year.

“I think I built that program up with the players we had,” said Ross. “When I started, we had three freshmen on the varsity team, and this year we had twenty freshmen trying out for a freshman team. That’s a renewed excitement in basketball at Brentwood.”

Despite these lackluster records, Wehner also feels Ross implemented a strong system in the struggling Brentwood program, a system which would have soon

brought dividends.

“This guy compiled great records as a freshman coach at DeSmet, and he could have very easily stayed in that comfortable situation,” said Wehner, “but he took a gamble in life, and went to Brentwood, a down program. We think he was really starting to build that program from the bottom up.”

Wehner expects to see the same when Ross takes over SLUH’s program, a program which struggled to a 9-17 record last year, but which returns promising standouts Troy Lindbeck and Kris Lowes.

“He showed up to my summer league game (Wednesday) night, and he seemed like a really nice guy,” said junior guard Adam Siebenman. “We’re all just looking forward to working with him.”

Wehner also hinted that, after next season, Ross may begin to soften the brutal schedule favored by former head coach Maurer.

“Mr. Maurer and I often disagreed about the difficulty of his schedules, but I opted to go with what Don wanted to do,” said Wehner. “Ross will have to choose his own schedule after next year.”

Ross plans to meet with each player individually, from the freshman team up, in the coming weeks, and his plans for next season will begin taking shape in the near future.

“I want to make sure we’re all on the same page, and I want us to represent the school well, both on and off the court,” said Ross. “But I think getting to Districts

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# ASCs Conway and Smith to leave SLUH

## *Conway to become Buddhist, Smith goes surfing*

**Kevin Moore**  
Core Staff

Teaching as part of the Alumni Service

Core (ASC) may not pay much, but it gives the men who volunteer a year of their time the chance to explore career opportunities. Not to mention a home in the jesuit residence and a food stipend. Three men, english teacher Adam Conway, biology teacher Bryan Smith, and theatre teacher Ken Ferrigni, enlisted in the program this year at St. Louis U. High. Conway and Smith will be leaving SLUH at the end of the year, while Ferrigni will be staying here as a permanent substitute.



Adam Conway, English guru.

Conway, who will enroll in an intensive yearlong program at Washington University to pursue his Masters in Teaching in English. (He made clear it is all caps.) During the year

Conway taught sophomore and senior english, and he often worked with the Community Service Program at

Karen House. After receiving his degree, Conway said he is positive he wants to teach high school english, possibly even at SLUH. "I think the English department here is excellent," said Conway.

An important question is "how to

bring together spirituality, teaching, and service...and I've really only begun exploring that question," said Conway.

Smith will be leaving to attend the University of Missouri at Kansas City to earn a Masters in Public Health as well as help coach the UMKC tennis team. As a biology teacher at SLUH, Smith was also an assistant tennis coach. Two years from now he plans to play semi-professional tennis in Europe so he can get "some traveling

experience."

Smith said, "Being a teacher and seeing it from the other side, it's amazing how many preconceptions I had had. It shed some light on my high school years

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# McCarthy recieves Silver Beaver from BSA

**Brian Kane**  
Reporter

Next week, a St. Louis U. High fac-

member will be honored for committment, leadership, and service.

Tom McCarthy, one of SLUH's Global History II teachers, will be recieving the Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver is a great award of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). On Tuesday night, McCarthy will be presented the award at the Greater St. Louis Area Council's (GSLAC) annual dinner, which will take place at the Family Fun Center in St. Charles.

The Silver Beaver Award is a very prestigious (sp?) honor bestowed by BSA. It is the highest possible award that an adult volunteer with the scouting program can recieve. It is a national award,

but it is awarded at the local level. GSLAC serves roughly 35 counties, consisting of over 60,000 scouts, and 17,000 adult volunteers. Only about 24 adults will be presented the award this year.



History teacher Tom McCarthy recieved the Silver Beaver.

After looking over his accomplishments with BSA, little doubt can remain as to why he will be given this honor. Scouting has been an important part of McCarthy's life. As a Scout, and as an adult volunteer, he has been involved with the program for over thirty years. While a student at

SLUH, McCarthy earned his rank of Eagle Scout. He worked as a member of summer camp staff at S-F Scout Ranch, for Boy Scouts, and Camp May, for Cub Scouts, for fourteen years.. He has worked as a member of the staff for GSLAC's Junior Leadership Training Camp for seventeen years. He has been a merit badge counselor for four merit badges. He is on

the Canoe Guide Committee, as well as a number of other various committees. He has also helped with large council events. In the Order of the Arrow (OA), an exclusive BSA brotherhood of those who exemplify the Scouting skills and spirit, he has served in the past as Lodge Chief and Section Chief. He is a Vigil member of the OA, the highest of three ranks. Contributions in the community and here at SLUH also contributed to his award.

Nominees for the Silver Beaver are made secretly. Until he had lunch with a friend during spring break, McCarthy had no idea he had been nominated. "I was very humbled by it, because of how big the award is and what it means," McCarthy commented.

When explaining the award to his wife, McCarthy jokingly stated that it meant "the next three times they ask me to do a job, I can't say no."

McCarthy currently is an adult in Cub Pack 116, where his son Matt is registered. As of today, he holds the position of Cubmaster in the pack.

## KNICKERS

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Ferris, referring to the dominant district and Webster Cup wins.

During the first day of eighteen-hole competition, conditions were favorable. The sun beamed down in Bolivar, Mo for a comfortable eighty-five degree day with winds only gusting at times. The challenging course was well-groomed with lush fairways and quick greens. Silo seemed right for the taking, but the Jr. Bills seemed just a bit off.

Sophomore Zach Schmitt was admittedly nervous on the first tee. Schmitt humbly remarked, "Yeah, I was pretty nervous. I haven't really played in a tournament that big." Shaky nerves translated into an uncharacteristic first round 88, but the team rallied as it has all season.

Senior Bill Everding was unfazed by the frenzied atmosphere and carded a solid 77 for the Jr. Bills. Everding said, "I wasn't nervous at all. I've gotten used to playing in tournaments with big fields and I didn't mind the galleries of about 40 people that followed us around. It was nice because sometimes they gave us a little clap."

Fellow senior Drew Ferris had a tougher time out on the course. His 82 exceeded his typical nine-hole average of 38.1. Ferris was disappointed with his round and explained the why the course was aptly named. "I had a couple of eagle putts but there would always be a huge ridge in the middle of the green. I ended up three-putting too much. I ended up lipping out seven putts."

Junior Pat Robert and his 78 helped the team's cause, but sophomore Andy Schumert's round put the team into contention. Schumert, the number four man on SLUH's five-man squad, more than rose to the occasion on day one. He fired a three-over-par 75, the lowest SLUH round and the third lowest round of the day. With Schumert's heroics, the team total of 312 was good enough for fourth place behind Lafayette, St. Joe's Central, and leader Parkway South. Parkway scored nearly perfect as a team, and their first round total of 300 broke the previous Missouri high school state record for low-

est state championship round. But despite the commanding twelve-stroke lead, the SLUH objective remained the same. Head coach Greg Bantle explained, "Parkway South shot great, but we knew we could put together a similar round and hope Parkway would slip a little, giving us a chance for the state title."

On day two SLUH made a strong bid for the state banner. Conditions were a

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*Overall-2nd  
Pat Robert-8th  
Andy Schumert-14th  
Bill Everding-14th*

little more difficult with the wind really gusting, but several SLUH players used the wind to their advantage. Ferris, determined to resurrect his game, broke out on the par 5 number six. Ferris said, "The wind was blowing about ninety miles per hour, and I just crushed a drive." Ferris crushed the ball exactly 380 yards on the 485-yard hole. "When I got up to my ball, I asked a guy if the ball hit a sprinkler head or the cart path, but he said I carried it the whole way. I was worried the ball might have gone into the lake right in front of the green." With drives like that, Ferris managed to shave four strokes off his day one score for a solid 78.

Schmitt greatly improved as well, matching Ferris with a 78. Schmitt wasn't as nervous the second time round Silo. A solid tenth hole from tee to green resulted in birdie and "really got me going on the backside." Schumert continued his tremendous play with a 79 which bolstered the SLUH charge.

Everding struggled with a 41 on the front, but a visit from his dad and a look at the leader board rectified all problems. "My dad had a candy bar and Gatorade waiting for me at the turn and he told me the three guys who made the turn before me shot 38, so I had to turn it around. Plus, looking the posted scores, you could tell that SLUH was making a move as a team up the board. Everding converted his birdie opportunities and turned in an even par 36

on the back for his second 77 good enough for fourth place honors.

Pat Robert was clutch on the second day as well. Robert modestly explained, "I just strung a bunch of pars together for a solid round." His second round 74 was the third best round of the day. Like Ferris, Robert summoned the wind power on the 494-yard twelfth. A drive of three hundred plus yards left him a mere sand wedge and an excellent eagle opportunity. Robert made birdie on the hole. Even more remarkable though, Robert played the last seven holes on both days at one under par.

The Golfbills regained their form on day two, with all five members firing in the seventies, but the Parkway South lead was just too much to overcome. But the SLUH charge did vault the Jr. Bills ahead of St. Joe's and into a three-way tie for second along with Lafayette and Parkway Central. The team shared in individual honors as well with Robert placing eighth overall and Schumert and Everding tying for fourteenth.

With strong state performances complementing season play, Robert and Ferris seem to be likely selected for the All-Metro team.

Bantle was elated with the team's performance as "almost any team could have won the tournament."

Everding added, "If someone would have told me at the beginning of the year we would have won the Webster Cup, won districts, and finish second at state I wouldn't have believed them but we came together and I am just really happy."

Robert explained "how this capped an awesome year. We exceeded all expectations and proved to be one of the teams to beat in Missouri."

Following such a dominant year will be tough task, but the returning underclassmen seem capable. With Robert, Schumert, Schmitt, Ryan Schaller, Joe Sharamitaro, and freshman Dan Ryan returning, a repeat performance is definitely a reality. Congratulations to SLUH golf for such a great year.

# Thaman, Quinn and Nelstead say goodbye

## *Thaman headed for Clayton Highschool*

**Brian Fallon**  
Reporter

**K**ate Thaman, who has taught at SLUH for the past three years, will be leaving to pursue a position at Clayton High School in the fall.

Thaman came to SLUH in the fall of 1998. She teaches two classes of Algebra II, one class of sophomore geometry, and one class of junior Algebra II Trig. Thaman has also been a JV and Varsity coach for raquetball, and has been involved in many math competitions.

"It was a tough decisison," said Thaman, "I am happy here and enjoy all of my colleagues and students."

At Clayton, Thaman will most likely teach Calculus and Algebra II Trig, as well as continuing to be the Varsity coach for Clayton's women's softball team.



year.

"I like working with the girls," says Thaman, who played softball in high school for Ursuline and four years in college also.

Thaman graduated from Maryville Unviersity, majoring in Mathematics, and is now taking courses at UMSL, where she is working towards a Masters degree in Mathematics.

"She will be impossible to replace and we will miss her," says math teacher Rebecca Ferrigni. "Clayton is very lucky to have her and she will have great oppourtunities there."

She has been coaching softball for two years now, coaching the JV team last year and the Varsity team this

## *Deacon Quinn leaves to join Catholic Tribunal*

**Tom O'Brien**  
Core Staff

**S**tudents of Deacon Gerry Quinn have looked forward to Fridays since 1996, the year Quinn began to teach at SLUH. But unlike many students at SLUH, the disciples of Quinn have waited patiently not for the good times that Fridays are sure to bring, but for a scrap of the guru's knowledge imparted to them through his famous weekend material.

Quinn chose SLUH back in 1996 because he wanted to return to teaching at



a school that emphasized academics, a place where "ultimately two things are done: people trying to be the best they can be, and people understanding how Christ addresses the real world in everyday life."

Quinn cites his proudest accomplishment at SLUH as helping the theology department work towards a full week of theology classes.

Quinn has decided to retire because he lost the "energy to teach" after his heart attack and cancer surgery, both last year. Next year, Quinn is headed to Springfield, Illinois, to become a judge in the Catholic tribunal there. His main responsibility will be working marriage cases, but he may also take up an adult class, teaching lay people the basics of canon law as it applies to marriage.

As fellow teacher Jim Linhares says, "He is a person who has served the church well, and I don't think many people realize how much he's given."

One thing is for sure, the absence of weekend material from the Jesuit Wing won't be the greatest thing missed in room J123 next year.

## *Bucharest beckons Nelstead*

**Tim Friese**  
Reporter

**I**n just five short days, St. Louis U. High will lose one of

its treasured teachers, and in five short months St. Louis will lose a great citizen. This man is, of course, Kevin Nelstead, chemistry teacher extra-ordinaire,



who is leaving for the Bucharest Christian Academy, a small Protestant mission school of about 100 students in grades 1-12 in Bucharest, Romania.

He says of his move, "I have a three year commitment, and my first year will be spent learning the language."

He is accompanied to Romania by his wife Shirley and his four children, ages four to eleven. The first year will be exciting, as none of them speak Romanian, although it will not be that difficult for Nelstead to learn as he is a reader of French. Also, since Bucharest Christian Academy is an international school, comprised of an eclectic mix of students from countries such as the United States, Korea, Indonesia, and Brazil, he will teach all courses in English. Nelstead will also be the science department, teaching grades 7-12.

Fellow chemistry teacher Charles Busenhardt gives characteristically high praise to Nelstead, saying, "If he were to stay, students would benefit from his knowledge of chemistry." Busenhardt added that Nelstead is "very organized" and "an outstanding individual."

Nelstead sees the move as the start of his international life, which he expects to be at least twenty years. He will certainly be missed by students, by administrators, and by faculty.

# Deacon Murphy retires after 41 years

**Matt Snively**  
Sports Editor

Faces come and go at SLUH, some staying for a few years and some staying for a decade or more. The face of Deacon Jim Murphy, however, has been a staple in the halls here for the past 41 years, a feat that few can match.

After graduating from SLUH as a member of the class of '54, he attended St. Louis University along with fellow SLUH grad Joe Schulte, where he was president of his fraternity.

Schulte related one story from their college years together, saying, "Doc had one of those big sedan cars, and in order to drive it he had to look under the steering wheel. But remember, back then, they had those giant steering wheels."

Car size aside, Murphy returned to SLUH in 1960 to teach American history to juniors. After teaching for many years, he became a counselor, aiding students with the immense challenge of making a college decision rather than aiding only in

the classroom.

Murphy also worked on formalizing the senior advisor program, which has become something of a standard here. The project, which Murphy transformed into more of a counseling program, is constantly referred to as one of the best programs at SLUH by both teachers and students.

Another legendary contribution of Murphy's to SLUH is the sport of Bashball. Created in the '70's as a combination of basketball, soccer, and hockey, Murphy describes it as "A fun game that anyone could play." Students still spend gym period after gym period playing this game, and it is respected as a SLUH institution, something that is uniquely ours.

Murphy's passion for sports has also been seen in his coaching. He coached

football for 24 years and varsity wrestling for 26 years. Schulte credits Murphy for bringing wrestling to SLUH, since he gave so much to the program.

With his newfound freedom, Murphy says he plans on vacationing in Branson at Silver Dollar City, working with Habitat for Humanity, and driving the Alaska Highway, something he has planned for many years.

Of Murphy's driving, Plant Manager Paul Owens noted, The odds

of an asteroid landing on the 50-yard line of the SLUH stadium are less than the odds of Doc Murphy getting a ticket for speeding.

Murphy is also going to be a deacon at Dominic Savio church.

"Retirement is time to do what you always wanted to do," said Murphy.



Deacon Murphy in his freshman hallway office.

# Dulac prepares for bone marrow transplant

**Peter Segrist**  
Reporter

As the last day of the school year rolls near, most students have their sights set primarily on expectations of what this summer will bring. Unfortunately, one student has more pressing concerns. Christopher Dulac, a current sophomore at SLUH, lies in a hospital bed waiting patiently to undergo major surgery.

He will undergo a bone marrow transplant on June 7. His family had attempted to have the procedure done on June 5, his 16th birthday, as a sort of present for him from his donor and older brother, Jason, a senior at SLUH—a "true gift of life," as his mother put it.

In August of 1999, Dulac's doctor discovered that he had a tumor in his chest. Dulac has what is known as T-cell lymphoma, a type of cancer that attacks the infection-fighting white blood cells of

the immune system. Once the first few cells take on an atypical nature, all the white blood cells become infected as the abnormal cells reproduce themselves.

Dulac, who Paul Sheridan, S.J., describes as a "strong, intelligent boy," went through 18 months of chemotherapy after the initial discovery of the cancer in his chest. The problem with radiation treatments, however, as his mother Jennie Dulac pointed out, is that "you never know if you're truly curing it, or just suppressing it." Unfortunately, in Dulac's case, the chemotherapy treatments had only suppressed the disease.

It takes little time to realize how much support Dulac has behind him. His mother, according to Sheridan, sits devotedly "by his bedside nearly 24 hours a day." She is hoping to get an e-mail account set up on AOL in order for him to communicate more easily with friends during his recovery.

His classmates at SLUH have also been supportive of him along the way. "He seems pretty calm about everything," attests sophomore Drew Goodwin, adding, "He likes to talk about it."

Currently Dulac is in Children's Hospital recovering from his treatments. First used in an attempt to treat the illness, the radiation therapy has most recently been used in an effort to weaken the cancerous cells in preparation for surgery. Now he will be undergoing a series of blood tests for the next three weeks prior to surgery.

The bone marrow transplant Dulac awaits is known more specifically as a stem cell transplant. The stem cells, as Jennie Dulac knowledgeably explains, are "the generic beginning of all white and red blood cells."

Fortunately, his doctors have found a donor in his older brother Jason. The

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# Parting is such sweet sorrow

*Hadel leaves for one-year sabbatical*

*Cerneka takes job at Regis University*

*Sheahan leaves to further Jesuit service*

**Mike Gau**  
Reporter

Soon, St. Louis U. High will be losing one of its finest faculty members. Fortunately, the loss of Fr. Richard Hadel will only be temporary, as he is embarking on a year-long sabbatical.

Hadel has taught English and Spanish at SLUH for eight years. When not in



the classroom, he is often seen at sporting events, mass, and the tardy check-in table every day before

school. Although Hadel does not teach a lot of students, it seems as if everyone knows him.

Junior Eric Enright, who was in Hadel's English class, commented, "I consider Fr. Hadel to be a great friend. He was always interested in what and how I was doing and he cares a lot about his students."

Hadel will be leaving in mid-July, but he has promised he'll "be back in time for graduation." He will be going on sabbatical to work on his Spanish, as Dr. Bannister has told him to "plan on teaching Spanish" when he returns.

Hadel will be traveling either to Nicaragua or El Salvador. In Nicaragua he would attend classes on Nicaraguan history taught by a classmate of his at Colegio Centro America. In El Salvador, he would attend courses at the Universidad de Centro America."

Hadel is the definition of a man for others. Hopefully, he knows that he can always come back home, to SLUH.

**John Berosky**  
Reporter

After one year of subbing and teaching AP and regular macroeconomics at SLUH, Pete Cerneka will be leaving. Cerneka came to fill the position vacated when economics teacher Peggy Pride went on sabbatical this semester.

Cerneka was also the assistant Varsity swimming coach, assistant freshman baseball coach, a member of the Student Advisory Board, and a Pro-Life moderator.

Cerneka went to St. Louis University and studied journalism before joining AmericaCorps, which is like a Peace Corps for the United States.

With this program, he journeyed to New Orleans, where part of his job was teaching young children.

Cerneka enjoyed teaching so much this year that he has taken a job for next year at Regis Jesuit High School in Denver, Colorado, where he will teach English and Social Studies.

Cerneka remarked that he enjoyed teaching here because of the intelligence and sense of humor that the students have. He said that some days he was "laughing so hard it was tough to do his job."



**Dennis Agniel**  
Reporter

Bill Sheahan is leaving the SLUH community after two years of teaching theology and working with the Community Service Program.

Sheahan grew up in Webster Groves just a bus-ride away from SLUH. He attended the U. High, graduated, and went



on to Marquette University in Milwaukee. After college, he joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, or JVC, an organization dedicated to

serving the poor across the country.

His work in the JVC took him to San Antonio, Texas, where he worked as a social worker. After his work as a volunteer, Sheahan entered the order of the Jesuits and began studying for the priesthood. During the first stage of Jesuit formation, the Novitiate, he lived in Denver, Colorado. There he participated in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and lived in a Jesuit community.

The second stage of formation brought him to SLUH as a Scholastic. Here he undertook four classes of freshman theology, helped develop CSP, and assisted with retreats.

"I've really enjoyed coming back to SLUH and getting an experience of high school teaching," said Sheahan. "I'll really miss the chance to put to use my background in community organizing and social work in CSP."

"I've been impressed by his commitment to CSP," said theology teacher Randy Rosenberg. "I value him highly as a colleague. I think he has a deep love and concern for his students."

# Basebills top U. City, Ritenour in Districts

**Drew Neilsen**  
**Core Staff**

The Diamondbills took the field Tuesday against University City having lost two tough games in a row, to CBC and then Vianney. They looked to advance in the district tournament with a win over U. City.

SLUH started well, keeping the score 0-0 through two with solid defense and good pitching by Steve Keys.

In the bottom of the third, the Jr. Bills broke the tie and exploded for five runs, sending ten batters to the plate. After Keys reached on an error, second baseman Tom Chibnall doubled him home. A single by third baseman Victor Rodriguez and a sacrifice fly by right fielder Joe Maher scored two more. With two outs, first baseman Andy Hecht hit a stinging double

that plated two more to put the Jr. Bills up by five.

The only U. City threat came in the fourth inning when three consecutive singles loaded the bases with one out. Keys battled, and got the fifth hitter to pop up to first. With two outs, the Jr. Bills seemed to have a chance to get out of their jam, when Keys bounced a pitch back to the screen. The U. City runner dashed to the plate, but Brandt's throw nabbed him in a shower of homeplate dirt. The inning ended with no harm done.



Pitcher Steve Keys nabs a U. City runner at the plate.

Keys used his great curveball to good effect, striking out seven, three of them looking. The Jr. Bill defense also gave Keys confidence, committing just one error. After adding four more in the bottom of the second, sparked by Hecht's third double of the game, the Basebills shut out U-City, 9-0.

The next day, SLUH faced a tougher opponent in Ritenour High, a team who had defeated 14-0 Vashon two days before and who had a scrappy, hard-working reputation.

Again the Jr. Bills came out with strong bats, this time scoring six in the first  
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# Tennisbills smash the competition

**Patrick Steinway**  
**Reporter**

On Saturday, with the seniors feeling the effects of their prom, juniors Pat Steinway and Joe Harvath, along with sophomore Patrick Reich had to carry the burden at the MCC Championships.

Senior Chris Vanderbeek was quite tired the entire day and was defeated by a tardy number one seed Mike Rubinelli from CBC. Chris Cook also did not win a match, but played well considering he had not played singles all year.

The senior doubles team of Mike Garcia and Pat Kelleher won its first match, but was defeated in the second match by a tough DeSmet team.

Joe Harvath then stepped up, winning his first match in quick fashion, but was then knocked out in the second round.

With the rest of the team knocked out by the second round, the spotlight then fell on Steinway and Reich. The doubles team defeated a tough DeSmet team in their longest match of the year (2 hrs., 30

min.). The two won 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

When asked after the match how it went, Reich answered. "It felt like we have been out there the whole day!" With the win, the pair moved on to the finals, but would face an even tougher Chaminade team.

Reich and Steinway surprisingly defeated the Chaminade pair led by Mike Menalscino in the first set 6-3, but had no idea what was in store in the second set. Chaminade started off the second set unstoppable, quickly going up 5-0.

Looking like the game was in hand, Steinway and Reich refocused and pulled off an amazing comeback to win the second set and the doubles championship 6-3, 7-6 (9-7).

After the game, assistant coach Vince Schmidt said, "This is the best I have seen them play all year. They can beat anybody." Overall the team finished third, but a lot of progress was made in doubles.

For the third doubles team of Pete Nurenberger and Mark Breslin, they too made it to the finals, but could not beat a better Chaminade team, one that knocked

off Steinway and Garcia earlier in the year. After the tournament, head coach Dan See said, "We have gotten better and better throughout the year, state is a strong possibility."

Monday marked the start of the MICDS tournament, and with hopes high, there was no telling what the team of Garcia and Kelleher, along with Vanderbeek and Harvath in singles could do. Hopes may have been high, but the results were not.

Vanderbeek came down sick and at one point was seen shivering on the court, even though the temperature was around 95. Vanderbeek lost both of his matches, along with Kelleher and Garcia.

Harvath, on the other hand, played top rate tennis. He won his first two matches, and on Tuesday was scheduled to face Ladue's number one seed, and number one in the tournament, Kevin Lachky. Harvath almost slid by the top player with a great performance, but lost 5-7, 4-6.

SLUH will now play Parkway South on Saturday at Chaminade in their quest for a state championship.

# SLUH competes in Math Competition

**Ryan Vierling**  
Reporter

On Saturday, April 21, math teacher Kate Thaman took three students who had done well on the math competition at Parkway South in December to another competition at St. Charles Community College: freshmen Joe Marincel, sophomore Justin Luner, and senior Andrew Nahlik. The state-wide competition started at 9:00.

The competition was divided into five rounds. The first was called the Power Question. In this round the team had one hour to work on a very difficult question. Next was the Target Round, where participants had to work on four rounds of two questions each without the assistance of their team. The third round was a Team Test. The team worked together on a sheet of problems for 20 minutes.

The fourth part was the Sprint Round, where participants worked by themselves

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inning. After the Ritenour pitcher retired the first two batters on six pitches, Maher laced single right back up the middle and the rally began. Ritenour chose to pitch away from the dangerous Rodriguez, walking him on four straight to bring up center fielder Dan Chik. On the first pitch, Chik ripped a high double deep into left center. Both runners scored to give the Knucklebills another early lead.

The Jr. Bills also received help from the Rite-nour defense. The third baseman booted a Hecht grounder to prolong the inning, and, two batters later, threw wildly to first, scoring two more.

SLUH would add three more runs, including one on an RBI triple by Brandt, bringing their total to nine for the second game in a row.

Pitcher Alex Curcuru went into the game confident, shutting Ritenour down with just six hits in six innings and strik-

and had one hour to answer as many multiple choice problems as possible. This is where the team really shined. Joe Marincel received 4th place for a 9th grader, Justin Luner received 1st for a 10th grader, and Andrew Nahlik received a 2nd for 12th graders.

The last round is the most difficult of all. It is called the relay round and is broken down into five rounds, each of which lasts six minutes. In this round, the team sits in a row, and the first person receives a question to solve. When he solves, he passes the answer onto the next person. The next person must use his answer to solve his problem and then pass on the answer he figures out to the next in the row. It goes on like this until the last person has answered, and only that answer is accepted. Therefore, if an error is made early on, the whole problem is wrong and the team receives no points.

Justin Luner said, "During the awards ceremony, the workers thought that we were St. Louis Priory. This caused a lot of

ing out eight. SLUH's defense once again held strong, with two great catches by Chik saving a couple runs, as well as solid play throughout the game.

Head coach Steve Nicollerat applauded Chik's performance, saying, "We had a big hit...and nice plays (from Chik)"

Curcuru couldn't finish the game, and was pulled after walking the first two batters in the seventh. Tyler Faulstich came in and, after allowing a run on an error, struck out the last two to end the game, 9-2.

Nicollerat confessed anxiety about playing a tough club like Ritenour, and was impressed by their spirit even after they were down 8-1.

The Jr. Bills will play either Chaminade or CBC, MCC rivals who got the better of SLUH last week. Nicollerat says he is "glad to have a chance to (play either team)" again. SLUH's sharp performances this week prove that they are ready to advance in the state tournament.

confusion when it turned out that we won a lot of awards, but Priory took third in the competition."

The math competition is hosted by the Great Plains Math League, which has held many other competitions this year. Thaman said, "Joe (Marincel) has attended all of the competitions this year and has done consistently well at all of them."

In regard to the nature of the competitions, Luner said, "You do not have to know every specific operation; if you have a pretty good grasp of the concepts, you can usually work your way through the problems. The competitions are a lot of fun if you enjoy math and seeing how you measure up against students outside of SLUH."

Both Luner and Marincel added, "We need more people."

<h2>DULAC</h2>
<p>(from 10)</p> <p>whole procedure will take four to six hours; the following five days immediately following the transplant will be very important in terms of his condition, after which his lymphatic system will be identical to his brother's.</p> <p>After the procedure, his immune system will be extremely weak until the new stem cells begin to produce enough white blood cells to bring his lymphatic system back up to par. He will be spending the one hundred days following the procedure almost entirely at home, isolated from nearly all outside threats to his immune system, during which time he will be receiving antibiotics to help ward off against any chance of infection.</p> <p>Dulac has still managed to keep up with his schoolwork through his ordeal. Having spent all his time at SLUH with cancer, he has still managed to get excellent grades. If all goes as planned, the family hopes to have him back at SLUH just after next Christmas to start the second semester of his junior year.</p>

# LAX beats CBC, Rockhurst, heads to State

**Matt Snively**  
Sports Editor

The SLUH lacrosse team knew that they had to go into the playoffs with momentum, but they also knew that the final games of their regular season would be their toughest. The team took on rivals CBC and Rockhurst in the final three days of the regular season, and came out with close wins in both games.

Last Thursday against the CBC Cadets, SLUH faced an opponent that they had never beaten. This did not faze the Stickbills, as they came out hard and battled the entire game. After falling behind 1-0 on a quick CBC goal, senior midfielder Jeff Lane answered for the Bills by slashing through the Cadet defense and bouncing a shot past the CBC goalie. The Laxbills managed to score another goal in the first quarter, taking a 2-1 lead into the second.

The second quarter contained more of the first, as SLUH again doubled the scoring output of CBC, this time 4 goals to 2, bringing their halftime lead to 6-3. Captain Mark Bittmann led the scoring in

familiar fashion, tallying three goals on the afternoon.

The second half was not as productive as the first for the Billikens, who got off to a slow start, allowing CBC to crawl back into the game in the third quarter. However, seniors Dave Willard, Ryan Sickles, and sophomore Travis Dum held the SLUH lead at three as the game continued into the fourth quarter.

However, the fourth quarter saw something of a letdown in the SLUH defense, as CBC managed to score 5 goals, compared to the 6 they had scored for the entire rest of the game. CBC used an effective set play to score most of these goals, which forced the game into overtime.

In the overtime period, the SLUH defense, led by Dennis Burke and Greg Ott, buckled down and stopped CBC cold, leading to an offensive burst for the Stickbills. Dum picked up a missed shot behind the net and tossed it to Brandon Costello, who had set up shop in front of the goal. Costello wasted no time in slamming the ball over CBC's goalie's head and into the top corner of the net for the

deciding goal.

After the game, head coach Barrett Smith commented on the team's play, saying, "This year is our best chance to win state, and we're proving that we can compete at a high level. I think we're going to catch teams at a good time."

After taking a day off to heal their wounds and go to prom, the Barrettbills went back into action Saturday afternoon against Kansas City Rockhurst. Playing on the turf fields at Soccer Park, the game promised to be incredibly fast challenge for SLUH.

The game started off similarly to the CBC matchup, as Rockhurst scored first, after a lengthy SLUH possession ended in a turnover and the Hawklets converted. However, SLUH again responded quickly as Bittmann beat his defender and ripped a shot past Rockhurst goalie Pete Jokisch. Adding another goal was sophomore Scott Baker, who caught a pass on the left wing and sent his shot flying past Jokisch. The Hawklets managed to even the score at the end of the first quarter, but SLUH scored

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## CBC spikes Volleybills in semifinals

**Brian Guntli**  
Reporter

The SLUH Volleyball team began its postseason play on Monday with the district tournament held at SLUH. The team earned the third seed in the state overall and the first seed in their district.

After watching an early match to determine their opponent, the team went to work against heavy underdog Francis Howell Central.

The team knew that Howell would be no match for them, and so they played a little lackadaisical, allowing Central to score a few points in the Bills 15-11, 15-9 victory. The team never really felt any pressure, however, and the games weren't

as close as the score indicates.

Said injured senior Matt Wichmer, "The guys knew they would be able to put away Central, and so they just had a little fun out there."

In the second match of the night, however, the team faced Parkway South for the district championship. They knew they would have to step up their performance if they wanted to roll to a victory, and they did just that. The team coasted to an easy 15-5, 15-6 win.

Coach Paul Scovill looked forward to a strong finish, saying, "I know that these guys have the talent to take this thing all the way. If we put together a strong game, we can reclaim the state title."

With their victory in the district, the

team moved on to the state semi-finals Wednesday night, where they faced conference rival CBC in what turned out to be one of their best matches of the year. In an epic battle which took one hour and 45 minutes, SLUH lost to CBC 12-15, 15-11, 7-15. Despite the loss, the team was very proud of their performance, and looks forward to an even better season next year.

### Quote of the Week

They carried the sky. The whole atmosphere, they carried it, the humidity, the monsoons, the stink of fungus and decay, all of it, they carried gravity.

Tim O'Brien,

*The Things They Carried*

May 18, 2001

# Track breaks 4x400 record at Districts

## *Team places seventh overall, advances to State*

**Brian Gilmore**  
Reporter

If you ever had the desire to ask Father Hagan to recite the name of every young man who has ever passed through the halls of the U. High, chances are that you'd suddenly become enthralled with the name of mid-80's graduate Bostic Beard. Other than having perhaps the coolest name of any past Jr. Bill, Bostic also owned one part of the school's 1600-meter relay record. His name, and those of his teammates, remained safe in the record books for nearly 16 years, but the fruit of four J-Bills' hard work has destroyed one part of Mr. Beard's impressive legacy.

This past Saturday at Parkway South, juniors Chris Carter and Josh Saleem, along with sophomores Andre Thomas and Pat Ferrell, broke the 1600-meter relay record of 3:25.3, set in 1985. Along with establishing a new school record, their time of 3:25.2 placed them second in the District race, advancing them to tomorrow's sectionals. In an amazing display of stamina and speed, all four splits were under 52 seconds. Wonder soon turned to frenzied jubilation as coach Tom McCarthy informed the SLUH camp that yet another record had been broken.

"Everyone on the team is so excited," said Ferrell. "The addition of (Carter) has been a major boost to our times, and they've been steadily going down since he joined us. It's great to get the record, but we haven't really had much time to talk much about it. We didn't even know about the record until people told us after the race. Our primary focus was just to qualify for sectionals."

Entering tomorrow's meet, where the top four teams advance to the state meet, Ferrell admitted that the team's third fastest qualifying time (behind Mehlville and Webster Groves) gives the team a "pretty good shot at qualifying."

"Since none of us have any other races, the extra rest should allow us to break our record again and, most impor-

tantly, make it to the state meet," Ferrell concluded.

Joining Carter, Saleem, Thomas, and Ferrell will be the 4 x 800 relay, junior Tom O'Brien in the 1600, and junior Reid Heidenry in the high jump. As a team, SLUH finished in 7th place, with 45 1/2 points.

The 4 x 800 team, made up of junior Pat Leinauer, sophomore Pete Schaefer, senior David Godar, and O'Brien, finished 4th, grabbing the final qualifying spot in a time of 8:13.6. Junior John Parr, a yearlong regular on the team, was unavailable to run due to sickness, but will take Leinauer's spot tomorrow.

"We're in a very competitive sectional," said Godar, "and it'll take a peak day to make it to state. Eight teams start the race, but only four earn the chance to run another day."

"It'll be a dogfight," agreed O'Brien, "All we can do is give it our best shot and hope for the best."

Running his second race of the day at Districts, O'Brien ran the 1600 in a season-best time of 4:26.9, good enough for third place and a trip to Sectionals. O'Brien is confident in his chances to finish in one of the four qualifying spots tomorrow.

"The best competition will be Ryan Morris and Jason Chase out of Eureka, with Paul Kohler from Lindbergh," O'Brien said, "and I'm looking to run

under 4:25, hopefully sneaking up to grab at least second place."

Godar likes O'Brien's chances to advance, identifying him as "one of the premier runners in the St. Louis area."

Junior Reid Heidenry was the first Junior Bill to advance, qualifying early in the day in the high jump. His leap of 6'0 placed him second.

"I thought I had a good shot to make it," said Heidenry, "but I didn't want to take anything for granted with such strong competition around."

About tomorrow's Sectional, Heidenry said, "I'm excited, and am looking forward to stepping up to the high level of competition. It should give me some good experience, and hopefully I'll be able to get some more experience at the state meet next week."

Assistant coach Pat Hamel is more confident of Heidenry's chances, saying "Coach McCarthy really gets results when he works one on one with people as he's been doing this week with Reid. With the fourth spot wide open tomorrow, Reid definitely has a shot to advance to the state meet in Jefferson City."

The meet begins tomorrow morning at Eureka High School, and the nine competing SLUH athletes could use support as they make their final push towards the state meet. Bostic would be proud.

## APPLE

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again in the second to take a 3-2 lead into half.

The second half remained just as low-scoring, as SLUH added only one goal in the third quarter, and Rockhurst did not score. The Herculean defensive effort came from Jack Dean, James Wright, Scott Casey, Derek Winters, John Pelikan, Ott, and Burke.

The final quarter found Rockhurst outscoring SLUH 3-2, but strong defense

in the closing minutes, and another clutch goal from Costello pulled the Bills into the playoffs with the momentum they wanted.

Costello said, "Some guys have to step up in the playoffs. We've been playing well, but I can't keep carrying the team by myself late in the games."

The Jr. Bills start their road to the state finals on Monday, when they play CBC in the quarterfinals. The game is at CBC, but as of yet the time has not been decided. So find out this weekend when the game is, and come and support the team as they look to prolong their season.

By Tom O'Brien

## Calendar

May 18 -May 25

**FRIDAY, MAY 18**

Schedule #1  
AP Alternate Statistics  
STUCO Sophomore General  
MADCO

**SATURDAY, MAY 19**

MADCO  
Tr: Sectional  
Tn: Sectional

**MONDAY, MAY 21**

Schedule #1

Fr. English Tutorial  
Sr. Grades Due  
Physicals in Library 6-8pm

**TUESDAY, MAY 22**

Schedule #5  
So. Bonus Reading Test  
Faculty Appreciation Dinner

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23**

Semester Exams  
Free Dress Down Days

**THURSDAY, MAY 24**

Semester Exams  
Ascension Thursday  
Free Dress Down Days  
Bb: Sectionals  
Tn: State Tournament

**FRIDAY, MAY 25**

Semester Exams  
Graduation Mass and Dinner  
Free Dress Down Days

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## SKIPPER

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are always a top priority, because our goal is to get a  
spot in the State Tournament.”

As for what he hopes to accomplish in the long  
term, Ross wants nothing less than “a couple of ban-  
ners from this millenium.”

## ASC

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from a different perspective.”

“The year has been fantastic,” said  
Smith. “I got all I wanted out of it.”  
Teaching for a year as part of the ASC  
gave him the opportunity to make a “good  
transition from school to the real world,”  
said Smith. Yet it also scrambled his  
future plans. Smith had thought he wanted  
to enter medical school at some point,  
but now he also is considering teaching.

As Smith and Conway depart, they  
both are considering a teaching career.  
In just one year at SLUH, both have  
undoubtedly impacted many students’  
lives.