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"If nothing else, value the truth."

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New internet capabilities at SLUH receive mixed reviews from faculty

Andy Neilsen
Reporter

In all of your rummagings on the internet, you may have occasionally stumbled onto the SLUH website, if only fleetingly to check the football game time or to get homework from a class missed. This great tool may be ignored by many students and teachers alike, but, after a year of allowing teachers to work with a standardized web template, the site is ready for new growth.

This teacher template provides a simple foundation for teachers to post class assignments, provides links to other

helpful, class-relevant web sites, and gives students an opportunity to e-mail their teachers. The templates are organized by teacher and by department, and provide links to each of any given teacher's classes.

"We wanted to create a template that lets teachers without any knowledge of HTML easily update class information in a fill-in-the-blank format that is accessible to only that teacher," says Joe Patke, SLUH's Director of Data, Communication, and Events. Teachers can quickly alter information on their pages by entering a password and then simply filling in the prescribed layout.

The goal is for every teacher will use

his or her template to update students, parents, and alumni about the current happenings in a specific course.

SLUH's website (at www.sluh.org) includes features other than the teacher pages. It offers a detailed course catalog for each department, giving prospective students and parents easy access to the course descriptions and a better idea of what SLUH offers academically. SLUH faculty members make all of the adjustments to the text and features on the site, but a pair of alumni, Fred and Andy Serber ('86 and '89) design the site and make it run.

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Meteorological station constructed on roof

Drew Niermann
Core Staff

At the highest point in the SLUH building, above the third floor Physics classroom, there lies the school's newest technological advancement, a \$20,000 weather station. This weather station is part of a joint project with St. Louis University's Department of Aeronautics and Earth Sciences. The money for this project came from a National Science Foundation Grant, which is to be used for what meteorology club moderator Peggy Pride characterized as an "urban watershed study."

The central goal of the project is to accurately collect information about at-



Workers install a weather station last Thursday

mospheric conditions such as temperature, dew point, solar radiation, wind speed

and direction, and rainfall. In one to two months, the weather station will be linked via wireless connection to SLU's web page, and soon after Pride hopes to have a link to SLUH's web site.

Pride described SLUH as a "pilot school" in the program. After two years, the National Science Foundation will review the success of the program at SLUH and hopefully extend the grant to 15 other local schools.

According to Pride, the ultimate goal of the project is to "create the largest school network for weather collection in the entire United States."

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CSP looks forward to expanded program, increased reflection in 2000-'01

Andrew Ivers
Assistant Editor

Tutoring grade school children, serving the elderly, and aiding city parishes: these are just a few of the ways students can get involved in the Community Service Program (CSP) this year. Under the new leadership of science teacher Patrick Zarrick and his assistant moderators, theology teacher Bill Sheahan, S.J.—who has two years of experience from a neighborhood restoration project in Kansas City—and English teacher Adam Conway, CSP hopes to retain the successful programs of past years as well as expand the service possibilities available to Jr. Bills in the future.

“This year is going to be an exploratory year,” said Zarrick. Many new opportunities have been introduced, like working with the elderly; with foreign refugees to the St. Louis area; with the neighborhood surrounding SLUH, which includes St. Cronan’s parish; and with the parishes of the North City like Visitation, St. Ann, and Holy Trinity. CSP will also try to incorporate a family service program and a father/son program this year.

Sheahan, who is focusing on working with the elderly and immediate neighborhood service programs, explained that

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SLUH was chosen for the project because of their interaction with St. Louis University and professors such as Ben Able, who recommended SLUH for the project. The club often visits meetings of the AMS and the National Weather Service. Former club president Mark Emanuel, who is now studying meteorology at SLU, is another major link between SLUH and SLU.

Pride said that several science teachers—namely chemistry teachers—have

CSP needs “to take into account all the different populations we serve.” Regarding new programs, Sheahan said the program is still open to new ideas.

In addition to the new programs, CSP will continue serving such organizations as Karen House, Our Little Haven, tutoring at Loyola Academy grade school, and Habitat for Humanity. The Program will also participate in Cardboard Castles, a homeless simulation, again this year.

Zarrick explained that moderators are “aggressively making contacts to open up opportunities for the lads.”

CSP also hopes to “enhance the reflection component of (the) service...(and) work closely with Campus Ministry” says Zarrick. “We just don’t do the work and then forget about it.”

Pastoral director Robert Garavaglia will aid CSP in organizing spiritual activities which relate to the service. Although these ideas are still preliminary, Garavaglia foresees the program as a way to “bridge (CSP) and the Pastoral Department.”

One goal is to “present new opportunities for students throughout (their) freshman, sophomore, and junior years as part of CSP, but they become a precursor for the Senior Project experience,” says Garavaglia. Some of this goal has been realized in last year’s freshman day of service and this year’s sophomore day of

service.

A second goal is to incorporate reflection into class and all spiritual activities. Garavaglia suggested the possibility of incorporating journals that each student could use in theology class, at projects, and during retreats. They could make a kind of “social analysis,” he says. A student could reflect on what he has done, how it made him feel, and what questions it has answered or aroused.

Sheahan says participants can “reflect on how service impacts (them) as people of faith. The gifts of the people whom we serve are (given) to us; they bring God to us.”

This spiritual direction could help CSP achieve the overall goal of making “community service integral to the SLUH experience...(and to) provide some variety of that service,” Garavaglia concluded.

Over the next few months, CSP will begin to put its plans into action. There will be an Our Little Haven orientation meeting on Oct. 6 and a day of service with Operation Bright Side in Forest Park on Oct. 14; tutoring opportunities should become available within the next two weeks.

“We’re strongly encouraging all faculty and students to get involved in as many or as few (service activities) as they like,” said Zarrick. “We are very very open to participation. (And) we’ll take guys whenever they’re available.”

expressed interest in the project. One idea that has been discussed is collecting rainwater to be analyzed in the chemistry classes. SLU already has plans to collect rainwater, which will then be sent to their labs for chemical testing. These tests will hopefully show what chemicals are in the water and where the water originated from.

The Meteorology Club is now involved in the National Weather Service’s snow and rain network, which reports precipitation to the NWS on a regular

basis. Pride described the new station as having a “highly advanced computer software program which stores and graphs data.” She said that the new software will make the reporting of data much more accurate and simple.

For anyone interested in joining the Meteorology Club, there will be a meeting in the first week of October. Pride described the club “as an excellent application of our science classes into real everyday situations.”

SLUH'S URBAN PRESENCE

The benefits of an urban campus

Few would argue the point that St. Louis U. High is a unique institution in St. Louis: for its Jesuit standards of academic excellence, for its great tradition, and for the diversity of the students it draws. But perhaps one of the most unique and vital aspects of our school is often overlooked. For over one hundred years now, SLUH has maintained its location at the unglamorous yet exciting corner of Oakland and Kingshighway, stubbornly staying in the heart of the city even when most of its students had relocated to the county. Beginning a new millenium at SLUH, we as students should be more thankful than ever of this metropolitan stability and the opportunities it has afforded us all.

Most of us take it for granted that SLUH has always occupied the Backer Memorial building and always will, but in the last forty years alone, at least two major, space-related problems have needed quick solutions lest SLUH be forced to consider a move westward.

In the late sixties, SLUH was forced to turn down so many worthy applicants due to space considerations that rumors swirled about a new site in west St. Louis County. A new school building was indeed constructed on this location, but fortunately for all of us, it was occupied by the new DeSmet High.

In the early 1980s, the lack of student parking was a huge problem, as more and more students began to drive to school. Neighbors were upset that their streets were filled with students' cars, and it seemed unlikely that SLUH could expand any further. However, this concern was resolved when the residential blocks around our school were purchased, allowing for the construction of the student parking lot.

The concerns over SLUH's location were put to permanent rest in 1991, when the SLUH board of trustees made official what had been apparent for years: SLUH was committed to staying within the city of St. Louis. The news did not create much of a stir at the time, as most people viewed the decision as a given, but looking back ten years later, we should realize how this commitment benefits us all.

If no other positive leaps to mind, the school's central location certainly allows for a geographical, if not always ethnic, diversity which a school like DeSmet cannot hope to achieve. Students from north, south, and west St. Louis County; from the city; from Illinois; and even from Pacific, MO can gather at one school because it is close to the geographical center of the region.

Like it or not, some prejudice does exist between city kids

and their county counterparts. Even if this misunderstanding merely results in a tendency to stereotype everyone west of Skinker as a preppie or everyone in the south city area as a hoosier, a high school which mixes students from a diverse area helps to break down these misconceptions.

If you can look at the bigger picture, SLUH's loyalty to the city of St. Louis has an even more important impact. Anyone who has ever been to a truly large city like New York or Chicago, or even San Francisco, can see that our downtown is not healthy. When is the last time you ventured into the inner city for any reason other than a major sporting event?

While it would be ludicrous to claim that the stability of SLUH could have any visible effect in the revitalization of the downtown region, it's not ridiculous to suggest that staying put has at least impacted the situation in a positive manner, by regularly drawing middle-class, suburban teenagers into the city. If even a few of these students grow up to consider buying an urban home because of their positive experience at SLUH, if just a few misconceptions about the city are shattered, then our school has made a real contribution, one our city dearly needs.

These benefits should not cloud the fact that there are drawbacks to our location which have yet to be resolved. Security, for example, is still an important issue. Just two weeks ago, two more cars were vandalized on the student parking lot, suffering broken windows and some minor property theft. Obviously, crime cannot be prevented completely, but a plan for creating a safer school without resorting to a lock-down-style campus must be formulated. And, of course, space concerns are also an issue, but with the Vision 2000 plan for expansion discussed two weeks ago, we have a long-term plan in the works to deal with this perennial problem, hopefully in a spirit of cooperation with the surrounding community.

The ideal function of a metropolitan downtown area should be to encourage residents of the city and outlying areas to converge in a cultural and economic center, a function which the city of St. Louis has struggled to perform for many years. However, on a smaller scale, SLUH plays this very role by drawing a diverse population to a central corridor, a region with ready access to everything from the Science Center to Busch Stadium to Forest Park. While SLUH's location is certainly not perfect, it represents a vitality which benefits the city as much as the students who experience it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gau examines Radio Station

To the Editors:

As I walk through the halls of this fine academic institutuon (the best high school in the state, wait, in the country, wait, in the world!) day after day, dozens of students (four) come up to me and ask me, "Mike, man, what's going on with the Pulse?" (of course they meant to ask me "who let the Bills out?") So I tell

them, "this is going to be a great year for the Pulse," (I avoid answering the question) and hurry off to class.

In all actuality, this should be a great year for the Pulse. We plan to broadcast 24/7, with shows by SLUH students from 7:00 a.m. straight through until 4:30 p.m. The remainder of the time, see GAU, 7

OEC treks the Rocky Mountains

Drew Niermann and Ben Gray
Core Staff, Reporter

This past summer the OEC continued its tradition of rowdy mountain biking and backpacking, embarking on yet another rugged trip to the deserts of Utah and the towering mountains of Colorado.

In late August, ten OEC members and club moderator Patrick Zarrick flew from St. Louis to the entertainment capital of the world, Las Vegas, where they met their guide, Big Dave Woorley. After all the gear was loaded on top of the beastly 15 passenger van, the club members began a two-hour drive to Cedar City, Utah, where they would spend the night in anticipation of the epic rides they would encounter in the days to come.

For the next four days the club mountain biked through several different locations in Utah, including the Bryce Canyon area and the Brian Head ski area. On the first day, the club rode the Virgin River Rim Trail, which has been featured in several outdoor publications.

According to sophomore Greg Stahl, "The first day's ride was grueling; we spent a lot of time climbing, but I feel it helped us get acclimated to the altitude and made the other three days a lot easier." The club pedaled up several miles, feeling the pains in their legs; however, they were reassured by Zarrick that "pain is weakness leaving the body."

The second day the club rode on what club member Ryan Oldani called "one of the most technically challenging trails I have ever ridden, and although there were some punishing climbs, the downhills made it worthwhile."

The trail weaved up and down for several miles through the sandy desert. They crossed the creek several times, which caused several minor spills, but nothing major happened. After about 20 miles of riding, the club returned to camp.

Early in the afternoon the club made its way to Bryce Canyon National Park. At the park, the club hiked five miles through the famous Hoodoos, which are huge spires of rock caused by erosion.

"We felt like minorities; for every one American there were at least ten Europeans," said club member Matt Snively. The club enjoyed the magnificent scenery as well as the first flush toilets they had seen in two days.

Early in the morning, the club ventured to the Brian Head Ski Resort, where they would spend the following two days on primarily downhill trails. The club rode on the world-famous Left Fork of



OEC members take in the view at Bryce Canyon

Bunker Creek trail, which has been rated in the top seven trails in North America. The club was shuttled to the top, where they had to wait out an imposing storm that was approaching the peak. After the cool sprinkle, the club blazed through the technical downhill. According to senior Ben Gray, "The trail was an awesome finish to the four days; it was like nothing I have ever ridden before." After the ride, the DownHillBills cooled off in a local spring before their long drive to the city of Telluride, Colorado, where the second leg of their trip would begin.

As the bikers made the transition from extreme mountain biking to awesome hiking, many changes occurred as the trekkers lost their bikes and gained new companions: the Murphy family and Tyler Lucas.

The second leg of the trip began as the MountainBills lugged their 60-pound packs 4 miles straight up, over 2,500 vertical feet, to their base camp. After reaching base camp they feasted on dehydrated turkey and set in for the night, preparing themselves for the monstrous journey that lay ahead of them.

At 7:30 the next morning, bright-eyed and ready to go, the Jr. Bills and

company left to tackle the mountain in the bitter cold, carrying only their water and lunch. The trek was roughly seven miles each way, beginning at 11,000 and topping off at 14,175 feet.

The TrekBills started off climbing over 1,500 vertical feet, along miles of switchbacks, which eventually led to the pass. From the pass they could see the summit, so close, yet so far away. Little did the PeakBills know, but the summit was still three hours away.

Soon after they left the pass they made their way up the steep summit, dodging boulders and other climbers. They ascended up what club member Drew Niermann called "a vertical wall of boulders taller than the arch."

Glory was finally reached as they pulled themselves up the final boulder, giving way to the summit. They could feel victory as they looked out over the vast openings in every direction. There they dedicated their trek to the memory of Brian Murphy. To their dismay, however, the glory could only last so long due to the approach of menacing storms.

Exhausted and out of water, the MountainBills began the long, strenuous journey back down the mountain, but nothing was too hard for them. Some Jr. Bills, using their cunning and intellect, decided to attempt to slide down the mountain on their feet. Very soon did these intelligent souls find that it was extremely hard to stop, especially when the mountain continues descending for another thousand feet or two. Thus, after they had sent a few large boulders careening down the mountain at the poor innocent hikers below because of their futile attempts to stop, they decided to take the long way down.

After an easy backpack hike down the mountain the next day, the group met mucho-macho guide Dave with the van. The group was then shuttled back to Telluride, where they spent their last night in the Oak Street Inn.

According to club moderator Patrick Zarrick, "this trip (was) one of the most successful; we did the most advanced biking of any previous trip and we had the least injuries."

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The one word, however, is used mainly by alumni. Patke said that hits on the site have been concentrated mostly on *Prep News* and *Alumni News* downloading. He believes that if students and teachers try to use the site more frequently, the site will increasingly include student information.

Many teachers, however, have not used this tool at all. Some do not have the time, others prefer physical handouts, and a very small percentage find the format too restricting. Then there are those who are using the internet, but not the SLUH site specifically. Teachers who are starting to develop web pages have yet to get anything finished and up on the web due to the time restrictions of the new school year.

This is not to say that no teachers use the internet as a class aid, however. Some teachers involve internet research as a large part of homework, and some teachers, such as Dan See and Matt Sciuto, have large websites of their own outside of the SLUH site.

"I prefer to use my own website because the template provided on SLUH's website is too rigid for the kind of webpage that I want to have," See said. See hopes that he will soon have a link to his page on SLUH's website so anyone can bring it up from a central location. The art department has also demonstrated departmental success on the internet. Their website, at www.sluh.org/art, features student and teacher art galleries as well as biographies of the art teachers. John Mueller, the head of the art department, is very happy with this well-constructed website. Peter Smith, class of '99, volunteered to construct the website for Mueller.

"Peter did an incredible job; the perspective and the easy use is great. He is very talented," Mueller said. The art website is not linked to the SLUH site yet, but Tim Rittenhouse, the heir to the internet update position, is working to give the art site a link on SLUH's website. Rittenhouse is the first faculty member appointed to this job. More responsibilities will shift

from Patke to Rittenhouse as time goes on under the assumption that a teacher will be able to more effectively update the site because he is around school events with greater frequency.

Peggy Pride, the head of the technology committee, hopes that the web site can develop into a preview of the school's spirit and the various activities that SLUH offers. Teachers have been encouraged to develop individual class pages on the web site, again for student use and help. Pride hoped that the SLUH site could get more publicity so that more students would use it to communicate with their teachers.

There is a sort of circular argument here: students do not use the page because they think teachers do not put anything on their sites, and teachers do not develop their class sites thinking that students will not use the site. "I think many days I would [update the page] for no reason since I think students do not make daily use of the SLUH website," says English teacher Rich Moran. "I would prefer to respond to individual student questions by e-mail."

In terms of large scale changes, Rittenhouse says that SLUH's web page have to wait until next year. "I am still in the research stage, visiting other high school and college websites for ideas," Rittenhouse says. "When I have more ideas for improvements, we will hold meetings with students, faculty, and clubs to determine what changes and additions we can make."

In all of the departments, it seems that most teachers are not currently using the templates that are set out for them; those with aspirations of more complex websites are still working to post their sites on the internet. The teacher template cannot strike a balance between those with immense internet knowledge and those with minimal computer skills. More internet-savvy faculty members post their sites independent of the SLUH site, but still link their pages to the SLUH site.

Though a solution to this problem does not readily present itself, people like Pride and Rittenhouse are continuing to

get more ideas to make the website a more effective resource for students and teachers.

Rifle Club earns grant from NRA

John Neff
Reporter

While the question "We have a rifle team?" is a fairly common one heard at SLUH, with a new donation, the program is alive and well.

The Rifle Team and Club received a generous \$5000 donation from the Missouri Friends of the National Rifle Association (MOFNRA) on August 26 at the annual MOFNRA confrence. Michael Barron put in a request for the grant last year; it was finally approved this summer. A lawyer and member of the class of '53, Barron will succeed Martin Hagan, S.J., this year as Rifle Club moderator. The \$5000 check was presented to Hagan, Barron, and William Bresnahan, last year's captain.

A portion of the money will be used to provide the team with new shooting jackets and pants. The majority of the money, however, will be used to install a new lighting system in the range, repaint it, and to make other minor repairs. The current lighting system was installed in 1992, but in recent years many have found that it provides an inadequate source of light for the targets.

"It's just too dark down (by the targets) to see them accurately enough," said junior team member Giles Walsh.

The new system will incorporate about twice as many lights as the current one, and will use higher-power bulbs. The rifle program starts its season September 28; freshman are encouraged to come down to the range that day and sign up to be part of the club.

New faculty: They just won't stop

Jean Elliott: Math Department

Brian Kane
Reporter

The variable 'a' represents the amount of faculty at St. Louis U. High last year. Let's pretend that 73% of 'a' was fired, 2 teachers decided to take jobs at DeSmet, 5% retired, and 500 new teachers were hired. 287 teachers didn't need to come to school the first day. The square root of 7% of the number of teachers who attended school the first day is the number of students who did not come to school. Who will you turn to to figure out how many students were not at school on our first day? Jean Elliott, a new SLUH math teacher, might be a place to start.

Teaching is certainly not new for Elliott, an Iowa native who has been educating in the St. Louis area for 21 years out of her 30 years of teaching math. The logic involved in teaching math has held her interest throughout the years. But al-

though she enjoys the challenge of teaching math, she does not want to pester SLUH students with homework consisting of hundreds of problems similar to the algebraic nightmare at the top of the article.

"If I'm a really good teacher, I can make math accessible to a lot more kids and make it not seem so dry and difficult," she notes.

Something that may not be so familiar to Elliott is the way students work at SLUH. The serious nature that students have about their education and the college-level quality of the staff have made good impressions on her. She has also noted the prominence of the Catholic



faith in the school.

"I love the fact that there's a Mass every day," said Elliott. "I just think that's a wonderful opportunity. I've never been at a school where the day begins in prayer, and I think that's important."

During her 21 years teaching in St. Louis, DuBourg High School was Elliott's place of employment. Two of her four children attended DuBourg during her time there, and she also taught alongside some current SLUH faculty members, including fellow math department member Tom Flanagan and Spanish teacher Charlie Merriott.

Elliott changed schools partly because she felt it was a time in her career for a change. She said, "the opportunity to teach at SLUH was just too hard to resist," she says.

And while all good things come to an end, Elliott expresses a desire to stay at SLUH for quite a while, living her dream of educating kids for the future.

Said Elliot, "I like to teach. I can't imagine myself doing anything else."

Ken Ferrigni: Drama Department

Dan Lawo
Reporter

Ken Ferrigni, a native of the Loop area and 1993 SLUH graduate, is one of the newest additions to our drama department, and a member of the Alumni Service Corps.

Some of you may recognize the name because of Becky Ferrigni, from the math department. No, they are not married; he is her brother-in-law. Ferrigni is here at SLUH to assist in teaching Acting Improv, Oral Communications, and Latin III. He is the moderator of the circus club as well. Well-trained for the positions, he has attended Boston University, and Washington University in St. Louis, where he received his major in acting.

To give him an even stronger background on the stage, for the past two and a half years he lived in Los Angeles, where he was working on small films and commercials.

Although he enjoyed lounging around in sunny L.A., Ferrigni just didn't like being away from home. He eventually returned to St. Louis, and loves it here.

Now that he is a teacher and not just an enthusiastic student, he seems to think that the student body at SLUH is better now than it was in '93.



He claims that, "it's just a great school, and the faculty is great. As a teacher, I can now appreciate how smart and diverse the students are. When I was going here it was all about competition. I never saw the whole picture."

His favorite thing about being a part of the great SLUH theatre department is working under Joe Schulte, a forty-three year veteran. Ferrigni was selected for his job as a volunteer for the Alum Service Corps, and is only guaranteed to stay for a year. The Alumni Service Corps is a Jesuit organization that allows young alumni who are interested to teach for a year as volunteers. He's not really sure what he is going to do at the end of the year. Ferrigni hopes to stay at SLUH a while longer and then find a permanent job. However, he doesn't rule out a teaching career at SLUH.

"I might stick with it," he says, "It's hard to make these decisions when you're young like this."

Soccerbills roll on 4 game win streak

**Garry Holland
Reporter**

Last Saturday, the varsity soccer team opened its MCC season at home versus DeSmet. Cheered on by the rabid blue students who had just trotted over from Forest Park in this year's version of the Running of the Bills, the team started strong.

From the first whistle, the Soccerbills charged to the DeSmet goal. Only minutes into the game, SLUH flooded the DeSmet goal area, where a crossing pass squeezed past the confused DeSmet defenders for James Twellman to tap in. After taking the early lead, the team played with confidence and enthusiasm while trying to add to their lead.

One of the top teams in the area, DeSmet fought back, but the SLUH defense repelled every Spartan attack. Returning from a severely sprained ankle suffered in the last meeting against DeSmet, Kyle Ottwell, blanketed the DeSmet offense with help from Stan Simek and Ian Mulligan. Such defense is the reason head coach Charles Martel has

been impressed with the defensive effort; the team has allowed only three goals in its first ten games.

Most of the Spartans acknowledged

team excelled.

The team faced Eureka in Monday night's game, which marked the return of senior David Brooks. Brooks celebrated by netting a goal and Kevin McCarthy added another as the team won 2-0.

Tuesday the Bills faced the top-ranked 3A powerhouse Aquinas Mercy. The team continued their dominant play as the scoring duo of Brooks and McCarthy again contributed two stellar goals and knocked off Aquinas in a big victory.

The three-day sweep was completed Wednesday when the Soccerbills defeated Belleville West 2-0. Illinois native Frank Simek's free kick blast beat the Belleville goalkeeper and led the team to victory.

This weekend, the squad heads into the semi-finals of the CYC Tournament against top-ranked and undefeated Chaminade College Prep. The team invites all fans to see the contest Friday night; the finals will be held the following evening.

STUCO Treasurer Brian Ikemeier viewed the team this weekend and offers this assessment: "The team has the speed of a mongoose and the reflexes of a jackal, and if the team wins this weekend, I will shave Tom Chibnall's sideburns with a chainsaw next week."



DiRamondo in a SLUH victory

the defeat with class and sportsmanship, but senior captain Mike Amberlsy, frustrated by the marking of the SLUH defense, punched Ian Mulligan, knocking him to the ground. The referee saw the blow and ejected Amberlsy for the few remaining minutes of the game. When time finally expired, the Bills had made their early goal stand and walked away with their first MCC win.

With this new momentum, the team headed to Soccer Park for the annual CYC Tournament. Playing games on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the

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an automated broadcast will run. Now a few of you (all of you) may be thinking to yourselves, "We have a radio station?" Yes, yes we do. The pessimists out there will say, "Yeah, but it only broadcasts to Vandeventer." Boy are they wrong. In fact, the Pulse broadcasts worldwide over the Internet at www.sluh.org and at www.live365.com.

Among our lengthy list of goals for the year is applying for and receiving an FCC liscence so that we are able to broadcast over longer distances. We hope to be broadcasting over a five or six mile radius by the end of the school year. Another of our major undertakings is going to be Pulse Jam. Pulse Jam will be a concert

featuring Cowboy Mouth, Mesh, or the Urge along with local SLUH talent. More information about this event will be available in the future. Anyone interested in being a disc jockey for KUHI, 91.9, The Pulse, can obtain (pick up) an application from the broadcast studio (janitor's closet) in the Jesuit wing. Until next time, tune into 91.9 or log onto www.sluh.org to hear SLUH's student-run radio station, The Pulse. Song requests are always welcome and appreciated at pulse@sluh.org or a 531-2753 (that's area code 314 for you west county folks)

Sincerely,

Mike Gau '02

P.S.- My thanks to Paddy Kelleher for tips on how to be funny in a letter to the editors.

Water Polo Box Scores

SLUH vs. John Burroughs 9/18

SLUH 9, John Burroughs 3

SLUH:16 steals

Sophomores Phil Abram and Bill Dahlmann make their Varsity debut

SLUH vs. Ladue 9/20

SLUH 12, Ladue 1

Kevin Rose: 4 Goals

J.V. vs. Principia 9/21

SLUH 19, Principia 1

Key Statistic:

Kevin Rose has 11 goals in his last 3 games to lead the Varsity team.

Footbills shut out Chaminade 14-0

Shawn Furey
Reporter

Coming off a strong showing against perennial powerhouse Kirkwood the week before, the Junior Bills hoped to carry the momentum into last Friday's game against the school of a thousand mascots. With the offensive line slightly tweaked, and the same rock-solid defense intact, expectations were high for the game against MCC foe Chaminade.

Riding on a game-high fourteen tackles by a bull named Matt Sinclair, and seven solid tackles from junior Craig Schlapprizi, the Junior Bills allowed no room for the Chaminade offense. Cornerback Ben Purcell, who intercepted

a Chaminade pass for one of the six takeaways by the Billikens, remarked on the stoutness of the defense, saying, "We know the offense is still trying to find the



Zach Schmidt runs against Chaminade

perfect combination, and we just need to let them know we can win games as a defense until they really start to click."

Chaminade tailback Pat Hardin said of the SLUH steel curtain, "They swarm the ball like none other...if you lose forward momentum, you're dead."

The scoring started for the Jr. Bills on their second possession. Junior safety Chris Finney returned a fumble for 53 yards, which set up a 6-yard TD rush for Zach Schmitt. Greg Scott's extra point put the Bills up 7-0. The team had several more opportunities in the first half, but ran into some tough Chaminade defense and went into halftime still leading by 7.

To begin the second half, the Junior Bills had a new quarterback in the game: sophomore Dossie Jennings. His enthusiasm and athletic ability were apparent right away as he danced his way down the sidelines on a sweep play on his second play at quarterback. Fifty-three yards later, Jennings was finally dragged down by the Chammites.

Jennings was very pleased to play against Chaminade and to earn a starting spot against Vianney as well, saying, "I really look forward to being able to start my first game at the varsity level."

Besides the stellar play of the defense, there were two other brilliant aspects to the game. One was the steady rushing of Zach Schmitt, who accumulated 124 yards on 27 carries. The other was an amazing one-handed grab by junior receiver Tim Boyce, who managed to reach behind himself, snag the pass, and somehow accelerate past the Chaminade safeties at the same time. The catch went for a touchdown which ended Chaminade's hopes late in the game. The Bills held on for the 14-0 win and raised their record to 2-1.

Coach Gary Kornfeld feels strongly that "the team, especially the offense, really improves with each game, and as long as we continue to play our kind of football and stick to our game plan, things will keep improving."

With a bye week following the Vianney game, the team should have ample time to rest players and prepare for the second half of the season.

Cross Country Bills take 4th at Sioux Passage

Tom O'Brien
Core Staff

Last Saturday, the cross-country team traveled up to Sioux Passage park to compete in the Paul Enke Invitational. The varsity turned in a fine finish of fourth out of a total of thirty teams.

Ryan Hatch once again turned in a fast third-mile time of 5:25 and came in first for the team in 15th place. Other close finishers included Tom O'Brien at 16th, Dave Godar at 18th, and Patrick Leinaur at 25th. Team captain Dan Leinaur wasn't able to finish the race because he was sick, but SLUH still managed to finish only one point behind Desmet.

DeSmet is supposed to be the powerhouse in the Saint Louis area this year with two returning all-state runners, but the Junior Bills, who have not been totally healthy all year, have competed well as a team, staying dangerously close to the Spartans in the past two meets. The varsity members think that they have a shot at Desmet this weekend at

the Hancock Invitational.

In the JV race, Jason Towers ran away with a time of 18:39 and a race place of third. He led the team to a second place finish among the thirty teams present.

Close behind Towers was Chris Crews, who had a great race with a finish of 4th. Other contributors to the squad were Ghassen Mohsen, Geoff Hadler, and Richard Spicer. Towers summed up his race with these words: "I just ran as hard as I could for as long as I could."

SLUH's B-team turned in a huge race on Saturday. Comprised of all sophomores, the team came in first out of all thirty teams. Led by Drew Noblot, the sophomore squad won the race with a score of 75. Noblot had a huge breakthrough, defeating Peter Schaefer for the first time; Schaefer ran a disappointing 19:23.

Schaefer hopes to improve on his time as he will race along with the rest of SLUH tomorrow at Jefferson Barracks; the second-biggest meet of the year for the team begins at 10:00 a.m.

Smokin' in the rec-room: A history

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If a current St. Louis U. High student were to take a walk through SLUH as it appeared in the 1970s, he may be struck by a few things: the pervasive smell of chalk dust, the lack of a theater building, the freshmen smoking cigarettes in the rec-room...Wait a minute! Students can't...I mean, doesn't the student handbook say...won't demerits and/or jugs?

Oh, dear. This is too complicated.

As a SLUH student, it is easy to imagine ourselves as part of a continuum. In many ways we are, but it is a continuity that depends on adaptation.

Even in the 1930s, SLUH was constantly changing. When young seminarian Martin Hagan, S.J., visited the campus for the first time in 1937, a senior smoking room was the most recent addition.

At a time when high school smoke rooms were "almost unheard of," Hagan recalls a room large enough to contain the current science and foreign language departments.

By the time Hagan returned in 1952, the smoking lounge had moved to the basement, occupying what is now the computer classroom. Sorry guys—still seniors only.

In the 1960s the nation was in the midst of a social revolution, and SLUH became swept up in it—as much as a century-old Jesuit institution is able to be swept up in anything. A new sophomore counselor opened the door to tobacco equality by allowing his advisees to smoke during counseling sessions. To further encourage a relaxed environment, the counselor set up a sophomore lounge underneath the secret back stairway. (By "secret back stairway," I mean the stairs near the cafeteria, leading from the pay

phones to the rear entrance of the weight room.) Not a bad idea, but why did the memory of it make every person I interviewed cringe? Well, its remote location made supervision unlikely; there weren't even passers-by to notice if a couch cushion were to catch fire.

Not to be out-done, the juniors soon built a "smoker" in the corner of the rec room where the bookstore is currently located. Down at the bottom of the ash tray, so to speak, the freshman smoking

as an influence on the decision. Also, the social climate during the decade that popularized such bastions of righteousness as TREND made the change fairly uneventful.

Zinselmeyer helped lessen the impact of the prohibition on students by being initially lenient, but did not face much of a problem thanks to the rule's "general acceptance among students." Since that time, the policy has become gradually stricter, but Dean of Students Eric Clark does not foresee any changes in the near future.

Ironically, the only major smoking-related fire occurred a few years *after* the ban. On the last school day of the year, a few students who were smoking on the stage of the old auditorium had to make a quick exit when they heard footsteps on the other side of the curtain. In their eagerness to get back to class, a cigarette butt was dropped amid the scenery on which they were lounging. A mattress caught

fire and the alarm rang, but everyone assumed it was an end-of-the-year prank. Disaster was narrowly averted by an unlikely hero: Theater Director Joseph Schulte recalls a Josten's (class ring company) representative bursting into the auditorium and smothering the inferno.

The roller-coaster history of on-campus smoking is not only representative of SLUH history, it reflects the changing values of our society over the last century. In many ways, we represent both the history and values of our community. We deal with isolated issues and make independent decisions, yet somehow arrive in roughly the same place as everyone else who is making independent decisions. As a school we struggle between acceptance of societal norms and dedication to the Jesuit values on which we are based. Often, the balance is tenuous. Sometimes, it's simply up in smoke.



From the 1965 yearbook, a view of the once-common student smoker

"lounge" consisted of a couple of tables in the middle of the rec room. But, I guess a couple of tables was better than our modern equivalent—suspension!

By the early 1980s, the bandwagon began to move again, and SLUH was eager to hop aboard. As new medical research made smoking less desirable, administrators began to phase out on-campus smoking. According to Jeff Harrison, S.J., the school's efforts were basically, "a reflection of society's changing values."

Eventually, smoking was evicted—allowed only on an outside patio underneath the library. Finally, in 1987, former Dean of Students Art Zinselmeyer announced that smoking on campus would be abolished entirely the following year. Zinselmeyer cites "President Reagan's attempt to reduce drug abuse in schools,"

By Ryan Oldani

Calendar

September 22-September 29

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Schedule B

College Visits:

- Bradley University @ 12:30pm
- Colgate University @ 12:30pm
- Cornell University @ 11:00-11:45am
- Tulsa, University of @ 12:30pm

Prep News Meeting After School

V-FB vs. Vianney @ 7pm

B-SC @ Chaminade @ 4pm

C-SC @ Granite City @ 4pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23B/JV/V-XC @ Hancock Invitational @
Jefferson Barracks @ 4:30pm**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

Schedule #1

College Visits @ Activity Period:

- George Washington University
- Incarnate Word, University of the
- Loyola University-New Orleans
- Quincy University
- Southeast Missouri State University
- St. Joseph's College @ 12:52-1:22pm

B/V-SC vs. Duschene @ 4:30/6:30pm

JV-SC vs. Soldan @ Forest Park #5 @
4pmC-SC vs. DuBourg @ Forest Park #3 @
4pm**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

Schedule #1

College Visits @ Activity Period:

- Austin College
- Benedictine College
- DePauw University
- Eckerd College
- Hope College
- Illinois, University of-Springfield
- Marquette University
- North Carolina, University of-Chapel Hill

- Southern Methodist University
- St. Louis University
- Texas Christian University
- Benedictine College

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Schedule #1

Senior Project Meeting @ Activity Pe-
riod

Junior Class Liturgy @ Activity Period

Frosh Eng Tutorial @ Activity Period

College Visits:

- Dartmouth University @ 1:30-2:30pm
- Georgetown University @ 8:00-8:45am
- Georgia, University of @ 12:52-1:22pm
- John Carroll University @ 12:52-1:22pm
- Naval Academy @ 11:00-12:00pm

B-FB @ Hazelwood East @ 4:30pm

B/V-SC vs. Rockwood Summit @ 4:30/
6:30pm**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

Schedule #4

Mother/Son Liturgy @ 7:30 am

College Visits:

- Indiana University @ 12:30pm
- Cornell College @ 12:30pm
- Dominican University @ 11:00-11:45am
- Furman University @ 12:30pm

C-FB @ CBC @ 4:15pm

JV-SC vs. DeSmet @ Forest Park #3 @
4pm

C-SC vs. CBC @ 4pm

JV/V-WP @ Lindbergh @ 4/5pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Schedule #1

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College Visits @ Activity Period:

- Dallas, University of
- Illinois, University of
- McKendree College
- Purdue University
- Spring Hill College
- Valpariso University

JV-SC @ Vianney @ 4pm

B-SC vs. DeSmet @ SLUH Tourney @
Forest Park #3 @ 4pm

JV/V-WP @ Parkway North @ 4/5pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any senior interested in Aviation Flight, Aviation Technologies, and Aviation Management are invited to visit Southern Illinois University - Carbondale to learn about their programs. Transportation to and from Carbondale is provided by TWA. Applications for the visit program are due to SIU-C by October 9. See Mrs. Berger for details.

Applicants to Washington University who live in the first congressional district are invited to apply for the William L. Clay Scholars Program. The Clay Scholar receives a full-tuition scholarship plus a 2,500 annual stipend. Deadline to apply is January 15. See Mrs. Berger.

The SLUH Mothers' Club Freshman Reps would like to thank all the freshman moms who baked cookies and those who worked the cookie sale. We would also like to thank the students, faculty, and administration who bought cookies and made our sale a success.

For those interested in the Summer trip to Spain there will be an informational meeting in room 220 next Friday (Sept. 29) during Activity Period. Please see Mr. Merriott or Mr. Bantle for details.

Attention freshman, sophomores, and juniors: Yearbook picture photos will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2000. You

will receive an envelope on Monday morning in homeroom describing your options. You must bring in your envelope and check on Wednesday in order to get your picture taken. Please make sure you dress appropriately.

Quote of the Week

*When you win at
this game, you really
lose!*

-Mr. Missey, on Quake III