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# Prep News

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

Issue 1

## Science Center, SLUH make connections

**Andrew Ivers**  
Editor

*Editor's Note: In light of SLUH's recent Vision 2000 plan for collaboration with the St. Louis Science Center in projects of mutual interest, the Prep News presents this news on the Science Center's plan for the future.*

In January 2000, the Science Center's James S. McDonnell Planetarium Building, located in Forest Park, was closed to the public to allow for a complete renovation of every aspect of the building except the frame of the structure itself.

After three months of construction,

the \$13 million project is proceeding very well and workers are now forming the skeleton of the interior. The few interior



Science Center VP Dwight Crandell (left) explains Planetarium renovations

walls are made simply of drywall and metal supports; in the middle of the old theater, where the new state-of-the-art

projector will stand, now stands a fifteen foot hydraulic jack; a second level has been added circling the center of the building.

On the inside, nothing of the former planetarium remains except the familiar sloping roof. "We're trying to make minimal changes to the building," said Dwight Crandell, Science Center Executive Vice President of Operations and Planetarium Project Coordinator, who is in his twentieth year of service with the Science Center.

Organizers estimate it will be another six to seven months before the project is complete. The renovated Planetarium will see **HYPERBOLOID, 9**

## Stoverink shows marked improvement after accident

**Drew Niermann**  
Core Staff

On Saturday, Oct. 7, junior Tim Stoverink was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital after his car skidded and flipped off the interchange ramp from highway 55 North to 44 West.

Stoverink suffered a fractured skull, vertebrae, clavicle, right cheek bone, and a punctured lung.

Stoverink arrived unconscious at the hospital. For a week after the accident, Stoverink was in a medically-induced coma, unable to open his eyes, so that his body could focus on repairing itself. On

the Saturday following the accident, he opened his eyes for the first time. According to Paul Sheridan, S.J., "He is becoming more and more alert each day."

Doctors are still unsure about brain damage; Sheridan, however, reiterated, that "head injuries are so unpredictable; they are very tricky because you can not predict exactly what will happen." However junior Steve James, a close friend of Stoverink, said that "the doctors haven't noticed anything wrong with his brain activity." Doctors, family and friends are all very optimistic about his recovery.

On Thursday, Oct. 19, Stoverink began to walk for the first time since the see **STOVERINK, 4**

## SAC begins year without controversy

**Tim Elfrink**  
Editor in Chief

At exactly 7:00 p.m. Monday night, 28 students, 15 parents and ten faculty members convened under the mediating eye of chairperson H. Eric Clark for the first Student Advisory Committee meeting of the year. They were prepared to brawl over the issues but were confronted with only non-controversial topics for their first ses

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## QUARTERBACK SAC

sion.

The committee members, chosen by Clark based on essays submitted by interested students and parents, began the first meeting of the year with introductions about the purpose of the SAC, followed by discussions about the starting time for exams and the method of honoring students with scholarships at graduation.

"The SAC provides an opportunity for students and faculty alike to discuss issues pertinent to SLUH," said Clark at the outset of the meeting.

The Committee received an unusually high number of applications from interested students this year, forcing Clark to turn many down; in return, he was able to be more selective in his choice of students.

The meeting began with the committee members introducing themselves and giving their personal reasons for joining (or remaining on) the SAC. The reasons were varied, but the common theme was a desire to be involved with SLUH and to have an opportunity to voice an opinion in a productive atmosphere.

"I wanted to be involved in SLUH, and this sounded a lot more interesting than sweeping up after Cashbah," said Paul Nagel, father of sophomore Joe and freshmen Peter and Steven.

The introductions quickly segued into the first debate of the year, over the issue of the manner in which students with scholarships are honored at graduation. Maureen Mahach brought the matter before the committee because she felt the current procedure was unsympathetic to students who did not receive or accept any scholarships. In the current format, the graduates rise as their scholarships are announced and remain standing for close to ten minutes until all scholarships are honored, which Mahach felt put unnecessary focus on the minority of students who do not receive or accept any scholarships and thus must remain seated.

"I felt bad for the kids who had to remain seated," said Mahach. "The guys with scholarships should be honored, but

maybe there's a better way to do it."

The vast majority of the group agreed that seniors should still be honored in some manner for the scholarships at graduation, and most felt that perhaps a new ceremony would be more appropriate, but there was no agreement on what sort of change would be most beneficial.

"Kids need to be recognized for their accomplishments, but you also can't let the graduation drag out too long," said T.J. Siebenman, father of junior Adam. "It's a Catch-22."

One popular idea involved having each student rise as his scholarship is announced, and then to sit back down rather than remain standing, but this method would make it difficult to delay applause until the end of the presentation and would perhaps lengthen the ceremony.

Other options discussed included announcing scholarships as seniors crossed the stage to receive their diplomas, including the scholarships in the program, and honoring graduates at a "senior dinner" the night before graduation rather than at the graduation itself. Senior Shawn Furey suggested that students each choose one accomplishment to be recognized for from their time at SLUH and honoring them for this accomplishment only. The group was largely fragmented on which option was most beneficial, though, and several argued that no change was necessary whatsoever.

"The ceremony goes by so fast," said Angela Holland, mother of senior Garry. "This is their time to shine, so you don't want to abbreviate it in any way."

After coming to no solid conclusion regarding the scholarship issue, but having reached the end of fresh ideas, the group moved discussion to the final issue: the starting time of exams. Junior Paul Kaiser felt that it would be less stressful for everyone involved if exams started an hour later, especially because all exams are finished by 11:35 am under the current schedule.

The majority of the committee was comfortable with the exam schedule as it

exists today, and felt that making exams an hour later would merely be a form of procrastination. Many brought up the fact that students should be physically accustomed to rising early from the normal schedule.

"A later exam would give me no stress relief," said senior Keith Peterfeso. "I see no reason for that change."

Spanish teacher Myriam Aliste pointed out that many freshmen, whom the committee agreed was probably the group most affected by exam stress, must ride to school with their parents, and thus would have to arrive at school early regardless of their exam time. By the end of the discussion even Kaiser had rescinded his earlier argument, having been thoroughly convinced that early exams are probably of greater benefit, but a few late-risers still held firm.

"I'm never awake until after activity period on normal days," said junior Eric Cheverud. "I think we should push the exams back an hour, maybe two."

While the first meeting of the year did not include heated debate as in years past, opinions were voiced and all involved were ready for more controversial fare on December 11, when the SAC next meets.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The SLUH Mothers' Club is asking the sophomore, junior and senior moms to provide three dozen home-baked (or purchased) cookies for the High School Open House on November 5. The cookies can be sent with your son to the switchboard on November 2 or 3. Thanks for your help in making this a special day for all of our visitors.

(Achtung! Achtung!) The girls of Neriex Hall will be selling suckers at SLUH during the two hour activity period today. The event is sponsored by the Wellness Team and the cost is 25 cents per sucker. All proceeds will go to charity.

For sale: 1990 Toyota Camry. Power everything, A/C. 150,000 miles. If interested, contact Julie at 504-7018

# Commentary

## Holzhauser compares SLUH schedule to Dallas Jesuit

**Tom Holzhauser**  
Reporter

SLUH or Dallas Jesuit College Prep? Which is better? Since I have transferred from SLUH to Dallas JCP and then back, that is the question that many people have asked me. It's a tough opinion to form because although the two high schools are both Jesuit institutions, they are very different places.

The biggest difference is probably the schedules, a heated topic of discussion at SLUH in the year 2000. Dallas Prep's schedule is made up of six 45-minute periods and five periods that are either 30 or 11 minutes long. The different lengths enable each class to have a separate lunch period, which significantly reduces overcrowding the cafeteria. The drawback of this system is that juniors end up eating at 10:25, which naturally meets with mixed reviews.

Also, SLUH rotates the order of classes only at the quarter, whereas Dallas Jesuit rotates second and third periods with tenth and eleventh periods weekly to form "reverse order" days. This rotation occurs on Tuesday and Thursday to avoid the same order, day in and day out. At SLUH, if you get an unfavorable class order, you're stuck with it for an entire quarter, but with the "reverse order" days the unpleasant schedule is only a factor two or three times a week.

The Dallas schedule allows students the ability to earn free periods, which is a very popular feature. Freshmen are faced with mandatory study hall, but those with a certain GPA are exempted from study hall and get a free period.

Another way to earn a free period is to play a sport. If you are enrolled in a gym class and are playing in any sport, then gym class becomes optional. You can do homework during the day or go to gym if you feel like it, which benefits athletes with minimal

free time.

Every Tuesday, late arrival schedule is in effect so you don't have to come to school until 8:30. I really enjoyed this because you can sleep an extra thirty minutes every week or, if you're really behind, you can work on something in the morning. Setting the alarm back a half hour every week is something to look forward to. Mass on Thursday also makes class periods shorter and can be interesting as well.

Patrick Burns, a junior football player at JCP, says, "Our schedule is pretty cool because we get late arrival on Tuesdays, Mass every Thursday, and now five minutes in between classes. In retrospect, I enjoyed JCP's schedule mainly because you can earn more free periods than at SLUH. At SLUH, the unscheduled periods have just begun and are still an experiment, and I don't feel that they are actually "free" periods because you can't play pool or do anything you want in this time.

I certainly don't think the experimental block schedule is in perfect working order yet because of the huge amount of unscheduled time on Friday. If you also have a free period that day, it doesn't even seem like it would be worth showing up at school.

I think a system like Dallas Jesuit's, that allows free periods to be earned, needs to be put in place at SLUH in the near future. Even teachers are having difficulty with this new schedule.

English teacher Tom Chmelir feels, "It's too early to tell if the new schedule will hurt students' grades, but I don't feel like I'm where I was last year."

Chemistry teacher Bill Anderson commented, "I'm about three days behind where I need to be."

This can be attributed to the shortened class periods. I like the shorter periods but I really don't like the 7:50 starting time. I've gotten to school at about 7:55 several times, and it is pretty frustrating to be counted as late. The traffic seems to move just

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Breslin wants more active student debate

Dear U-Highonians,

Do we not have any questions? Is everything the way we want it to be at the U.High? I don't think so. I think that as students, we are falling into the day-in-day-out routine of school and accepting everything that has fallen around us. We are the guinea pigs in an experimental year of schedule changes. I come home from a block day and feel as though I have had a swift sniff of glue that puts me right on the bed. Exhaustion begins to set in after the first period and with no break in between any of the first three classes, I am hungry and weary. We need breaks between these block classes. We need a chance to walk around, get some food, get our minds ready for the next class, and not be zombified. I think teachers would feel the same way. Ending the day at 2:30 is nice, but we usually end at 3:00 anyway, so why not have ten-minute breaks between the first three classes? This will probably

not be the way things work out, but as students we should play a part in the decision-making processes of SLUH. As students, we should be aware of our situation in the school, and make it our school, not the administrators' school. The gap between the students and the administration is not large. It is a fence that can easily be cut down by means of students' communication with peers and faculty.

What would I like to see? I would like to see students stirring up their feelings about SLUH and pursuing improvement of their situation. Action takes place beyond the talk of the hallways; action takes place in the individual desire to light a flame in the underbrush of adversity. Take the risk and pursue change for yourself and everyone around you.

Sincerely,  
Marc Breslin, '01

# Annual CBC rivalry always delivers, current Jr. Bills look for big win

**Shawn Furey**  
**Reporter**

On October 23, 1925, a 3:30 football contest at CBC started a rivalry that would remain strong for 75 years. The teams from St. Louis High and CBC clashed for the first time that day.

A young Walt McShane, who scored the winning touchdown late in the fourth quarter of that first game to give the Jr. Bills the 6-0 win, could not possibly have imagined that he was one of the first players in a long history of storied contests between these schools. This is a game that goes deeper than stats and numbers. The game represents pride and everything that high school sports attempt to embody. This year promises to be nothing different.

The CBC Cadets are a very solid

team this year, and they focus around a fast corps of receivers and return men. The Jr. Bills look to counter with a grind-

### *CBC-SLUH rivalry stats*

*SLUH's overall record: 50-21-2*

*First match-up: 1925*

*Performance by Dick Wehner's father: 1927*

*Last 4 results:*

*'96 SLUH 14, CBC 12*

*'97 SLUH 47, CBC 7*

*'98 SLUH 28, CBC 0*

*'99 CBC 42, SLUH 24*

it-out defense and to punish the Cadets' speed every chance they get.

Senior Steve Buss said of the their

speed, "I think if we hit them hard when we get the opportunity, and don't let up the big plays on special teams, we will be fine."

Both teams enter the game with one loss, both of which were to top-ranked teams in the area. CBC lost their lone game to Hazelwood East, while SLUH suffered its only defeat in the first game of the season, to the Patriots from Parkway South.

Though CBC has put up large numbers offensively this season, they have also allowed more points defensively to several common opponents. So the game figures to be fairly evenly matched if the boys can prevent the big plays and come up with a few of their own.

The team has been waiting for this game all season and has made incredible strides to prepare for this district match. They head into this game with revenge on their minds for last year's loss at home, when CBC stormed the field at game's end.

Matt Sinclair said, with his special "Big Dog" smile, "Come on out to the game, and I promise it will be entertaining."

You can bet these boys are ready, and that the game will do this rivalry justice. Seventy-five years of tradition go at it again tonight, and just like Walt McShane, this game will hold a place in SLUH history forever.

## HOLZHAUER

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slow enough to get me to school at 8:00.

Altogether, Dallas Jesuit's schedule put less stress on me and helped to diminish the difficulty of homework, even though there was about the same amount at both schools.

**Scheduling Winner: JCP**  
**Everything else: SLUH**

## STOVERINK

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accident. He also began to regain some speech. According to James, "He was communicating through writing, and he can talk in a low whisper." Stoverink's father said that when he was first able to talk, "he told his brother to shut up."

Stoverink remembers nothing about the accident; however, according to James, "He seems to be very alert to what is going on around him." Stoverink's close friend, Brian Wacker said that "he seems to be in good spirits; he wrote down on paper that he wanted a large pizza from Dominos for his dinner."

At first, doctors were predicting a full recovery within a year. However, they have recently changed their predictions to a few months. According to Sheridan, the doctors are "marveled by his recovery." Sheridan said that it is very possible that he will return to school by the beginning of 2nd semester. Sheridan added, "The school will ac-

commodate him so that he can graduate with his current junior class."

This past Tuesday, Stoverink was scheduled to be transferred to St. Mary's for physical therapy, but this was postponed because he suffered from a collapsed lung. Stoverink should be transferred to St. Mary's sometime this week.

At St. Mary's Stoverink will spend between two and four weeks learning to talk and walk at the level he was at prior to the accident. After he goes through physical therapy, Stoverink will be able to return home as an out-patient to the hospital for a period of three to five weeks. The Stoverink family hopes that Tim will be able to return to school for the second semester.

The Stoverink family would like to "thank the SLUH community for all their prayers and support." According to friends, James and Wacker, "everyone is really encouraged by the recovery." All of those who know Stoverink personally have "pulled together."

# Re-released “Exorcist” hits close to home

Justin Austermann  
Features Editor

“Trick or treat?”

We’ve all said it. We’ve all figured it’s just a game—witches, ghosts, and the rest. So, scary is fun.

I’ve heard there is an old movie about an exorcism that has recently been re-released. Folks want to be excited, and they want to be scared. But when circumstances transcend “scary,” when the line between legend and reality becomes blurred, our annual masquerade seems like whistling in the dark. And sometimes the darkness is palpable.

9 March, 1949, only months before he began teaching at St. Louis U. High, young Jesuit scholastic Walter Halloran received a call from Fr. William Bowdern, S.J., pastor of St. Francis Xavier College Church. Bowdern asked Halloran if he would be available to drive him somewhere in the parish car that night. This request was not unusual; the two men were friends, and Halloran had driven for Bowdern before. They agreed to meet later that evening.

Halloran drove Bowdern and another Jesuit, Fr. Raymond Bishop, to the peaceful St. Louis suburb of Bel-Nor. When they found the house Bowdern wanted, he asked Halloran to accompany them inside. They spent some time talking with the family inside. The atmosphere was tense and Halloran recalls the family members as “tired, frustrated, almost desperate.” At the time, he did not understand why.

When Bowdern decided the time was right, the three men ascended the stairs and entered a small bedroom, where a thirteen-year-old boy lay on the bed in his pajamas. Halloran chatted with the boy about “inconsequential things,” while the two priests prepared for some sort of ceremony.

When he was ready to commence whatever it was they had come to do, Bowdern told Halloran to kneel at the foot of the bed while he said a few prayers. Bowdern began to read from his *Roman Ritual* prayer book, and the boy lay very still. Halloran knew some Latin, and he soon realized that he was witnessing an exorcism.

Halloran had no way of knowing that he was about to become caught up in a chain of events that had begun months earlier in Mount Rainier, Maryland. He was unaware that the ritual he was witnessing had been ordered by Cardinal Joseph Ritter, Archbishop of St. Louis, and had been approved by the pope himself. He had not heard of the horrifying circumstances surrounding a first failed exorcism in Maryland. He knelt in ignorance and in faith, witness to an extraordinary struggle—a

continuation of the fundamental and eternal struggle between good and evil.

The first thing that caught Halloran’s attention was a bottle of holy water, which flew across the room from the table on which it had been sitting and crashed against the wall. Fifty years later, Fr. Halloran vividly remembers the incident, but offers no explanation. “No one was within three feet of the table. I don’t know who did it, but it wasn’t the kid, and it wasn’t me...”

When Bowdern began the prayers of exorcism, the boy (whose identity has and forever will be concealed) became agitated and violent. He was overcome by seizures. At the



Fathers Bowdern (left, from 1936 Dauphin) and Halloran (right, from 1950 Dauphin)

mention of *Dominus*, “Lord,” lines of red welts began to appear all over the boy’s body, growing steadily worse with each reference to God or St. Michael the Archangel. The welts appeared to be scratches—scratches from the inside.

Halloran recalls the bed beginning to rise off the floor, rising and falling as he knelt at its foot. The boy eventually became so violent that it took both the athletic scholastic and the boy’s uncle just to hold his thin frame to the mattress.

Similar exhausting sessions occurred almost daily after that first night, often

lasting for three hours at a time. The boy was moved to Alexian Brother’s hospital, where the rituals continued.

An athlete and an active young man, Halloran suggested that the boy needed some time outside of his cramped room. The Jesuits decided to take the boy to the nearby White House retreat center (used to this day by SLUH students). He walked around the grounds and became enthralled by the life-like statues depicting the Way of the Cross.

When he reached the twelfth station, the Crucifixion, his mood changed drastically; he cried out and took off running. He sped across the field toward a high bluff. Halloran saw this, realized the boy’s intent, and bolted after him, tackling him not five feet from the edge of the bluff. Halloran lay there on the ground next to the boy, who “had no recollection whatsoever” of what had happened.

Back at the hospital, the priest soon noticed that the raised scratches sometimes formed clear Roman numerals on the boy’s chest... and the numbers were counting down. They calculated that the numbers would reach zero sometime during the upcoming Holy Week. However, when Easter Sunday came and went, every effort had failed.

Fr. Bowdern was exhausted by frequent fasting, time-consuming pastoral duties, and week after week of late-night struggles against an unseen foe. Nevertheless, on Easter Monday, 18 April, Bowdern trudged back to the hospital, summoning the last of his

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# Football barrels ahead toward CBC

Shawn Furey  
Reporter

With only two games left before the much-awaited late season matchup with the CBC cadets, the Jr. Bills looked to fine tune their game against two challenging teams. The Jesuit JV team from DeSmet and the Gateway Jaguars would offer tough challenges for the boys, but as usual, it was the gritty resolve of the Jr. Bills which prevailed.

The Spartans from Ballas came to the house that Ignatius built with their best team in years. They knew they could give our boys a game, and thought they could finally break Coach Kornfeld's stranglehold on the rivalry. Athletic director Dick Wehner said of the importance of this game to DeSmet, "This game is huge for both teams, but even more so for DeSmet, because coach (Kornfeld) has never lost to them since he's been head coach (12 years)."

The U.High struggled in the opening

quarter against the Spartans, but, as always, the Bills defense refused to break



and held the persistent SLUH-West Spartans to nothing more than a field goal. SLUH had real trouble finding their offensive touch for a good portion of the half, as well as the entire game, but a costly DeSmet penalty seemed to light a fire under our boys late in the second quarter.

The Spartans roughed up SLUH cap-

tain punter Dan Chik in the back of the endzone on fourth down, and the Bills took possession again at their own 20 yard line. The cheap shot seemed to inspire the Bills, and they promptly headed down the field for a touchdown. The drive was lead by key receptions by Matt Sinclair and was capped by a seven yard touchdown pass from Dossie Jennings to Zach Schmitt.

The rest of the game was filled basically with big SLUH stops on defense, and a somewhat stagnant offense that had trouble maintaining constant possession late in the game. However, like so many times this year, the defense was up to the challenge and the boys squeaked out with a win and a 5-1 overall record. Captain Matt Sinclair commented on this win by saying, "It is great to keep Coach's streak alive, and better yet to make sure DeSmet knows their place."

The following week, the Bills took  
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## Polo splashes to 16-4 record, looks to Districts

Jeff Dueker  
Reporter

It's finally time to get down to business. The Varsity Water Polo team finished its regular season last Tuesday with a victory over Kirkwood.

Surprisingly, the win over the Kirkwood cadre did not come as easily as SLUH initially expected. The team struggled in the first half, seemingly unable to pass or shoot effectively. The results of this ill-fated half left SLUH tied with K-Wood 2-2.

Apparently in the third quarter the team decided to start playing real polo again. No one executed this decision better than Kevin Rose. He racked up three goals in relatively rapid succession, proplay effective passing lane defense and actually get open.

Everyone is hoping that this game is

not foretelling of the play-off performance. SLUH time and time again has showed that they do have the talent and ability to beat any team in St. Louis. However, the team still has spots and runs of bad play, a disadvantage that cannot be reconciled while playing better teams like MICDS. SLUH needs to be on top of their game at all times, not allowing the other team to gain an advantage during a SLUH low spot. SLUH has had plenty of time to work out these inconsistencies, so they will be ready by Saturday to fulfill their polo destiny.

With everything said and done, SLUH is ranked third in their conference. Coaches and players alike are very happy about this, because now SLUH will not have to play MICDS in the first round, which might lead to a very quick play-off season. Now the only time SLUH will play MICDS is in the finals, if the team

can get past the first two rounds. The only other significant block to the finals is Marquette, who SLUH will probably end up playing in the second round.

In other news, Senior Greg Auffenberg was named to the All Star team as the starting goalie. Fourteen of the sixteen coaches in this area voted for Greg, proving what we already knew, Greg is a superhuman goalie.

The first game is this Saturday at the St. Peter's RecPlex at 8:15. If you haven't seen a polo game yet, go see this one, because, although it is unlikely, it might be the last game of the season. And if you have already gone, well go again fool. If you see any of the players, wish them good luck and give a special congratulations to Greg Auffenberg.

# Swiftbills destroy Parkway, await sectionals

**Tom O'Brien**  
**Reporter**

The SLUH cross country team showed how strong they really are last Saturday at the district race. The race was held at Parkway Central, which has a very fast course with a downhill finish that favors runners with less strength in the final quarter mile. Competition in the race was much the same as the previous week's conference meet, only this week SLUH was competing with CBC and DeSmet for district, not conference, honors.

The results were much the same except for one main difference: this time SLUH defeated CBC and finished eight points behind the victor, DeSmet. Finally, the varsity began to realize their potential in a race that they came very close to winning.

SLUH had runners Tom O'Brien,

Ryan Hatch, and John Parr all finish in under 17 minutes in the race. The meet was a re-entry to the varsity for O'Brien (4th, 16:48) who was running in his first race after a hip injury. For Hatch (7th, 16:50), the race showed once again that he is one of the best last-mile runners in the area. Parr had a breakthrough race, running his first 5000 meters under 17 flat at 16:59, which was good enough for a finish of tenth and a medal as Parr claimed All-District honors.

But the race wasn't just great for SLUH's top three, it was great for the entire varsity. Patrick Leinauer (17:05), Dan Leinauer (17:10), Andy Skosky (17:39), and Jason Towers (18:06) all turned in strong varsity races and contributed to the team.

In the open run there were many excellent races by SLUH runners, but none more than Jason Roehr, who quali-

fied for a spot on the top seven with his speedy time of 17:47. Team Jawa Transport, an alumni team including Tim Chik, Pat Hamel, and Murphy O'Brien, was crushed by the Junior Bills in the open race. Murphy O'Brien, a member of the alumni corps, expressed his regret in the loss to current SLUH runners, but was impressed with the performance of Jason Roehr saying, "I taught him everything he knows, and I probably shouldn't take credit for it, but I will anyway."

Tomorrow SLUH XC takes on the best teams in their sectional, and with the addition of the previously-injured Dave Godar, SLUH is looking to break through a wall. As the Jr. Bills look to tomorrow's race and on to the state finals, they will have to decide just how badly they want to win, because without the desire there is no fire.

# Soccer falters in intra-conference matches

**Garry Holland**  
**Reporter**

Coming off a rousing 5-0 victory over Parkway South on senior night, the Soccerbills prepped for back-to-back conference showdowns. Last Thursday night, SLUH faced rival CBC in a much anticipated game. The Bills started strong and set the tone for the match with quality opportunities and numerous crosses.

In the second half, Tim Fetter put the team ahead with one of the highlight goals of the season. Running onto a bouncing ball in CBC's goal box, Fetter ripped a blast off the outside of his right foot directly into the upper corner of the net.

SLUH thrived on this momentum and stepped up the offensive pressure. Although the Jr. Bills couldn't add an insurance goal, a victory loomed until the final minutes, when the scrappy Cadet squad crawled back and managed to score one of their characteristic fluke goals. Chaos in the SLUH goal box resulted in an open Cadet, who managed to nudge a shot past Mark Valdez. The game ended without another goal, a 1-1 tie.

Even with the tie against CBC, SLUH had the claim to the MCC crown with a



**Kevin McCarthy dekes an opponent silly in a 5-0 victory over Parkway South.**

win over Chaminade. Playing on a picturesque Saturday afternoon at Chaminade, the team was confident in their chances.

Neither team could find the net due to stifling defense on both sides in the first half and most of the second half. With only minutes left in the game, however, both sides erupted with a flurry of scores. Chaminade converted a goal on a cross and moved ahead with a one-goal advantage.

SLUH's offense responded to the

pressure by heading to the net and crowding Chaminade's box. Dan Hartwig managed to get off a low shot which miraculously beat the keeper, to tie the game with only seconds left.

The game seemed destined for overtime except for a controversial decision in the closing seconds. In one last scoring attempt, a Chaminade striker received a long through ball from midfield, which he knocked into his stride with his forearm. Somehow, the referees missed the blatant handball. With no whistle, the Flyer walked in on Valdez, beating him to the far post. Despite appeals from both captains and Coaches Martel and Murray, the referees allowed the goal to stand. The Jr. Bills lost this heartbreaker 2-1.

The Bills suffered another uncharacteristic hiccup against Rosary Wednesday night, losing 2-0. The U. High couldn't find their scoring punch and consequently suffered its fifth defeat. Captain James Twellman was "very disappointed in the loss, but (feels) the team will bounce back strong against Francis Howell North."

SLUH prepares to dominate the stretch run in the playoffs, as district matches open next weekend.

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## SPEAK OF THE DEVIL

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strength.

Amid threats and tormented screams, the demon had revealed to the priests two specific items of information during previous exorcisms. At one point during the ritual, the priest commands the spirit to identify itself. According to Halloran, the boy answered, "Legion." Legion was the name given by the unclean spirit cast out by Jesus in chapter five of the Gospel of Mark.

On another occasion during the week that led up to Easter Monday, the demon made a definitive statement regarding its departure. It told the priests that it would not leave the boy until he said a certain word, but that he would never say it. Time was growing short.

On Easter Monday, the boy's reaction was more violent than usual. At the climax of the rite, Bowdern invoked the name of St. Michael, and commanded the spirit to leave the boy in the name of the Lord. This prayer was echoed by the boy; he uttered the final word: *Dominus*. Upon saying that word, a loud crash similar to the report of a gun shook the building. The spirit was gone.

At that precise moment, a group of Jesuits praying in St. Francis Xavier saw a blinding flash of light, and those same

## GRIDDY

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their five game winning streak into the game against Gateway Tech, and looked to gain some momentum heading into the CBC game. Following this game, the Junior Bills hope the second half of the Gateway contest was an omen of offensive things to come.

The first half of the contest was fairly similar to that of the entire DeSmet game, with one score for each team, and mainly short drives of very few downs. As the season has gone almost to the letter, the offense was due to have a bust out half of football to reward the defense for their hard work.

The offense exploded in the second half, lead by three rushing touchdowns by

final words reverberated through the church.

Even devout Catholics tend to view exorcism as merely a legend, the subject of fictional movies. Even if the film is frightening, it is somewhat comforting for us to imagine that it is not real, because the power of evil is actually confined to Hell, right? We trivialize the subject matter and convince ourselves that it is no more significant than *Scream*. The fictional account so popular in the theaters is based on the true story recounted here.

Actually, the true story *was* here for a time. The exorcist himself, William Bowdern, S.J., was principal of St. Louis U. High from 1934-37. Walter Halloran, S.J. began teaching at SLUH in the fall of 1949, only months after the exorcism took place. He taught for a few years in the 1950's, and returned as a teacher and football coach in the 1970's. Perhaps we at SLUH are not as far removed from the truth as we think. Not nearly as far removed as we would like.

Why do we find the story so frightening? Why are there so many doubts? Our skepticism is an intellectual defense mechanism against a reality more horrifying than any fiction. But the skeptics

have no answers. In his typical calm, low-key manner, Fr. Halloran openly describes his experiences. "If a person has to be skeptical, let them be skeptical. All I know is I was there and that I saw it."

History bears witness to the monumental struggle between good and evil. Man is the medium; the struggle is within every human being. The exorcism of 1949 demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt the terrifying power of evil and the awesome strength of faith. The battle continues, and we cannot know where it will surface.

Happy Halloween...

running back Chris Carter, who finished with a season high four touchdowns. The scoring was capped by a hard-nosed run by Chris Finney, who said, "I get in the zone, and I really don't like getting touched when I am in the zone."

The SLUH defense held the Jaguars in check and allowed only some meaningless points late in the game, to secure a 35-19 victory and gain some huge momentum headed into the meeting with the Cadets. Captain Nick Schulte said, "The seniors have waited four years for the next game, so you can bet we'll be ready." Knowing the gutsy makeup of this team, you'll be hard-pressed to make a case otherwise.

# Speech team talks its way to blue ribbon finish

**Alex Green**  
**Reporter**

This past Sunday, the SLUH speech team competed in the first CISL (Christian Inter-Scholastic Speech League) meet of the 2000-2001 school year, held at Bishop DuBourg High School.

After two rounds of speeches and anxious nail biting, the results were announced and the SLUH team finished first, earning more points than any team in four years. Speech team coach and mod-

erator Mrs. Kathryn Whitaker said "I am proud of their efforts, and know they deserved what they were awarded."

The fourteen-member team competed in eight different categories against hundreds of students from eleven different high schools.

Blue ribbons were awarded to Mark Milford and Justin Smith, and Peter Merideth and Alex Green in Duet Acting, Chris Storey in Humorous/Serious Interpretation, J.R. Strzelec in Prose, Brian Cunningham in Storytelling, and Fiju Job in Original Oratory. Ghassan Mohsen also

received a blue ribbon in Extemporaneous Speaking, the only blue ribbon awarded in the category.

Red ribbons were awarded to Mike Nigh and Brian Prospero in Storytelling, and Pat Cody in Poetry.

Speech team member Chris Storey said "I am very proud of my fellow teammates and look forward to staying in first place, because I know we can."

Speech team president Milford, was "happy with the results and [looks] forward to improving." The next CISL meet will be at SLUH on December 10.

## HYPERBOLOID

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be open to the public in mid-2001.

The changes demanded by the Planetarium's visitors were those of more educationally fundamental exhibits.

Crandell said that, based on surveys of visitors, Science Center directors have learned that people are more interested in basic astronomy.

Another problem which persuaded directors to renovate the theater itself was the projector. The manufacturer ceased supporting the equipment three years ago and the system broke down last January.

With these problems looming over the organizers and collaborators, first a concept, then a physical layout plan for the new Planetarium was created.

The room that formerly housed the medical exhibit—now in the Oakland building—near the underground entrance to the Planetarium, will be a meeting room which can accommodate private functions. The ramp leading into the lowest level room will feature exhibits on aviation and its future.

The lowest room of the three levels in the main Planetarium building will be the main entrance with full visitor accommodations parallel to those of the Oakland building.

"That's going to be an improvement," said Crandell, because visitors to the old

building via Concourse A (the tunnel) formerly need to ascend to the second level to find guest relations services.

Visitors will proceed to The Boeing Space Station (levels 2, 3) in a 30-person Star Shuttle elevator; a public stairwell will remain between levels. Level two, The Star Bay, will consist mainly of the Window on the Universe, in place of the old theatre. The space has been expanded twenty feet in diameter.

The new theater will have an open, carpeted floor, free of seats and all the restrictions of the old theater except the projector which will stand about 9 feet high in the center of the room. The projector will be purchased from the firm of Zeiss, a leader in fine optics, which is based in Jena, Germany.

The domed screen will feature star fields and constellations all day. The exhibit will be free to the public.

"The Star Bay will provide a dramatic place for a variety of astronomy-based programming," says an official description released by the Science Center.

Other exhibits of the second level—which will surround the theatre, echoing the old design—will focus on sustaining life in space and the International Space Station.

The third level, known as the mezzanine or The Star Bridge, will be 16 feet wide and feature communications sta-

tions where travelers can "communicate with others 'back on Earth,'" according to an official Science Center description.

The main feature of the mezzanine will be a balcony jutting over the floor of the theatre which will provide a new view of the giant screen.

The theater will also be able to develop and present special programs, namely for school groups, as well as the planned star-filed-oriented presentations.

"This is something completely different than we've done before," remarked Crandell.

According to Crandell, directors began organizing the Planetarium renovation a few years ago.

Once the plans were able to be set into action, the Planetarium was gutted, leaving nothing but the structure of the exterior walls and a few interior walls. After that, a completely new boiler, heating and cooling air system, and electrical system was installed.

In addition to the building, the outside grounds are being completely reworked as well.

Since it has been moved and lowered, the entrance now leads into the lowest level of the Planetarium, the visitor's entrance and lobby.

The Monsanto Science Park, formerly located around the exterior of the building  
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by Ryan Oldani

**Calendar**

October 27-November 3

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**

Schedule B

Junior Ring Orders @ Activity Period

College Visits:

American University @ 11:04 am

Benedictine University @ 11:04 am

Lehigh University @ 11:04 am

Richmond, University of @ 11:00 am

McDonald Corporation Internship Information Session @ Activity Period

Pep Rally

*Prep News* Meeting After School

Our Little Haven @ 3:15pm

V-FB @ CBC @ 7:30pm

JV-SC vs. Roosevelt @ 4pm

V-WP @ District Tourney @ Rec Plex @ TBA

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

V-SC @ Districts @ TBA Thru 11/4

V-XC @ Sectional Meet @ Jefferson

Barracks @ TBA

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30**

Schedule #1

Frosh Liturgy @ Activity Period

A.P. Biology @ Activity Period

Senior Graduation Announcement Orders @ Activity Period

Sophomore Retreat

College Visits @ Activity Period:

Milliken University

Rockhurst University

Sheet Metal Workers Presentation

Truman State University

Karen House @ 3:15pm

B-SC @ McCluer JV Tourney Thru 11/4

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Schedule #1

Senior Graduation Announcement Orders @ Activity Period

College Visits:

Macalester College @ 9:50 am

St. Ambrose University @ Activity Period

St. Olaf College @ 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Sophomore Retreat

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

NO SCHOOL

Feast of All Saints

Our Little Haven @ 3:15pm

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

Schedule #5

Parent/Teacher Conferences

College Visit:

Whitman College @ 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

B-FB vs. St. Mary's @ 4pm

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

Schedule #4

Father/Son Liturgy @ 7:30am

*Prep News* Meeting After School

Our Little Haven @ 3:15pm

V-FB vs. Roosevelt @ 7pm