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WINNERS AWARDED AT BANQUET

"We come here to celebrate some real winners," stated Fr. Cummings as he opened the Fall Sports Awards ceremony last Friday night.

At the ceremony, letters and awards were presented to those who participated in fall sports.

One of the subjects that all the coaches agreed on other than the loyalty of the participants was the loyalty of the parents, and coaches thanked the parents for their support. As Dr. Conley stated, "There were no stars. They were all the members of a team, and all cooperated."

During the intermission the "Billiken" Band played the "Theme from the Greatest American Hero."

--- Jerry Casey

RUSKIES MEET SPANIARDS

On Friday, Nov. 27, the Russian Club will play football against the Spanish Club at 12:30 on the Varsity practice field in Forest Park.

NEXT WEEK'S CAREER SPEAKER

12/1 Careers in Medicine: Dr. Thomas Cradock (SLUH '61) 12:30, Mr. Mouldon's office. All are welcome.

COMIC OPERA SUCCESSFUL

The performance of Maurice Ravel's The Spanish Opera was enjoyed by "students, performers, and the parents who attended," according to assembly director Mr. Schulte. Mr. Frederiksen called it "a class act."

The comic opera certainly removed a lot of the misconceptions that students formerly held about opera, as it was easily understood and enjoyed by all students. The performers also enjoyed the show, and commented that both groups were outstanding audiences, adding that the juniors and seniors were probably their "best audience all year."

---Steve Molitor

NEW TABLES IN POOL ROOM

As many of you may have noticed, five old and worn pool tables in the rec room have been replaced by five completely new ones. Fr. Hagan said he made a straight trade for the new ones with A.E. Schmidt, a company that wants to sell the old tables to collectors. These older tables all date from 1890 to 1915 and can be sold as antiques at a considerable price. Yet Fr. Hagan hasn't been "ripped-off" in this deal.

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THANKSGIVING MASS TODAY

A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be held today between second and third periods. The principal celebrant, Fr. Dressel, commented that the purpose of this special mass is "to bring the whole school together to celebrate Thanksgiving because we are a more than ordinarily blessed group of people." He went on to add that the "best way of giving thanks is in Mass-together."

---Bruce Payne

SCHEDULE FOR THE SLUH INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

- 11/30 Beaumont vs. Rite-nour, 7pm
- Cleveland vs. SLUH, 8:30pm
- 12/1 Vashon vs. Southwest, 7pm
- Summer vs. Northwest, 8:30pm
- 12/2 Consolation Semis for 11/30 matchups, 7pm.
- Championship Semis for 11/30 matchups, 8:30pm
- 12/3 Consolation Semis for 12/1 matchups, 7pm.
- Championship Semis for 12/1 matchups, 8:30pm
- 12/4 Consolation Championship, 5pm.
- Third place game, 7pm.
- Championship, 8:30pm.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

To the Editors:

A recent letter to the editors in the Prep News addressed the important issue of capital punishment and criticized the position of County Prosecutor George Westfall on this issue. The authors claimed that Mr. Westfall's position contradicted Christian philosophy; however, it seems that they are confused about the facts of the matter. Thus, I will address this issue from a Catholic moral standpoint.

The central issue of last week's letter seems to be that of the morality of capital punishment itself. The authors term the death penalty as "a contradiction to Christian theology" and a reversion to "an eye for an eye" doctrine. Catholic theology, however, quite clearly rejects this position. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that the state does indeed have the right to inflict the death penalty. More recently, Pope Pius XII and Pope John Paul II have reaffirmed this right of the state.

A secondary issue addressed by the authors is that of the deterrent effect of capital punishment. Although this issue is somewhat irrelevant, one can make a strong argument for the deterrent effect. As Catholic political columnist Patrick Buchanan has asked, "What fear deters more actions than the fear of death?" Why do armed robbery victims give up their property if not for the fear of death? To deny the deterrent effect of capital punishment is to deny an integral part of human nature.

Finally, the authors made a moral statement about war. Once again, they have become confused on Christian moral teaching. War is not always and everywhere "an immoral act of man." In fact, Christian respect for the sanctity of one's own life may require the act of killing in war. This is no more "immoral" than would be any other form of killing in self-defense.

---Jim Onder

BOARD BILLS BEGIN SEASON

The chess club, composed mainly of freshmen, is looking forward to its first meet against East St. Louis. Mr. Morris, the club's new moderator, explained that the club is now in the process of seeking out its five top players from its current twenty-three members. Mr. Morris added, that the club is open to all and the team is seeking the top five players in the school to play for it.

---Tom Quillin

POOL TABLES CONTINUED

The \$1200 apiece pool tables were moved free of charge. ---Jay Buhr

JV FOOTBALL (CONT.)

ris from the five to pull within one point. The two point failed, and the team suffered a 14-13 loss.

In the win the following Saturday, the defense once again shined, this time holding a tough CBC team to six points. Mike McCauliffe returned a CBC kickoff 85 yards for a TD, and the PAT was good, making the score 7-6. Later, the JV's drove downfield as Gerry Schneller plunged in from the 5, making the score 13-6. Although the PAT was missed, SLUH went on to victory.

Against St. Mary's, the JVs showed offensive sparkle as they went on to the 21-14 win. Dan Sullivan slipped in from the four yard line and kicked the PAT as well. Allan Williams streaked downfield in an 80 yard kickoff return, and later Byron Davis scampered 35 yards to give the Bills their second win in three games.

The JV season ended on a sour note, after enjoying a V win over Hazelwood West the preceding night, SLUH lost to DeSmet, 26-9. Dan Sullivan's 15 yard run and PAT, as well as a safety, were all the JVs could muster. Sullivan said after the game "it was a rare defensive breakdown."

Coach Kornfeld commented that the main purpose of JV football is to "give the players practice in game situations," adding that the wins were "satisfying." He concluded saying this year's team would be a "tough bunch of guys to beat next year."

---Drew Nachowiak

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Moderator: Mr. Raterman

JV FOOTBALL:

SEASON IN REVIEW

The JV Football team, despite an only mediocre 2-2 season, impressed ourarsity coaches with their skill and more importantly, their determination. On Saturday Sept. 12 against Vianney, with the team down 14-0 at the end of the first quarter, the offense came within one point of tying the game while the defense held the Griffins scoreless for the remainder of the game. Then, from ten yards out, QB John Olsen found end Dave Walker open in the endzone. Dan Sullivan's PAT made it 14-7. Sophomore QB Tom Llewelyn connected to fellow sophomore Bill Mor-