



Freshmen elect STUCO officers

Luke Chellis
Reporter

St. Louis U. High's class of 2011 elected their Student Council (STUCO) executive officers to serve for the remaining academic year. The primaries held last Thursday featured 14 candidates running for three offices—president, social representative, and pastoral representative.

"Usually we have about five (freshmen) running for these three spots," said STUCO moderator Brock Kesterson. "These numbers are very typical."

Candidates for president included Richie Hoffman, Tim McCoy, Pat Reda, and Brian Silvestri. Social representative hopefuls Brian Bement, David Dang, Andrew Dziejdzic, Marc Fernan, John Milner, and

Jim Reichenbach rode the ticket next to Ray Foronda, Nick Hartzler, Philip Nahlik, and Patrick Smith on the pastoral side.

Because of the Pro-Life trip to Washington D.C., the primaries were moved from Wednesday to Thursday, and the general election from Thursday to Friday. On Thursday, at least two students recently returned from the trip decided to run. A sign was posted next to the polls announcing that, despite being absent from the ballot, Fernan and Smith were running as write-ins.

Sixty-two percent of the class voted in the primary narrow the race down to six contenders—Reda, McCoy, Dang, Reichenbach, Hartzler, and Nahlik. The general vote was collected on Friday declaring President
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After year's hiatus, SLUH Pro-Lifers return to Washington

Brendan Ross
Reporter

Twenty-three St. Louis U. High students and several parent and faculty chaperones journeyed to the nation's capital last week to join the March for Life, an annual pro-life protest that this year marked the 35th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision.

This trip was SLUH's first in two years. Theology teacher Rosemary Queathem, who led the students with SLUH parent Don Mueth, explained, "After Dr. Schenkenberg asked me to head the Pro-Life Club, we eventually moved to the idea of going back to the March for Life in Washington."

Queathem also said this trip was the first time a SLUH group was able to go individually with their own bus, thanks to

large freshman participation.

Organization, Queathem contended, was one of this year's keys to the journey's success. With over 200,000 people marching on the Supreme Court building last Tuesday, keeping the students together was obviously a priority. Each student had a SLUH lanyard with their chaperone's information to help keep the group from getting lost.

The huge number of people required two hours just to line everyone up to march, and it took another two hours to leave the D.C. area at the end of the trip, but otherwise Queathem regarded the group's travels as quite smooth.

"I would definitely do this again if it was organized the same way," Queathem concluded. "Everything was enjoyable and went as planned."

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Hunger banquet set for next week

Mark Waterman
Reporter

St. Louis U. High will hold a hunger banquet next Thursday, Feb. 7.

The hunger banquet will be the culmination of the efforts of a group of faculty which has been focusing on issues of race and class as part of the North Central Diversity Committee.

Although the details of the banquet will not be announced until the actual event, part of the goal of the hunger banquet is to "talk about some of the things that came up in *Nickel and Dimed*," said Director of Diversity Robert Evans, who is on the committee that is planning the event. Raising awareness about the issues of race and class, both of which are central themes of *Nickel and Dimed*, was a main goal of the committee.

SLUH will be on a special schedule on Thursday, and the banquet itself will be "about the length of a normal lunch period," said theology teacher Robert Garavaglia, who is also involved with the committee. Garavaglia said he hoped the hunger banquet would be "a learning experience which focuses on real poverty."

Evans said he hoped that students would not have negative ideas about the hunger banquet before they experience it. "We want people to go into it with an open mind," he said.

92 Students absent at the beginning of school yesterday

150 Estimated number of students who left by the end of the day due to snow.

—Source: Mr. Clark's Office

Jesuits elect new Superior General

Pat Lynch
Reporter

Adolfo Nicolas, S.J. was selected as the 30th Superior General of the Society of Jesus. He was selected after 217 Jesuits from around the world congregated in Rome to appoint the new Superior General. The previous Superior General, Peter Hans Kolvenbach of the Netherlands, retired after 24 years in office.

Nicolas was born in Spain in 1936 and



Adolfo Nicolas, S.J. the new Jesuit Superior General.

entered the Society of Jesus in 1953. He studied in Spain until 1960, when he traveled to Japan. He remained in Japan and studied at Sophia University in Tokyo, where he earned a degree in theology, and was ordained a priest in 1967. Following a brief stay in Rome, Nicolas returned to Asia in 1971, and has remained involved in the

region since. He was appointed responsible for the entire East Asian region of the Jesuit Order in 2004.

“He is kind of unknown,” said Theology teacher Ralph Houlihan, S.J. He went on to say that Japanese culture is more “laid back, less intense, and more in depth” than the rest of the world in terms of conflicts in everyday life. Houlihan feels that Nicolas will bring this kind of mentality to the generalship.

The Superior General of the Society of Jesus is also known to many outside the order as the “Black Pope.” This is because the leader possesses worldwide influence similar to that of the Pope, holds his position for life, and wears a simple black cassock, contrasting with the white cassock worn by the pope.

Eastern Promises, an Oscar-nominated film, will be shown in room 220c after school today.

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History teachers Anne Marie Lodholz and Brian Taber, n.S.J., also helped to lead the students, along with parent chaperones Mueth and Sue Smith.

The students departed on Jan. 19 with a blessing from James Knapp, S.J. Sunday gave the students a chance to tour Washington, D.C. and visit sites with their chaperones. The group attended Masses at the National Basilica on Monday night and at the Verizon Center Tuesday morning. Freshman Ross Hoover especially liked the rally and Mass at the Verizon Center, saying, “It was really cool how many young people were there.”

ELECTION

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McCoy, Social Rep Dang, and Pastoral Rep Nahlik. The general election saw an increase in voter turnout, boasting 72.3 percent of the entire class.

On election day, the finalists delivered speeches in the theater to their fellow freshmen, outlining their plans for office. One-hundred and forty students were present at the assembly, and apparently the speeches left quite an impression. Two out of every three randomly selected freshmen voters cited the speeches as a primary deciding factor in their choice.

Young speech team has strong showing at Nerinx

John Berger
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High Speech Team traveled to Nerinx Hall to participate in their second speech competition of the year on Jan. 13. Fifteen students competed against other area high school students in categories such as original oratory, extemporaneous speech, poetry reading, and storytelling, among others.

In an impressive showing, first-time speech team participant junior Joey Zanaboni took second place in his category, extemporaneous speech, and earned a blue ribbon, signifying a score of 46 or higher out of a possible 50.

Other notable performances included blue ribbon wins by junior Jack Erbs in poetry reading, junior Andy Frank in prose reading, senior Joe Wright in storytelling, senior Sam King in humorous/serious inter-

pretation, sophomores Michael Meyer and Kevin Kickham in storytelling and poetry reading, respectively, and two duet acting blue ribbons by teams of junior Jack Erbs and senior Pat Topping and junior Mark Holzum senior Jack Dryden.

Because of the high scoring of the team as a whole, the Toastmaster bills moved within three points overall of their rival, the Cor Jesu squad, in the Christian Interscholastic Speech League.

Team coach Kathryn Whitaker is optimistic about the speech team’s abilities. “The team has a lot of talented sophomores,” Whitaker said. Combined with a core squad of juniors and seniors, this points to a bright future for the team, and continued supremacy in future competition.

The speech team travels to St. Dominic on Feb. 10 in hopes of overtaking Cor Jesu for first place overall.

Billiken Briefings

The Father/Son Banquet will be held on Sunday, March 9, at the Millennium Hotel. This year’s banquet speaker will be KSDK News Channel 5 Anchor (and former Sports Director) Mike Bush. Invitations will be mailed to all households early next week.

Extended-hour service in both the cafeteria and the rec room will end February 1st. As always, SLUH’s library is open from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and the school itself is open to students from 6:00 a.m. until often late in the evenings.

Hockey wins Jesuit Cup R-bills win, still perfect

Matt Beezley
Reporter

This past weekend was busy yet victorious for the entire St. Louis U. High hockey program. Last Friday, the Jr. Bills faced off against DeSmet for the third and final time this season. The winner got bragging rights, glory, and the ever-famous Jesuit Cup. The Cup had not been in SLUH gloves for five years before last Friday night.

In front of the largest crowd so far this season, the Sniperbills let loose with a 7-2 thrashing of the Spartans.

In the opening minutes of the game it looked as if DeSmet would pull away. They took a 2-0 lead within seven minutes and paraded in front of the Jr. Bills' fans as if the night were already theirs.

SLUH, faced with this kind of adversity earlier in the season against CBC, began chipping away at the lead. Sophomore Greg Place sat for the first half of the period, sulking on the bench with only one skate on because the other boot was sharpened improperly. He vowed to score a goal on his first shift back on the ice.

As promised, Place skated out of the DeSmet corner and flipped a backhand through goaltender Jeff Simson's five hole.

The scoring opened up for the Jr. Bills from there. Sophomore Drew Tierney trickled one past Simpson on a delayed penalty to tie the score, and early in the second period junior Jack Berger tipped a shot from classmate defenseman Tim Potter that found its way past Simpson.

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Basketball goes 2 under

Mike Ferrell
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High basketball team (12-14) is looking to get back to the win column after a tough stretch of games.

After losing to powerhouse Gateway Tech, the Jr. Bills hoped to bounce back on their trip to Jefferson City Friday night, but things didn't turn out quite the way they wanted against the Jays.

The Jr. Bills scored a season-low 28 points, losing 35-28. Darrin Young was the leading scorer against Jeff City with seven points.

Putting the loss behind them, SLUH was on the road again on



PHOTO BY WILL HAKTZLER
Junior Darrin Young drives into the Kirkwood defense.

Wednesday when they took on the Kirkwood Pioneers. The Jr. Bills beat Kirkwood by 16 points in the Webster Tournament, but this match-up was much closer.

After jumping out to a 16-13 lead in the first quarter, Kirkwood lost and regained the lead to go into halftime up 29-26.

The Jr. Bills cut Kirkwood's lead to one in the third but couldn't

climb all the way back. Kirkwood won, 52-51. Tim Cooney and Eric Devlin led the Jr. Bills with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

SLUH hopes to recover on Friday night at Chaminade. Game time is set 7 p.m., weather permitting.

Spencer Rusch
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High racquetball team defeated the CBC Cadets for a second time this year by a score of 5-2, improving to a perfect 8-0. The Cadets, now 6-2, threatened to take the match with tight matches late, but could not overcome the Racquetbills' endurance.

CBC's No. 5 was sick with a 103 degree fever, so junior Kevin Kissel started SLUH off with an always appreciated free win.

But the Cadets' Nick Hoffmann drew first blood of the match against No. 4 Paul Marsek. In the first game Marsek left balls above waist level, leading to many skips and easy put-aways for Hoffmann. Marsek lacked the energy to keep Hoffmann's power contained and Hoffmann rolled 15-6, 15-8, ending Marsek's bid for a perfect season.

Junior No. 3 Spencer Rusch looked to take down foe Brendan Reid. Rusch had dropped three tiebreakers to Reid over the course of the season, but would not be denied this time around. Rusch kept his opponent in the back of the court, forcing numerous skips. He made no mistakes with the set-ups that came to him. Rusch made sure not to let this one get to a tiebreaker, winning 15-4, 15-6.

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PHOTO BY ZAC BOESCH
Junior Spencer Rusch prepares to blast the ball against CBC.

Riflers on 4-win streak

Larry Rudolf
Reporter

The St. Louis U. High rifle team faced Highland, Ill. on Jan. 19 at Highland's local shooting club. After breaking many individual records, the Jr. Bills followed up with another win to add to their 4-0 streak for the 3-position match.

With the seemingly unreachable score of 590 previously attained by junior Jason Nienhaus in the Peking, Ill. match on Jan. 5, and the other members' personal goals, SLUH had much to live up to in Highland.

Varsity leader and gold medal match champion Nienhaus placed first with a score of 584, despite a rough stand position. Not far behind him was Sam Gall with a respectable 578. Gall placed fourth in his individual age group of 14 shooters. Sophomore Dan Hermsmeier, another asset, scored a solid 575. Sophomore Houston Barber helped out as well with a score of 564.

"Overall, I was happy with our performance, although an eight-point victory is closer than we would like," said coach Will Bresnahan. "With winning the first four of the season, it is easy to let down and assume you can't be beaten, but I have no doubt we can keep up the scores."

The varsity team finished well over 2300 total, a milestone for a developing team, making the Highland match the third match in a row over 2300. The Jr. Bills will face Quincy High in a rematch at SLUH on Saturday.

by Matt Bettonville

Calendar

*Lunch menu subject to change. Feb. 1 - Feb. 8

Friday, February 1

Schedule E

XC Championship Celebration

IM-Movie Trivia-All Grades Finals

BB @ Chaminade 7pm

B-BB @ Chaminade 5:30pm

CB-BB @ Chaminade 4pm

WR vs. Pattonville 6pm

JV-WR vs. Pattonville 6pm

C-WR vs. Pattonville 6pm

HOC @ Oakville (at Affton Rink) 8pm

Quesadillas, Taco Sticks, Pizza Sticks,
Mini Tacos**Saturday, February 2**JV-HOC @ DeSmet (at Brentwood Rink)
9:30pm**Monday, February 4**

Schedule R

1818 Registration

IM-Movie Trivia Champs vs. Faculty Stars

JV-HOC vs. CBC Purple (at Affton Rink)

9:15pm

JV2-RB1 @ DeSmet (at West County

Health & Fitness) 3:30pm

Brunch for Lunch

Tuesday, February 5

Schedule L - Homeroom at 8:50am

Mothers' Club Faculty/Staff Breakfast

BB @ CBC 7pm

B-BB @ CBC 5:30pm

Meatball Sandwiches

Wednesday, February 6

Schedule M - Formal Attire/Ash

Wednesday Liturgy

ACES/PAL Session 6:30-8pm

RB1 vs. Parkway West (at Jewish

Community Center) 3:30pm

JV1-RB1 vs. SLUH JV1-RB2 (at Jewish

Community Center) 3:30pm

JV1-RB2 vs. SLUH JV1-RB1 (at Jewish

Community Center) 3:30pm

Mac & Cheese, Jumbo Grilled Cheese

Thursday, February 7

Special Schedule - Hunger Banquet

Founders' Day 6-7pm

Chicken Nuggets

Friday, February 8

Schedule R

Fresh. English Tutorial

Soph. Bonus Reading Tests

K-12 Submission

NHS Meeting

Junior Retreat Meeting

Mix-It-Up Lunch

IM-Guitar Hero

BB vs. Vianney 7pm

B-BB vs. Vianney 5:30pm

WR @ Sectionals

Cheese Pizza - No Meat

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Moments later, Ryan Myers banked a pass off the boards onto Matt Beezley's stick. Beezley raced down the ice and one-handed a pass behind the Spartan defenseman to junior Colin FitzGerald, who tickled the twine to give SLUH a two-goal lead.

The Jr. Bills found the net three more times with goals from junior Kevin Corby, Myers, and sophomore Christian Geoghegan, giving the Jr. Bills a rare five-goal victory over their archrivals and SLUH's seventh Jesuit Cup triumph since the competition began in 1973. The Jr. Bills paraded the coveted Cup in front of their loyal fans and walked off the ice victoriously.

Captain Chris Faron, in his first game back from a broken shoulder, commented on the win: "We put the biscuit in the basket. We put stuffing in the turkey, put the turkey in the oven. ... We put the cat in the hat. That's really why we won: we put the cat in the hat."

SLUH met the Lindbergh Flyers on Monday and pulled off a 3-1 win without leading scorer Jack Berger.

"It was a dogfight," assistant coach Ray Knapp said.

The Jr. Bills fell 2-1 to Ft. Zumwalt West, but they should still keep the No. 2 in the Challenge Cup playoffs.

VETTA

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Ray Godefroid kept up his streak against CBC's Steve Abodi this year in the No. 2 slot. Last year Godefroid just could not defeat Abodi, but he has not lost to his nemesis this year. Godefroid played a smart game, employing his patented "Ray-ball," full of unorthodox shots. Godefroid controlled the pace of the game and won fairly decisively 15-9, 15-11.

No. 6 Andrew Zack faced off against Greg Boris. Boris is a very inconsistent player, and Zack was surprised that Boris came out firing after their relatively easy match earlier in the year. Zack had no answer for Boris's lucky kill shots and lost the first game.

Zack answered the call in the next two games with his speed and pesky play. Boris ran out of gas toward the end, and Zack won 13-15, 15-13, 11-5.

Captain Joe Hoffmann wanted to show that he was a legitimate contender for the individual state title as he battled defending state champ Matt Wyland. Hoffman could not get settled in during the first game trying to counter Wyland's amazing speed, power, and splat shots.

However, in the second game Hoffmann kept Wyland in the backcourt on his backhand side where Wyland skips most of his shots.

Hoffmann forced a tiebreaker, but he could not dig out a few crucial splats by Wyland. Hoffmann lost a nail-biter 15-10, 12-15, 11-7.

Lastly, Matt Vonderheide and Anthony Bess squared off against the Cadets' Mike Oberle and Matt Stearn. Team Vonderbess won easily in their first game as they just stuck to their normal game, but they slipped up in the second.

Both Bess and Vonderheide began skipping in the second game, giving easy points to the CBC pair. Vonderbess dropped the second game but wasted no time in getting back to their game plan. The dynamic duo wrapped up the team victory with a 15-9, 12-15, 11-4 win of their own.

Koestner warned his team that they had to be ready for the state and national tournaments because they are a whole other breed from just a regular season match. He reminded the Focusbills that they were undefeated headed into the state tournament last year, as well, before they choked the title away to the Cadets.

The Rolloutbills were more than aware of their past and are now focused on not letting it repeat.

The Jr. Bills face off against the Parkway West Longhorns on Wed. Feb. 6 at the Jewish Community Center.