



STUCO fundraiser for Mike Rathmann raises over \$20,000

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News Editor

The Student Council fundraiser for Mike Rathmann '08 concluded on Wednesday. The fundraiser has included sales from cookies from the Mothers' Club, donations from parents who received a letter home with students' report cards, the basketball team's sale of retro jerseys, collections from parents at soccer and football games, a raffle for soccer jerseys donated by Vice Principal for Student Affairs Brock Kesterson, sales from the BBQ before last week's football game, as well as collections from homerooms.

In all, the fundraiser has raised \$20,420, eclipsing even the highest expectations. This total includes the \$1000 donation from an anonymous SLUH alumnus who pledged to match the \$1000 raised by homerooms Wednesday.

The basketball team's sale of retro jerseys netted \$560 for Rathmann. The jerseys and sweats dated back to teams from 20 years ago. The money from the basketball program is also significant because Rathmann played on the freshman team. Basketball coach John Ross was impressed by the \$20,000 the overall fundraiser raised and said, "I'm glad we were a little part of it."

The raffle of the soccer jerseys, for which tickets were sold during lunch, raised \$350. The winners of the three jerseys, sophomore Marcelo Fernan, Kesterson, and senior Kevin Corby, were announced after school on Thursday.

The fundraising continued even on the weekends as STUCO held a barbeque before last Friday's home football game versus Fox. The barbeque sales and donations during that time from game attendees totaled \$250.

The majority of the \$20,420, though, came from the \$19,260 dollars raised from donations of homerooms and parental contributions. The collection in homerooms began on Monday, Oct. 27 and continued through Wednesday, Nov. 12. Secretary/Treasurer Mike Miller said, "I think people responded for two reasons: one, because it was so close to home ... and also publicizing."

The homeroom giving was bolstered by class prayer service presentations by STUCO to sophomores, juniors, and seniors this week. At the prayer service, Vice President for Pastoral Activities Louie Hotop read the Bible passage about Jesus' healing of the paralytic man who was lowered through the roof. Senior class pastoral representative Brian Schwartze asked students to think what they would want people to do to help the paralytic man if they were the paralytic man or his friends, and Miller explained the need of the Rathmann family.

Rathmann injured his neck this past summer and is currently paralyzed from the diaphragm down. Rathmann's family is currently working to raise money for a specialized wheelchair, which will cost around \$25,000 as well as a van to accommodate it, costing \$70,000. Rathmann is now undergoing physical and occupational therapy at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore with Dr. John

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The Boys Next Door debuts next weekend

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Core Staff

Next weekend the Dauphin Players, under the direction of fine arts teacher Kathy Yarman-Whitaker, will put on their second production of the school year, *The Boys Next Door*.

Written by Tom Griffin, the play is set in New England during the 1980s and tells the story of four mentally disabled men, who live in a communal residence together, and the relationship they have with their spent social worker by the name of Jack Palmer. The play delves into the lives of the five main characters and, though it is very humorous, contains some serious situations as it progresses.

The play is based on a movement in the early 1980s known as "mainstreaming," an effort to get people with mental disabilities out of hospitals and institutions and into wider society. It was at about this time that Griffin wrote the production and played a role in mainstreaming too, as he helped these disabled people get involved with theater. It was through this experience that Griffin, according to Whitaker, was able to "write from a very humane perspective."

Senior Mark Holzum plays Palmer, the drained social worker who must supervise the four men as they become adapted to mainstream society. Palmer has become burned out and is thinking of a new line of work. Holzum says that his character, throughout the course of the play, "is fighting against burnout, and that he's realizing that he can't do the job well." Palmer must consider a new line of work "for his own

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VETERANS DAY SPECIAL: Seniors going into service

Matt Bettonville

Core Staff

“It is for (the families) that we serve. Today is not about stars; it’s about service, and it’s about stars and stripes,” said General William S. Wallace of military service on the day of his his promotion to general. Several seniors plan to serve their country by joining the military after high school, either in combat positions or military support roles.

All of the seniors interested in serving want to gain some higher education either before or through the military. Charles Gerber plans to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point to train to become an infantryman in the Army. Jacob Maret hopes to join the Army Medical Corps as a physician, either through an ROTC program

or a separate medical education before joining the Medical Corps.

RJ Half hopes to join the Air Force and has applied to the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) at Indiana University for both the Air Force and the Army.

John Sinclair and Jack Pawloski both hope to join the Marine Corps. Sinclair wants to attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) following college, and Pawloski plans to join the Naval ROTC (NROTC) program at the University of Missouri-Columbia, then apply for the Marines.

Sinclair said he plans to enter a position in the Marines where he could be put in battle, but he will “not try to go actively pick a fight with somebody. (But) if that’s where they order me to go, that’s fine.”

Sinclair said he wants to be in the Ma-
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Quiz Bowl begins season

Eric Lewis

Reporter

St. Louis U. High’s quiz bowl team stepped into a classroom at Hancock High School last Saturday morning to compete in the first tournament of their season. Two SLUH squads participated in the tournament. The first squad, composed of juniors Brian Campbell, Luke Chellis, Patrick Creedon, and Jack Newsham, was seeded sixth at the beginning of the day, but finished fourth, narrowly losing to CBC in the consolation final. The second squad, consisting of senior Kevin Wright, junior Mike Kaucher, and sophomores Logan Hayward and Morgan Keefe was eliminated by Francis Howell West, the eventual tournament champion, in the quarterfinals.

The relatively young SLUH team struggled due to inexperience. “This was my first match,” said Newsham. “And I think it was the same for most of the team.”

Kaucher credited his quarterfinal loss to the same weakness. “We had trouble with the literature questions. We just didn’t know what to expect,” he said.

With only one senior participating, SLUH has difficulty keeping up with other schools in the math sections. “Someone who

knows calculus would have been helpful,” Campbell observed. “We were pretty close to CBC until we got to the math section ... With a little help in calculus and maybe literature, we could have made the final.”

Newsham shared Campbell’s optimism. “I seriously doubt that we’ll go to state,” he laughed. “But with the right people we could definitely be successful.”

Math teacher and quiz bowl moderator Frank Corley was exceptionally proud of his team’s performance. SLUH had originally planned to enter a single squad, but a late dropout allowed Corley to pull a few players off the bench. Corley saw the fact that “our subs were able to go undefeated until the quarterfinals, and lose only then to the tournament champion” as the highlight of the day.

SLUH had even more success individually. Team captain Creedon finished ninth, and Hayward finished thirteenth of the more than 130 participants. “We definitely need to work on our speed,” said Creedon. “I think I’ll have (the team) do a hundred or so buzzer pushes a day just to get ready for next time.”

The team is currently accepting new members. The next meet will be held at DeSmet on Wednesday, November 19.

Perkins ’09 earns spot on All-State choir

Mark Waterman

Core Staff

When senior Jamie Perkins arrived at St. Joseph’s Academy on Nov. 6 to audition for the Missouri All-State Choir, he had the dubious honor of being the first to perform. After performing the piece, *Exultate Justi*, Perkins felt sure that, like last year, he would not be selected. “I thought I stunk,” he said. However, the next day, choral director Joseph Koestner had the good news of his selection as one of sixteen students in the choir. “It was the most unexpected thing ever,” said Perkins.

St. Louis U. High is a member of Metro District 8, one of about 15 districts in the state of Missouri. This year, about 350 students from high schools throughout St. Louis tried out for the District Choir. About 125 of these students were selected. From this pool, about 100 auditioned for the All-State Choir, and of these sixteen were selected, including Perkins. Each district in Missouri sends sixteen students to the Missouri All-State Choir.

Each district’s contingent will practice individually, learning eight songs that they will perform with all of the other groups in January in front of the Missouri Music Educators Association.

Perkins is the first SLUH student in four years to be selected for the choir. Students in the past few years have been selected as alternates, but not chosen outright, said Koestner. This year, two SLUH students auditioned—Perkins and junior Pat Nacanaynay—though Nacanaynay was unsuccessful. Perkins, as one of sixteen, overcame tough odds to make the choir. “He didn’t just beat out a couple. He beat out a whole bunch,” said Koestner.

For Perkins, success did not come without hard work. Perkins credits his practices with Koestner as key for his success. After getting some last-minute tips from Koestner, Perkins sat down and listened to the recording for three hours straight on the night before the audition while singing along and hoping to master its subtleties. “It’s a classical

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Leahy '09: Calling All You!

Dear Fellow Jr. Bills,

Dia de los Muertos is a Mexican tradition in which family members spend a day in early November not *mourning* the death of their loved ones, but rather showing great appreciation for the life they lived by throwing a big party and eating really gross, stale bread. Recently, as I'm sure you all know, most of our fall sports teams' seasons have theoretically died. Our nationally ranked soccer team lost in their second playoff game due to a bad call and PKs. The football team, which won its district, lost in OT to a school that I had never even heard of. And our cross-country team, despite running their best race all season, received second in state in the cold Jefferson City wind. With the exception of swimming (who swim/dive in the state meet today and tomorrow), our season is over. So let's have a party!

Seriously, thank you athletes, seniors, fans, and most of all parents for a fun season. It would be blasphemous to say that any of our teams' seasons were a disappointment, and yet at the close of last weekend, I received a Facebook message from the SLUH STUCO account that joked about changing schools due to the sadness brought on by the losses that took place. While the message was all in good fun, I don't think it's a fair joke. No other school had the seasons that we had. Can any other school say that despite a low preseason ranking, their soccer team went on to win more than twenty games in a row? Or can they remember the countless cross-country meets where our second-string varsity would glide to victory with ease? What other schools can remember that one Friday night, when our dear friend Joe Schrick kicked a field goal in the closing seconds of a rivalry game, causing hundreds of white-clad fans, dozens of screaming Australians, and a few crazy dads to storm onto the stunned Red Devils' field with the beautiful SLUH.S.A flag billowing behind? Name me that school, and I will switch... It's a rhetorical question. There is no other school. So like I said, let's party with our memories! When you see your fall athletes walking the halls, ask them to tell you a legend from the historic Fall season

Witthaus '12 supports freshman-led tours

Dear Editors,

SLUH is a great school for a freshman, and really only two things have bothered me while I have been here. The first is the theft. The second is the letter written by Jack Bowe in last week's issue. As freshman, it is natural for us to be eager and excited to show off our school. This excitement and love of SLUH needs to be shown to the upcoming students so they can see what a wonderful community SLUH is. This should not be denied. When a student picks a school, they get the energy and the feel of the school through the tour. If they missed the raw facts and figures, they can look in their packet or online to find out more. I am sincerely convinced that the freshmen are capable of giving tours, and to deny that is wrong.

With All Due Respect,
Jack Witthaus '12

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of 2008. Happy Dia de Los Deportes Muertos.

And now we must move on. We still have two thirds of the school year ahead of us, which means more school sports. This winter our basketball, wrestling, and hockey teams will offer us the possibility of another entertaining season in SLUH sports history. Our basketball team has won the annual award for most attractive warm-up jerseys, our hockey team is going to be supported by thundersticks (which are still being sold), and our wrestling team is incredibly cute. So basically the possibility of error this winter season is minimal.

Go to these events and be crazy, and don't be apprehensive about being crazy. By all means, break a tradition. If someone tells you, "We don't do that cheer at this sport," tell 'em that we sure do now! A sophomore once came to me and asked if he could form a sort of JV Blue Crew. I explained to him that Blue Crew was a kind of senior tradition, but I also explained to him that nothing should be stopping him from getting a few friends together and painting each other blue and supporting his classmates. That goes for everybody. A few times I have shown up at a sporting event and a student had already taken the initiative to paint himself. When I arrive, he gives me a look like he has done something wrong and says, "Sorry, I didn't know you were coming." Sorry? He should be saying you're welcome for showing up with such spirit. Please, everyone, if you have blue paint and feel like going bonkers at a game, do so.

Also, if I am ever not at a sporting event, which will happen because it really is impossible to go to every single one, lead your own cheers. Even if you happen to be all by yourself. Will you look like an idiot if you do? You bet, but that's the beauty of SLUH's spirit. Look at it this way: our school is credited by many to be the top school academically in the St. Louis area. Many people associate great academics with a pretentious or "preppy" attitude. But when people see a SLUH student at a sporting event, mixer, or McDonald's ball pit, they look at an excited and crazy young man.

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Quantum of Solace: a pleasant surprise

Andrew Gude

Film Critic

Quantum of Solace (PG-13) Released: November 14

Rating: B+

James Bond fans will not be disappointed by the latest installment in the 007 series. *Quantum of Solace* maintains the recognizable qualities of a classic secret agent movie while at the same time introducing an entirely new dimension to the series as well as the character.

Quantum of Solace differentiates itself from all other Bond films early on; from the beginning it is clear that this is a continuation of *Casino Royale*. Cohesive sequels are rare in the 007 series, but in this case it allows the film to take a much more intricate, emotional, and ultimately satisfying path.

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Bathrooms close as result of separations in MSD line

Mike Lumetta
Reporter

St. Louis U. High juniors and seniors have had to adjust their routines around the minor inconvenience of closed bathrooms in their hallways this past week. The bathrooms, which were closed last Friday and reopened Thursday, were temporarily unavailable for the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) to investigate problems with the sewer line that runs along the east side of the main school building. The shutdown also allowed SLUH maintenance workers to make repairs on a broken pipe.

Director of Facilities Joe Rankin said that MSD is currently scoping out the problem so that they can determine a plan of action. According to Rankin, MSD has made a statement saying that there were some separations in their sewer line.

In response to MSD's problem, Rankin decided to close the bathrooms on the east side of the building, both of which drain sewage into the sewer under investigation. With no water coming from SLUH's bathrooms, the amount of septic water and hydrostatic pressure in the ground decreased, aiding MSD's investigation.

"Having (the bathrooms) open adds more sewage (and) more waste water to the pipes that are getting choked up," said Rankin. "We temporarily closed them down to alleviate the hydrostatic pressure."

Rankin said that the increased hydrostatic pressure could have caused problems for SLUH, particularly since the building is an older structure. "If our sewage and rainwater doesn't get into that sewer, then we have some problems with water getting into the school and some septic backup," he said.

The potential for leaks in the school manifested itself when high water pressure caused a break around a pipe in the J-wing basement near the Mothers' Club room. To correct the problem, maintenance workers removed the pipe and reinforced the foundation with marine cement, which is especially strong.

"Since we did close the bathrooms, we were able to alleviate the hydrostatic pressure, take out the pipe, and cement it with the marine cement," said Rankin.

The bathrooms were reopened yesterday to test whether they could be used without creating water leaks in the foundation. "Opening up the restrooms will allow us to see what might transpire, if anything," Rankin commented.

Rankin said that SLUH is waiting on MSD's findings to determine whether or not they need to act. "We have to wait and see what they're doing because their actions will affect what we do," he explained. He expects MSD to report their findings today or early next week.

Harris' 10 wins SLUH's chess tournament

Jack Witthaus
Reporter

Chess tournaments like the one held this week at St. Louis U. High, open to all in the school, are nothing new to junior Peter Harris, who has been participating in them since fifth grade. A tournament in Dallas last year saw Harris, SLUH's first board, raking in \$1,500 in winnings. Even though Monday's tournament in the stuffy Ignatian Conference room had only a \$20 Best Buy gift card as its top prize, it was more a matter of pride and love for the game than it was the money.

After organizing the match-ups, chess club moderator Frank Kovarik told the players, "You may begin." All eighteen players shifted their gaze to the boards. The room, which before the tournament was alive with chatting and joking, turned into serious concentration. The only sounds heard were the occasional, "Check," and the clinks of the chess pieces.

The fifth and final round took place on Wednesday, with Harris taking on freshman underdog Rob Laurentius, who had battled his way through four rounds of play. Junior Bret Baer watched the almost forty-five minute long game while doing his homework. Baer occasionally screamed out his suggestions of daring moves—the only cheers throughout the game. In the final moves of the match, Laurentius had his rook and knight pitted against Harris's bishop and rook. Sadly for Laurentius, this was no David versus Goliath story. Within a few moves, Harris had eight pieces left on the board and Laurentius only two. Laurentius ran his king to the end of the board, prolonging the struggle, but in the end was KO'd when Harris locked him in with a pawn and bishop.

The two rose and shook hands, Harris grinning ear to ear. Humbly, Harris told the rookie, "I look forward to playing you the rest of the year."

The chess club holds practices on Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Ignatian Conference Room. No experience is necessary, and all are welcome.



PHOTO BY KARL WEBSTER

In the Ignatian Conference Room on Monday, 18 students met for a peaceful chess tournament.

Tychobills eliminated in OT on two-point sweep

Adam Cruz
Reporter

Fox running back Levi Terrell took the pitch from the quarterback and sprinted right. The Jr. Bill defense fought through a wall of blockers, knowing the season depended on stopping this overtime two-point conversion try. Terrell was met by a tangle of linemen a yard shy of the goal line. He bounced through the pile and fell in the vicinity of the goal line. The try was good, and SLUH (7-4) was knocked out of the playoffs, 36-35.

Last Friday's sectional matchup started out perfectly for the Jr. Bills, and the many who predicted a blowout seemed justified. The Warriors were shocked to see number 12 behind center, as junior quarterback Michael Riddering made his first varsity start. He was used little in the first drive, as senior All-American running back Ronnie Wingo, who finished with 151 rushing yards, took control. Wingo began and ended the drive, his 18-yard run putting SLUH up 7-0.

But the potent Warriors rushing offense,

led by backs Terrell (181 yards) and Micah Marino (6.3 yards a carry), set the tone of the game with their next drive, much to the dismay of senior linebacker Morgan "Jr. Billy Goat" Cole (18 tackles) and the rest of the Jr. Bill defense.

Eating up nearly seven minutes of clock, Fox drove deep into SLUH territory. On fourth and seven, with no trust in their kicking game, the Fox offense threw a rare pass and was successful. The 7-yard touchdown strike tied the game at seven as the first quarter ended.

Unaffected, the SLUH offense drove again. The Firstcareertouchdownbills regained the lead as Riddering, who completed his first passes on the drive, scored on a

one-yard quarterback sneak.

Again, Fox responded and ran triumphantly down the field. With 4:50 left in the quarter, Terrell pounded it in to tie the game at 14.



Senior Ronnie Wingo outfoxes a defender in his last game. Wingo holds school records for rushing yards (4,499) and TDs (48).

Although both teams gained plenty of yards with the remaining time, a goal line stand by SLUH kept the score 14-14 heading into the half.

"Momentum was about even at half," said All-Conference guard Matt Storey. "The second half we just let blown calls, a few turnovers, and their run game beat us."

The beginning of the third quarter belonged to the Warriors. Countering SLUH's halftime adjustments, Fox, featuring their

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Cross country second in state

Brandon Thornberry
Reporter

The St. Louis University High School cross country team ran its final race of season competition this past Saturday at the Class 4 State Championships held in Jefferson City.

"We went into this race expecting to win," said head coach Jim Linhares. "We knew Lee's Summit West was going to be a difficult team to beat."

SLUH's top varsity squad left for Jefferson City after second period on Friday. With enough time to train on the course before heading back to the hotel, the Jr. Bills mapped out their strategy for the next morning's race.

The morning brought temperatures in the thirties with wind chills easily dropping into the twenties. Despite poor conditions for racing, the SLUH top seven were determined to remain strong, while other teams backed down from the cold.

At 10:45 a.m. the Class 4 boys race was off and SLUH was out to defend last year's first-place title. Into the first mile,

senior Austin Cookson led the team, coming through at 5:04, followed by junior Caleb Ford and senior John Clohisy at 5:05. Senior Cliff David and David Kuciejczyk-Kernan followed closely behind in at 5:07 and 5:10, respectively. Juniors Emmett Cookson and Bill Gabler fought their way through the crowded field as they flew through the mile in 5:18 and 5:22, respectively. At the end of the mile, SLUH had four athletes in all-state position and had a team score of 64. Lee's Summit West also had four runners in all-state position with a team score of 62.

The SLUH athletes fought hard into the second mile. With the top pack in at a time of 10:09, A. Cookson fought hard to hold

his thirteenth-place position as he clocked in a 10:24 two mile split. Ford and Clohisy worked together to hold nineteenth and twentieth places, respectively, while coming through the two mile in 10:28. David, currently in twenty-seventh, fought hard to stay with twenty-fifth place, the all-state cut off for athletes, as he ran through in 10:33.

With the cold and wind eating away at the athletes, Kuciejczyk-Kernan, E. Cookson, and Gabler fought hard to work up to Lee's Summit West's fifth man, coming through the two mile in times of 10:49, 10:52, and 11:00, respectively. Lee's Summit West had a twenty-nine point lead over second place SLUH at the two mile mark. Third

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Junior Caleb Ford (654) points the way for John Clohisy (650).

Soccer could have subbed 11th man, says MSHSAA

Peter Mackowiak
Sports Editor

As it turns out, the St. Louis U. High soccer team should not have played the last 57 minutes of their season-ending district final loss to Chaminade down a man.

Senior defender Chris Gomez was sent off with 27 minutes left in regulation for accumulating his second yellow card of the match. The decision drew the ire of SLUH faithful and prompted head coach Charlie Martel and assistant coach Charlie Clark to flag down referees – but not just to plead the senior captain’s case.

“We didn’t understand why he got carded; the foul didn’t seem to warrant a second yellow card,” said Clark. “So that was our first inquisition. Then coach Martel and I asked separate referees if we could substitute for (Gomez). Both said we couldn’t.”

In fact, MSHSAA (Missouri State High School Athletics Association) soccer rules, unlike college and professional rules, allow teams to substitute for a player receiving a soft red card (two yellows), as Gomez did. The referees evidently forgot the rule.

MSHSAA rules detail a “protest procedure” by which a team can protest a referee’s enforcement of the rules (but not judgment calls). Under this procedure, the team must notify a referee of their protest at and during the game. The referee then stops play, and

the protesting team has ten minutes to find the section of the MSHSAA rule book from which their argument stems. If the referee’s interpretation is upheld, play resumes from the time of the stoppage. If the protesting team is correct, though, the misinterpretation is fixed, and play also resumes from the time of the stoppage.

MSHSAA soccer representative Kevin Garner said that while SLUH could not have rightfully protested the referee’s decision to card Gomez, the team could have protested being denied a substitution.

Garner said a team cannot protest a referee’s decision after the game has been completed. He said there was a successful protest in a district game last year involving the interpretation of the offside rule.

“They change that rule all the time,” Clark said of the soft red substitution rule. “So when the ref told us we couldn’t sub, and in the heat of the moment, we didn’t question it. We just moved on and tried to win the game from there.”

Garner said both the soft red card rule and the protest procedure were covered in a preseason coach’s meeting.

Clark said that since he began coaching MCC soccer in 1996, he can’t remember a player being sent off for two fouls.

“It’s unfortunate,” said Martel. “We could’ve used the extra guy.”

The ten remaining players responded to the subtraction by taking a 1-0 lead on

senior captain Nick Maglasang’s goal just three minutes later. But Chaminade had the luxury of applying heavy pressure on the ball without leaving their back four too vulnerable, an advantage that led to their equalizer, a short-range howitzer off a loose ball recovery deep in SLUH territory.

Despite being down a man, SLUH had the better of play in the overtime periods. “We were creating enough chances,” said Clark. “Ten more minutes, and I think we would’ve scored.”

“The intensity we showed with ten men sums up the hard work we put in all season,” said Maglasang.

Still, the defense leaned on senior goalie Kevin Corby for a few saves to get to penalty kicks, which SLUH, 4-0 in MCC play, ultimately lost to Chaminade, 0-4 in MCCs.

Though the district final ended painfully, the team put together an impressive year. They rebounded from back-to-back losses to CBC and Vianney in September’s CBC Tournament to put together a 21-game winning streak. They outscored opponents 83-13, the best goal differential in the state. Their average opponent’s record was 16-7. The defensive unit recorded 17 shutout victories. SLUH won their third MCC title under coach Martel by shutting out each of the other four MCC teams, and ascended to as high as No. 4 in *ESPN/Rise Magazine*’s national polls. Even Chaminade coach Mike
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Three in the third earns Bluelinebills win

Tony Billmeyer
Reporter

The Jr. Bill hockey team kicked off the season last Saturday night against Marquette. The U. High defense was short-handed with senior Tim Potter injured and senior Connor Quinn away with his club team, and was forced to drop senior forward Kevin Corby back to defense.

The play was level in the first period until senior Joe Stratton netted the first goal of the year.

The second period got off to an ugly start. Marquette scored 16 seconds in, and netted another for a 2-1 lead just three minutes later. Sophomore Matt Potter equalized with a diving backhand shot off a rebound. The Marquette attack did not let up for the

rest of the period. The Mustangs regained the lead as their forward took the puck from the boards across the face of the goal and flipped a backhand over senior goalkeeper Ryan Boschert’s pad. Marquette added one more with three minutes to go in the second period, making the score 4-2.

SLUH came out like a new team in the third period. Corby was pushed up to forward, rejuvenating the first line. Corby had only made one hockey practice following the end of the soccer season, but he made an immediate impact when he took the pass from Stratton over the blue line, deked a Mustang defender, and beat the goalie 38 seconds into the third.

Corby said of his first game back, “It felt amazing...It’s like riding a bike.”

The Bergerlessbills set up the penalty kill minutes later after an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty was called on Stratton. Corby was not content to sit back, though. He picked up a loose puck just outside of the SLUH zone and took the puck down the ice to score and even up the score once more.

Stratton got his third point of the game on the game-winning goal assisted by senior Colin FitzGerald and sophomore Patrick Judge, who each had two points.

The team was happy with their performance, but senior Tim Potter called the defense “a little shaky.”

The Coachbombaybills will head to Afton to take on Vianney tomorrow at 8 p.m. in their first MCC clash of the season.

Swimming wins seventh straight MCC title

**Pat Nugent
Reporter**

Last Friday, the St. Louis U. High swimming and diving squad traveled to Chaminade for the Metro Catholic Conference (MCC) championships and came out with their seventh straight championship win, an unprecedented streak.

In the swimming competition, the Jr. Bills were the only team that qualified a swimmer in every heat of the final events, and they swept every relay except for the 400-yard freestyle relay, which was disqualified on a questionable call. Although the Speedobills gained no new State qualifiers in the meet, several swimmers got their personal best times. Senior Andrew Howe swam the 100 butterfly in a time of 59.29 and won the consolation heat in the 100 back stroke, while senior Trent Going won the 100 backstroke with a personal best time of 55.70. Senior

captains Matt Hohenberger and John Heafner took second and third place respectively in the 100 breaststroke with times of 1:06.79 and 1:07.31. One of the highlights for the Hairlessbills occurred when speedy senior Will Derdeyn won the 50 freestyle in a time of 21.88, less than one tenth of a second away from the pool record. Derdeyn also went on to win the 100 butterfly.

"A lot of guys were able to get their personal best times, which showed just how hard we worked these past weeks leading up to the meet," commented senior Steve Sigman.

"I think the depth of our team really showed in this meet, and our cheers were definitely the best," added senior Mike O'Neill, referring to the banana cheer led by senior captain Mick Dell'Orco in the beginning of the meet.

After the great performance by the

swimmers, the divers took to the board and dominated their opponents. Junior Collin McCabe came in tenth, freshman Michael Barry came in fourth, senior Ryan Berger came in third and Dell'Orco won the diving portion of meet with a score of 271, just about ten points away from the meet record.

Today and tomorrow, the state swimmers and divers, which include Derdeyn, Going, Hohenberger, O'Neill, Sigman, Berger, Dell'Orco, senior John Savio, senior Pat Nugent, junior Dan Schmidt and sophomore Michael Hagerty, will travel to the RecPlex in St. Peters to compete against the best swimmers in the state for the title.

Head Coach Fritz Long summarized the meet, saying, "The team fired on all cylinders today. Even with the DQ, we still won by 50+ points, which shows just how strong we were in every event. We are ready for the State meet."

Racquetbills sweep Rifle team shoots a seven games v. CBC game against team

**Spencer Rusch
Reporter**

The St. Louis U. High racquetball team moved to 2-0 with an impressive 7-0 sweep over the CBC Cadets this past Tuesday.

The Snackpack returns bills knew that the Cadet team was depleted, having lost six seniors from their 2007-08 team. While the Jr. Bills also lost six from last year's state championship team, the Babybills relied on their depth, a strategy that, to this point, has certainly not disappointed.

Junior No. 6 Mark Kissel started off the match against CBC's Tim Karleskint. Kissel wasted no time against his opponent, using a dominant drive serve to get out to an early lead. When Kissel realized his counterpart was simply no match for him, he mercifully eased off the drive serve to mercy his opponent. He still rolled in game one, 15-1. After the first game Karleskint could not be found because he had gone elsewhere. He thought the match was over.

"This was one of my first times playing," said Karleskint. "I honestly didn't know there (were) two games."

The delay did not matter against his inexperienced opponent. Kissel strolled to a 15-1, 15-1 win.

No. 5 John Duchardt kept the match rolling against Patrick Doherty. Duchardt was able to dominate court position in the first game, leaving his opponent tougher shots from deep in the court. In the second game, Duchardt's shots started to climb higher and higher up on the front wall, creating opportunities for his opponent.

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**Patrick O'Leary
Reporter**

The St. Louis U. High Riflebills traveled to Nashville, Tenn. for the Montgomery Bell Academy (MBA) Rifle Classic Oct. 18-19. The team, coached by Will Bresnahan, took fourth overall but looks to strengthen their team throughout the season. The tournament consisted of two days of shooting.

On Oct. 18, the team, comprised of senior Jason Nienhaus and juniors Dan Hermsmeier, Houston Barber, and Larry Rudolf, shot the three-by-twenty match. The three-by-twenty is comprised of one round of shooting twenty shots in each of the three positions: prone (lying on the ground), kneeling, and standing. The Firinglinebills took fourth, shooting a 2282 out of 2400 in the three-by-twenty and shooting best overall for kneeling. In the aggregate (combination of the scores from the three positions), Nienhaus outscored the other Triggerbills with a 576 out of 600.

After the first match, the team played Ultimate Frisbee in the parking lot while waiting for their scores. Unfortunately, Nienhaus broke his arm, while playing, rendering himself unable to shoot. He will still be out for another two weeks. His injury hurt the team greatly because Nienhaus is their best shooter.

The next day, the Sharpshootingbills competed in the 40-shot standing match, which they placed fourth in. With Nienhaus unable to shoot, the team substituted junior Mitchell Jones. The team shot a 1463 out of 1600.

The team was disappointed with their performance at MBA. see ULTIMATE, 16

FRESHMAN FALL SPORTS WRAPS

Football (7-3) *Soccer (13-4-1)* *Cross country*

Brendan Langford
Reporter

The freshman football team ended its season with a 7-3 record, with wins against Parkway South, Parkway Central, DuBourg, DeSmet, CBC, Chaminade, and Mehlville, the losses to Webster Groves, CBC (D), and Vianney.

The Jr. Bills entertained their fans throughout the season with several nail-biting endings. The season's high point was a victory over rival CBC. The MikeLeach-Piratebills began the contest with a C-team record 97-yard touchdown pass from Trevor McDonagh to Mitch Klug. Stingy defenses controlled the rest of the game. In the game's final minutes, SLUH held a 14-6 lead, but the Cadets were driving deep into Jr. Bill territory. With three seconds remaining, CBC lined up inside the SLUH ten-yard line. But the Cadets' quarterback accidentally took a knee instead of spiking the ball, and the Jr. Bills escaped with an eight-point triumph.

On the other hand, the Jr. Bills' loss to the Webster Groves Statesmen was the toughest to take. In the game's final minute, the Jr. Bills trailed the Statesmen, 35-28. The Martzbills drove down the field for a touchdown and tried for the two-point conversion. However, the Webster Groves defense held running back Terek Hawkins out of the end zone, and the Statesmen held on for a one-point victory.

Klug, one of eight freshmen called up to varsity at the C-team season's end, said playing for the freshman team helped him with "getting used to SLUH's system." Klug said he and the seven call-ups will join varsity for preseason two-a-day practices next season. After that, coach Gary Kornfeld will decide where each of them will play.

C-team head coach Tom Wilson gave his words of wisdom about the season: "The team played well and took on the adversity well. The players improved greatly and make a good team. If the players stay together, they will accomplish great things. We have high expectations for them in the future."

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Kevin Kimes
Reporter

This year the Saint Louis U. High freshman soccer team (13-4-1) had an outstanding season. The team's 13 victims ranged from Granite City to rival CBC.

The team started the season with two bangs, 5-0 wins against St. Mary's and St. Dominic. The team entered the CBC tournament with confidence but lost in the semifinals to DeSmet, 1-0. But the Ronal-dobills didn't waver for a minute, and in the third-place game they beat CBC 1-0 in overtime through a great goal by midfielder Luke Gilsinger. The team rebounded by beating previously undefeated Vianney, 2-1. Midfielder Logan Welge burned two Vianney defenders and took it all the way for the first goal of the game, which was Vianney's first conceded goal on the year.

After defeating Eureka 2-0 and Oakville 3-0 in the Parkway Tournament, the highly-skilled freshmen destroyed Parkway West 9-0 in the final game of the season. Forward Joey Gasperoni paved the way with a hat trick.

The team's top scorer, Tommy Behr, said, "We had a great season. I think our high point was our game against Vianney."

Co-captain Dominic Lanari said, "You could see the players melding together as the games went by. Our offense steadily got stronger and our defense became more and more solid."

In fact, of the thirteen wins in the season, twelve of the wins were shut-outs. Also, goalie Geoff Behr let in only ten goals the entire season.

C-soccer by the numbers

- 4 games, no shots on goal allowed
- 10 goals allowed
- 11 games, two or more players scored
- 12 games, SLUH outshot opponent
- 14 games, 5 or fewer shots allowed
- 44 goals scored
- 45 corner kicks taken
- 199 shots on goal

Nathan Rubbelke
Reporter

For most freshman sports teams, an undefeated season is a true rarity. But for the C XC team, it's just a typical season. Once again, the team had unblemished season and picking up wins at the Forest Park XC Festival and MCC's, as well as at the Enke, Fox, Jorgenson, and Findley Invitational meets.

This year's team, which consisted of 34 runners, was the largest freshman group in history, consisting of 34 Runners. The team's numbers were no fluke either; they had plenty of talent. There were five runners on the team who went under the 18 minute barrier for the 5K. A total of ten went under 19 minutes.

The team was lead by Nathan Rubbelke, who won both the MCC and Findley Invitational freshman races, with times of 17:36 and 17:32. Right on his heels were Joe Esswein, who registered a personal best time of 17:38 this season, Tyler Gardner, who ran a 17:40, and Luke Reichold, who ran a personal best time of 17:50. Mike McLaughlin surpassed the 18:00 barrier by running a 17:59 in the final race of the season.

The Froshbills demolished their opponents all season long. They had the top six runners at MCC's. They finished with a score of 16 at the Findley Invitational, only one point shy of a perfect score. At the Forest Park XC Festivals, one of the biggest meets in the Midwest, they had eight runners in the top 17.

Coach Joe Porter was very pleased with his team's success this year, saying, "They have developed a lot and have become very strong runners." Most runners plan on returning next season. Mark "The Magic Man" Kuehner enjoyed this season. He plans to run again next year, saying, "(Running) is totally worth it, being in shape is awesome, and I've made a lot of friends"

While most runners are finished for the season, Nathan Rubbelke, Joe Esswein, and Mike McLaughlin have continued their training and will toe the line in the Nike Cross Regional meet in Terre Haute, Ind., tomorrow in the Fresh/Soph Race.

From Kansas to Osaka: The evolution of the Billiken

Kevin Casey
Editor

Since I was first introduced to St. Louis U. High, a part of me has always wondered what exactly a billiken is. Anyone I ever talked to about the creature seemed to know a different story, some of which did not seem even remotely related. So I decided to go on my own search for the history and meaning of the billiken. What I discovered was more than I ever imagined. Here's what I found:

A National Craze

The character of the billiken was first created in 1908 in Kansas City, Missouri, by 21-year-old Florence Pretz, an art teacher at Kansas City's Manual Training School. Although one story has it that Pretz designed the creature from a vision she had in a dream, another holds that she was inspired by *The Rubaiyat*, a collection of ancient poems by Omar Khayyam.

Khayyam was a Persian poet, astronomer, and mathematician, who lived from late 11th to early 12th centuries and is estimated to have written over 1,000 quatrains, or four-line verses. His poems, often abstract, ranged from the political to the spiritual to the lighthearted. According to a paper written by St. Louis University archivist John Waide, Pretz "was so taken by the notion she derived from *The Rubaiyat* of being able to shape her own life, she decided to 'make an image which embodied hope and happiness to sort of live up to.'"

Whether inspired by a dream or a poem, the billiken was born, and that same year (1908) Pretz obtained design patent number 39,603 for the drawing from the U.S. Patent Office. In an incredibly short period of time, the billiken faze swept the nation in a craze that surpassed that of Furbys, Beanie Babies, and even Pokemon.

But how did such a creature come to be called a billiken? This part of its history is perhaps the most unclear. One story has it that it was named after President William "Billy" Howard Taft, the not-so-skinny man who was in office during the period of the billikenmania.

Another version has it that Pretz was very familiar with *More Songs from Vagabondia*, a collection of poems written by Bliss Carman and Richard Hovey published around 1894. The collection's poem entitled "Mr. Moon: A Song of the Little People" gives numerous names for the "little men," including Thistledrift, Wryface, Tallenough, and, among others, Billiken.

Starting out as simple banks and statues in 1909, billikens were soon manufactured as stuffed dolls. Within their first six months of

production, over 200,000 of the dolls were sold.

It is no surprise that, after this success, companies began to produce various other products with the shape and face of the billiken, including marshmallow candies, salt-and-pepper shakers, toothpick holders, bookends, postcards, belt buckles, puzzles, and metal tokens.

The billiken wasn't adored simply because of its cute face and ever-present grin, though. People bought billiken products for their supposed good luck qualities. Advertisers featured the lovable creature in their ads and commercials, and slogans such as "Grin and Win," "Tickle His Toes and See Him Smile," and "The God of Things as They Ought to Be" were associated with the creature.

Songs were even made in honor of the billiken, including ragtime composer Etilmon Stark's *Billiken Rag*.

Billikens in Alaska

Despite achieving such great notoriety for its luckiness, the billiken fad ended within three years, and by 1912 the presence of the billiken was all but gone from the lives of Americans.

Yet while the craze of the billiken faded across the country, it managed to remain strong in Alaska. The good-luck charm had made its way to the region in 1909, 50 years before Alaska's admission into the Union. It was that year that Seattle hosted the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and the World's Fair is said to have distributed billiken figurines to publicize its event. The exposition took place in part as a celebration of the Klondike Gold Rush, which started in 1896.

Although this World's Fair took place over a decade after the first rush of prospectors, the lure of gold remained strong, and eager miners still traveled to the cold territory in search of the valued mineral. According to Wendy Eisner, a geographer and faculty member at the University of Cincinnati, "It seems that prospectors brought the billikens with them as good luck charms to Alaska and the native Eskimos adopted them as good luck charms also."

Eisner's research, which mainly focuses on climate change, is primarily done in Alaska, which led her to the discovery of the locally popular billiken figurines. The small statuettes are mainly made out of ivory or walrus tusks. Although they started out as charms for the Eskimos, as the billiken's legacy was lost across the rest of the country, they became popular souvenir items, especially in Nome.

Eisner also noted that she has come across billikens in Siberia as well. She surmised that the creature made its way there through the Eskimos, who would have brought it with them in their travels across the Bering Strait.

Despite a common misconception, Eisner said that the Eskimos see **BILLICAN**, 10



The first appearance of a billiken, in the March 17, 1950 *Prep News* (Volume 13, Issue 8).

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do not honor the billiken as a god. And although the smiling character managed to thrive in Alaska long after its run in the mainland, its popularity in the 49th state is finally waning. “I haven’t seen any new carvings of billikens in at least a decade,” said Eisner.

Waide mentioned that several people have claimed to own ivory billikens from Alaska that predate 1908, but most evidence (including original drawings given to SLU by Pretz’s daughter) seems undoubtedly to point to Pretz as its creator.

To Japan and Beyond

Yet as the billiken’s legacy declines in Alaska, it is greatly increasing throughout Japan, where in Osaka it is greatly revered. The billiken first arrived in Japan around 1910 the height of its fame in America as the mascot for Osaka’s Luna Park, a theme park based on New York City’s Coney Island.

The amusement park was closed in 1923, causing the billiken to lose its place in the city as well. Adjacent to the original site of the amusement park is Tsutenkaku Tower, or “Tower Reaching Heaven,” a major landmark in the Osaka area. According to the tower’s vice president, Takai Ryuko, the billiken was revived in 1979 in an attempt to revive the tower’s popularity.

A wooden billiken-based on a photograph of the original in Luna Park was placed on the ground floor to attract visitors but, when it received little attention, was moved up a floor. Eventually it made its way up to the fifth floor observatory deck, 91 meters off the ground. As planned, Billiken gained more and more fame over the years.

According to Takai, about one million people visit the Billiken each year in order to rub the feet of the “God of Good Luck,” sometimes waiting in line two to three hours just to do so. Iguchi pointed out that in Japanese culture many things may be considered to have a godlike status.

“To him people pray to pass school exams, find mates, etc.,” says a Tsutenkaku Tower brochure. “It is believed that if you rub the soles of his feet, your wish will be fulfilled.”

Billiken received national fame when he took a limousine ride to Tokyo, and has recently traveled to America to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the creation of the billiken. Iguchi and reporter Kei Iguchi of the *Yomiuri Shimbun* (*the Daily Yomiuri*), one of Japan’s most widely read newspapers, even stopped at St. Louis U. High (see Issue 9).

Thanks to Japanese director Sakamoto Junji, Billiken also stars in his own 100-minute anime movie. The film, which premiered in 1996, the spirit of Billiken escapes after the Tsutenkaku statue’s case is broken. He then journeys around the city, granting wishes to various citizens, while fighting to stop real estate developers from tearing down Tsutenkaku Tower.

Besides its influence in American, Alaskan, and Japanese cultures, the billiken has left its mark in South America as well. In 1919 Constancio Vigil founded a weekly children’s magazine entitled *Billiken*, named after the American figure. Today that magazine’s circulation averages about 240,000 copies in Argentina, Uruguay, and other South American countries.

The name “Billiken” is also familiar to many Chicagoans,

thanks to Bud Billiken, a fictional character featured in a youth column of the African American newspaper the *Chicago Weekly Defender*. This character in Willard Motley’s stories premiered in 1923, evolving into a comic strip and then a symbol of pride and hope for Chicago’s African American residents.

To this day the Bud Billiken Parade and Picnic has been held annually since 1929 in Chicago and is the largest African American parade in the U.S.

The St. Louis Connection

So now you have pretty much become an expert on billiken history throughout the world, but what about how it came to be SLUH’s mascot? That aspect of the creature’s multilayered, international tale was easy to figure out.

Smack-dab in the middle of the original billiken craze, in 1910 St. Louis University hired a new football coach. Before taking on the job at SLU, John Bender had been a star football player at the University of Nebraska from 1900 to 1904, and upon graduating he served as both the head football and basketball coach at Washington State.

When Bender came to SLU, the university’s athletic teams were simply referred to as the “Blue and White.” At that time the school apparently had no mascot to call its own.

In fact, prior to the adoption of the billiken, SLU appears to have only one mascot since its founding in 1818. The book *St. Louis University: 150 Years*, by Rita Adams, William Einspanier, and B.T. Lukaszewski, S.J., states that “by 1867 the (St. Louis) University ‘Pickwicks’ were playing the Washington University ‘Olympics.’”

What are Pickwicks? Charles Dickens’s first novel, published in March 1836 to October 1837, was entitled *The Pickwick Papers*. The novel’s comic plotline follows the adventures of Samuel Pickwick and his friends, who together form the Pickwick Club and search for adventure in the English countryside. Perhaps SLU students adopted this persona.

For whatever reason, though, by 1910 SLU was simply referred to as the Blue and White. The arrival of Bender, besides greatly improving the football team, unknowingly set the stage for change. According to William Faherty, S.J., in his book *Better the Dream—Saint Louis: University and Community 1818-1968*, “The evening before the homecoming game (of that year), a group of students gathered at the campus hangout, a drugstore on the northwest corner of Grand and Laclede. The druggist asked law student Charles Z. McNamara to decorate the store window for the occasion.

McNamara obliged and drew a cartoon picture of a billiken, the popular good luck charm of the times. It isn’t clear whether it was McNamara, the *Post Dispatch*’s Billy O’Connor, or simply random passersby who noticed Bender had a slight resemblance to a billiken. Either way, O’Connor began referring to this likeness in one of his SLU sports articles, and the nickname stuck. The football team had become Bender’s Billikens.

It would take a while for the billiken to win over all aspects of the university, but in October of 1919 St. Louis University’s first school newspaper went to print under the name *The Billiken* (since

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MacDonald, who also worked with Christopher Reeve. Although the therapy process will be difficult, Macdonald is optimistic that someday Rathmann will be able to walk.

Miller said that the \$20,000, which will contribute significantly to a wheelchair, was "incredible."

John Steinway, who knows the Rathmann family and is a member of a committee in charge of fundraising for the family, echoed Miller's words. He noted that SLUH is a family and "that large family takes care

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piece, which I'm not the biggest fan of," said Perkins.

The audition for state choir consists of not only singing, but also a music theory exam and an ensemble exam. Shortly after selection for District Choir, those qualifying for the State Choir were provided with the music. For the audition, the student must

of its own." He would also like to extend his sincere thanks to SLUH.

Other activities will raise money for Rathmann in the coming months. The St. Genevieve Dubois vs. Holy Redeemer senior CYC game, in which many SLUH seniors are participating, will sell hot chocolate that will benefit Rathmann.

A major fundraiser will also be held on January 3. A trivia night will be held at SLUH that will include auctions and raffles for items such as signed footballs.

sing along with a recording of the song and the other three voice parts, filling in with his or her own voice part. The judges face away from the singers and know only the singer's assigned number. According to Koestner, Perkins was remarkably successful in all aspects of the audition. "That's quite the feather in his cap," said Koestner.

Hockey Nightbeat

The Jr. Bill hockey team (2-0) beat Parkway South 2-1 last night at Queeny Park. Junior Kurt Eisele netted a first-period equalizer, and senior captain Jack Berger scored the game-winner less than a minute into the third period in his season debut. The team was spurred on by a raucous Thunderstik-wielding crowd, and one unruly fan was kicked out by police for leading the "Caveman" cheer shirtless.—reporting by Tony Billmeyer

PHOTO BY ZAC BOESCH



Mrs. Whitaker gives the cast of *The Boys Next Door* some notes at the start of rehearsal Wednesday.

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sanity." Whitaker added that what Palmer is going through is both "physically and emotionally difficult."

Seniors Andy Frank, Andrew Fowler, Pete Winfrey, and junior Andrew Kresyman play the four men who live in the communal residence. Frank plays Barry Klemper, a brilliant schizophrenic who thinks he's a golf pro and suffers physical and psychological abuse from his one-armed father, Mr. Klemper, played by senior Will Hussung. Winfrey plays Arnold Wiggins, a hyperactive obsessive-compulsive who runs everything around the house. Winfrey describes the character as someone who "struggles with control." Fowler plays Lucien Smith, a man who has the mental capacity of a five-year-old, but is considered the most loving of the characters. "He brings joy to life in the simple things," says Fowler.

The fourth man living in the home, Norman Bulansky (Kresyman), is a middle-aged man who works in a doughnut shop, which causes him to be overweight. He has a girlfriend named Sheila, played by Nerinx Hall junior Julia Sinks, who lives in another group home.

Junior Kevin Kickham and Nerinx Hall junior Abby Dryden round out the rest of the cast, taking on the difficult task of taking on multiple roles. Kickham plays Mr. Hedges, Mr. Corbin, and Senator Clarke, while Dryden plays Mrs. Fremus, Mrs. Warren, and Clara. Kickham sees the opportunity of playing three roles as a "fun challenge."

Whitaker chose this particular play because she wanted to bring the "spirit of the play to the SLUH community." The play tries to suggest that, according to both Holzum and Whitaker, "everyone wants the same thing out of life." Whitaker feels that it is "uplifting in terms of what we give to one another."

Frank calls it a "story about people who just want to be loved."

The play will feature studio seating, about 90 seats per show. Whitaker thinks this "allows a different style of theater," providing a sense of "realism." The Dauphin Players usually perform two productions a year with this style of seating, as in last year's *The Foreigner* and *Room Service*.

The play will run on November 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. and November 23 at 2:00 p.m.

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rine Corps line infantry, or a soldier on foot in battle, rather than an aviator or captain, because he doesn't want a military job "that will keep (him) away from a front. . . . I want to be able to see what I do; I don't want to be dissociated from it." Sinclair said that one Marine pilot he had read about felt that dissociation because "he would press a button and a bomb would drop, and then he wouldn't know what would happen. I don't think I could live with that, not knowing if I killed a hundred people that didn't deserve it."

After Gerber's prospective studies at West Point, he will be able to enter the Army as a second lieutenant. He said his ideal field of work would be airborne assault, which would entail repelling from a helicopter to rescue captive pilots behind enemy lines. He hopes to work in the Korean De-Militarized Zone then, possibly, to be recruited into the Army Special Forces Unit.

"I don't really want a desk job," said Gerber. He acknowledged that if he rose in rank in the Army he would inevitably end up with a desk job, but "there's a certain level of physicalness that's still included in the combat positions."

Assistant Principal for Administrative and Technological Services Tom Becvar, who worked in Army testing field equipment, said that as a commissioned officer, Gerber will be able to request a position and train for it, whereas Becvar, who went to basic training rather than a military academy, was given a number at the end of basic training and had to go where he was told.

Pawloski said that, like Sinclair, he hopes to be in an active officer role rather than a support role. However, Pawloski hopes to see a battle.

"Sports players want to play in the big game; I want to play in the big game, too," said Pawloski of his hope to be in battle. "I

didn't join the military to clean toilets."

However, Gerber acknowledged the importance of military support roles. "For every one person that's in a combat position, there are ten people that are on support staff. The support staff is very important," he said.

Maret said he wants to pursue such a support role with his hope to work in a field hospital, possibly as a surgeon. That field of work, he said, is in high demand by the Army.

Latin teacher Mark Tychonievich, who helped direct units of soldiers for the Army from 1972 to 1975, said that there are field hospitals anywhere the Army has a base or operation and that even though he never saw combat because his work was mostly in an office and after the Vietnam War, he still had a field hospital surgery on his knee by a doctor in the role Maret is pursuing.

Maret, however, said he hopes for a
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FAMOUS SLUH VETERANS

WILLIAM R. RUPP

The Veteran's Association named William R. Rupp '42 its National Veteran of the year for 2007. President Bush personally presented Rupp with the award during a visit to St. Louis. Rupp has been an active member of the Marine Corps League for many years and has served on many boards and advisory panels for Veteran's Affairs at the state and national level. He is currently chairing the commission to create a Veteran's Memorial in the city of St. Peters, Missouri.

JAMES E. KOEHR

Rear Admiral James E. Koehr (Ret.) '55 is the first oceanography specialist to be selected for flag rank. He has served as an air intelligence officer at Carrier Division 7 and an Arctic sea-ice forecaster and weather forecaster at the Fleet Weather Facility in Newfoundland. Koehr has served as the plans, programs and operations officer for the Oceanographer of the Navy and as the commanding officer of the Naval Eastern Oceanography Center. He also served as Deputy Oceanographer of the Navy before assuming the post of Commander of the Naval Oceanography Command. Koehr retired from the Navy in 1991 and has since been employed by the Hughes Information Technology Corp. in Virginia.

JOSEPH A. AHEARN

Major General Joseph A. Ahearn '54, Air Force assumed the Office of the Civil Engineer in Feb. 1991. The position is aligned under the Office of the Chief of Staff, Air Force headquarters. His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device, Federal Republic of Germany Army Cross of Honor in Gold, and Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal. In 1984 General Ahearn was awarded the Society of American Military Engineers Newman Medal for his outstanding military engineering contributions in Europe.

MICHAEL BLASSIE

First Lt. Michael Blassie '66 served in the U.S. Air Force during the conflict in Vietnam, where he was shot down in May 1972. For his service and valor, he received the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Purple Heart, and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. Most notably, however, he was buried from May 28, 1984, until May 14, 1998 in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. The tomb

represents all unidentified U.S. soldiers. He was moved to Jefferson Barracks only when DNA evidence, provided by his mother, positively matched the remains.

TOM DOOLEY

Dr. Tom Dooley '44 served in the U.S. Navy as medical corpsman and helped with the "Passage to Freedom" program, which transported refugees from North Vietnam to South Vietnam in 1954 and 1955. After returning to the U.S. in November 1955, he published a book, *Deliver Us From Evil*, about his experiences in Vietnam. From 1956 through April 1960, he used the money he received from the book sales to go back to Southeast Asia and establish several hospitals in Laos. During his time there, he wrote another book about his experiences, *The Edge of Tomorrow*. He returned to America in late 1957 and started Medical International Cooperation Organization (MEDICO) to provide person-to-person medical service and to train villagers of foreign nations to run hospitals and care for their own people. Father Maynard Kegler is presenting Dooley to the Sacred Congregation for the Cause of Saints in Rome.

—compiled from sources by Luke Chellis

XC runs into Neo-Nazi rally at capitol building

Peter Mackowiak
Sports Editor

Last Saturday, 68,349 people swarmed Columbia, Mo. to watch the University of Missouri football team beat Kansas State, 41-14. Earlier that day, the St. Louis U. High cross country team competed in the State meet in nearby Jefferson City.

The team traditionally lunches at Columbia's Shakespeare's pizza after the State meet. However, anticipating a massive wait in the popular restaurant, the St. Louis U. High cross country team, coaches, and parents opted instead to try to book Arri's, a pizza place across the street from the state capitol building in Jefferson City. The group of about 60 had no trouble reserving tables for around 1:30 p.m. Upon arriving, they saw that members of the National Socialist Movement (Neo-Nazis) were staging a rally across the street on the capitol steps.

"We'd heard rumors that (the rally) was going to happen, and maybe that's why we were able to get a table as quickly as we did," said assistant coach Joe Porter. "But that didn't deter us from enjoying pizza."

Neo-Nazism is the controversial and unpopular movement to revive Nazism, an

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place Kickapoo trailed second place SLUH by seventy-five points.

With the dreaded "Firehouse Hill" in the third mile of the race, SLUH fought hard into the chute desperately trying to catch Lee's Summit West. Despite SLUH's effort, Lee's Summit West captured the State Title with a new state record of fifty-three points. SLUH came in second with eighty-seven points, twenty-six points better than the team's last year state champion score. Third-place Liberty was a distant third with 140 points.

Cookson was SLUH's top runner on the day with a time of 16:21, capturing ninth place. Ford captured thirteenth place in a time of 16:23 and Clohisy followed close behind with a 16:30 capturing eighteenth place. A. Cookson, Ford, and Clohisy all received All-State honors. David was SLUH's fourth man in a strong time of 16:54 capturing twenty-ninth place. Rounding out SLUH's top five was Kuciejczyk-Kernan with a time

ideology founded by Adolf Hitler on racist principles. The members had originally planned to march and rally in Columbia but were turned away because the city didn't have the resources to manage both the football crowd and a rally. Instead, they exercised their First Amendment rights by marching to the steps of the capitol and setting up a podium from which 40 or so black-jacketed members took turns spouting racist rhetoric.

The SLUH crowd heard noise coming from the capital and, upon finishing their pizza, crossed the street to join protestors at the police barricade that blocked off the rally.

"The protestors and police outnumbered the rally participants by far," said Porter. "They were speaking to an audience that really consisted of no one."

The runners who approached the barricade joined the protestors in countering the rally with their own cheers.

"The things (the Neo-Nazis) were saying really bothered me," said junior Will Linhares. Linhares and fellow junior Tony Minnick said their verbal protests drew a negative response from one Neo-Nazi speaker.

SLUH head coach Jim Linhares and

of 17:18, taking fifty-fifth place. Gabler and E. Cookson struggled through the final mile but managed to finish with strong times of 17:23 and 17:25, capturing sixty-fourth and sixty-ninth, respectively.

"Lee's Summit West was the better team that day," said Linhares. "We had a good day, not perfect, but a very successful day."

Despite the second-place finish, the 2008 SLUH varsity cross-country team managed to set a few school records, including lowest team score. Clohisy became the first SLUH runner to receive All-State honors three years in a row.

"It really is amazing what John was able to accomplish," said Linhares. "After having to resort to purely cross training all season due to injury, he was still able to receive All-State honors and help bring this team a second-place finish."

Linhares also was extremely pleased with A. Cookson's top-ten finish and Ford's

Porter said although they realized that the rally is a controversial event, they encouraged students to see the rally in person and draw their own educated conclusions.

"It was a good learning experience for the students," said Porter. "We do kind of live in a bubble, and there are those people out there."

Pictures of SLUH runners wearing SLUH apparel appeared in the next day's *Jefferson City News Tribune*, and SLUH received an email from a concerned bystander complaining about the team's presence near the rally. Linhares met with SLUH's administration, and they decided that Linhares would respond to the email.

"I wrote a lengthy letter first, thanking the person for caring about the issue. Second, I explained what happened – that our guys were not participating in the rally. Third, I said I think seeing and responding to this rally is a good thing ... seeing these things firsthand is sobering, but it also gives them the opportunity to give witness to others."

A group of SLUH runners, including the varsity top seven, will travel to Terre Haute, Ind. for the Nike Cross Nationals Regional Meet tomorrow. Chances are they will not run into a Neo-Nazi rally.

thirteenth-place finish.

"Out of the athletes returning to next year's state meet, Caleb is the number four runner in the state," said Linhares.

Although SLUH cross country competition came to an exciting end last Saturday, the top seven athletes accompanied by other runners will continue competing at the Regional Meet in Terre Haute, Indiana.

"The top seven and other athletes wanted to form a running club to compete in the Nike Cross Nationals Regional Meet this Saturday," said Linhares. "Ben Rosario '98, will be the club's coach and will accompany them to the Regional Meet."

Linhares said he will travel up to Indiana this Saturday to cheer the team on.

"The Midwest Regional is extremely talented," said Linhares. "The guys are hoping for a third-place finish which will more than likely earn them a chance at the National Meet in Portland, Oregon."

FOOTBALL

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“Warrior” set with both running backs in the backfield, continued to roll the SLUH defense. But near the goal line, Fox again shocked the defense with a pass, and only two minutes into the second half the Warriors had taken a 21-14 lead.

On SLUH’s next play from scrimmage, luck turned its ugly head toward Fox again. A botched handoff between new counterparts Wingo and Riddering gave the Warriors the ball right back, and less than a minute later Fox struck again through the air.

SLUH could not answer and punted, but the defense forced a rare Fox punt to put the offense back on the field. Down 28-14, the Billikens needed desperately to respond. But a very questionable clipping call negated a long run by Wingo.

“That call was one of the worst I’ve ever seen,” says an anonymous source. “The man was already on the ground, it states in the rule book you can’t clip a man who’s already grounded.” Rule book or not, the Billikens kept driving. Junior all-purpose back Griffin Lowry, who averaged nearly eight yards a carry while notching 13 tackles on defense, broke free from 23 yards out to put the Got-tawinstatebills within a touchdown.

The defense, not the offense, tied the game however. On third and long, the Warriors tried a screen pass, but junior Jake Fechter jumped the route and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown, tying the game up for the Armsintheairbills.

In a hard-hitting fourth quarter, the defense held at the goal line an astounding three times as Fox’s lack of a kicking game hurt their chances to break the 28 knot.

Riddering, trying desperately to break the tie for the Jr. Bills, hooked up with Lowry on a 32-yard bomb, his longest completion of the day. But a smashing hit by the Fox safety knocked the ball loose, and the Billikens drive was over. On the next drive, first team all-conference kicker Joe Schrick momentarily saved the game. A high snap sailed over his head deep in SLUH’s own territory, and the Warrior defenders came hard. Escaping their rush, Schrick managed to punt the ball on the run, drawing a standing ovation from the crowd. When regulation ended, the score stood at 28-28.

After losing the toss in overtime, the Jr. Billiken offense took the field. Methodically

moving the ball downfield, the Wekick-foronebills scored with ease on a 3-yard run by Lowry.

But the SLUH defense couldn’t stop Terrell. On the fourth play of OT, number 48 broke free from 18 yards out to make the score 35-34. Lacking trust in their kicking game, the Warriors elected to go for two. Terrell took the ball around right end and dove in as he was met by three SLUH tacklers. He made it by inches, and the game went to Fox, 36-35.

“The whole game was decided by inches. The last play, the fumbles, the penalties on us,” said defensive tackle junior Joey Gorla.

The loss crushed the seniors, especially the guys who spent three years on the team and watched their dreams end short of the State finals.

Along with their successful regular season record, a second place finish in the Metro Catholic Conference, and a district championship, the Billikens had a few individual stars. Schrick, in his first year playing football, was first team all-conference as he was 39 of 40 on extra points and knocked home 12 field goals.

Wingo (team leader with 1479 rushing yards and 19 touchdowns), Swanston (17 TD passes), and Lowry (686 yards receiving to lead the Jr. Bills) led a potent SLUH offense that averaged 31 points per game. Meanwhile, first team all-MCC selections Cole (111 tackles), end Cecil Edward (60 tackles, 2 fumble recoveries) and senior safety Nikko Sansone (4 interceptions) led the D-bills. Junior Collum Magee corralled 101 tackles.

“It’s a tough way for it to end,” said Coach Gary Kornfeld. “This team did a lot of great things, and to watch your season end like that... it’s rough.”

The team built a strong brotherhood in their success, a bond not shown by past teams.

“I love all the guys,” said senior safety Nikko Sansone. “I’m gonna miss this team.”

Captain John Swanston concurred.

“We formed a tight bond,” he said. “One that can’t be broken, even after the season over.”

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Moderator: Mr. Stephen “I’ll be back” Missey

VETERANS

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station closer to conflict for dealing with trauma surgery and directly working with active soldiers in danger.

The seniors' reasons for wanting to join the military included service to the United States, career help, and the romantic image that military service entails.

Sinclair said he draws his military aspirations from his grandfather, Dave, who briefly served in the Army after expulsion from high school. Afterwards, Dave Sinclair found work carrying mortar around construction sites for a bricklaying business. Ten years later, he owned the top Ford dealership in the nation.

"America is the only place you can do something like that," said John Sinclair. "America's given my family so much; it's time someone in my family paid them back."

Gerber's ambitions came from military interest following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorists attacks and his own discovery that upper middle class people generally were not in the military.

"It really bothered me that a lot of the people that were sacrificing for me were people that didn't have it as lucky as I did," said Gerber of his motives for wanting to join the Army. "I've always wanted to have a job that was service oriented."

Sinclair hopes the military will help his post-military career, even though he plans to serve for a full 20 years. He said that the Marine Corps gives "instant credibility" to his résumé "because it tells (a potential

employer) you're hard working, you're dedicated, and you've served your country." The OCS will also reimburse Sinclair, who hopes to teach history after retirement from the military, for his college education.

Half is drawn to the Air Force program because "the Air Force does a lot of humanitarian stuff when you get out." The Air Force also appeals to Half because he can pursue another career through Air Force programs.

"I don't really know exactly what I want to do. I just don't really want to go to college and have a nine to five job right right out of college. ... (It's) life experience. I just want to check out my options and not just do the normal thing out of college." He said the Air Force offers him the opportunity to "do something different and serve my country," but it is a temporary piece of his potential career. He said one path he has considered is using his Air Force flight experience to become a pilot.

Tychonievich used the military to pursue higher education. He was faced with a decision either to go to work in steel mills near his childhood home in Ohio or to enlist to earn money for further education under the G.I. Bill.

Pawloski said the calling to the military is hard to explain. "I don't know how to describe it. Some people want to be fishermen, other people want to play sports. I want to join the Marines."

"It's just sort of a calling you feel," said Maret. "When I have to talk to my parents about it, I can't really rationalize it and say,

'This is why I want to do that.' It's just sort of a feeling that I need to serve, especially to serve my country, and I feel like that would be the best way for me to do it."

LEAHY

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and think, "Wow, despite their scholastic achievements, they don't fall into the trap of taking themselves too seriously. I like that." I kid you not. I have heard those exact words murmured at least twice. So please, for the love of the big Amoco sign, look like an idiot.

And that also goes for you, faculty and students alike! I challenge you the most to go out there and support the school you love (assuming you love this school; otherwise, at least fake it). Go to a sport you've never seen. Watch the student from your homeroom in his play. Cheer with the students, by jove! Showing your school pride is a wonderful act of humility, and that ain't no anomaly. Only a proud person would think too highly of themselves to cheer and yell at a school event. But a humble person would not have that sense of "being too dignified." They would easily sacrifice a high self image to support a student in his out of class activity. So don't ever think that you're too cool to cheer. I realize that sometimes you may just want to sit at a game and enjoy it without losing your harmonious lecture voice, so I apologize if this request is a bit radical. But hey, Radical is my maiden name (my new name is Mammothboy).

So to conclude this piece of opinionated genius, I will say that I love you all and I want to thank you for giving me the best fall season of my life.

From that guy,
Jack Leahy

Library to add graphic novels

Andrew Beckerle
Reporter

Expanding its wide collection even further, SLUH's library is adding four new online databases and a new graphic novel section. The new databases all hail from Oxford, and include Oxford Music Online, the Oxford English Dictionary, Oxford Art Online, and Oxford Language Dictionaries Online.

While Oxford Music entails articles specifically on jazz and opera, Oxford Art is made up of an art dictionary, aesthetics encyclopedia, and over 5,500 images. The language dictionary includes French,

German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, and Chinese.

The graphic novel section will consist of about 50 or more books and will be located in front of the computer desks. Graphic novels are written in comic strip form, and some classic books have even been redone as graphic novels. Library Director Cortney Schraut said she decided to create this new section to provide more recreational books for students to enjoy, rather than to use for schoolwork.

Schraut says the new section will be teen-focused and contemporary. The new novels will start arriving around the first of January.

PREP NEWS

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The hero of my tale—whom I love with all the power of my soul, whom I have tried to portray in all his beauty, who has been, is, and will be beautiful—is Truth.

Leo Tolstoy

TWO GAMES?

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Doherty was unable to capitalize, though, and Duchardt won soundly, 15-2, 15-7.

Doubles team Scott Hack and Nick Eselman squared off against Jacob Anderson and Peter Stolberg. SLUH's own Team Gene Hackman communicated very well in the first game, and put nearly every open opportunity away. In the second they got lazy, skipping many shots, but were never really in jeopardy of losing the game. Hackman won 15-0, 15-10.

"We let off the gas," said Hack. "We didn't feel the need to play that hard after blanking them."

No. 2 Kevin Kissel faced CBC's Matt Stearn. Stearn came out with big serves and aggressive shots that got him an early 5-4 lead, but percentages came around and Stearn began to skip frequently. Kissel often let Stearn make the mistakes, but also capitalized on easy setups. Kissel rolled after an early stumble, 15-5, 15-5.

No. 4 Andrew Connor played Anthony Saracino. Connor's power proved to be too much on virtually every point, as his opponent

simply could not keep up. Connor played around a bit in the second, but it didn't matter, as he earned an easy 15-1, 15-6 victory.

Next, Clay "Berrylicious" Newberry matched up against Mitchell Schaeffer. Newberry was ready to go from the first hit. He was able to manipulate his opponent's court positioning on every shot, which led to easy put-aways. Newberry looked strong in a 15-4, 15-2 victory.

"I was killing everything," said Newberry. "I felt real good out there."

Captain Spencer Rusch faced fellow state championship contender Nick Hoffmann in what was a highly anticipated match. Hoffmann came out of the gate with power and tried to push Rusch out of court position, but Rusch took balls on short hops in order to keep his opponent off-balance. Rusch played a solid game one, but the momentum would not carry over into the second. The two went blow for blow with tremendous kill shots from deep in the court. On game point, Hoffmann claimed Rusch mishit a ball (carried it across the racquet and hit it

twice), and should have lost the point, but referee Andrew Connor disagreed. Rusch won 15-6, 15-13.

"We played down to our opponents virtually in every match," said coach Joe Koestner. "We can't do this."

The Racquetbills may not be able to survive a similar showing against higher-caliber opponents like Parkway West and Kirkwood. The Iwantitallbills will face the Parkway West Longhorns on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Jewish Community Center.

ULTIMATE

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Hermsmeier said, "We had limited practice before that match (MBA Classic). We really need to work on a solid practice and all three positions every day."

The Pronebills shoot their first match of the season against the Quincy Blue Devils the weekend before Thanksgiving. Coming off a strong 10-3 year, the Jr. Bills' hopes are high.

MORE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE WORLD OF SPORTS



PHOTO BY MR. MATT SCUITO

Above, freshman Terek Hawkins (23) leaves the CBC defense in his wake Oct. 9.



PHOTO BY ZAC BOESCH

At left, the varsity XC top seven, especially junior Bill Gabler (second from right), are all smiles after State despite the cold weather.



PHOTO BY ZAC BOESCH

At left, freshman Joe Esswein pushes hard to the finish. He placed second for the C squad at the MCCs.



PHOTO BY ZAC BOESCH

At left, senior Kevin Corby fires home his first of two goals against Marquette. On one skate.

BILLIKAN'T

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then it has evolved into the *University News*).

The "Junior" Billiken

Meanwhile, thriving parallel to the university was the earlier iteration of SLUH, simply called St. Louis Academy. SLU itself started out under this title in 1818, later becoming a recognized college in 1820 and a chartered university in 1832.

However, until about 1887, the high school and university remained closely tied under one location and administration. It wasn't until 1887 that the high school moved to a location on Grand Avenue at West Pine Boulevard with the title of St. Louis Academy. Despite forming its own identity throughout this period, the Academy was still closely associated with SLU.

This close association allowed the nickname "Billikens" to be carried over to the high school athletic teams, who became referred to as the "Jr. Bills." Acceptance of the mascot did not occur for many years, however, as the billiken had to compete with the high school's other mascot: the Dauphin.

That's right. SLUH students have not always been the Jr. Bills. In fact, *Prep News* issues use the titles "Jr. Bills" and "Dauphins" intermittently until the 1950s. But what is a dauphin, you ask? It is none other than the royal title of the heir-apparent to the French monarchy. (SLUH alums and students may recognize the title from the con man in Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, who claimed to be "Looy the Seventeenth, son of Looy the Sixteenth and Marie Antoinette.")

Q OF S

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him increasingly aggressive and causing him to suffer from insomnia. He is torn between believing that she died in order to protect him and, as the evidence suggests, that she betrayed him. Bond's agency has become concerned that his intentions for catching the people responsible for her death may be revenge rather than justice, and they waste no time suspending his passports and credit cards when it seems that he's gone rogue.

In his search for answers, 007 uncovers a plot to overthrow the Bolivian Government as well as corruption in the CIA and MI6. Current issues such as the possession of oil resources and oppression in third-world countries make up the main plot of *Quantum of Solace*, fulfilling the traditional Bond format of introducing a brand new mission in each installment.

In *Quantum*, Daniel Craig shows his depth as an actor with admirable efficiency. In a plot that bounces around almost as much as its main character (Bond visits over five countries), Craig's performance single-handedly holds the film together. He is the first Bond to show us that he is more than just a gun. As the new Bond, in *Casino Royale*, it seemed as though Craig was trying to prove to audiences that he was right for the part. In *Quantum*, however, he is more comfortable in the role and makes the character his own, redefining Bond and giving the audience something we never expected.

Director Marc Forster stretches the audience's imagination with several action sequences that are downright ridiculous. The film opens with an extremely long car chase that ends with a single bullet from Bond after laboring through a rock quarry and many

The title of French prince was probably bestowed upon U. High students because of their step-below status under those of SLU, the would-be kings in the metaphor. The fact that St. Louis city was founded by the French might have had an influence as well.

Though the word "Dauphin" literally means "dolphin" in French, for its mascot SLUH took on the image of a knight riding a horse, sometimes complete with a jousting stick. Many of the early yearbooks based their medieval themes on the dauphin, and its legacy lives on in the titles of SLUH's theater group, the Dauphin Players, and yearbook, the Dauphin.

Yet the billiken proved to be the triumphant of the two mascots, and by the 1950s the use of "Dauphin" as mascot was more or less gone from the pages of the *Prep News*. The Dauphin yearbook itself mentioned the word "billiken" by 1960, and as the remaining decades of the twentieth century passed, the name Jr. Bill was applied to all SLUH students, not just the athletic teams, its image more and more popular throughout the U. High community.

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Before researching the billiken, I had not realized how much one icon, one creature, could impact the world in just 100 years. Its presence has faded in and out of history, weaving through several different cultures and generations. The pointy-headed, smiling creature has managed to connect St. Louis U. High to Kansas City, Nome, Osaka, Chicago, Siberia, and Argentina, tying the lives of the SLUH Jr. Bills to those of people from all over the world. What started out as a symbol of "things as they should be" and turned into another one of America's consumer fads, has developed a spirit of its own that has left an indelible mark on St. Louis U. High.

miles of freeway. Also, a scene in which Bond fights with a man in a church that is being renovated becomes laughable halfway through. The two men jump around on the scaffolding and fight in mid-air while swinging from ropes, a setting that has been used so many times throughout Bond films that it has lost all of its excitement. Forster shows good judgement, however, after the first half hour of the film by having his lead actor's performance become the main focus rather than letting the film slip into a predictable sequence of chases and shoot-outs.

While style does not overtake substance in this movie, *Quantum* is definitely shot in a way that we have never seen before in a James Bond movie. Locations are made clear by colorful, culturally appropriate titles, and the sets are often equally as vibrant and appealing. Few shots are ever held for more than a few seconds, and even during mellow, plot-oriented scenes cuts are made on a seemingly frame-by-frame basis.

The sound is possibly the most well-done aspect of the film. Sound effects are distinguishable and precise and the dialogue is clear. The score is masterfully composed with a different flavor to the traditional Bond theme in every scene depending on the country he is in. Sometimes the sound drops out all together, and Forster allows the images on the screen to become the sole object of the audience's focus which allows for a more lasting impression and a greater sense of the visual spectacle that defines a great deal of the film.

Quantum of Solace is released today in theaters. It should prove to be one of the most unique and entertaining Bond movies thus far.

—with help from Michael Blair

by Conor Gearin

Calendar

*Lunch menu subject to change. Nov. 14 - Nov. 21

Friday, November 14

Schedule R
K-12 Submission
Sophomore Class Liturgy
IM-Junior Basketball
SWIM @ State Meet
AP Snack: Chicken Fries
Lunch: Special—Taco Salad
Healthy—Chicken & Dumplings

Saturday, November 15

SWIM @ State Meet
HOC vs. Vianney (at Affton Rink) 8pm

Sunday, November 16

Thanksgiving Basket Distribution
JV-HOC @ CBC Purple (at Affton Rink)
7:45pm

Monday, November 17

Schedule B1 (Block)
Orange Shirt Monday
HR 8am
College Reps:
Indiana University

FB Banquet
HOC vs. Chaminade (at Affton Rink)
9:15pm
AP Snack: Cookies
Lunch : Special—Pizza
Healthy—Homemade Beef Stew

Tuesday, November 18

Schedule B2 (Block)
HR 9:15am
MML Test
AP Snack: Turnovers
Lunch : Special—Sloppy Joe's
Healthy—Turkey Burger on Wheat

Wednesday, November 19

Schedule R
Senior Pallottine Retreat (through 11/21)
Freshman Tutorial
Administration Forum AP
College Reps:
Maryville University
Regis University
IM—Soph Basketball
AP Snack: Garlic Bread

Lunch: Special—Chicken Nuggets
Healthy—Chicken Italia on Ciabatta

Thursday, November 20

Schedule R
Tornado Drill AP
IM—Junior Basketball
AP Snack: Bosco Sticks
Lunch: Special—Papa John's
Healthy—Chicken Parmesan

Friday, November 21

Schedule R
Ignatian Mix-It Up Lunch
SOA/Ignatian Teach-In Trip
(through 11/23)
Freshman Class Liturgy AP
The Boys Next Door 7:30 p.m.
Dauphin Players' Production
IM—Junior Basketball
Rathmann Fundraiser / CYC soccer:
Ill vs. Magic, football stadium 7 p.m.
AP Snack: Crab Rangoon
Lunch: Special – Brunch for Lunch
Healthy – Toasted Ravioli

HARSH RED

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Gauvain called SLUH “the best team in the area, hands down.”

Additionally, four senior Martelbills have committed to playing D-1 soccer next year: Maglasang (SLU), Gomez (Ohio State), Corby (Kentucky), Brian Schultz (DePaul). The team graduated five D-1 players last year.

Clark said this year's team was his favorite. “Everyone got along, he said, “and they are the hardest-working team I've ever coached. We wore teams down. We never had to sub out a kid because he was tired.”

Clark said while SLUH wasn't expected to win 25 games by those in the know about St. Louis high school soccer, he and Martel were always set on State.

“We discovered after the first few practices that (the team) had plenty enough talent, but not necessarily the experience,” he said. “It was just a matter of getting used to this level.”

Clark says next year's squad has the talent and experience to have a successful season. “State. The groundwork has been laid by this year's group,” he said.

WORLD QUEST NIGHTBEAT!

Last night, the SLUH World Quest team of seniors Brendan Ross, Joe Schulte, Mark Waterman, and junior Luke Chellis took first place in the St. Louis regional competition, earning bragging rights, \$1000, and a trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national finals in March. Competing against many area high school teams at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the team calmly answered 54 of 70 questions correctly on various topics relating to world affairs to take home the title. - *Mark Waterman*

WORLD QUEST CHALLENGE!

Think you've got international chops? That you belong with the giants of world affairs? Then do we have a quiz for you! Answer more questions more quickly and accurately than any other students and win a prize-to-be-named-later. Answers in next week's Prep News.

1. What country with 10 million citizens will be the first former USSR nation to send a president to the European Union?
2. What is the largest export by volume of the United States?
3. What is the name of the Sicilian-origin Mafia in New York City?
4. How many countries in the world have a McDonalds franchise?
5. What percentage of Americans are in favor of medical marijuana?
6. What disputed region claimed independence from Georgia, sparking conflict between Georgia and Russia?
7. The largest shipment of cocaine to the United States to be intercepted was found aboard a ship and weighed over 20 tons and had a potential street value of \$600 million. What was this ship's country of origin for its journey to the United States?
8. A number of years ago the majority of news media outlets in the United States were controlled by a mere 46 corporations. In a continuation of this alarming trend, the number of corporations shrank to how many in 2006?