



Harrold reflects on national outrage over false claims against cousin

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The family of senior Albert Harrold is in the national spotlight, but for all the wrong reasons.

Harrold's uncle is Keyon Harrold Sr., whose story about his son being falsely accused of stealing a cellphone garnered national media attention last month. Recorded by a shaky iPhone in the lobby of an Arlo hotel in Soho, New York, the footage shows a woman verbally and physically assaulting Harrold Jr. (Albert's cousin) over false allegations that he had stolen her phone.

After the video was posted by Harrold Sr., a prominent jazz musician who has worked with SLUH's jazz bands in the past, it quickly made rounds on social media, becoming another viral incident that features baseless accusations against young black people. The story was eventually picked up by major news outlets, and Harrold Jr.'s story spread to an even wider audience.

SLUH senior Albert Harrold, though, being a close family member, was one of the first to hear about the event.

"When I first heard about it, it was right after it had happened. My uncle sent the video to a family group chat and my parents showed it to me in the car," said Harrold.

The video sparked outrage in his family, but the initial recording didn't even capture the full scope of the incident.

"I was upset," said Harrold. "After that, I called my cousin to see if he was ok. The video doesn't show everything that the hotel footage shows that was later released. We didn't see her putting her hands on him but he told us that she (had)."

For Harrold Jr., the primary victim of the event, the reaction was less immediate, as Harrold later learned.

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Finally! Ignatius and Xavier cohorts join together for the first time in 2020-2021 school year



Students in Field House on Wednesday.

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For many people, the coming of a new year means the making of a new promise, a dedication to a craft or commitment to an ideal in hopes of becoming a better person than the year before.

When Saint Louis U. High returned to in-person classes on Monday, Jan. 11, there was a sense of rebirth. The number of desks in each classroom had

doubled. The Field House and Pool Hall had been converted into makeshift lunch halls. Even the daily schedule had been spruced up to include a 30-minute Academic Lab, a reminder to returning students of the Activity Period that had been wiped out with the coming of Covid-19. It seemed like the school itself had made a New Year's resolution, vowing to make school life as 'normal' as possible and attempting to rekindle the flame of community that's often emblematic of SLUH.

But the biggest change, and perhaps the most impactful, was the number of students in the building. After months of planning and deliberation by the administration, students—for the first time since last March—had the opportunity to return to school completely in person four days a week, packing the once-bare halls with well over 900 students.

Despite the changes, many students are relieved that they have a chance to see their cross-

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SLUH faculty remember longtime secretary Helen Klenklen

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Selfless love is often described as a seed. It is the giving of oneself for something bigger in the hopes that one's selfless spirit will spring forth in another. On Jan. 4, former Saint Louis U. High principal secretary and registrar Helen Klenklen passed away at age 85. Klenklen has surely left her mark on many people, teaching them important lessons about love and sacrifice. While her presence might not be known by current SLUH students, her legacy continues to blossom within the faculty and alum-

ni who were touched by her model of selfless service.

Klenklen loved the U. High. Her dedication to this community is distinctly marked by her 50 years tenure. In 1960, she began as the secretary for principal Fr. Jerry Sheehan, S.J. and later worked as the registrar, where she would record grades and prepare transcripts for students.

"She was here 50 years, and I can't remember her ever missing a day of school," said Assistant Principal for Academics Tom Becvar. "She was always here. No matter what people needed, she was there"

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SLUH scores four in third period to retain Jesuit Cup for 6th in a row

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The St. Louis U. High hockey team took on its bitter rivals, the De Smet Spartans, in the 2021 Jesuit Cup last Friday. Coming out of their 2-1-3 Christmas break (the wins came against Vianney and Lafayette), the Jr. Bills faced their most important game just two days back into the new school year. Although the Jr. Bills had beat the Spartans 4-2 on Dec. 18, they knew a Cup game was different.

"We were all super excited to play, really hyped up," said junior Max Sextro. "It was exciting to play De Smet, one of the best teams in the league.

We were excited to compete for the J Cup, and be able to raise money, and it was one of the most exciting games of my career."

But besides the thought of victory on players' minds, so was the memory of Clare Blase. Blase, a former Nerinx hall student and SLUH cheerleader, was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer in 2011. Undergoing chemotherapy and countless trips to the hospital, Blase slowly regained health. However in 2012, the cancer reappeared and spread throughout her body; she passed away on Dec. 14, 2012, four days before her 15th birthday.

Since the 2013 Jesuit Cup, SLUH and De Smet have dedicated the game in order to raise funds for Nerinx Hall's Clare Blase Historical Scholarship. Often raising over \$1,000 a year, the Jr. Bills and Spartans have helped contribute to a fund that is now over \$61,500.

The Clare Blase Historical Scholarship helps girls at Nerinx Hall who have struggled with cancer in their lives. The current recipient at Nerinx is struggling with her mom who has cancer, and the former recipient of the Clare Blase Historical Fund lost her father to cancer. The Jesuit Cup symbolizes the unity between two

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Fortman speaks for Sustainability Club at USBGC State of the Chapter Event

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Senior Carter Fortman represented St. Louis U. High at the U.S. Green Building Council's State of the Chapter (USGBC) event on Tuesday, Jan. 12. Fortman gave a presentation on behalf of the Sustainability Club as a "Green Building Advocate of the Future."

The event's purpose was to review the status of sustainability in St. Louis, which is one of the chapters, or regions, of the USGBC.

"In addition to them talking about the state of what the chapter was doing, the event focused on future leaders of sustainability," said Fortman.

Fortman was one of the two student leaders to speak; the other was UMSL student Divine D. Akinjiyan.

"(Akinjiyan) did a lot with energy, whereas my presentation was a little bit more food-focused," said Fortman.

Fortman has grown to be a leader in the Sustainability Club through his efforts to grow and expand the food team, a facet of the club. Along with senior Albert Harrold and club moderator Anne Marie Lodholz, Fortman developed the farm-to-school cycle used in the food team.

"I talked about food and sustainability as sort of like a cycle," said Fortman. "This was an idea that we came up with last year for a presentation we were supposed to be doing at a conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico."

While that conference was canceled, Fortman repurposed the discussion of the food cycle at his talk on Tuesday. The five step cycle he describes goes from gardening, to harvesting, to processing, to service, to composting. In other words, the process integrates farm-grown food, service to the community, and composting to conserve as much as possible.

"I think food is such a great introduction to sustainability for a lot of people because it kind of gets you interested in the subject in a tasty way," said Fortman.

During his talk, Fortman discussed the food cycle in the context of educating others on sustainability. Food is easier for newcomers to grasp than more complex concepts like waste and energy.

The structure for Fortman's presentation was separated into three overarching questions: Why did he get interested in sustainability? What actions has he taken to advocate for sustainability? And what does he want to see in the future? The overall framework was to provide insight into how young leaders are approaching the future in their advocacy for sustainability.

"I've served for a long time in leadership roles in the sustainability club, but in particular, the food team of the sustainability club," said Fortman, "So I discussed my experience there."

In addition to the food cycle, Fortman discussed his own personal climate advocacy, bridging it with his food sustainability work and his political beliefs.

"One of my most memorable experiences relating to sustainability is the panel that Albert and I did our junior year," said Fortman. "I wanted to share with them how much I cherished that supportive environment"

One of the specific things Fortman and Harrold did with the Sustainability Club was a trip to Cincinnati to discuss food-to-table, where they learned about the food cycle. They lobbied for healthier options in the cafeteria as well.

"Sustainability helps to look out for our planet and, in turn, look out for our bodies," said Fortman. "Sustainability kind of blends the two together."

Seniors ready for Grande Week

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As the new semester begins, the senior class looks forward to the final hurdles of their Grande Project. Next week, the seniors will have a week off instead of the traditional month from classes to allow them to focus on the Grande Project, the Covid-19 replacement for Senior Project.

The Grande Project had seniors choose a topic, an audience, and a format for a project that met the goal: to demonstrate care and concern for a marginalized group, to listen to those living that experience, to exercise their God-given gifts by giving voice to the voiceless, and to awaken their own God-given ability to bring about a more loving and equitable world.

To help reach their goals, Campus Ministry created a Canvas course with deliverables to guide the seniors through their project and to help them focus on a topic and gather their ideas. The seniors also received advice on each deliverable from faculty advisors. Seniors could choose something from one of ten topics which included abortion and racism, or propose their own, and they could choose how to format their presentation, whether as a website, a podcast, a paper, a presentation, or something else.

For next week's Grande Week, the seniors will have the entire week devoted to the Grande Project. While previously seniors would have had the entire month off in January to focus on their Senior Project, Campus Ministry was concerned that classes could not afford to have students absent for an entire month.

"The other things we have to consider is that we are in a pandemic, so our schedule last semester was cut short. The amount of material in most cases was not allowed to be delivered that would normally be delivered in the first semester academically,"

said campus minister Simone Anzalone. "So trying to balance everything with the school community, the administration gave us this one week and we are grateful to have this one week."

Each day's programming will focus on different aspects of the seniors' projects and take place during the morning. Seniors have the option to leave campus in the afternoons for more time to focus on their project and to get at least two interviews for their sources.

The week begins on Tuesday, after the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday; Tuesday's focus is on topics. The seniors will be split up into classrooms by their topic, and two outside experts for each topic will Zoom into the classrooms.

"Two speakers (for each classroom) are coming in to give them a framework and some knowledge and some inspiration on the topic that they have chosen," said Anzalone.

Wednesday is directed towards audience, and will be handled by SLUH faculty and staff. Seniors will ultimately spread awareness about their topic by presenting to an audience, whether that is their family, the school, or another part of their community.

Wednesday gives the seniors sessions on tips and advice to best communicate their topics to an audience, and a chance to work one-on-one with faculty and staff. The senior class will also have two speakers to coach them on advocacy: Brenna Davis (Director of Education for Justice and Environmental Initiatives at the Ignatian Solidarity Network) and Marie Kenyon (Director of the Peace and Justice Commission for the Archdiocese of St. Louis).

Thursday is the day dedicated to format; seniors will work with faculty and staff for helpful advice about presenting their work, and one-on-one sessions for feedback.

Friday is when seniors present an outline or rough draft to their faculty advisors

via Zoom.

"There are some (seniors) that are way ahead, but I would anticipate that the majority of them will do a lot of the work next week, which is why they don't have classes, they have their afternoons free—they have been given that kind of dedicated space to invest in this work," said campus minister Brian Gilmore.

Many seniors are still wrestling with what's been lost from the original Senior Project, and the timing of the Grande Project.

"Everyone was initially disappointed that we didn't get to have our actual Senior Project. Initially, I was kind of excited about the Grande Project—excited about what we are going to do, but as I moved through it I kind of got off track; it hasn't been my main priority because of

wanted us to do work on this while we were also trying to go through classes and college stuff, and it just didn't seem fair because all the seniors before us got a whole month just to prioritize, they were away from school, away from work—they were just doing their project," said senior Ben Renner. "With the projects in the past years, seniors seemed to really enjoy this. They would always talk about how they loved it, and that even though at the start they were hesitant about it, it really changed them. This just feels like another assignment that we have to do every day, and it's not going to affect us at all, and that's just sad."

Some seniors have other complaints on aspects like deliverables and feedback, but seemingly the main disappointment is time. Campus Ministry stresses communi-



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still coming back to school and having a lot of school work," said senior Michael Buescher. "I guess this week will be good to set time aside just for the Grande Project, I feel like that will help me get a lot done."

Some seniors feel disappointment, but are hopeful for the upcoming week. Others see one week as insufficient and a missed opportunity.

"I was passionate—I wanted to make a website for mental health, but they

cation and that they are always open to help. Still, Campus Ministry and others hope this next week will be helpful and suitable for finalizing seniors to be 'Men for Others.'

"We all want more time to work on our stuff, more time in theory would help us all too," said Gilmore. "This whole process has been trying to make the best out of the situation we have, and create space for some meaningful work to happen, and we think we have done that."

SLUH welcomes new French teacher Yves Conseant

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French teacher Yves Conseant has joined the SLUH faculty, filling a mid-year vacancy.

Conseant has lived all over the world. He grew up on the Caribbean island nation of Haiti, where he lived until 2013. Upon leaving Haiti, Conseant moved to New Orleans and began teaching at a wildlife school.

Conseant made his way to St. Louis in 2017 to earn his master's degree, and soon began teaching at the St. Louis Language Immersion School, where he taught American kindergarteners in both French and English. However, with the school switching to

online learning in the spring of 2020 due to the pandemic, teaching young children in a virtual setting became too difficult for Conseant, so he decided to take a break from teaching at the end of the school year.

This hiatus for Conseant lasted until the beginning of this current semester, where he has stepped in to replace former French teacher Kevan Morshed, who moved to Atlanta after his wife took a job there.

Conseant's first encounter with SLUH was during his time at the St. Louis Language Immersion School, where he had several seniors working on their Senior Projects in his classroom.

"I had two students from (SLUH) volunteering in my class, and I was like 'Oh my gosh, these students are amazing.' I knew I wanted to come to SLUH," said Conseant.

Conseant is also a practicing Catholic, so when he saw a job opening for a French teacher at SLUH, he jumped at the opportunity and quickly applied.

While it is surely difficult to start teaching in the middle of a school year, Conseant quickly jumped in and has not missed a beat, bringing an exciting teaching style focused heavily on students' pronunciation.

"I think he will be a very good teacher," said sophomore Thomas Bock, "He seems like

he knows how to engage the class well, and I am interested to see how the semester plays out. His class is very energetic and I've already learned a lot of new French."

Growing up in majority-French speaking nation, Conseant also brings the advantage of being a native speaker to the classroom.

"You have to know both what the students want to learn and also what it will take for them to be successful in the language," said Conseant, "Sometimes, when you are not a native speaker, you will not pick up on some of that."

Conseant attributes his desire to teach others as a consequence of the effect his teachers had on him.

"My teachers were amazing, helping me realize who I am and figuring out my life

situation. Teachers are the most amazing people," said Conseant.



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“8 1/2 x 11” PN Puzzle

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crossword| Paul Baudenistel

ACROSS
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12. Arab ruler
13. Fictitious charity and episode title Crime _____
14. Roman robe
15. *What it is

16. Interrupting questions by the hard of hearing
17. What this puzzle’s dimensions represent, appropriately
21. Short but not sweet
25. One of the Big Four
26. **Nobody steals from

_____ and gets away with it.”
29. Braves on a scoreboard
30. The building’s new owner opens one of these that includes farming equipment
31. **Yeah, I have a lot of questions. Number one: How

dare you?”
32. **There’s a lot of beauty in ordinary things. Isn’t that kind of the point?”
33. Llamas, camels, and alpacas all have these
34. The King’s result in the

Cars race-off if Lightning had not intervened
35. Business arrangement for most law firms
36. Mack and Peterbilt, from Cars
39. _____ de France
40. **Sentence” for these characters
43. In little time
44. The opposite of 11-Down and 62-Down
46. Handgun omnipresent in real life, movies, and video games
50. **Literally every song is better a cappella.”
53. Much _____ about Nothing
54. Number of seasons of this show
57. Position of Jo Bennett and Robert California
58. **Bears. Beets. Battlestar Galactica.”
59. Ion sign (abbr.)
60. **I wanted to eat a pig in a blanket, in a blanket.”
63. **You can’t just say the word ‘bankruptcy’ and expect anything to happen.”
65. Seasons 3 and following, when actor Helms was a cast member
66. Penned, as the actress who played 31-Across did for 24 episodes
67. **Whoa! That person has really gotten him or herself into quite a predicament.”
68. **In the end, the greatest snowball isn’t a snowball at all. It’s fear.”
DOWN
1. Employer of Hank Schrader in Breaking Bad
2. Diamond arbiter
3. Actress Long, actress Peebles, or actress Vardalos
4. Soft drink first introduced at the 1904 World’s Fair (abbr.)
5. Type of form or earth metals
6. **Why are you the way that you are?”
7. Wedding vows
8. Acronym for a standard network link between a client and a server
9. Voodoo gods, such as those depicted in The Princess and the Frog
10. Popular site for video game walkthroughs

11. With 62-Down, a double negative
17. **If you pray enough, you can change yourself into a cat person.”
18. **You have a lot to learn about this town, sweetie.”
19. Fundraising expert
20. Closer that Tony LaRussa brought with him from Oakland
21. This date, in a text
22. Nicky Minaj or Lil’ Kim, for example
23. **Boy, have you lost your mind? ‘Cause I’ll help you find it!”
24. Like some bark beetles
27. Sew again
28. Best-selling music artist of all time
36. Wavy function
37. **I’ll take a pack of Nicorette gum and a pack of Kools.”
38. Pants part
41. **This sounds a lot like the premise of my latest Chad Flenderman novel.”
42. **I’d rather she be alone than with somebody. Is that love?”
45. Fired, in the original version of the show
47. Astrophysicist on The Big Bang Theory
48. One brother of 58-Across
49. Emotion that sometimes accompanies nostalgia
51. “_____ lift?”
52. White cliffs locale
55. Disguised (abbr.)
56. Under, in verse
61. Verbs bear and beat, but not battle (abbr.)
62. See 11-Down
63. Response to a stubbed toe
64. _____ Lanka

Project Spotlight: senior Jacob Sprock focuses on addiction

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As soon as he heard about the Grande Project, this year’s pandemic adaptation of the traditional Senior Project, senior Jacob Sprock knew what he wanted to do.
For his Grande Project, Sprock decided to research the topic of addiction and substance abuse. In addition to his research and work in the field, he is going to send a letter to an elected official in order to inform them about the effects of addiction in the community.
“Somebody very close to me died in 2019 because of an addiction, so I just wanted to volunteer,” said Sprock when asked why he chose the topic of addiction.

He stated that his personal experiences with addicts drove him to center his project around addiction, and that he already knew that he wanted to do it when he was told about the Grande Project over the summer.
Throughout the research process, Sprock has learned a lot. He has especially been interested in how addiction is treated in different countries.
“In Portugal, they have a specific way to treat addicts,” said Sprock. “When they catch someone who is addicted to an illegal drug, they don’t throw him in jail. Instead, they put them in a rehabilitative program. In essence, they are treating addicts as people who have a problem, not as criminals.”
As for the Grande Project

in comparison to a traditional project Sprock thought that it was quite different.
“I’m almost a third party in this whole affair,” said Sprock. “But I do think it’s interesting.”
Even though Sprock feels less connected personally he still thinks that the things he has learned are valuable.
“This project is a chance to learn about an entire community as a whole and not just a subset of the population,” said Sprock. “Even though it is not as personal, it shines in the fact that it makes you see the bigger picture. By making it more general, it helps you find your place in your community and helps you figure out how you can be a more proactive member of society.”

Freshmen elect officers

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This past week, StuCo held an election for freshman class president. Though the process remained largely the same, like most events this year, it had to be adjusted slightly. The class elected Tim Browdy and Andrew Moffet as the presidents, and Archie Caruthers as the vice president.
The first deviation: two presidents, one from each cohort.
“We decided because they didn’t spend the first semester as a class, co-presidents was a great way to not alienate one side of the class,” said StuCo co-moderator Megan Menne.
The election ran as usual, having a winner (or two, in this case) and the runner

up being vice president. On Monday, Jan. 11, the annual speeches were held at a safe distance, and the voting forms were sent out immediately afterwards.
“Andrew and I are going to try and create that culture of togetherness,” said Browdy. “I’m excited to be in a creative environment and to be a voice for the freshmen in that room.”
Browdy started a Spikeball Club first semester that brought freshmen together through competition, this being just one of the many ways in which he got involved.
Moffet is also excited by the opportunity to be on StuCo.
“I am excited to see my work impact my classmates in a meaningful way,” Moffet

said. “We’re going to work hard to make sure every student’s voice is heard.”
Browdy and Moffet are both confident that their speeches played a very large role in this year’s election.
“Just gave them a concise speech that was memorable and gave them a reason to vote for me,” said Browdy.
Similarly, Moffet noted that, “The speech was really to make an impression on the Ignatius guys.”
This year has come with its fair share of changes, but both Browdy and Moffet are excited for the challenges this new year will present.
“I’d just like to thank everyone who voted for me and I am grateful for this wonderful opportunity, and Roll Bills,” said Browdy.

“It is good to be back in some sort of normal”- SLUH returns in full

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cohort friends in class again. Seniors especially are excited to have an opportunity to interact and create memories with their classmates as their time at SLUH comes to a close.

“It’s good to be back in some sort of normal,” said senior Ocean Okohson-Reb. “Ever since March we’ve been in a sort of limbo when it comes to knowing what’s next, not knowing if we’re ever gonna return to normal. Last year I didn’t know if I was ever gonna see my class again.”

Symphonic and Jazz 1 band member senior Michael Krausz has been particularly grateful for the opportunity to be all together in band class.

“Balance is so important when you are in a band, and with the cohort system, that balance was not necessarily possible. We are now able to function more as a unit and really have that balance,” said Krausz. “I know from my experience in jazz band that it’s been nice having everyone back—seeing their faces and hearing their instruments.”

To SLUH President Alan Carruthers, SLUH has overcome great difficulties in 2020 and is more prepared than ever to take on the challenge.

“I’ve been very proud of our faculty and our staff and the quality of online instruction that they have delivered,” said Carruthers. “That said, there’s no way we can truly do the full aspect of our mission formation without being in person. I think the goal has always been—and the desire has always been—to get back but to also do it in a manner that works for our building, our community, and everybody that’s in this building at this time.”

The transition to full in-person has brought with it a plethora of stricter safety guidelines. Teachers must have accurate seating charts in order for better contact tracing to occur. Students are also only allowed to eat in the designated areas: the Field House, the Pool Hall, and the Commons.

While lunch in the Commons has continued normally, lunch in the Pool Hall and Field

House has proved to be a difficult adjustment for some.

“The Field House is pretty tight, and it’s kind of annoying that you have to get your food and can’t just walk and sit down,” said junior Mac Southern. “It’s harder to know where your friends are because some are gonna go to the Pool Hall and others to the Field House. It’s kind of annoying, and it’s harder. If you want to go back and get more food, you’ve got to go out of the Field House and walk over there.”

Along with the new setting has come a stricter enforcement of Covid guidelines as the school works to keep the environment safe and corona-free, especially in a maskless environment.

“I know a lot of people are getting upset with (Assistant Dean of Students Dan) Schulte trying to keep them spread out, but you’ve got to give him props cause he’s doing his job,” said Southern. “When you’re sitting at home, not able to taste anything, you’re going to wish you listened to mean old Mr. Schulte.”

One of the more well-received changes is the incorporation of an Academic Lab, which could be squeezed into the already-busy schedule by shortening class periods and the time set aside for homeroom and moving SLUH’s start time to earlier in the day. This period is designed for students to meet with teachers and catch up on homework, and for many students, it serves as a time to take a breath between classes.

“I think that time is good because you can use it however you want. If you’re really struggling on, let’s say, an essay or some math concept, you can actually go see your teachers in person for help,” said Krausz. “I see it almost like an activity period where there are a lot of ways to use the time.”

Yet, for some students, they worry this plan, like too many New Year’s resolutions, will not last. While safety regulations have been implemented to limit the spread, many students worry about the plan’s resilience.

“(Tuesday) was when I decided that I don’t know how much longer we’re gonna be in

school. I walked down the hallway and into the lobby, and it was just a sea of kids,” said senior Rob Brooks. “I was like, ‘holy crud, how are there no teachers out here doing something about this.’ Nobody was distancing. It was nuts.”

“On the first day of school, it was both horrifying and exciting,” said Okohson-Reb. “I am grateful for the protocols and the technology that we have. It’s a slightly safer place to be here. On the other hand, though, I’ve never seen this many people here for almost a year.”

The school has made sure to accommodate students who feel unsafe, allowing anyone to return to full-online classes if they want to, but Southern worries if online students are getting enough attention now that there are more students in person.

“I have teachers that are really good with that, and I have teachers that don’t really pay attention to those Zoom guys,” said Southern. “Especially now that more people are in the room, they’re probably going to start getting less and less attention, so I just think (we should) respect their opinion but make sure they’re still part of our community.”

Students and faculty alike are particularly worried about the behavior of the student body in following school safety protocols.

“I feel like we’re blessed to be back together, and I’m just really excited,” said Dean of Students Dr. Brock Kesterson. “But, the message I want to hit home is, ‘Let’s not relax. Let’s not take it for granted. Let’s appreciate what we have every day together and make sure we do everything we can to keep it that way.’”

“If you don’t start giving a (care)—if you don’t start caring about the proper precautions—you’re not only threatening to take away the fact that we’re all back here together, which is something I’m extremely grateful for, but you’re also threatening to take away pillars of the community,” said Brooks.

For now, the administration is hopeful that the school can stick to the current schedule for the remainder of the year.

Wash. U. doctor discusses SLUH full return at faculty in-service

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Professor of pediatrics and infectious diseases at Washington University in St. Louis Dr. Jason Newland gave a presentation at last Monday’s faculty meeting about the reopening SLUH, offering statistics in order to assuage fears about the full in-person return. While some have lingering reservations about reopening, many teachers felt reassured by Newland’s presentation.

Reopening SLUH may seem scary at first, especially with the elimination of the cohort system, but Newland ultimately believes that it is wise to reopen.

Newland met with the faculty over Zoom. Since he was on Zoom, he couldn’t take a detailed look at every single precaution, but after hearing about them, he was impressed with all the measures taken by Assistant Principal of Student Life Brock Kesterson in order to keep everyone safe.

“So I wasn’t able to show him the specifics of this and that or what we’ve been doing at lunch. A couple things he said were about the plexiglass at lunch and the filtration systems only increased the confidence level he had that

we could open back up,” said Kesterson.

Newland’s presentation focused on the protocols that SLUH needed to follow in order to keep everyone safe.

“The main goal was for him to try to see if we can do school the way we want to with everyone back in. So he went through the history of what Covid was and what it is now, how it’s transmitted with all the different scenarios, where it’s transmitted and what the data looks like within schools,” said Kesterson. “Ultimately in the end he was there to say yes we can do this, as long as there are certain steps to mitigate any of the risks. He really hit home on mask-wearing and distancing.”

One convincing point Newland brought up was his story about the transmission of Covid in a St. Louis Great Clips. For science teacher Tim O’Keefe, it really showed the importance of mask wearing, even if distancing is three feet instead of six feet.

“One of the big things that really stood out to me was when he talked about Great Clips. There were two stylists that were cutting hair and they saw around 100 people. They were all wearing their masks; the stylists and customers and there wasn’t any transmission

between those folks. But then two stylists were in the break room together and they took their masks off and they actually transmitted it to one another,” said O’Keefe.

For both Kesterson and O’Keefe, it was reassuring to hear Newland’s talk and be able to get his stamp of approval on SLUH’s reopening plan.

“It was an outside set of eyes coming from an expert that made us feel pretty good about what we were doing,” said Kesterson. “I really felt at ease, we were doing a lot of really good things to get us ready for this, but after hearing him, I really felt like we were doing the right thing.”

“From hearing his talk it definitely made me feel more at ease about coming back with everybody. I do think that it’s really important that we stay vigilant,” said O’Keefe. “We can’t just get relaxed in following the procedures, we need to stay vigilant about doing those things and wearing the masks and cleaning the desks in between classes and not being too close to each other for an extended period of time. But I think if we follow those precautions we will be successful.”



Band students practicing under new safety guidelines.

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A man of many mysteries: Fr. Hill shares stories of his past

BY JACK FIGGE
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For the past 16 years, SLUH’s Fr. Joseph Hill, S.J. has traveled the world as a Jesuit, venturing to the far corners of the earth to minister to people of all races and ethnicities. Journeying across the globe has led to many interesting stories for Hill, many of which have gone untold. The *Prep News* sat down with Fr. Hill and listened to him share tales from his past.

“I was in Puerto Rico in my first year as a priest. I was in this parish and one day this guy walks in,” said Hill. “The pastor was not there and this guy asked to talk to a priest, so I asked him what was the problem.”

The man began explaining how he was having all of these weird manifestations and he

believed that he was possessed by a demon.

“I had obviously heard about this stuff, but they really don’t train you on how to deal with this situation,” said Hill.

Hill offered to pray over the man and provide him the sacrament of Confession, which the man gratefully accepted.

“When I made the sign of the cross and said the words ‘In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,’ he began convulsing and shaking,” said Hill. “His eyes rolled to the back of his head and he began drawing up as if he were about to puke, but nothing came out.”

Fr. Hill immediately pulled out his Holy Water and sprinkled it on him, and called the diocesan exorcist.

“The exorcist came down,

and he continued manifesting, but we eventually got him to calm down and that was sort of that.”

Not all of Hill’s stories revolve around encountering the demonic. Many involve crazy experiences he has had ministering to teenagers.

“So during the week, I helped two high schools that I had previously served at get set up, and I spent a lot of time with them,” said Hill. Expecting a fun and vibrant weekend with teenagers, Hill never anticipated that his weekend would become bogged down, literally.

“On the last night, we had this overnight prayer vigil on the beach, and we slept there for the night,” said Hill. “Well these kids built these huge sand walls to protect us from the tides

while we were sleeping.” Throughout the course of the night, the sea water bashed the sand wall, eroding it over time.

“At around three am I was dead tired, but I heard a wave crash right next to us and soak the group next to us,” said Hill. “I remember thinking: ‘I should probably move these kids.’ But I was just too tired.”

Thirty minutes later, Hill regretted the decision to not move the students when a colossal wave came barreling in, soaking the group and washing many of their belongings into the ocean.

“It was a total nightmare,” said Hill, laughing. “There were literally guys running into the ocean in the middle of the night, grabbing their backpacks and trying to pull them out. Everybody was

soaked, and our food was strewn across the beach. It was a disaster.”

Though that World Youth Day outing ended in a complete disaster, on the previous World Youth Day, Hill saw the power of God’s love.

“In 2011, during the overnight vigil, it started to rain, and I mean it was pouring down rain,” said Hill.

Hill was there with a school group as a chaperone, standing in a field during Eucharistic Adoration with over a million people outside of Barcelona when it started pouring.

“We had brought these tarps to sit on, so we lifted them over our head to protect us from the rain,” said Hill. “A bunch of other people had nowhere to go, so these people from all across the

globe stood with us under these tarps, which was really cool in itself.”

After Hill had settled in under the tent, he noticed that many of the members from his group were missing.

“As the leader I was like, ‘Where are they?’” said Hill. “I noticed that about 50 of them were huddled tightly together praying the rosary together and getting totally soaked. During that moment I could just tell that they all were receiving some special grace, and I could just tell that each one of them was impacted by that experience.”

During his years in ministry, Hill has seen a lot of things and has encountered a lot of people.

“There are a lot of stories,” said Hill. “And I’ll tell them another day maybe.”

A day of unprecedented chaos: SLUH reflects on Jan. 6 Capitol riots



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“My main question coming out of that event was how and why people believe these lies,” said Spanish teacher and ACES moderator Sra. Kate Toussaint. “My second question is how these folks got so radicalized.”

To combat the distrust of the government that led to the storming, most leaders have called for unity amongst the people.

“Just being together for and with each other, is going to be instrumental in moving forward,” said junior Ismael Karim. “I think that starts with acknowledging that we’re different in our belief in our culture—in our knowledge—and acknowledging that so that we can understand the perspectives of others is going to be huge.”

“America is making a change for the worse,” said freshman Eli Scott. “(If it doesn’t stop), America is going to spiral down into something that nobody’s going to want to live in any more.”

“The first thing I thought of when I started thinking about what happened was:

‘where was the law enforcement that stood at the front of the Capitol during the BLM Protests back in June?’ That was my absolute first thought,” said junior Donovan Meachem. “It was sort of disheartening to see ... not surprising, but disheartening. I also thought it was really hypocritical that the people that assaulted the Capitol were the same ones in the summer saying destroying property is not the way to get what you want, but they turn around and stomp around and destroy government property.”

Due to the apparent lack of police preventing the rioters from entering the Capitol but the overwhelming amount of police guarding it during a peaceful demonstration of protests, many are taking to social media, specifically Twitter, to call out the government and the police for the double standard and showcasing the comparison images from the summer and last Wednesday.

Meachem sees the contrast between the two episodes as a good example of the assumption that Black protestors are violent.

“I want this nation to know that, just because someone is a certain color, they are capable of anything,” said Meachem. “There is a stigma that black people are more violent than white people, but in reality any person no matter what color is capable of anything. Although there were white protesters with the Black ones during the BLM protests, Black protesters were targeted by the police and almost all white protesters were looked over.”

Other images of the Capitol raid that stirred disgust and disapproval were of rioters climbing on statues in Monument Hall, breaking down the windows and doors into senate chambers and offices, and openly stealing / vandalizing government property.

For those who have visited the halls of the Capitol, witnessing it being disgraced and disregarded was one of the toughest parts of the day.

“Of course, the violence and the subsequent deaths that occurred as a result are horrifying, but some of the things that really got to me were the fact that I just thought about how many times I’ve been in that building, and I’ve never gotten to go on the floor,” said Becvar. “I’ve never been in the House chamber or the Senate chamber. Nobody walks into Nancy Pelosi’s office. You walk past her office and it’s always very revered and respectful. And so some of the images coming out of people vandalizing the capital were some of the most upsetting to me. The audacity of the fact that people could march into this build-

ing—the people’s building—and destroy it and have such utter disrespect for it. People smiling as they propped their feet up on Nancy Pelosi’s desk or carried on her lectern or sat in her chair were some of the most appalling things.”

“I have marched with millions of Americans along Constitution Avenue toward the Capitol for more than a dozen years as part of the annual March for Life, and I have routinely ended up at the steps of the Supreme Court and the Capitol building,” said Callon. “I feel blessed to live in a nation where I can freely move my feet and raise my voice in defense of human dignity, especially for the most vulnerable in our society. And I feel just as blessed to live in a nation where we exercise these rights while honoring, too, how sacred are the ties that bind us. I’ve seen no one desecrate even the sidewalk in front of the steps of the Supreme Court. And so I am outraged and ashamed—and admittedly fearful—that citizens of my own country have struck blows at these sacred ties in such vicious and pathetic ways.”

In the aftermath of that fateful day, many political ties have been broken and lines have been drawn between party alliances. But Callon, citing his Jesuit ideals, has been attempting to affirm his political beliefs and give his support to local politicians and representatives.

“I have been calling all of my elected officials to let them know I’m praying for them but also to demand a

new kind of leadership,” said Callon. “For example, I want to see Congresswomen Bush and Wagner introducing a bill together in the coming weeks and months. In the spirit of St. Ignatius, I’m asking all them to see each other in their best light, focusing not on divisions but on points of connection, compromise, and unity.”

Above all though, there is hope that people can stand together against the violence that shocked the nation last week.

“I think the overall message we can do is just straight up, stand up against violence,” said Karim. “And to understand that we all may have issues with certain things, but that model isn’t the way to go about changing stuff.”

“I believe that there needs to be arrests made,” said freshman Leo Fitzmaurice. “I believe that there needs to be justice served, because this is unacceptable, what they did. And they need to know that it was unacceptable.”

Additionally, teaching the day after the riots was difficult and concerning for many SLUH teachers, but ultimately it led to many strong and important discussions.

“I found the next day much more challenging than the day before teaching-wise, mainly because I didn’t have a chance to digest the news and reflect on what was happening as I had to prepare for classes,” said Toussaint. “I was glad to have a good support system of colleagues to bounce ideas off of and talk through plans on how to address it, and am always so grateful to my stu-

dents, who are just the best. They had thoughtful things to say, and I have had a number of good conversations in the days that have followed. I hope these continue to happen.”

Along with a hope for continued conversations and discussions about what lead to the riots and what came out of it, there is also hope by many SLUH community members—and Americans in general—to come together after such a divisive event and election, and that hopefully some unity will come out of such division and hatred of the other party.

“I would hope that we will see people on all sides, using this as an opportunity to come to terms with what happened and why it happened, and to really deal with that and to be honest about that,” said Becvar. “Also to work beyond that partisan divide. Something I always mentioned in AP Comparative Government is that it used to be much more common to be a conservative Democrat or a liberal Republican, especially in Congress and that members of Congress spent a lot more time socializing with one another. And that’s not quite the same today. So there’s also a hope that we would get back to more of that, more talking to each other, more communications, and more understanding of each other. I would hope that this would show us the dangers of divisiveness and help us to come up with ways to avoid something like this ever happening again.”

A woman for others: Klenklen is remembered for her 50 years of service

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to help.”

Yet, Klenklen’s work description does not fully capture the things that she did for the SLUH community.

In an article published in the *Prep News* in 2010, when she retired, former art teacher John Mueller said: “The thing about Helen is that she has these jobs that nobody knows they even get done. A lot of that might not be in her job description, but she’s taken it on to get it done.”

Klenklen would often help organize different events for the faculty to participate in. For theology teacher Richard Wehner, the annual event where faculty could bring their kids to campus over the one weekend in December to see Santa Claus was particularly memorable.

“I remember she asked me to be Santa Claus one time. And I said, ‘Helen, I would love to be Santa Claus. But some of my kids are going to be here, and I think they would know that it was me, not Santa Claus.’ She just smiled and said, ‘Okay.’ She was just a good, steady, valiant woman who gave her all to this school.”

Klenklen was, in this sense, very thoughtful, taking the time to offer a welcoming spirit wherever she

could, especially for new faculty members.

“I met her when I interviewed for the job. This theater was just being built,” said theater director Kathryn Whitaker. “(My husband and I) are not from St. Louis. So, not only was I in a new job, I was in a new town. She just embraced us from the beginning.”

To many people, she embodies the phrase ‘People for Others.’

“She always took care of everybody,” said Becvar. “Way back when I started, there were a lot more (Jesuit) scholastics, and she would always try to make them feel welcome—invite them for dinners and things just to make sure that they had someplace to go.”

For science teacher Tim O’Keefe, Klenklen was a ray of sunshine throughout his career, a relationship that began when he started working at SLUH in 1989.

“I ended up living in Brentwood Forest, and she actually lived around the corner,” said O’Keefe. “She was always really nice, like when she would sometimes bake cookies and bring them over to me or would make a pie or something. Sometimes on a Sunday evening, we’d have dinner. She was very thoughtful that way.”

Klenklen was also a hard worker and instrumental in helping to organize the first Cashbabs when SLUH president Fr. Richard Bailey, S.J created the fundraiser in 1970.

“She was kind of like his right-hand woman,” said Wehner. “She would go with him to look at different auction items and pick them up because he wanted her opinion.”

“Bottom line, I think she has, as one woman, done a job that’s at least a two-person job given the stresses and timeframes that are involved,” said former French teacher Richard Keefe in the *Prep News* article about her retirement.

Perhaps, though, Klenklen’s most stunning feature was her wit and ferocious ability to speak her mind.

“Her voice then and always had a bemused quality: she was always ready to notice whatever was funny and remarkable about the world,” said English teacher Richard Moran. “Another teacher recently told me that when a rather young man came to the school to take an important position, she told him, ‘I have underwear older than you.’ She had that kind of irreverent sense of humor that she somehow joined comfortably with religious piety

and a willingness to serve people at soup kitchens.”

SLUH, for Klenklen, became not only a home, but also a family. A single woman, Klenklen never had kids. Still, Klenklen put her nurturing attitude to use, often watching and caring for the children of faculty members.

“As my kids were growing up, she would be involved in some of our birthday parties and things like that,” said Becvar. “She always wanted pictures of our kids for her refrigerator. She was a single person, but she became family for not only me but a lot of other people here. Her refrigerator was always covered with pictures. She wanted to make sure that she was part of people’s lives.”

“Long ago, when I would bring my daughter to school, Ms. Klenklen was always so charming with her,” said Moran. “Forty years later, she greeted my granddaughter with the same cheeriness when we visited, calling her ‘Miss Adorable’ and asking her what she thought about things. It always sounded as if she really wanted to know.”

Klenklen was especially involved with O’Keefe’s family. In fact, she was the first person that O’Keefe trusted to babysit his children.

“She was always looking out for the kids. She’d love

them and hold them and give them hugs,” said O’Keefe. “When they were toddlers, she would play with them. She had a little squeaky Gator that she would squeak, and she had candy for them. She just loved them coming in. She was so good to them, and they just loved her.”

But Klenklen was not only in service to SLUH. Volunteering during her time at SLUH and afterwards, Klenklen demonstrated what it meant to be a woman for and with others. Even at her death, she asked that all donations to her funeral go instead to Sts. Peter and Paul Society.

“She was one of the few people that started service here before we had service here,” said Becvar.



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Klenklen (right) working in 1970.



Basketball’s steady defense not enough to overcome offensive woes

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After several rescheduled games and delays, the St. Louis U. High Jr. Bills finally returned to the hardwood. SLUH dropped its first two games with close losses to MICDS and CBC, then rallied with two consecutive wins, downing Bishop DuBourg and University City before losing the final game of the five-game stretch to Vianney.

The Jr. Bills finally kicked off their season on Dec. 15 with a 57-50 loss to MICDS at home. SLUH fell behind early 9-2 and played from behind for the majority of the game, but managed to tie the game 25-25 at the half. Despite a back-and-forth beginning to the third quarter, the Rams took an eight-point lead heading into the fourth quarter. SLUH led for just 29 seconds in the game and failed to trim MICDS’ lead to any less than six points, ultimately falling to 0-1. MICDS, now 9-0, advanced to 3-0 with the win.

SLUH’s small lineup proved costly against MICDS. The Rams dominated SLUH on the glass, grabbing 48 rebounds to the Jr. Bills’ 24, including 20 offensive rebounds. A trio of three MICDS seniors, Aaron Hendricks (13), Brandon Mitchell-Day (10), and Nick Roper (13), finished with double-digits in the rebound column. SLUH’s leading rebounder was sophomore Zachary Ortwerth, who grabbed seven rebounds in the losing effort.

The Jr. Bills’ perimeter defense stymied MICDS’ three-point attack, holding the Rams to just 28.6 percent from beyond the arc, which remains their worst three-point percentage through their nine games. Senior sharpshooter Hasani Span, who is 33 for 64 on three-point attempts this

season, did not make a single three-pointer for the first time this season. SLUH failed to capitalize on the strong defensive performance, shooting just 28.3 percent from the field, the team’s worst shooting performance through the first five games. Junior Nick Kramer led the Jr. Bills with an 18-point performance.

After the loss to MICDS, the SLUH traveled to CBC for their first MCC matchup on Dec. 18. The Jr. Bills started off hot, taking an early 13-7 lead behind Kramer’s eight points. CBC junior Robert Martin Jr.’s steal and layup just before the end of the quarter closed the gap to four.

SLUH continued to slow the pace in the second quarter and still clung to a one-point lead with 1:54 left to play in the half. CBC finally began capitalizing on SLUH’s offensive mistakes, converting a pair of turnovers and missed shots into a 10-2 run. The Cadets closed the half with a 30-21 lead.

The Cadets sustained their momentum into the second half, pushing their lead to a game-high 13 points at the 5:16 mark in the third quarter. But after head coach Erwin Claggett used a timeout, SLUH dominated the next five minutes, erasing CBC’s lead with a 14-3 run, capped off by a monstrous, posterizing dunk from Kramer that knotted the score at 37.

A very competitive fourth quarter followed the Jr. Bills run, with neither team holding more than a one-possession lead for the first six minutes. Ortwerth knotted the score at 46 with 1:50 to go, but CBC’s Martin Jr. responded with a long two to put the Cadets in the lead. The Jr. Bills needed three fouls in order to reach the bonus and send the Cadets to the free-throw line, but unfortunately fouled Cheva-

lier Benson in the process of a made layup. Benson converted the and-one and ended SLUH’s chances at its first victory, pushing CBC to a 54-46 victory.

Kramer’s 21 points and 12 rebounds gave SLUH plenty of chances to win the game, but the lack of offense around Kramer again cost the Jr. Bills a chance to win. The team shot just 30.4 percent from the field and turned the ball over 17 times, nine more times than CBC.

“As a team, we have to execute our offensive game-plan better,” Kramer said. “We’ve got to make more passes and move the ball better to create easier shots.”

After a brief Christmas break, SLUH squared off against Bishop DuBourg on Dec. 30 in a dominant performance from start to finish. Five Jr. Bills scored in double figures en route to an 84-41 victory. SLUH’s 84-point performance was the team’s best of the season by over 34 points, highlighted by sophomore Aaron Walker Jr.’s career-high 19 points.

SLUH hosted then 6-0 University City on New Year’s Eve, a game that turned out to be another defensive showdown for SLUH. Like in previous games against MICDS and CBC, the Jr. Bills found themselves playing from behind for the majority of the game. SLUH trailed 22-17 at the half, but cut the lead to just one by the end of the third quarter.

It was not until Walker Jr. connected on a short jump shot with 4:58 to play that SLUH took its first lead of the game. The bucket put the Jr. Bills up 35-34, but University City battled back, taking a narrow 38-37 lead with just over a minute to play on junior Carleton Thomas’ layup.

After Kramer had his shot blocked with 24.7 seconds to



(left to right) Junior Nick Kramer, sophomore Zach Ortwerth, junior Jaden McClain against University City.

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go, the Jr. Bills had no other choice but to foul University City’s leading scorer, senior Jalen Hampton. Hampton converted the first free throw to make the score 39-37, but left the second one long. Kramer snagged the rebound, pushed up to halfcourt, and found junior Luke Johnston all alone in the corner of the court; Johnston drained the go-ahead three with just 10.1 seconds left in the game.

With one last chance to win, University City found a phenomenal look for senior sharpshooter Brandon Ming that just rimmed out, spoiling University City’s undefeated season. The Jr. Bill’s moved to 2-2 with the dramatic win.

“It felt really good,” said Johnston, who led the team with 14 points. “We knew we needed to win that game and I am glad we did. We didn’t play perfect by any means but it was the best all around effort we

have given all year and we are working on surpassing that.”

Despite another poor offensive performance, the Jr. Bills’ defense paved the way for SLUH’s second victory. University City entered the game averaging 71.7 points in its six games, but was held to its fewest this season against SLUH by a significant margin.

To cap off the five-game slate, SLUH hosted Vianney on Jan. 8 for the team’s second conference matchup. Like their games versus MICDS and CBC, the Jr. Bills played a very competitive first half, trailing Vianney by only two, 25-23, at the half.

But SLUH’s defense was unable to hold Vianney’s duo of guards, Ethan Lattimore and Adam Sausele, in check in the second half. Lattimore finished with 23 points, including three three-pointers and 11 free throws, and Sausele added 13 points and three threes as

well. Vianney connected on 12 consecutive free throws in the fourth quarter to push its lead to double digits before eventually winning the game 63-51. The 25 points allowed in the fourth quarter were SLUH’s worst in a single quarter this season.

Despite the 2-3 start, SLUH has had one of its best defensive starts to a season since Claggett took over as head coach in 2013. The Jr. Bills have allowed an average of just 50.6 points per game, the third best start to a season through five games during Claggett’s tenure and best since the 2015-2016 team, who earned third place at the State Tournament.

SLUH will look to get back to .500 on the season and earn its first MCC win with a rematch on the road vs. Vianney. The game will begin at 6:15 p.m. and will be live streamed on Vianney’s Griffin TV.

Wrestling hurdles through Covid issues, participates in two quad meets over break

BY LEO WAGNER
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Continuing to deal with the twists and turns accompanying this Covid-dominated season, the Saint Louis U. High wrestling team had a productive Christmas Break, preparing them for a busy January and February.

Participating in bi-weekly testing and contact tracing, the wrestlers have avoided any significant Covid outbreaks, allowing them to maintain a relatively consistent practice schedule. However, competitions have been scarce for the team thus far, as Covid precautions have cancelled or postponed the majority of events.

Four bi-weekly Covid tests have yielded few positive cases, so the wrestlers have not had to endure any team-wide quarantines. So far, the largest effect of the tests has been the no-contact practices that fol-

low—a mandate SLUH says is necessary in order for 48-hour contact tracing to be successful—as it typically takes two or three days for the test results to be confirmed and reported back to the school and team.

The team utilizes the breaks in contact practices to do sprints or longer runs on the track or to lift in the weight room. While both running and lifting are beneficial, they cannot replace the benefits which wrestlers receive when drilling in the wrestling room.

“It probably helps our guys recover a little bit. Not having contact for a few days can help guys be a little more ready to compete. Obviously, the big disadvantage is that there is nothing you can do to get in wrestling shape other than wrestling. There isn’t anything else that simulates a live wrestling match, so when we aren’t wrestling on Monday and

Tuesday, it really only leaves us Wednesday and Thursday to wrestle live, assuming we are going to compete on Saturday,” said coach Jon Ott.

During the first week of the new year, the wrestling team had two quad meets, matching the total number of competitions to date. The first meet featured Fox, Festus, and Mehlville at Fox High School; the second included St. Mary’s, Bishop DuBourg, and Lift for Life Academy, at St. Mary’s High School.

SLUH began the first quad by wrestling Festus. Every match, excluding several forfeits, resulted in first or second period pins, making for a quick first dual. Unfortunately, due to the many open weight classes on SLUH’s roster, Festus received 24 points from four SLUH forfeits, leading them to a 42-24 victory.

Next, the Jr. Bills faced

Fox. Although the Jr. Bills earned more points than the previous match, the team was again plagued by empty weight classes, surrendering another four forfeits that allowed Fox to clinch a 33-27 victory.

For the final dual of the night, SLUH wrestled Mehlville. This time, from a number of forfeits due to Mehlville’s shallow roster and several impressive pins, the Jr. Bills won 36-18. Ending the night on a high note, SLUH carried some of this momentum into their next competition—another quad meet just one day later.

On the second night of their back-to-back, SLUH first wrestled Lift for Life Academy. Propelled by a handful of pins from wrestlers including senior captain Bobby Conroy and junior Cayden Owens, SLUH defeated Lift for Life Academy 36-21.

SLUH then faced Bishop DuBourg in their most lopsided matchup yet, wrestling only two matches during the entire dual. Although SLUH received several forfeits, giving Bishop DuBourg an easy lead, each match they did wrestle yielded a SLUH pin, earning them a 45-6 victory.

For the final dual of the night, SLUH wrestled St. Mary’s, the host of the quad meet. The upper side of weight classes on the SLUH roster pushed the Jr. Bills to a 39-18 victory, featuring pins from Bobby Conroy, Giovanni Loftis, Logan Neumann, Cayden Owens, and a minor decision win from Alex Nance.

The Jr. Bills have a dual meet tournament tomorrow. The tournament, which will take place in St. Charles, will provide the team with plenty of competitive matches, as SLUH will face Francis How-

ell, Eureka, Fort Zumwalt East, and Marquette.

Additionally, the tournament includes teams that SLUH is certain to face at either the District or Sectional Tournament later in February. Thus, it is a great opportunity for the wrestlers to get comfortable with opponents they may see in more important future matches.

With less than one month remaining before Districts, the wrestling team is looking to capitalize on all remaining competitions. Using them as opportunities to finalize and perfect certain moves while still being certain to learn from the mistakes that are made each match, the wrestlers must be certain to capitalize on the few competitions that the team is fortunate to have scheduled for the season.

Warnecke carries Jr. Billikens to 2021 Jesuit Cup comeback

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rival schools who join together every year to dedicate their play in order to aid students at Nerinx through hockey.

“It’s a historic game,” said head coach Steve Walters. “You add the Clare Blase Fundraiser to that, and that precedes the event. And once the puck drops, you’re now battling one of your biggest rivals. And they took it to us during the first period.”

Neither team appeared to be fazed by the 10:05 p.m. start time, especially the Spartans. Just 31 seconds into play, a long lead pass from behind De Smet’s goal found a Spartan attacker who fired the puck over the glove of senior Jake Buttice, hitting the crossbar and sending the puck out of play, a great relief for the Jr. Bills. The referees stopped play, gathering with one another to see if the puck hit the inside of the bar and bounced out. However, after discussion, the puck was determined not to have crossed the goal line.

The first few minutes were back-and-forth with plenty of physicality. Sextro landed a big hit on a De Smet player near the center circle, just illustrating how both teams were looking to play the game: high intensity.

With 9:31 remaining in the first period, De Smet scored the first goal of the night. Losing possession in their offensive zone, the Jr. Bills turned the puck over and were caught out on a four-on-two. The Spartan puck carrier found an open player in front of the goal who slotted it between Buttice’s legs to give the Spartans a 1-0 lead.

Only 1:13 later, De Smet doubled their lead. A fast break by the Spartans split the Jr. Bills defense, a backhand beat Buttice, and De Smet was up 2-0 in the Jesuit Cup after just seven minutes.

“After the second goal, Coach Walters called a timeout. He pumped us up, not that we should have needed a kick,” said Sextro. “He gave it to us, and we started coming back.”

With 7:16 remaining in the first period, the Jr. Bills looked to cut the deficit in

half. Awarded a power play, SLUH had a man advantage for the next two minutes but were unable to capitalize on their opportunities. Throughout the power play, the Jr. Bills were able to move the puck around, shooting it on net, but the Spartan goalie kept all attempts out of the net.

Shortly after the power play ended, De Smet scored their third goal of the night with only 2:36 remaining in the first. Nimble evading a hit on the boards, a Spartan

Shortly after, a scuffle broke out between players at the mouth of the De Smet goal. Frustration boiling over, a SLUH player gave the De Smet goalie a little tap with his stick, which caused the ensuing shoving with the referees breaking it up. Junior Zach Petlanksy was sent to the box for two minutes, giving De Smet a power play. Unable to capitalize during the power play and through the rest of the period, De Smet held their lead at three goals, and it looked as if they

on-one. He then found Warnecke racing down the ice who easily beat the goaltender low and to the right side with a powerful one-timer.

“Once I put in the first one, I knew we were about to score a couple goals,” said Warnecke.

With a two-goal deficit still, SLUH had a long way to go. Then with 13:34 remaining, SLUH was awarded a power play, a great opportunity. And it did not take long at all. Less than two minutes since their previous goal, the

Both teams looked to add one another goal for the lead, but all the momentum seemed to be with the Jr. Bills. However, the Spartans were not discouraged by the Jr. Bills’ showing. Less than a minute later, the Spartans broke the tie, giving them a 4-3 lead with only 8:32 left to play. The Jr. Bills needed one goal for a tie, and with a tie, they would retain the Cup.

With 3:58 in regulation, the Jr. Bills found their fourth goal of the period and the game from Sextro. A scrum

ing with whoever had it the previous year. The players celebrated their win in front of the bench with the Jesuit trophy safely in their hands and the defeated Spartans looking on.

“It’s really good to know that we can compete with arguably the best team in the league,” said Sextro. “We dominated them in the third period. Coach said it after the game that no matter what we are never out, and that’s good to know going into the playoffs.”



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defender snuck by SLUH’s backline and threw the puck on net. An outstretched stick of a teammate tipped the puck past a helpless Buttice into the goal to give the Spartans a comfortable lead.

“We had a rough first period giving up three goals,” said Warnecke. “And we weren’t getting too many shots.”

With 9:19 remaining in the second period, the Jr. Bills saw a great chance at a goal go by. Warnecke found the puck in the middle of the ice. With a Spartan defender closing on him, Warnecke fired the puck past the left post, narrowly missing the goal.

were minutes away from lifting the Jesuit Cup for the first time in every De Smet players’ career.

“We try to control our emotions, and just play a consistent game,” said Walters. “The leaders on our team just kept the positive bench, and captain Matt Warnecke led the comeback.”

Entering into the final 15 minutes, the Jr. Bills knew they needed to strike early and often to retain the Cup. And that is exactly what SLUH did. Only 42 seconds into the third period, the Jr. Bills made the score 3-1. A beautiful toe drag by a SLUH attacker around a De Smet defenseman led to a three-

Jr. Bills added another one on a shot by senior Brock Massie that rebounded off the Spartan goalie and to a waiting Warnecke, who tapped it in for his second goal of the night.

“After the second goal, I knew we weren’t going to lose that game,” said Warnecke. “We just needed to keep pushing in the third to tie that game.”

Now trailing only 3-2, the Jr. Bills needed another goal. And they found it with 9:21 remaining in the game, from freshman William Peterson. A corker of a shot from the blue line beat the De Smet goalie high right to tie up the game.

on the boards in De Smet’s zone was won by the Jr. Bills. Sextro, all alone in the middle of the ice, passed the puck and slotted it under the pads of a sprawling goaltender who was unable to make the save. The score was tied.

“It was crazy, it was really fun to be a key part of the game,” said Sextro. “Knowing that I played a big role in the six-peat, it was just crazy to score that and celebrate with the boys.”

The final three minutes of the game remained scoreless, and because of a fantastic comeback, the Jr. Bills retained the Jesuit Cup for the sixth straight year, as a tie results in the Cup stay-

The Jr. Bills look ahead to Jan. 18, when they will host Kirkwood. After such a big comeback win against De Smet, the players feel energized, confident going into the remainder of the season and the Challenge Cup later this February.

“We want to keep building momentum, and building improved play,” said Walters. “The kids know the system and know what to do. The message is clear and we know that every game we play is going to be a tough one. Kirkwood competed with everyone, but if we follow the system we have been working on, we’ll pull out the win.”

Racquetball defeats Kirkwood to keep undefeated season alive

BY JARED THORNBERRY
REPORTER

The Saint Louis U. High racquetball returned to the courts last Friday after a two-week Christmas break, defeating Kirkwood to remain undefeated (5-0) and keep the number one spot in the division.

No. 1 seed Danny Jurgens (Sr.) beat Zach West 15-7, 15-5 to start things off, followed by No. 2 seed Oliver Allen (Sr.) had a very close match that went to the tiebreaker, but he took the three game series 10-15,

15-9 (11-9).

“My match went for like an hour and a half,” said Allen. “It was intense all the way through, at no point did it seem like either one of us was going to give in.”

No. 3 seed Max Telken (Jr.) continued his undefeated season by defeating junior Nicholas Whittington in a back and forth match 15-14, 15-10. No. 4 seed Jared Thornberry (Jr.) beat Chris Plants 15-3, 15-3. No. 5 seed Danny Phillips (Jr.) won his match so easily he finished before anyone else

could watch; Phillips played one of his best games of the season and has shown great improvement as the season has progressed. Next, No. 6 seed Nick Petersen (Sr.) lost his first match of the season, to Sam Neunreiter 15-9, 8-15, and 7-11. Finally, the doubles team picked up another win to stay in first place in the doubles division and stay undefeated at 6-0. They won the match 15-3, 15-7.

“I think Kirkwood is probably our toughest opponent,” said head coach

Stephen Deves. “Not in every position but as a whole, that team has the depth to challenge us the most.”

On Monday, Jan. 11, SLUH faced CBC in what was by far the hardest match yet for the Jr. Bills, but SLUH managed to fight and sweep the Cadets. Jurgens beat CBC’s No. 1 seed Jake Schmidt, 15-13, 15-8. Allen beat Gabe Collins 15-7, 8-15, and 11-8. Telken beat CBC’s Spencer Keith 15-9, 15-4. Thornberry had a close match but won the best of three series 15-11,

15-9. Phillips won his match by forfeit, so he played (and beat) a CBC JV player for a practice match. At the No. 6 seed, Petersen defeated Nick Gionnotti 15-4, 15-1. Finally, the doubles team of Ben Harmon and Will Shorey took another win by forfeit.

“Looking at that we’ve played every team but one now in the league and won pretty favorably,” said Deves. “I feel very confident going into the State Tournament.”

SLUH racquetball is currently ranked number one in their division. The upcoming

State Tournament will not be only one day this year but it will span over a few days at the end of February. With Covid they are spreading out the games to reduce the number of people at the courts and so that athletes are not playing more than a few opponents each day. Although the next regular season match for Varsity-1 is not until Jan. 25 against Lafayette, the annual doubles tournament is taking place the weekend of Jan. 22.

Around The Hallways

Junior Meeting

On Monday, Jan. 11, the junior class met in the Chapel during 8th period to discuss their senior year class schedules. While there, they received a sign-up sheet that they will turn in during their next counselor meeting and a paper describing the class options next year. Freshman class moderator Tim Curdt spoke about the application process for being a Senior Advisor. Throughout the week, juniors have been inquiring about classes and asking teachers to be admitted into more exclusive courses.

Spoon River Tech Week

Since Monday night,

SLUH’s Dauphin Players have been filming this year’s play: Spoon River Anthology, an interpretation of Edgar Lee Masters’s book by the same name. The monologue-ic nature of the play allows for performers to deliver lines maskless on stage while adhering to Covid guidelines. The filming is planned to finish today, and a finished product will be released to the school after the clips have been edited together. Look in next week’s *Prep News* issue for an article on the play and the process behind it.

Robotics Club Meeting

The SLUH Robotics team met for the first time on Monday, Jan. 11, releasing with

the invitational email a video of the challenges presented for this year’s competitors, including the “Infinite Recharge at Home,” the Game Design Challenge, and the First Innovation Challenge. The meeting was held at 3:15 due to conflicts in schedule, and the team will continue to meet to design robots for the challenges ahead.

Hockey Hoodies

SLUH Hockey started selling their hockey hoodies for the 2021 season on Tuesday, Jan. 12 and sold nearly 1400 in two days, creating large crowds surrounding the tables in the Si Commons and pulling in money for the hockey

program. Hoodies will be restocked to be sold on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Discord Server

SLUH announced its first ever Discord server on Tuesday, Jan. 12. Discord is a voice- and text-messaging service that’s historically been used by gamers. The Discord server was created by freshman Carter Thomas in hopes of creating a greater sense of unity within the community. It will be moderated by students, to be passed down from class to class as they graduate.

—compiled by Noah Aprill-Sokol and Jacob Sprock

Calendar

Friday, January 15

B Day

Senior Kairos - King’s House
Senior Kairos - Marianist
2:45-5:15PM MAGIS Parents Prayer Group
4:30-6:00PM @ Vianney/B Team Basketball
4:30-6:00PM C-Team White Basketball vs Vianney
6:15-7:54PM @ Vianney/Varsity Basketball
6:30-8:00PM C-Team Blue Basketball vs Vianney

Saturday, January 16

@ Fox HS/1st Year Wrestlers Tournament
@Brentwood - Varsity Dual Wrestling Scramble
9:00-10:30PM C-Team White Basketball vs De Smet
11:00-12:30PM C-Team Blue Basketball vs De Smet
1:00-4:00PM JV3 Racquetball Singles

Sunday, January 17

CISL Speech @ Nerinx Hall

Monday, January 18

No Classes-MLK Jr. Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Junior Retreat - White House
MLK Basketball Event
11:00AM-12:30PM C Team (Blue) vs Metro JV
1:00-2:30PM B-Team Basketball vs Normandy
3:00-4:30PM Varsity Basketball vs Normandy (MLK Game)
8:00-10:45PM Varsity Ice Hockey vs Kirkwood

Tuesday, January 19

A Day

Lunch - Toasted Ravioli
AP - Chicken Rings
Junior Retreat - White House
Grande Project
Calendar Meeting
5:00-8:00PM @Ladue - All Levels Tri-Meet Wrestling w/ Lindbergh
5:00-7:00PM C/JV/V Wrestling - Lindbergh/Ladue
5:30-7:00PM @ Chaminade/C Blue Basketball
5:30-7:00PM @ Chaminade/C White Basketball

Wednesday, January 20

B Day

Lunch - Hand Breaded Chicken Tenders
AP - Sweet Texas Pretzels
Grande Project
Admissions Committee Meeting
Admissions Meeting
4:00-8:00PM V Wrestling - MCC Championships
4:00-5:30PM C-Team White Basketball vs Webster Groves
4:30-8:30PM @CBC - Varsity MCC Duals Wrestling Tournament
5:45-7:15PM B-Team Basketball vs Webster Groves
7:30-8:30PM Varsity Basketball vs Webster Groves

Thursday, January 21

A Day

Lunch - Papa Johns
AP - Pizza Stick
Grande Project
Admissions Committee Meeting
Emergency Drill
3:15-5:15PM Freshman Service
3:30-5:30PM JV2-2 Racquetball vs Lindbergh
3:30-5:30PM Varsity II Racquetball vs Lindbergh
4:00-6:00PM JV1-2 Racquetball vs Kirkwood (B)
4:30-6:00PM C-Team Blue Basketball vs Fort Zumwalt South
6:15-7:45PM B-Team Basketball vs Fort Zumwalt South

Friday, January 22

B Day

Lunch - Chicken Nuggets
AP - Bosco Sticks
Grande Project
2:45-5:15PM MAGIS Parents Prayer Group
JV1 Racquetball Doubles Tournament
JV2 Racquetball Doubles Tournament
JV3 Racquetball Doubles Tournament
Varsity Racquetball Doubles Tournament
8:25-10:25PM Varsity Ice Hockey vs Marquette

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Harrold calls on SLUH community after cousin’s assault

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“He said he didn’t know how to feel,” said Harrold. “He was feeling too many emotions at once.”

In response, the family of Keyon Harrold Jr., who is now in counselling to recover from the incident, opted to press charges against the woman, asserting that her actions warrant the status of hate crime. After being officially charged with counts of attempted robbery and assault, among others,

the woman in the clip is due in court later this March. In the meantime, the Harrolds are left to grapple with her actions and try to find a way forward, even though the wounds are fresh.

“I don’t think that I would want to talk to her,” said Harrold, when asked what he would say to the woman.

As the Harrold family begins the recovery process, they join an unfortunately long list of black people who have been unfairly accused and attacked

by white people in everyday settings, including parks, retail stores, and, now, hotel lobbies. It’s a story that Albert finds too familiar.

“This stuff happens all the time. It definitely hurts more (this time), and I feel it more definitely, but am I surprised that it happened? Not at all,” said Harrold.

In fact, to Harrold, the situation seemed eerily similar to that of Emmitt Till, who was brutally murdered as a result

of false accusations.

As for other SLUH students, especially white ones, Harrold believes the assault of his cousin should spark awareness and change, even if it may seem far away.

“I think you have to realize your privilege, one, and use your privilege to speak on these incidents,” said Harrold. “Use that advantage that you have just by being white in America to speak on that injustice.”

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