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They Just Keep Winning!

Endgame magic leads SLUH Soccer to first place in CBC Tournament, first win since 2017



Evan Yalavarthi dribbling against De Smet. photo | Vincent Bianchino

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When sophomore Gabe Hafner stepped up to the line for a throw-in against CBC, he surely had no idea the miracle play he was about to set in motion. With 12 seconds left, he lobbed the ball into the air to sprinting senior Evan Yalavarthi, who flicked it to senior Tyler Van Bree, who settled and then shoved the ball across the middle to sophomore Grant Locker. Locker, surveying his options, sent the ball off a defender and into the reach of senior Johnnie Ferrara. As time expired, Ferrara turned and fired a one-timer towards the goalie, which bounced off his foot and into the back of the net for an improbable win.

Ferrara's goal was possibly the greatest play of this year's season—and it's not even finished yet. SLUH won the game 3-2 and went on to win the CBC Tournament in dominant fashion, going undefeated against MCC rivals.

"It was obviously really exciting to score a goal so late. In real soccer there's no clock so in high school soccer it's a pretty unique circumstance with the clock ticking down. The ending was really fun and exciting," said head coach Bob O'Connell.

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Students punished for participation in "devious licks" TikTok trend

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TikTok has once again risen to the forefront of school conversation, only this time it isn't about Renegade or Track Stars. This new trend, devious licks, has proven to be less amusing and more costly to the SLUH campus and the integrity of the student body.

These notorious devious licks videos consist of students pulling bizarre items that they have stolen from their schools out of their backpacks with the TikTok sound "Ski Ski Based-god" by Lil B. The stolen items range from hand sanitizer pumps to stall dividers to projectors.

"I was really hopeful that this wasn't going to come our way," said Assistant Principal for Student Life Brock Kesterson. "Obviously, it has and I'm frustrated by it. I think that we can do better than that."

Devious licks had previously arisen to fame at other St. Louis high schools. Other principals and deans of students were wrestling with how to combat the notorious TikTok trend. Kesterson and Director of Security Dan Schulte heard these stories, yet they held out hope that the students of SLUH would not dare to pull off any mischievous licks.

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Out of the gloom of the pandemic arises SLUH Esports

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SLUH's newly-created Esports team participated in its first competition, setting a precedent for the year ahead.

After many incoming students expressed interest in SLUH's Smash Club, SLUH created the Esports team, an umbrella over the old Smash Club. This time, they introduced more games for students to participate in.

"More and more prospective students were starting to wonder if the school had Esports, middle school students were interested in doing that as an activity in their high school, and we were standing out as a school that was a little behind the curve so we're trying to not be," said Esports moderator David Callon.

"It was definitely the right time, people were available after school on a Friday evening, and we had nothing else to do. You'd come over, you meet with friends, and play games," said senior and Smash coach Sam Zychinski.

Just like any sport, the Esports team has multiple roles for students. There is the shoutcaster, the team captains, and of course, the players. The role of the shoutcaster is to stream the matches live on Twitch while the team captains and players compete.

"I'm just sitting there behind the desk, calling up the games and doing the analysis," said shoutcaster Jack Kuhlman.

In total, the Esports team meets for six hours every week, with two-hour practices after school three days a week.

Compared to other SLUH sports and clubs, who practice on fields or meet in a set room every week, the Esports team has a very unique facility: the St. Louis Science Center.

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With increasing vaccine rates, quarantines on the decline

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With the pandemic still ongoing and student and faculty quarantines still a real possibility, the administration of St. Louis U. High has reversed its earlier decision to remove the option of attending classes via Zoom, allowing quarantined students the opportunity to keep up with school during their time away.

In line with current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), SLUH requires all students or faculty who test positive for the virus to quarantine at home for ten days following their most recent positive test result. However, with the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid vaccine now available to all people ages 12 and older, the regulations pertaining to quarantines for exposure have been altered significantly.

"Student vaccination has been significant," said Director of Student Health Scott Gilbert. "I mean, since school started on August 18, it has just been tremendously significant in the sense that kids aren't having to quarantine as close contacts in a particular case. They aren't having to go home, they aren't having to miss school, they can stay in school, and kids aren't missing their sports and they can stay on the field. Vaccination has been a game changer for many reasons."

As of now, barring a positive test result, vaccinated students who are exposed to Covid are no longer required to quarantine at home, once again in line with the latest CDC guidelines. Students and faculty who remain unvaccinated, however, are still required to quarantine for ten days following a close contact exposure with a positive case.

As of Sept. 22, over 92 percent of the SLUH faculty and over 82 percent of the student body have been fully vaccinated.

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Students excited about return of Global Ed programs

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Global education trips have returned in full swing! Director of Global Education Rob Chura and Campus Ministry are working to bring domestic and international immersion trips back, with the first one having been completed earlier this year. All four facets of global education are back despite setbacks from the Covid-19 pandemic, from language immersion trips to archaeologically- and theologically-based experiences, to service trips, and even to our own classrooms.

The first facet of the Global Ed program is language immersion trips, which include trips all over the world, spanning five continents and a multitude of countries and their diverse cultures.

"All five languages have an immersion program," said Chura. "We've got the bandwidth to provide an experience for everybody in different stages (of language learning)."

Global Ed offers trips to France, Russia, Egypt, China, Taiwan, Spain, Chile, and Colombia, providing a diversity

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Bookstore rolls out new water bottle as part of sustainability effort

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To help increase awareness about sustainability measures, the St. Louis U. High bookstore has recently released a new aluminum water bottle designed by members of STUCO. The goal of the new bottle is to provide students with a reusable and accessible way to stay hydrated throughout the day while not having to purchase water from a vending machine or be limited to sips at a water fountain.

“I think that this would be a great idea,” said junior Leo Smith. “Buying water constantly from the cafeteria can prove to be expensive and it’s nice to have another option.”

STUCO wanted to provide an option for the students that could both be a sustainable product and an economically viable option for the SLUH community. Despite the initial \$15 price tag, the long-term outcome far outweighs the upfront price,

considering the value of being able to fill the bottle throughout the day, without having to constantly buy bottles from the cafeteria or vending machines.

“It costs a little bit of money but you’re going to earn that money back,” said senior Jared Thornberry. “Refilling your water battles designed for sustainability, at the water fountains instead of having to spend more money, is a twofold act. It is staying true to the sustainable initiative and not having to throw plastic bottles away. Eventually, you will get your investment back by constantly reusing it.”

But more importantly, the goal behind the SLUH water bottle is to support this school year’s growing incentive to take sustainable actions to better our community and environment, not just to make a profit.

“Well the main incentive was for sustainability for us, and not to have as many plastic bottles,” said Thornberry. “We noticed that the item has been well received and we’ve seen it among students here. When the SLUH

community knows the reason behind a mission, they will do what they can for it at school and also outside of school as well.”

The water bottle was not designed by STUCO alone. It was a joint commission, with the design input given by SLUH President Alan Carruthers, and Director of Food Service Kathy Hylla. STUCO designed the actual color and logo, with the help of Hylla.

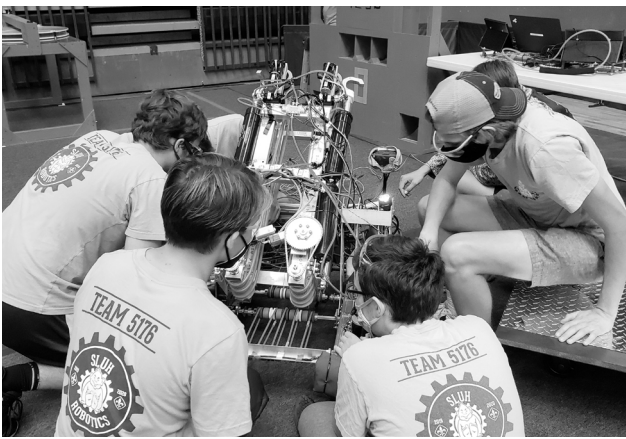
“I kind of picked out the shape of the water bottle according to what a lot of the kids have,” said Hylla. “I thought that the kids would appreciate the design.”

“It’s sleek, stylish, and shiny,” said junior Alex Deiters.

The 25 ounce bottle is made of aluminum and fitted with a vacuum seal lid to keep drinks cold and a carabiner for transportation.

“I’d love to have students come down and check out the new things in the store. There’s a new flag, a new charging pad, new shirts, and a new Ultimate disk,” said Hylla.

Robotics gains valuable experience in preseason tournament



Students working on the robot. photo | courtesy of JP Torack

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The St. Louis U. High Robotics Club competed at an in-person competition for the first time in two years this past Saturday at Lindenwood University in St. Charles. The competition was an off-season, FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) sponsored event.

Planning for the team’s robot began in January 2020, and the first iteration of the robot was completed by March in preparation for a regional competition to be held at SLU’s Chaifetz Arena.

On the day of the originally planned competition, the team was on the floor of the arena equipped with its tools and robot. However, minutes before the competition was to begin, the organizing group, FIRST Robotics, canceled all competitions nationwide due to the threat of Covid-19. The FIRST Robotics Competition usually lasts from early January to March, where teams record the previous season’s robot doing various tasks. FIRST, however, created an at-home competition for the 2021 season to respond to the pandemic.

Last May, the Robotics Club learned that the Gateway Robotics Competition, an off-season, annual competition using the previous season’s robot,

was on. While the team already had a robot able to compete in the competition, it needed several repairs and some design revisions. The team met a couple of times during the summer to come up with a plan for the school year. Once the school year started, they began meeting every day after school to work on the robot. They reconstructed the arm, which the robot used to shoot balls and climb onto a pivoting pulley bar.

“Redoing the arm was a longer process than we had thought it would be, as we ran into some problems we didn’t expect to have,” said Robotics Club president senior Matthew Leight. “I did like having a project to do at the beginning of the year that got us engaged and competing.”

On Friday afternoon, the team loaded up four cars with everything needed for the match and headed west to Lindenwood University. On Saturday morning, the team gathered for the competition and made the final preparations for the day’s festivities.

The team competed in six qualifying matches before the alliances (teams made up of three robots) were selected for playoffs. Each match consisted of two alliances competing against each other. Points were scored by shooting dodgeballs into three different holes, spinning a wheel a certain number of times, and climbing onto a

bar that pivoted in the middle. However, during the competition, the team faced several obstacles.

“At one point, our wheel broke,” said Robotics Club moderator Robyn Wellen. “(Another team) actually gave us a wheel so that we could still compete.”

“It’s pretty inevitable that things are going to break, so when it happens we have to make sure to stay positive and be ready to improvise solutions,” said junior Ben McCaslin. “We really just try to get the robot as close to functional as we can in the limited time between matches.”

The Robobills finished 12th out of the 24 teams that competed after the qualifying round. They were selected to join an alliance with Ladue and Westminster. Unfortunately, their alliance was eliminated after the first round, but the team went out with a bang, finally succeeding in the climbing portion of the event.

“I think our biggest success was in the last round we were in,” said Leight. “It was hard because we had to use another robot to help us climb, so we finally got that to work so that was really nice to see.”

While they were disappointed with the result, team members were happy to return to in-person competitions.

“There’s nothing like it,” said Wellen. “Just the atmosphere, it’s a lot of fun.”

The competition also served as a lesson and a way for members to gain valuable experience.

“With the problems we ran into during the competition and half the team not having been to a competition before, I think we did pretty well. It was great to be able to compete and collaborate with other teams again,” said Wellen.

The team looks forward to honing its skills in preparation for the official robotics season, which begins in early January.

“i” For Inclusion: SLUH develops plans to make iLab available to more students

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Filled with state-of-the-art technology, workbenches, monitors, and even sofas, the James Guth Costigan Innovation Lab is a place that any student can enjoy studying or working in. With the iLab now in its third year, SLUH is working to create more opportunities for students to learn and express their ideas by using the tools available in the iLab.

“I’ve found myself in there a lot this year as a part of my woodworking class,” said senior Mac Southern. “It truly is an amazing space to forge your ideas into tangible objects and there really is something in there for everyone.”

Since its inception, students have been eager and hopeful to utilize this new space as a place to expand upon their learning. However, progress has been slow.

“When we opened up that first year, we just were not ready for the room to be used as a free, open space,” said iLab Director Jeff Schaefer. “We were still getting trained to use the machinery safely in there and to open the room up to any student seemed daunting at the time.”

Early on, in an effort to let the students get comfortable in the space, some STEM-based classes would meet in the new iLab classrooms, while the Robotics Club started getting their hands on the old and new technology available in the iLab.

“I took Applied Aviation Engineering during the summer and absolutely fell in love with the space,” said senior PJ Haefer. “I had previously never stepped into the iLab before taking the class. Now I go in there anytime I can and I am now serving as an iLab Ambassador. There is so much cool stuff to learn in the iLab and no one should ever feel lost in there.”

However, many students that haven’t previously been involved in STEM activities have expressed interest in using the iLab. With a thousand antsy students looking to get busy in the newest area of the school, Schaefer knew he needed to create some fundamental safety and training protocols.

“We spent that entire first year creating all the safety trainings,” said Schaefer. “We knew that if we wanted to open the iLab up to the students, they needed to know what they were doing in the space with the technology or else they could get hurt or damage something.”

To put it in a place convenient for all students, Schaefer created a Canvas safety course for students to complete before they could begin operating with the machinery in the iLab. Once one has completed the Canvas course, as long as there is a supervisor present, any student who has completed (and passed) the iLab safety course is free to work in the lab.

“If your main goal is to observe the workspace and get a feel of it then it is not a requirement and should not keep you from being in the space,” said Schaefer.

Hoping to create opportunities for students to work in the iLab in the wake of the pandemic, Schaefer, theology teacher Jim Hubbman, science teachers Robyn Wellen and Kent Kershenski, and math teacher Craig Hinders created the Innovation Outreach Team to oversee different activities that would be conducted in the iLab over the course of the year.

“If a student has an idea that they are unsure how to act upon or would just love some input into an idea, they can approach the Innovation Outreach Team for help,” said Schaefer. “The Innovation Outreach Team is a group of regular faculty members that are all interested in your idea and what it may have to offer to this school.”

In addition to being a student support team, the Innovation Outreach Team is also inspiring the students of SLUH to get more involved in the iLab. Their most recent program is the Bi-Monthly Build Series, which offers three opportunities for students based on their experience levels.

“The first tier of the Bi-Monthly Build Series is something called Creation Cafes,” said Schaefer. “They are little drop-in projects that students can engage in to get a feel of the iLab and its equipment. For example, if a student is interested in using the CO₂ laser, the team would introduce the student to a quick, 15-minute project to complete to get their hands on the technology.”

These Creation Cafes are created for all grade levels to get an opportunity to use the iLab and to possibly unlock a new skill that students previously never knew they had.

“The second tier is the Bi-Monthly Build Series itself. In it, students are presented with a pre-designated object chosen by the team that they are tasked with designing and constructing over two months’ time,” said Schaefer.

This month’s project involves students creating a step stool, like the examples cur-

rently being exhibited in the iLab display case next to the server. This series is meant for students who have had beginner’s experience with the machinery in the iLab or whose interest grew after completing a Creation Cafe-type project.

“The third and final tier of the series is Bi-Monthly Design and Build Series. In it, the student expands on the design presented in the standard Build Series to make their designs more intricate and impressive,” said Schaefer. “It’s for those intermediate students who are proficient in using the technology of the iLab and just want to show their talent by going the extra mile.”

In order to participate in any of these three activities, a student must complete the iLab Safety Course on Canvas. The winner of these Bi-Monthly Design Series will be chosen by the Outreach Team and awarded a prize.

While trying to attract the interest of current students, the school is also trying to expose visiting 8th grade shadow students to iLab by introducing them to iLab Ambassadors this year. Applications to be an iLab Ambassador went out earlier this month and are available to students of all grade levels.

“As an iLab Ambassador, your main goal is to attract the attention of the shadow guest by showing them the technology that’s available to use in the iLab,” said Schaefer. “We hope that if they have a special talent in using the technology that they would be interested in applying to SLUH that fall or would even help us finish a project if they are extremely talented.”

At the end of the day, SLUH just wants more students to be able to use the iLab than in the previous years. By allowing more students and classes to access the space, SLUH hopes to expand upon the learning curriculum.

“It’s an amazing thing when you can reflect what you learned in your biology class with some physical, meticulous work to create, for example, a 3D printed plant cell,” said Schaefer. “By using the iLab as an accessory source of learning, we hope to combine the world of academia and meaningful, manual work into one.”

As of right now, the Robotics Team has a new project on the horizon for this year.

“This next one is going to be big,” said Schaefer. “We are planning to use it to welcome next year’s freshmen this coming spring and cannot wait to blow them, and the whole school community, away with our creation.”

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Crossword | Paul Baudendistel

ACROSS
1. ____ Days and Mondays, #2 hit in 1971 for the Carpenters
6. Toothed tool
9. Anderson of The Food Network
14. The world’s most famous droid
15. LI + LI
16. Another man’s treasure

17. Emphatic denial, formally
18. Sculpture, e.g.
19. Former VP Spiro or former Ram Ray
20. “God bless all of you on the ____,” iconic quote from Apollo 8
22. “____ a man to fish, ...”
23. Something with a small eye
25. ____ with a Chance of Meatballs, 2009 Bill Hader

movie
30. PET scan alternative
31. They’re sung the same as “Twinkle, twinkle”
35. Emphatic denial, informally
36. Wendy Darling’s friend
37. Iron Chef Cat
38. Sick ... and what the gray squares are
41. A vitamin, a bomber, or a

Bingo square
42. That woman
43. Daniels of a Trump scandal
44. Actual name similar to that of the oldest Simpson child
45. Very long time interval
46. Small bite
47. Squirm
49. Thomas who “met the criteria”
53. Reacted to embarrassment

59. #1 hit in 1967 for The Association
60. Airport abbr.
61. The Man from ____ River, 1982 Kirk Douglas movie
62. Dreaming deeply
63. Mild swear that refers to the man in 51-Down
64. Cake locale in a song by 55-Down
65. Static, to a radio signal

66. Sixth sense, supposedly
67. Repeat, in music

DOWN
1. Activated the doorbell
2. Ending for buck or kang
3. “Make ____.” — Captain Picard, Star Trek: TNG
4. 80’s Domino’s foil who reappeared in ads in 2021
5. Old times
6. Frighten
7. Parts of forecasts
8. Pull back, such as an army
9. Washington, e.g.
10. Desire
11. Wendy Darling’s dog
12. Very short time interval (abbr.)
13. Name that some Jews do not say aloud
21. “A rose by ____ name ...”
24. Certain officials in hockey and tennis
25. Browns running back Nick
26. Slowly, in music
27. Most aunts compared to nieces, but not all
28. Ending for flat or fraud
29. Legal no-CPR order
31. Patrick Stewart, e.g.
32. ____ model, 1913 representation of an atom still used today
33. ____ de la ____, meaning the best of its kind
34. Actress Hannah or singer Hall
39. Cultural legacy
40. From ____ Z
47. Question by a victim of fate
48. Toby Flenderson’s job on The Office
49. Exclamation by a darling of fate
50. Prefix meaning Chinese
51. A famous criminal inscription
52. Fruity drinks
54. Those, en España
55. see 64-Across
56. English director Nicolas
57. Scottish actor McGregor
58. “____-mite!” — J.J. Evans, Good Times

Food Review
Slim Chickens: a possible winner-winner for this chicken dinner?

BY TED WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

As you drive down Hampton on your way to school, you might have recognized a new face on the block. Last week, Slim Chickens opened off 1515 Hampton Ave. and replaced what remained of the Denny’s, which has been closed since early this year.
Slim Chickens is a fast food restaurant that specializes in fried chicken tenders, sandwiches, and wings. The restaurant chain, which originated in Fayetteville, Ark., has reached over 100 locations this year and plans to open 30 in the Missouri and Illinois area.
After school I got a chance to try out the food of this new establishment and entered the line that snaked around the building. Expectantly, the line was long. It took over a half hour to get to order and another half hour to receive my food. The establishment was chaotic, with several employees confirming different orders that I had to correct. I ordered the

3 & 3 meal, consisting of three tenders, three wings, fries, and Texas Toast. I opened the flimsy paper box to be disappointed that my wings weren’t included and that I was still charged for them. Aside from that, the presentation of the food exceeded my expectations. The aroma from the seasoning was appetizing.
Starting with the sides, the fries and Texas Toast were enjoyable. Although the fries were lacking in crisp and firmness, they had a flavorful seasoning that added to the taste of the side. The fries worked well with “Slim’s Sauce,” the restaurant’s exclusive sauce. The Texas Toast was warm and soft, with a slight crunch around the crust.
The chicken seemed underwhelming as the main part of the meal. I liked the crispy and crunchy texture of the chicken tender and could taste the southern style Slim Chickens goes for. But the quality of the meat didn’t pack the same punch as other fast food chicken. It tasted somewhat dry and a little too bland.

My general experience at Slim Chickens wasn’t positive. The rush that accompanies opening a restaurant can be disorderly, but the staff at Slim Chickens didn’t handle it well. The person taking my order had trouble navigating the menu system to take down my order, bringing another employee to help out after I repeated my order several times. The place appears to be either understaffed or not fully trained yet. The atmosphere that it attempts to go for isn’t reflected by the workers or food there. The sides had more flavor than the chicken, which was mediocre in comparison to other chicken restaurants.
I recommend waiting until the pileup of cars begins to die down before giving Slim Chickens a try. The 3 & 3 meal costs \$10, the quality and taste of which does not line up with the price. Chick Fil A, Raising Cane’s, and Popeye’s all have similar or even cheaper meals, which offer a better value and experience than what you get at Slim Chickens.

Satire
Prep News uncovers the source of Summer Reading confusion

BY NATHAN RICH
EDITOR

Following yet another postponement of the summer reading book quiz, many students have expressed frustration at once again having to review the book. When pressed on why the date keeps moving, librarian Lynne Casey let slip a shocking announcement.
“Yeah, we’re actually using an Improbability Drive to figure out when the test will be,” she admitted. “I just flip on the switch and it spits out the new date. I guess I should be happy it was a real day this time. Last time, it suggested the quiz be -14.789 days from now. I wasn’t sure what to do with that.”
The Improbability Drive has actually been responsible the whole time. According to English teacher Jennifer Carroll, the Drive dictates every decision from its secret location under Fr. Gibbons’ chair.
“I thought it might be a good idea to try setting a date and sticking to it, but the Drive

said no, then took me to another dimension,” Carroll said. “That kind of settled it.”
Of course, this raises the question: how much of SLUH’s policy has been determined by the drive this past year? Gibbons and Brock Kesterson declined to comment, but some speculate that the recent Grande Project announcement may have come from the Drive. Regardless, students must now re-prepare for the quiz.
“I have no idea what that book was about,” said one concerned freshman. “I think the scene where the main character floated down the river to

help save his friend from slavery didn’t really make sense to me.”
Other grade levels agreed. “I was totally not expecting that Sith lord to be that other guy’s father. That was insane. I was really lost,” said a junior.
Seniors, however, are the most dismayed. “I flat out have not read the book,” said Louis Cornett.
At press time, the Improbability Drive has declined to answer if it will stick to the Oct. 1 reschedule.



art | Nathan Rich

Devious Licks: the newest in long line of social media trends to ravage SLUH



Dividerless senior hall bathroom. photo | Jack Figge

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“We thought that we had students of a higher standard than most,” said Schulte. “This is SLUH, a select school for select students. And we want our students to make better choices.”

Last week, devious licks reached the halls of St. Louis U. High. Early in the week, reports began rolling into Kesterson’s office of destroyed property and items that had mysteriously disappeared. It seemed like Kesterson’s worst nightmare had come true.

“I had gotten a report of a stall door that was off of its hinges, I thought it was a one-off incident at the time,” said Kesterson. “And then there was another incident. A urinal partition was off, a sign had disappeared. That is when we started to realize that we may have been hit by the old devious lick trend.”

Over the coming week, bathroom stall doors were mysteriously dismantled from their hinges, soap dispensers were disappearing across the school, and other acts of vandalism popped up across the Backer Memorial campus. Teachers across the building saw these acts as an act of disrespect to the building and grounds of SLUH.

“I don’t understand why anyone would want to tarnish or damage or destroy a school that they claim to care about with disregard to the people that it affects and the cost that it incurs,” said math teacher Stephen Deves. “If that is your way of expressing humor, you need to find a better way to be funny.”

A reason that the popularity of the devious licks trend has skyrocketed is that many find the videos of students pulling absurd items taken from their school to be witty and funny.

“The devious lick trend is

super funny but, there can be hard consequences,” said freshman Tim Wilmes. “Of course it isn’t funny when it is happening at your own school.”

After the initial reports, Kesterson and Schulte began devising a way to respond to the perpetrators and address the growing crisis. They began launching an investigation into who had defaced the campus and participated in the trend. Over the rest of the week, Kesterson and Schulte compiled a list of students that had committed these various acts of vandalism.

Finding a suitable punishment for the perpetrators was the next step. Kesterson and Schulte discussed a variety of punishments ranging from a simple jug to a more elaborate out of school suspension. However, punishments were doled out on a case by case situation, where Kesterson looked at each individual case and gave a punishment that he thought fit the severity of the infringement.

“Punishments depend on the level of participation and the severity of the act, it can be anywhere from JUGS to in-school suspensions,” said Kesterson. “We keep asking: ‘how are they going to learn from this?’ So we also have included a reflection about their actions.”

Last week, Kesterson brought in 15 students from the freshman and sophomore class to try to get to the bottom about who was participating in the devious licks trend. Through these interviews, Kesterson obtained a list of the various students that participated and then dealt with each accordingly. Eight students have received punishments so far, for either being actively involved or a peripheral bystander. The investigation, however, is ongoing and Schulte and Kes-

terson and diligently working to uncover others involved in these acts of vandalism.

During his investigation, it was quickly revealed that a majority of the students participating in the heists were underclassmen, particularly the freshman. Kesterson attributes this odd trend to the simple fact that the sophomores and freshmen have not developed a love for the building as the upperclassmen have.

“I think juniors and seniors get this place, they love this place. They wouldn’t want to do anything to vandalize or steal from this place,” said Kesterson. “I think freshmen and sophomores are still trying to figure it out. Especially the freshmen and that’s been where most of our focus has been.”

Drastic measures have already been taken to address the devious licks issue. Many of the vandalism efforts are happening within the school’s bathrooms. Bathrooms do not have any cameras and are relatively private areas, giving students ample opportunities to vandalize them.

“Most of the stuff was a place that was kind of out of sight, out of mind,” said Kesterson. “Bathrooms. What do you do in bathrooms? You can’t put cameras in bathrooms. We have cameras all over the place which have been really helpful even in this situation, but not in the bathrooms. So we’ll have to be more vigilant with how we kind of monitor that system.”

In an effort to decrease the likelihood of vandalism, they have begun targeting the problem spots such as the senior hallway bathroom. Last week, perpetrators attempted to rip off the urinal dividers in the bathroom as a devious lick, however they failed to do so but in the process destroyed the dividers. Instead of going through the process of ordering new ones and replacing them, the dividers were simply removed.

“That bathroom (senior hallway) has already been hit and now it’s been hit twice so we thought that we would take away the potential for more damage and then we’ll deal with it at a later time,” said Schulte.

The removal of the dividers has sent many students in a frenzy, arguing that their privacy has been violated and asking for a swift return of the urinal partitions.

“I just want to pee in peace,”

said senior Ismael Karim. “There is no need for me to go to the bathroom and feel uncomfortable, but now the dividers are gone.”

Not only has the devious licks trend impacted the rest of the student body, but it has also greatly increased the workload of SLUH’s Environmental Service Team. Now, the Environmental Service employees are working overtime to clean up the student’s messes caused by the devious lick trend.

The Environmental Service team works so hard to make this place look nice,” said Schulte. “It’s pretty much a slap in their face that we have students at school who think so little of our staff and employees that they’re going to try to damage property and make these guys work even harder. It’s just not right.”

As of this past week, cases of devious licks incidents have been on the decline. However, if cases were to rise again, Kesterson and Schulte are not afraid to increase the severity of the punishments if need be, even if that means bringing in law enforcement to conduct an outside investigation and handle it accordingly.

“We don’t want to get to a point where we have to throw our hands up and say it’s now a matter for the police. But if this trend continues, and we can’t handle it with our measures here, the next step down the road would involve the police,” said Schulte.

For both students and faculty, the devious licks trend is disappointing. Disappointing to see that many students lack a respect for the halls of SLUH and that they are not living up to the school standards.

“As a senior, as somebody that has seen this school and walked through this school for four years, I want the freshman to be more responsible and respectful,” said senior Matthew Kluba. “It’s unfortunate that TikTok and these social media apps that are supposed to be for the greater good aren’t being used for the greater good here at SLUH.”

“It shows that sometimes kids are a bunch of followers, not the leaders that we try to train them to be,” said Schulte. “We don’t want our students here to be followers. We want our students to be leaders.”

Esports offers alternative to traditional sports at SLUH

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“We head after school to our Esports stadium practice space in the Science Center, just on the other side of the football field, and we’re down in the basement in the old Build-A-Bear workshop room, which is now an Esports lab,” said Callon.

The Esports team is distinct in that competitions are co-ed.

“It’s sort of like varsity sports that live inside of the club. There’s the SLUH Gaming Club, and we have this umbrella. It’s open to any students at SLUH once a week to come down and play any one of the 25 titles. There are 30 different stations for people to sit at, and the demand has been high for that,” said Callon. “Maybe it’s the first varsity co-ed competition in the history of our school. Through Esports, this quiet little revolution is happening where gender is not relevant in Esports competition.”

Last week, the varsity Rocket League teams played CBC and Francis Howell Central in their first competition.

“The atmosphere was intense,” said junior George Keyrouz. “Watching the Rocket Bills take on Francis Howell in our Esports facility was unbelievable. We were able to watch the action live on the massive screens surrounding the facility while listening to the shoutcasting right behind us.”

With last year being dif-

ficult for so many students, either being forced to stay home, or not being able to do co-curriculars that they wanted to at school, many found their home, at their home: gaming online with friends when they found nothing else to do.

“Over Covid last year, a lot of the freshman class found their friend groups through gaming because that’s what they could do, and they met other gamers at SLUH. They played online when they couldn’t come into school or they were quarantined, and those friendships are now probably going to last them for a long time,” said Callon. “These are really healthy and good things about our school that just happen to have gaming at the center. At the heart of what we do is not gaming, it’s the community.”

Looking towards the future, the Esports team has high hopes for what their club will look like.

“(Right now) we’re using the Science Center space that we rent, so we’re kind of limited,” said Callon. “The future might hold other buildings, different grant proposals, and maybe expanding our facilities here on campus.”

The SLUH Rocket League and Smash Bros. games are streamed on Twitch through the Science Center channel. You can catch more Esports action later on in the season at twitch.tv/stlsciencecenter.



Esports players photo | Courtesy of SLUH Facebook

Rea fills in while Lowry on medical leave

BY LUKE DUFFY AND DREW HAWLEY
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Assistant to the Principal Kristin Rea brings an impressive background and a cheerful energy to SLUH this fall, where she is working in the Main Office while Renai Lowry is on medical leave.

Rea found out about the job opportunity in the spring. She was a candidate for the receptionist position previously held by Mimi Hartung, but the Main Office job proved to be a better fit.

“Really, it was just word of mouth,” said Rea. “My husband coaches with the water polo team, he coaches the goalkeepers, and (Assistant Dean of Students Dan) Schulte knew that there was going to be some availability, so that’s how I came about it.”

Rea was trained for similar work, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Indiana University.

“I started out in the business sector,” said Rea. “I was an account manager for a third party logistics company and managed their logistics opera-

tions and supply chain needs for several clients. Then I took some time to raise my children. I have three kids. And then most recently, I taught preschool for a few years.”

This diverse resume made Rea an ideal candidate for the job.

“It’s a complex role. Part of that is being frontline for the Main Office, so she is the primary support person for (Assistant Principal for Academics Kevin) Foy and myself,” said Principal Ian Gibbons S.J. “Mrs. Rea works with a lot of structural pieces and she’s

very good with details and she has done a tremendous job of just understanding the flow of the day, the week. It’s a lot of complexities in the school and she’s got a good mind for it.”

Rea also has many ties to the school, so she was familiar with the SLUH community and how the school operated before applying for the job.

“My dad and both of my older brothers went here, and then my husband and both of his brothers went here,” said Rea. “We just have a lot of family and friends that have all gone through here and have

had such a great experience.”

Rea comes to SLUH with a positive attitude in the face of the uncertainties of this school year. She greets everyone who walks into the main office with a smile.

“I think there’s a curiosity and a passion for education that is pretty clear in what she does. A great sense of mission for the school, even the small little things, it’s great to see,” said Gibbons. “She’s got a very joyful personality. There are times when that’s really helpful. With the pandemic, everyone is masked up and it

is a real challenge that can be associated with a school day. I think she brings a great spirit.”

Lowry is set to return from her medical leave by the end of October. While this is good news, will Rea still have a role in the SLUH community?

“We’ll see what the future holds. I’ve been loving being in this SLUH community. I’m really enjoying my time here,” said Rea. “Working with SLUH would be wonderful. But I also may look into going back to teaching and working with preschool students.”

Global Ed trips of all kinds are coming back in full swing



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of opportunities to accommo-
date any student interested in
taking this type of immersion
trip. This is made possible by a
global network of connections
between Jesuit schools.
“I think it’s important to
practice your language skills
on another platform and being
able to go on an international
trip will do just that,” said senior
Ismael Karim. “Also, in terms
of service, I think we’re really
localized and being able to go
out of St. Louis and experience
that gives you a lot of value.”
The Spanish program is
unique in that immersion trips
are offered in all three levels of

the language learning.
“In Spanish, since that’s
roughly half of our student
body, we’ve got it at all three
levels,” said Chura. “After fresh-
man year, you can go to Pam-
plona, Spain. After sophomore
year, you can go to Bucaraman-
ga, Colombia, and after junior
year, you can go to Santiago,
Chile.”
The first of these Spanish
immersion trips has already
kicked off, setting the stage for
more to come.
“So we have had our very
first trip since the pandemic
earlier this year already, on
Labor Day weekend. We sent
two juniors down to the Kino

border at Mexico in Arizona,”
said Campus Minister and Im-
mersion trip coordinator Ste-
phen Deves. “They were a part
of a leadership program that
experienced this initiative that
a Jesuit organization started,
which helps migrants at the
border. They were really able
to understand the complexity
of the immigration issue.”
As reported in last week’s
edition of the *Prep News*, ju-
niors Luke Duffy and Nicholas
Purschke joined Modern and
Classical Languages Depart-
ment Chair Kate Toussaint on
a trip with the Kino Border
Initiative, where they were im-
mersed in the service of im-
migrants fleeing the danger of
their home countries.
This trip to the border was a
mix of language immersion and
service-based learning, melding
two facets of the Global Ed pro-
gram.
Going forward, Campus
Ministry has a variety of social
justice trips planned for the rest
of the school year, covering a
wide range of interests and lo-
cations.
“We have another trip that
is planned in November called
Ignatian Family Teach-in for
Justice, and this will be about
20 students who go to Wash-
ington, D.C. to a very large
social justice conference there,”
said Deves. “We do this every

year, but obviously we didn’t last
year, so it’s exciting that they’ll
go back again this year.”
This Jesuit-sponsored an-
nual conference will feature
guest speakers such as Fr. James
Martin, SJ and Fr. Greg Boyle,
SJ, and is meant for activism of
all kinds. SLUH students will
interact with others from across
the nation in both prayer and
politics, and will receive first
hand experience in activism
by speaking with Senators and
Representatives on Capitol Hill.
“Then in spring break we
typically have five trips that
happen yearly,” explained
Deves. “At the moment we are
planning to move forward with
those. Then we have another
trip that happens in February
for another social justice leader-
ship conference in California.”
The renewed opportunity to
take trips like these has made
up for lost opportunities due
to the pandemic, sparking a
renewed interest in the student
body for these trips.
“I was really bummed when
the trips all got cancelled due
to Covid,” said senior Alex
Mittendorf. “I was really inter-
ested to get involved and learn
more about the immigration
situation at the border and get
immersed in other things like
that. I’m super excited to get the
chance again.”
Adding yet another aspect

to this many-sided program
is the primarily educational,
non-language-based compo-
nent. This includes an archeo-
logical dig in Ireland, as well
as an Ignatian pilgrimage to
Italy and France. Plus, an East-
ern European Cold War tour
and a STEM research project
in Iceland will be available for
students this summer.
The anthropological and
archaeological trip to Ireland is
led by social studies teacher Tim
O’Neil and St. Louis University
professor Dr. Tom Finan, ’85.
The Ignatian pilgrimage, led by
theology teacher Mike Lally,
follows the major events in the
life of St. Ignatius, including
highlights of both Rome and
Paris. The Cold War program
visits Berlin, Krakow, Prague,
and Budapest and engages
participants in the rich history
of the Cold War era in Europe.
Finally, the STEM research trip
goes to Reykjavik and a variety
of Icelandic tourist spots where
students gain firsthand experi-
ence in applying science into
working with the environment.
“It’s been really beneficial
for the kids to be able to meet
with peers from these cultures
and interact with them and
collaborate to work on a pro-
ject together,” said Chura. “You
know, not just cooperate but
actually collaborate to come up
with something new, or build

something through the efforts
of both groups.”
The final aspect of Global
Education is already in effect
within our classrooms, thanks
to the One World Club. This
club has been conducting vir-
tual exchanges for the past
year and a half, keeping alive
the inter-cultural connections
that characterize the Global Ed
program.
“We want to make sure that
we don’t overlook the local con-
nection,” said Chura. “Those
opportunities in house are here
in our own community, so we
can recognize opportunities to
have global experiences without
jumping on a plane.”
Global education op-
portunities will play an even
greater role this year and years
to come. These opportunities
give students the opportunity
to immerse themselves in new
cultures and experience educa-
tional opportunities outside of
the classroom.
“The big thing is to intro-
duce that opportunity to inter-
act, really understand where a
person is coming from,” said
Chura. “Put a face and a voice
and a person behind these
cultural lessons that we know
something about, but once it
becomes real, and human and
personal, that’s where the big
impact happens.”

Zoom class to be available for those in quarantine

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meaning that the vast majority
of the SLUH community does
not need to quarantine after an
exposure. All members of the
SLUH community, regardless
of vaccination status, are still
strongly encouraged to stay
home if they begin to feel any
symptoms of Covid.
Over the summer, the ad-
ministration announced, to
very little opposition, that the
option of attending classes
virtually via Zoom would no
longer be available for any stu-
dents, regardless of their reason
for staying home. At the time
of the announcement, Covid
case rates were dropping and
vaccination numbers rising, it
seemed a feasible idea that very

few, if any, student quarantines
would need to take place.
As of Sept. 23, only five stu-
dents and one faculty member
have tested positive, and a fur-
ther nine student quarantines
have needed to take place. This
rate is lower than it was at any
point last year, as the sudden
influx of vaccinated students
has negated many of the close-
contact quarantines that were a
common feature of the 2020-21
school year.
“I mean, we’re getting praise
from our WashU doctors who
help guide and advise us,” said
Gilbert. “I spoke to them last
night, and they said it was ab-
solutely tremendous. Tremendous
for kids, for faculty and
staff, that we have had fewer

quarantines this year than we
would’ve had (with similar
cases) last year.”
For the few students who
were quarantined at home,
however, there was an instant
cause for concern, as they were
now forced to keep up with
school work while away for ten
days. Just this week, the ad-
ministration chose to take back
their Zoom policy, meaning that
students who are going to miss
school for extended periods of
time could ask teachers to open
up a Zoom option while they
are in quarantine.
“The deal now is for stu-
dents who are quarantined, they
have the option, if they so desire,
to ask their teachers if they can
Zoom in,” said Assistant Prin-

cipal for Academics Kevin Foy.
“Teachers are allowed to say yes
or no. If the teacher says yes,
then the student must Zoom all
the time. It’s an all or nothing,
you can’t pop in and out, you
can’t just do this day and not do
that day. In order to make that
request, you need to be healthy
enough to keep up with the
work and to be engaged.”
Despite the reinstating of
Zoom as an option, students
who are out with a short-term
illness, such as a cold, are not
able to access the option.
“The idea behind it is that,
if you have something that
requires you to miss school,
that you take that time to rest,
get healthy, and come back to
school and use Canvas to catch



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up with teachers during Studi-
um or a common free period,”
said Foy. “This all sort of goes

back to more of a pre-Covid
absence policy, which older stu-
dents obviously remember.”

Fantasy football: Insights from Week 2

BY CHARLIE VONDERHEID
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NFL fans were treated
to a hectic Week 2 of
football this past weekend.
Whether it was Cooper Kupp
torching the Colts’ defense,
the Ravens upsetting the
Chiefs, the shootout between
the Cardinals and Vikings,
or the nailbiter between the
Cowboys and Chargers, the
action was nonstop. Let’s
break down the fantasy im-
plications of this crazy week.
The Good Guys:
QB: Kyler Murray, 33.1
Murray carried his Week
1 momentum into Week 2
against the Vikings. He can
put up points by chucking
passes deep to his receivers,
or by burning defenses with
his legs. Don’t be surprised
if Murray finishes as the top

fantasy quarterback this year.
RB: Derrick Henry, 47.7
Henry found his rhythm
after a disappointing Week 1.
His production is very reliant
on how the Titans actually
perform. Last week, the Ti-
tans were down big and had
to resort to the passing game
early. This week, their game
against the Seahawks was
much more competitive and
the Titans were able to estab-
lish their run game. Henry is
a top 5 fantasy running back
with his boom ability, but be
worried if the Titans go down
big.
WR: Cooper Kupp, 36.8
Matthew Stafford has
found his new favorite target
in Los Angeles. Kupp put up
an insane statline in Week
2 with two touchdowns on
nine catches and 163 receiv-
ing yards. His volume is a

great sign of consistent fan-
tasy production, especially
when Stafford isn’t targeting
his other receivers nearly
as much. Furthermore, the
Rams’ running back options
look dim, meaning the Rams
will have to utilize the pass-
ing game more often. The
sky’s the limit for Kupp with
the offensive system put in
place for him and his new
athletic quarterback.
The Bad Guys:
QB: Dak Prescott, 7.48
Prescott was brought back
down to Earth on Sunday af-
ter his poor fantasy outing
against the Chargers. The
Cowboys established the run
game and tried to manage the
game clock. A much differ-
ent strategy than last week
in a back and forth shootout
against the Buccaneers. The
Cowboys showed that they

want to run a much more
balanced offense, but Prescott
should remain a top-tier fan-
tasy quarterback.
RB: Alvin Kamara, 7.0
Similar to Prescott, the
entire Saints roster was bru-
tally brought back down to
Earth against the Panthers.
Alvin Kamara was one of
those victims. Posting a mea-
sly seven points, Kamara saw
limited rushing attempts and
relied on the passing game
for what few points he accu-
mulated. The Saints offense
have demonstrated two very
different sides in these first
two weeks of the season, and
it will be interesting to see
if they can find consistency
with Jameis Winston leading
the way.
WR: Tyreek Hill, 5.9
The Ravens completely
shut down Tyreek Hill in

Sunday night primetime.
However, don’t expect Hill
to repeat this poor perfor-
mance. The Chiefs have so
many weapons on offense
that defenses have to pick an
individual player to eliminate
from their offense while the
rest of their weapons thrive.
Hill is still a top wide receiver
in fantasy football.
Now the injury report:
QB: Tua Tagovailoa
Tagovailoa was carted
off the field with a rib injury
against the Bills. While Tag-
ovailoa himself is not a fantasy
stud, his injury has greater
implications for his fantasy
offense. It will be riveting to
see how Jaylen Waddle, Myles
Gaskin, Devante Parker, and
Will Fuller perform under
Jacoby Brissett.
**The ENTIRE 49ers Run-
ning Back Room**

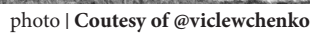
Every single running back
on the 49er’s depth chart is in-
jured in some way. If you luck
out and have their healthiest
back on your roster, whether
it be Hasty, Mitchell, or Ser-
mon, they should be a starter
given how often the 49ers use
the run game
QB: Carson Wentz
Wentz managed to some-
how injure both ankles
against the Rams. With the
Colts starting quarterback
questionable on Sunday,
hopefully running back Jon-
othan Taylor can get more
touches in what has been a
slow start to his fantasy sea-
son.
Hopefully at least one of
the 49ers running backs can
play on Sunday and Cooper
Kupp can keep up his mon-
ster production. Good luck in
your Week 3 matchups!

BY COBY SPRATTE AND
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Sophomores JJ Brandon, Archie Carruthers, and Jacoby Oliphant all secured their first interceptions of the season as well. Each player was able to

“I was very excited when people were cheering me on

"We really think if we execute and play hard we will be happy with the result," said Johnston.



BY JOE LABARGE AND
SEAN KELLOGG
REPORTERS

Sioux Passage is an unforgiving course that puts runners in a state of awe as they set eyes on the monstrous hills that come along with it. The hills are so daunting that they have been appropriately named, "Manmaker," "Confidence Breaker," and "Roller

"Being able to hold out our top 12 guys and still being able to take down two teams in our conference in Chaminade and De Smet really speaks a lot to the depth of our team and how hard the guys raced," said Porter. "It was really good because for a lot of guys that was their first ever varsity race, so it was really good for them to see the change in style from a JV to varsity race especially since

Across the freshman level, the SLUH team posted an-

This afternoon, the varsity 3 team will get a chance to face off against fierce competition at the Fox Invitational. The Fox Invitational will be a great way for SLUH to showcase their program's unprecedented depth as new athletes take over scoring roles. Meanwhile, the varsity "slushies," as they are adamantly called by a number of Chicago cross country programs, head north this morning by bus to the Chicago meet. There, they hope to run fast times against competition ranked top 20 in the nation.



Jr. Bills topple MCC heavyweights to reach finals

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Although SLUH's tournament victory was sealed with Saturday's 3-2 win against De Smet, the biggest game of the tournament definitely seemed to be the CBC match on Thursday.

"It felt like the CBC game was the final game of the tournament," said senior Evan Yalavarthi. "After we won that game we went crazy. We actually had a pretty good sized student section so we celebrated with them and it felt like we won the tournament on that day."

CBC proved without a doubt to be the toughest competition for SLUH thus far, but O'Connell still felt his squad was better for all 90 minutes.

"I thought our boys throughout the game played great. CBC was chasing the whole time. I was a little frustrated with how we let them back in the game—the mistakes we made let them get to 2-2—but we stayed with it until the final seconds and I think that was great."

Unsurprisingly, senior Stephen Saladin played a big part in the offense for both games. After scoring SLUH's first two goals against CBC, Saladin also notched the game-winning goal against De Smet. Junior Kevin Cooney sent the ball flying up the left side of the field and Saladin, recognizing the breakaway, sprinted past every Spartan defender and hooked the ball around the goalie. No team SLUH has faced this season has been able to find an answer for Saladin's speed.

No school has been able to find an answer for SLUH's boisterous student section either. Dozens of students showed up to the game against De Smet, all clad in business attire and ready to celebrate all of SLUH's goals. Yalavarthi and his teammates



Senior Stephen Saladin against De Smet.

photo | Vincent Bianchino

have especially appreciated that this year.

"It's been great," Yalavarthi said. "Last year without any fans it felt like we didn't have any support. Now that we have (a crowd) for most of our games it really gives us energy and makes us play for something. We see our brothers in the stands and we want to win for them, not just for us."

The tournament win was SLUH's first since 2017. O'Connell celebrated it, but also appreciated the learning opportunities it gave the

team. The victories in the tournament proved that while SLUH is really good, they can still improve.

"I was obviously pleased with the result but I think that experience will help us down the line. We can win a game regardless of the score and the time. We'll learn from the mistakes too and we've got this extra, intangible thing that we got out of it too," said O'Connell, referring to the team's grit against CBC.

One of the areas of improvement the coaching staff

has chosen to focus on is defense, specifically the goalie position. After 9 games so far this season, the starting keeper position has yet to be filled. Even though he hoped to have more clarity by the CBC Tournament, O'Connell still remains open to all his options.

"All three of the (goalies) give us different things and all three have helped us. At some point, though, it will become more obvious who the one will be," he said.

Such was the case Wednesday

against Lindbergh. Senior Brendan Stein started the first half in goal. After giving up no goals (but also facing few shots), Stein came out for the second half and senior Brian Critchfield stood between the posts in the second half. A strong offensive start allowed the Jr. Bills this flexibility with their defense. Yalavarthi opened the scoring off of an assist from Saladin at 26:55 into the first half.

Van Bree picked up the Jr. Bill's second goal of the night later in the first half, adding

to his notable stat line for the game, which included an assist and several opportunities in front of the net.

The Jr. Bills seemed to struggle more in the second half against Lindbergh. After failing to capitalize on many shots, including several from Saladin, SLUH gave up two goals to Lindbergh. An additional goal from Locker, though, had already secured the win for SLUH.

Following the tournament wins and the Lindbergh match, SLUH soccer is still undefeated. At 8-0-1, the Jr. Bills boast one of the best records in the state, which raises the question: can anyone beat O'Connell's team this year? As the Jr. Bills travel to Paducah, Ky. this weekend for the River Region Rumble, they prepare to face teams with the potential to answer that question.

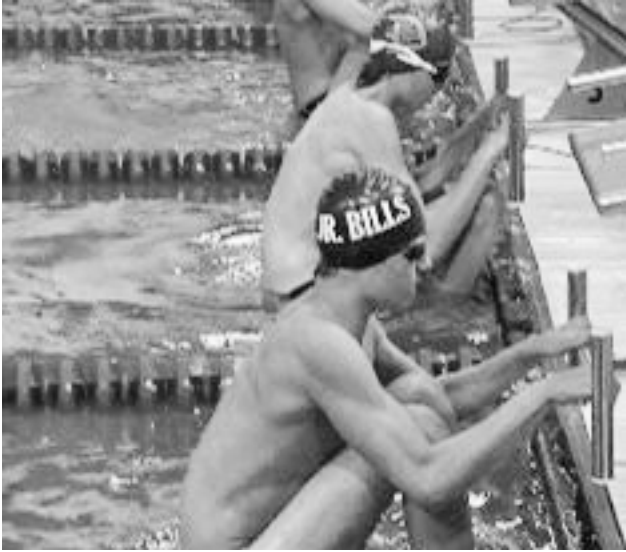
On Saturday, SLUH faces Reitz Memorial, who won the 2021 Indiana State Championship. Still, O'Connell is excited for the chance to be back on the road.

"We've always wanted to travel. Through mutual friends in the soccer world I got invited to this (tournament) last year but Covid cancelled it. I think a lot of cool things can happen team-wise just being together all weekend."

The Jr. Bills will look to continue their win streak during this tournament, aware, though, that wins now mean nothing compared to wins during the playoffs.

"The goal always is to play as well as we can and get shut-outs and that will be the same over the weekend. It sounds cliché, but we're in the long haul here," said O'Connell. "We've got a lot of good, if we can eliminate the bad as much as possible that's always the goal."

Freshmen lead victory over De Smet, team looks forward to Columbia Meet



Swimmers preparing to race.

photo | courtesy of Alex Wentz

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Last Friday, the JV swim team experienced their first one-on-one battle, dueling De Smet's best warriors. As the more seasoned varsity

swimmers returned to their barracks, the young Jr. Bill's team found themselves stepping up against an army of Spartans.

More than anything else, the boys in blue used the

rare opportunity to showcase their stellar team depth. One particular swimmer who dazzled in the water was freshman Mason Morris, who dropped 8.37 seconds off of his 100 freestyle time to have a fourth place finish.

Another swimmer who channeled their inner Olympian was freshman JJ Jones, who smashed his previous best time in the 50 freestyle, shaving off six seconds.

"Friday's De Smet meet provided many opportunities for our JV guys to get in some racing," said head coach Lindsey Ehret. "Some stellar time drops happened."

Persevering through the pressure, sophomore Eamonn Cunniff sliced through the tempered water in order to shave four seconds from his 200 freestyle relay split. The trend of fan-

tastic freshman swimming continued, with Luke Fesler lowering his 100 free time by almost five seconds.

The swim team, which was made up of mostly JV swimmers, managed to survive the fight, and revealed the fruits of their labor as the season nearly reaches its halfway point. In the meantime, the varsity squad lie dormant, biding their time till tomorrow's momentous meet in Columbia MO. The meet takes place in Mizzou's division 1 swimming facility, and will host 36 schools from all around the state. The St. Louis U. High swimmers will have to surge through the water with the speed and ferocity of hungry piranhas in order to emerge champions.



photo | Mrs. Kathy Cott

Congratulations to senior Stephen Saladin on receiving the STLToday Athlete of the Week award

Around the Hallways

Jaydawg

On September 21 at 3:12 p.m., students’ lives were changed forever as they received a mystery email from Dr. Kesterson. “This is a random email I know,” started the email, “but if you go by the name ‘Jaydawg’ let me know.” *Who is Jawdawg?* everyone asked. *And why does Dr. Kesterson want to know?*

First Late Start faculty meeting

On Tuesday, Sept. 21, the faculty gathered to receive updates and reports from the Strategic Summit and its various committees. Af-

terwards the faculty met in departments or with committee members to discuss the plans.

Food Drive

Much to the joy of the student body, on Wednesday, Sept. 22, SLUH’s annual Food Drive began. Every homeroom received a list of items for everyone to get as the homerooms battle it out from Wednesday, Sept. 22 to Wednesday, Sept. 29. Every item will be used for freshman service this year, so everyone should help out as they can.



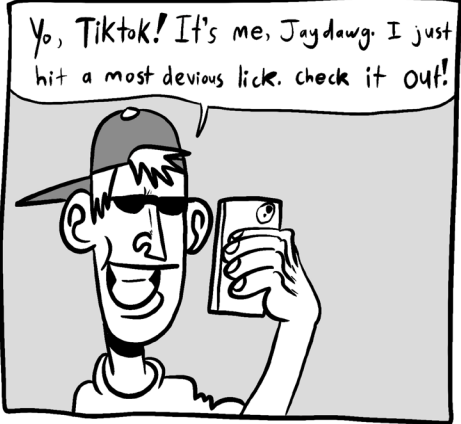
QR Codes around the School

Students may have noticed the QR Codes hung on the walls of SLUH near some areas such as the chapel, or the StuCo room. If you point your phone at them (outside of school hours of course)

you will be directed to a website telling you more about the room or club.

—Compiled by Roarke Unrau and Alex Preusser, News Editor, Staff

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SLUH SERS| Jude Reed

4:30 after school at the turnaround. Grills. Guys. Fun times. Come to the tailgate, stay to see SLUH face CBHS in Football.

Calendar

Friday, September 24

A Day

Food Drive

STUDIUM	University of Dayton
LUNCH	Special—Battered Cod Filet Vegetarian—Grilled Vegetable with Brown Rice
4:00PM	Cross Country (C/JV/V2) @Ed White Invitational
6:00PM	Varsity Football vs CBC
7:00PM	Varsity Soccer River Region Rumble (H. Clay)

Saturday, September 25

Food Drive
Class Reunions

9:00AM	CoMo Swimming Invitational
9:00AM	Palatine Cross Country Invitational (V,JV)
1:00PM	Varsity Soccer River Region Rumble (Reitz)

Sunday, September 26

Food Drive

Monday, September 27

B Day

Food Drive
NIE First Quarter Meeting
Shadow Visits Begin

STUDIUM	Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
LUNCH	Special—Lasagna Italiano Vegetarian—Pasto Con Broccoli
11:00AM	Schol Golf @ Old Warson
4:30PM	B Team Football vs CBC

Tuesday, September 28

A Day

Food Drive

STUDIUM	Truman State University
LUNCH	Special—Chicken and Green Chili Flauta Vegetarian—Jumbo Stuffed Shells
5:30PM	Varsity Soccer Jr. Billiken Classic (vs. OTHS)
5:30PM	C Team Soccer @Mehlville
6:00PM	B Team Soccer @Mehlville

Wednesday, September29

B Day

Food Drive

LUNCH	Special—Beef Pot Roast Vegetarian—Cous Cous
4:15PM	C Team Soccer @Lindbergh
6:00PM	JV Soccer @Lindbergh (Lindbergh Tournament)

Thursday, September 30

A Day

Food Drive

STUDIUM	Lindenwood University
LUNCH	Special—Roman Style Pork Loin Vegetarian—Brown Rice and Vegetables
7:15PM	Varsity Soccer Jr. Billiken Classic (vs St. Mary's)

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Credits

“Which Hitchhiker’s Guide character are you?”

John “George Washington” Bytnar
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